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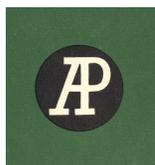
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A farewell to Jim Mangan



The Associated Press Dallas Bureau taken November 22, 1963, the night of Kennedy assassination. At left is James W. Mangan, Texas bureau assistant, filing the "A" wire. He did it continually for 13 hours after the slaying. At right is State Editor Robert E. Ford, who had telephoned from Parkland Hospital the first report that Kennedy was dead, and had returned to the office. Standing at center is Texas Chief of Bureau Bob Johnson, who wrote the first bulletin that the President been shot.

Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning!

With sadness, Connecting brings you news of the death of **James W. Mangan**, who served as AP's vice president for membership in New York after earlier assignments as bureau chief in Frankfurt, Dallas and New Orleans. Jim retired from the AP in 1988 after a 36-year career.

Mangan, 87 at the time of his death Friday, had directed AP sales to the U.S. newspaper industry since 1978, a decade of expansion in the cooperative's membership. When he retired in 1988, the AP had a record high of 1,467 U.S. newspapers in membership. He joined the AP in San Francisco in 1952, transferring to New York in 1954 to supervise the AP World Service news report to Europe, Africa and Asia. In 1963, he moved to Dallas as assistant chief of bureau. He became chief of bureau in New Orleans in 1965, returned to Dallas as bureau chief in 1969, and later served a year as chief of the bureau in Frankfurt, West Germany.

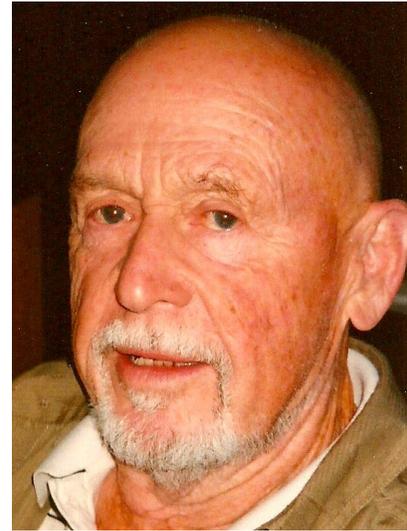
One of the news highlights of his distinguished career was the key role he played, as Dallas assistant chief of bureau, in AP's coverage of the assassination of President John F.

Kennedy in Dallas in 1963. The photo above shows him at work on that fateful day in America's history.

Jim's son **Andy**, a former AP newsman and like his father, a Connecting colleague, provided the following obituary:

Jim Mangan died playing the game he loved

By **ANDREW MANGAN**



San Antonio - Jim Mangan slammed a cross-court forehand, leaned over, touched his toes, then collapsed. He died on the tennis court Friday morning, September 4, 2015, of an age-related heart condition. He was 87.

Mangan spent 35 years with the Associated Press (1953-1988) as a newsman, bureau chief and Membership VP. He was born on July 25, 1928, and grew up in Honesdale, PA and Binghamton, NY. He joined the Army at age 18, serving in Italy with the Occupying Forces in Europe after the close of World War II. Mangan attended Columbia University on the GI Bill where he met Beverly Day, a fun-loving model and artist who became his wife and life-long companion. They had three sons, Charles, Andrew, and Peter, all of whom live in Central Texas.



Jim with son Andy in 1981

In 1952, James and Beverly set off across the country in a drive-away car, ending up in San Francisco, where the AP hired him. The bureau chief asked if he could type and when he said no, he was told that he had two weeks to learn. Fourteen days of cramming on a borrowed typewriter later, he'd mastered the keyboard and was on his way to a life-long adventure with the AP.

James went on to head bureaus in Dallas and New Orleans, covering Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. In the late 1970's, the AP sent him to Frankfurt, Germany as bureau chief for Central and Eastern Europe. During that time, he became fluent in German.

He was summoned back to New York City to join the executive team as vice president for membership at the global headquarters of the AP. At that time, the AP was locked in a battle with United Press International (UPI) for membership. During his time as vice-president for membership, The AP prevailed.



Jim Mangan, at left, and his wife Bev, with sons Peter, Andy and Charlie.

Among his career highlights:

James was assistant bureau chief in Dallas, TX, when JFK was assassinated. He was waiting at the venue where the president was scheduled to deliver a speech and he spent the next several days working around the clock helping to coordinate coverage.

James was a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize for a story he wrote about the infamous "Box 13" controversy and how illegal votes helped LBJ win the 1941 Senate primary by a margin of 87 votes (less than one 100th of 1 percent).

James was known for his great sense of humor and even-handed management style. Tennis and golf were among his passions, and he was a voracious reader.

He retired at age 60 to Amelia Island, FL, later moving to Central Texas to be with his three sons. He enjoyed 27 years of happy retirement.

Jim Lagier, Jim's long-time friend and colleague who spent 40 years as an AP writer and executive, including chief of bureau in Tokyo, recalled in 2014, when the two were reflecting on their careers:

"From 1979 to 1988 he was director of what was known as 'The Membership Department' which was charged with keeping AP member newspapers from defecting to UPI and adding as many new member papers as possible. The decade of the seventies was a crucial period for The Associated Press because the newspaper industry had made it clear it no longer was willing to support two full-scale news services providing versions of state, national and world news. AP had a pricing system set by its board of directors that charged according to circulation. UPI had no formula and charged whatever it could get. Although it now seems hard to believe, there was a definite possibility that The Associated Press would not survive. Guided by the membership department in New York, the 37 AP bureau chiefs around the country won the head-to-head battle and AP prevailed."

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Connecting welcomes your memories of Jim. Send them along to me for use tomorrow.

Katie Mangan, Andy's wife, said Jim did want a funeral service but that if you would like to drop a note of condolence to Jim's wife, Bev Mangan, her address is: 5 Stoneleigh Way, San Antonio, TX 78218. Or you could send an email to Andy Mangan at - mangan@usbcsd.org

Mangan listed his top two career accomplishments

Paul Stevens - Last September, Jim Mangan provided me with some prepared obituary information for Connecting "for use when the time comes."

He wrote, "The current AP staff, including those at the top, probably are unaware of the intensity of the battle waged by AP and UPI in the seventies over which full-time new service would survive. As the editor of the Denver Post at the time, Will Jarrett, told me: 'Newspapers no longer will pay for two full-scale news services any more than they would pay for two side-by-side transcontinental trains.' I consider the victory over UPI to be the top achievement of my AP career.

"Second place would go to the exclusive revelation by the election judge in Jim Wells county in South Texas that LBJ won the 1948 U.S. Senate Democratic primary only because political boss George Parr delayed submitting the vote tally until election judge Luis Salas added 200 phony names (in green ink!) to the vote count giving LBJ an 87-vote winning edge, prompting the label "Landslide Lyndon." Thus was decided the course of history (Democrats never lost in Texas in those days) that would put LBJ in the White House directing the Vietnam War debacle. This front-page AP exclusive was bannered all over the country. Look up the Kansas City Star of Sunday, July 31, 1977 and you will find it on Page one, I'm sure. Salas lived in Alice, TX and whenever I made a membership foray in that area I looked him up and pleaded for him to set history straight. It took two years before he told me he had stomach cancer and wanted to talk before he died. Ironically, he didn't die as he had expected.

"In consultation with the general desk, the decision was made to move the exclusive LBJ

story at 5pm Saturday, July 31 for Sunday papers. Within minutes after it moved, managing editor Burl Osborne in New York began getting calls from the major networks clamoring to know the whereabouts of Salas. Burl called Dallas for the information but I refused to divulge it. Burl persisted and I said something to this effect: "Burl, I worked hard for two years to get this information and I'm not about to hand it over to others. I know you'll have some angry members but they can locate him on their own. I'm leaving for Germany in two days. So long". The AP exclusive stood."

Memories of Jim Mangan

Tom Brettingen - To me, Jim was the prototypical AP executive of his generation. Combining journalism credentials with business savvy, he ran AP's large Texas operation, managed the highly profitable German Services business based in Frankfurt, and then headed the domestic Membership Department. I was fortunate enough to work for him in Membership in the 1980s. He was a wonderful boss, mentor and friend.

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John Lumpkin - He was a major figure in his day and, I guess, you should take that with a grain of verifiable salt from me because he hired me in 1971 as lowest of low in bureau hierarchy as was the custom in those days. Although a newspaper reporter, I embraced the night broadcast shift!

A year later, I was in San Antonio and breaking stories on the Milk Fund Scandal that was part of Watergate.

Even in those days when the one-person correspondent bureau was supposed to make sure members sent in spot stories off-hours, he said go for the investigative. It was the best news job I ever had. His model was what he did with the legendary Mike Cochran in years that preceded me.

Thanks to his moralistic and, more importantly, financial support, we were ahead of all the major newspapers in an investigation of the inappropriate and indeed perhaps illegal Texas handling of utility rates. He found money to pay a stringer for San Antonio breaking news if I was undercover for several days, whether that led to a breakthrough. But he was very old school about this; he wanted to make sure there was a "there there" with the 20-something correspondent and needed to meet the key unidentified source. Maybe that's not protocol now, but I couldn't agree more. He interrogated that version of Deep Throat and we moved into second gear.

That led, for better or worse, to the Texas Utilities Commission. It was not easy on my family. We can't prove it, but it is likely our phone was tapped. A phone company employee showed up at our house when I conveniently was out of town wanting to check all of our phones out. My mother-in-law, who was helping Eileen with our first child, wouldn't let them in. With my sources, we started using pay phones.

I was promoted - you guessed it - to my first management job that included revenue and personnel administration and I had to move on from pure reporting. I've never looked back, but he was an incredible supporter of impact journalism.

His intense competitive focus, like that of Burl Osborne and Lou Boccardi, was the foundation for AP's ascendancy, which made your and my AP lives more fulfilling. He formed personal relationships with media moguls who weren't totally in AP's camp through force of will rather than snooze and they fell in line with the n his VP job. He and Lou didn't always see eye-to-eye, but they worked together and both shared the same vision of AP as exceptional and even providential when it came to world press freedom and objectivity that is such a part of our mission. I love them both.

30 signed up for Midwest AP reunion

Thirty former AP journalists have registered thus far for the first AP Connecting regional reunion for Associated Press retirees and former AP employees - and any active-duty folks who want to join them - scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 22-23, in Kansas City.

We will gather for dinner at the Char Bar - www.charbarkc.com - a great Kansas City BBQ spot, on at 6 on Tuesday evening, Sept. 22, to catch up with one another and to tell tall tales, and continue through a lunch Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. at Pierpont's restaurant - <http://www.pierponts.com/> - in Kansas City's historic Union Station, just across the street from the AP bureau. We have set up a 10:30 a.m. tour of the Kansas City bureau and Technical Center for those who might like to see them.

Hotel reservations are on your own, as are meals, but we would be glad to provide assistance if needed on hotels.

The reunion is centered in the heart of the Midwest, in Kansas City, but it is open to any AP retiree, former AP employee or current staffer and his or her spouse who might like to make the trip.

If you can attend, drop a note to Brent Kallestad, at DakotaboyBrent@aol.com Please RSVP by Sept. 18.

Connecting mailbox

And the answer to the brass-plate question

John Epperson - The brass plate in Monday's Connecting was from the front lid of an AP teletype machine. I got a plate from one of a couple machines headed to trash years ago, still have it. Wish I had taken one or both machines.

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An addition to the Connecting 90s Club



Greg Smith - Harold T. Waters, former AP photographer in Dallas, is in his 90s and I would like for that to be noted in the listing of the Connecting 90s Club. By the way, I'm a dear friend of John Filo's; was at the Kansas City Times a long time ago.

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Reporting news en route to taking AP test

Andrew Selsky - AP Africa regional editor - There was an opening for legislative relief staffer for Wyoming's six-week 1984 legislative session. I was driving from Jackson, Wyoming, all the way across the state to the capital, Cheyenne, to take the AP test and have a job interview with correspondent Dennis Curran. It was December 1983, and as I drove on I-80, a ground blizzard kicked up, forcing the closing of the interstate near Rawlins. A traveling companion and I waited at a truck stop along the interstate with many other travelers. I went to a pay phone and called Dennis to let him know I might be late and described the situation.

Hours went by. I got out of my Chevrolet Impala to stretch my legs and saw a group of elk next to a wire fence, trying to ride out the storm. A young elk that was laying down looked like it was about to succumb to the bitter cold and lack of food. I broke off some grass or sagebrush that was sticking out of the snow on my side of the fence and was about to offer it when the young elk gave its last breath, almost a sigh like it was giving up, and died.

Back in my car, I was listening to the news on the radio and the announcer was describing the storm. He reported that Andrew Selsky, of Jackson, Wyoming, was stranded at a truck stop, and he gave color on the scene. Did I really hear him just say my name over the radio? It was surreal.

Later, Dennis told me that after I had called him, the General Desk asked for more information for an AP story on the storm, so he used what I had told him. It went on the broadcast wire and also made it into the newspapers. Click [here](#) for a link.

When I finally got to Cheyenne, I was interviewed by Dennis, passed the test and thankfully got the temporary gig.

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Praise for Valerie Komor's history

Ray Newton - Terrific history (in Saturday's Connecting) -and we heard a similar account

on one of the Great Books courses we bought about American history. It praised the formation of the AP as being a chronicler of history at a time when newspaper were known for inaccuracies and distortions. Thanks for sending this out.

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Chicken wrangling in Ghana



By JIM REINDL

WUSUTA-ANYAFO, Volta Region - Sept. 5, 2015 - Among the life skills you don't learn growing up in Detroit is chicken wrangling.

But as the song goes, "you might find yourself in another part of the world," and, suddenly, chicken wrangling is a whole lot more useful than, say, parallel parking (I'll have to relearn that, too, since I haven't driven a car in about a year).

If you're still reading this, you should finish because you just never know. I surely didn't before moving to Wusuta-Anyafu in Ghana's Volta Region and we started raising chickens in our Peace Corps service.

Today was vaccination day for our flock of 42 chickens and five guinea fowl. Newcastle Disease is a deadly chicken illness that you guard against by squeezing a single drop of vaccination from an eyedropper into the eye of a bird. First, though, you have to catch them.

The brain of the average chicken weighs four grams. For comparison, your brain is



between 1,300 and 1,400 grams. That's at least 325 times larger than a chicken brain. A chicken on the run, though, is damn near a genius at escaping your grasp.

I happen to be married to an expert chicken wrangler. Some of you might have seen my Facebook posting some months ago of Graca as the Chicken Whisperer. She was leading her flock back to the coop for the night and they were following. That's not so surprising since chickens actually can remember people, animals (like mean dogs) and other chickens.

Click [here](#) to read more.

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Another thought-provoking read

John Epperson - Another thought provoking read (in Monday's Connecting) with the Tom Franklin story shared by Richard Drew.... The debate in photo circles everywhere about the drowned child will continue for ages no doubt. It has refocused the world's attention on a tragedy going on in Europe, of incredible scope.

And what better people to have commenting than Drew, who's image from 9/11 is etched in the consciousness of a nation. And Nick Ut, who's little napalm child may have changed the course of thinking about a war.

Thank you "Connecting" for delivering this commentary to our media friends and colleagues around the world.

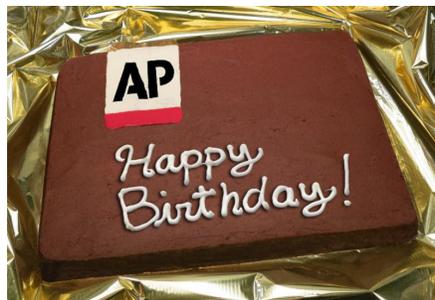
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Connecting sky shot - near Brandon, Oregon



Tom Slaughter - shot and shared this photo near Bandon, Oregon, on Friday.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



To

Glenn White ([Email](#))

Welcome to Connecting



Katie Mangan ([Email](#))

Janet Thomas ([Email](#))

Stories of interest

US dentist who killed Cecil the lion set to return to work (AP)

By BRIAN BAKST
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - The Minnesota dentist whose killing of Cecil the lion sparked a global backlash emerged for an interview in which he disputed some accounts of the hunt, expressed agitation at the animosity directed at those close to him and said he would be back at work within days.

Walter Palmer, who has spent more than a month out of sight after becoming the target of protests and threats, intends to return to his suburban Minneapolis dental practice Tuesday. In an interview Sunday evening **conducted jointly by The Associated Press and the Minneapolis Star Tribune that** advisers said would be the only one granted, Palmer said again that he believes he acted legally and that he was stunned to find out his hunting party had killed one of Zimbabwe's treasured animals.

"If I had known this lion had a name and was important to the country or a study obviously I wouldn't have taken it," Palmer said. "Nobody in our hunting party knew before or after the name of this lion."

Cecil was a fixture in the vast Hwange National Park and had been fitted with a GPS collar as part of Oxford University lion research. Palmer said he shot the big cat with the black mane using an arrow from his compound bow outside the park's borders but it didn't die immediately. He disputed conservationist accounts that the wounded lion wandered for 40 hours and was finished off with a gun, saying it was tracked down the next day and killed with an arrow.

Click [here](#) to read more.

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Clinton says no email apology: 'What I did was allowed' (AP)



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton greets supporters during the Annual Hawkeye Labor Council AFL-CIO Labor Day picnic, Monday, Sept. 7, 2015, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. (AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall)

By CATHERINE LUCEY
The Associated Press

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP) - Hillary Rodham Clinton said Monday she does not need to apologize for using a private email account and server while at the State Department because "what I did was allowed."

In an interview with The Associated Press during a Labor Day campaign swing through Iowa, the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination also said the lingering questions about her email practices while serving as President Barack Obama's first secretary of state have not damaged her campaign.

"Not at all. It's a distraction, certainly," Clinton said. "But it hasn't in any way affected the plan for our campaign, the efforts we're making to organize here in Iowa and elsewhere in the country. And I still feel very confident about the organization and the message that my campaign is putting out."

Yet even in calling the inquiry into how she used email as the nation's top diplomat a distraction, Clinton played down how it has affected her personally as a candidate.

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Katrina coverage nice, but not good enough (Poynter)

New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu speaks before President Barack Obama Aug. 27 for the 10th anniversary since the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

As a resident news consumer in New Orleans during the weeks-long festival of Katrina 10th anniversary coverage, just mercifully ended, I was impressed with our mayor's success in selling the city as both triumphantly recovered and still needing help from outsiders. Come prosper with us was the message he pushed through the nation's media. As a journalist who first wrote about the city 43 years ago, I noted the sheer quantity of coverage Mitch Landrieu's administration orchestrated, plying multitudes of visiting reporters with speeches, briefings, tours, databases, a week's schedule of panel discussions and three presidents. City Hall and the business community seized the opportunity in the same skillful way they used for the 2013 Super Bowl to market the wounded city as a great place for entrepreneurs, tourists and foundations to spend money.

They were saying this year: New Orleans is a recovery miracle; our people and businesses are "masters of disaster" who can teach resilience and sustainability to the world. Look at the long list of endorsements from magazines and organizations: testimonials cited by Greater New Orleans Inc. include "#2 Boomtown in America" (Bloomberg), "#1 Brainpower City in the U.S.A." (Forbes), "#2 in the USA for Women in Technology" (U.S. Census).

But the flood of self-congratulation that characterized the official story during most of the last several years did make room in the weeks before Katrina for greater candor. The visiting media prompted the boosters to acknowledge problems - unequal distribution of post-Katrina wealth, racial injustice, not enough population to redeem empty blighted expanses that most visitors don't see, schools that may be better managed than before but that are still segregated by class and race.

Click [here](#) to read more.

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Offutt Lab Helping ID Remains of Men Killed at Pearl Harbor (Omaha World-Herald)

The fuel-stained bones, hundreds of them, are laid out neatly on Carrie Brown's exam tables at Offutt Air Force Base, carefully tagged and logged in her database.

In the clinical setting of Brown's lab it's easy to forget these are the last remains of the first

American victims of World War II. They have rested for decades in graves marked "Unknown, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941."

"All these families were told bodies were never recovered - and they were," said Ray Emory, 94, of Honolulu, a Pearl Harbor survivor who has long lobbied for the identifications of the Oklahoma unknowns. "I never thought they'd dig them all up."

After several years of internal debate, the Pentagon decided this spring to disinter 61 caskets holding the remains of up to 388 unidentified USS Oklahoma service members - including 17 from Nebraska and western Iowa.

Click [here](#) to read more. Shared by Richard Pyle.

Today in History - September 8, 2015

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 8, the 251st day of 2015. There are 114 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 8, 1935, Sen. Huey P. Long, D-La., was shot and mortally wounded inside the Louisiana State Capitol; he died two days later. (The assailant was identified as Dr. Carl Weiss, who was gunned down by Long's bodyguards.)

On this date:

In 1565, a Spanish expedition established the first permanent European settlement in North America at present-day St. Augustine, Florida.

In 1761, Britain's King George III married Princess Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz a few hours after meeting her for the first time.

In 1892, an early version of "The Pledge of Allegiance," written by Francis Bellamy, appeared in "The Youth's Companion."

In 1900, Galveston, Texas, was struck by a hurricane that killed an estimated 8,000 people.

In 1921, Margaret Gorman, 16, of Washington, D.C., was crowned the first "Miss America" in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

In 1934, more than 130 people lost their lives in a fire aboard the liner SS Morro Castle off the New Jersey coast.

In 1945, Bess Myerson of New York was crowned Miss America in Atlantic City, New Jersey, becoming the first Jewish contestant to win the title.

In 1954, the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) was founded in Manila by the United States, France, Britain, **New Zealand**, Australia, the Philippines, Thailand and Pakistan.

In 1966, the science-fiction TV series "Star Trek" premiered on NBC; the situation comedy "That Girl," starring Marlo Thomas, premiered on ABC.

In 1974, President Gerald R. Ford granted a "full, free, and absolute pardon" to former President Richard Nixon covering his entire term in office.

In 1985, Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds tied Ty Cobb's career record for hits, singling for hit number 4,191 during a game against the Cubs in Chicago.

In 1994, USAir Flight 427, a Boeing 737, crashed into a ravine as it was approaching Pittsburgh International Airport, killing all 132 people on board.

Ten years ago: Congress hastened to provide an additional \$51.8 billion for relief and recovery from Hurricane Katrina; President George W. Bush pledged to make it "easy and simple as possible" for uncounted, uprooted storm victims to collect food stamps and other government benefits. Tropical Storm Ophelia strengthened into a hurricane as it stalled 70 miles off the northeast Florida coast. (Ophelia ended up brushing the North Carolina Outer Banks.)

Five years ago: BP took some of the blame for the Gulf oil disaster in an internal report, acknowledging among other things that it had misinterpreted a key pressure test of the well, but also assigned responsibility to its partners on the doomed rig. Israel Tal, a decorated war hero and creator of Israel's renowned "Merkava" tank, died at age 86. Allen Dale June, one of the 29 original Navajo code talkers of World War II, died in Prescott, Arizona, at age 91.

One year ago: The European Union shied away from slapping new economic sanctions on Russia right away over its actions in eastern Ukraine, saying the punitive measures would come into force "in the next few days" depending on how well a cease-fire agreement in eastern Ukraine held. Croatia's Marin Cilic (CHIHl'-ihch) won his first Grand Slam title by beating Japan's Kei Nishikori 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 at the U.S. Open. Ray Rice was let go by the **Baltimore Ravens** and suspended indefinitely by the NFL after a video was released showing the running back striking his then-fiancee, Janay Palmer, in an elevator in February 2014. S. Truett Cathy, the billionaire founder of the Chick-fil-A restaurant chain, died in suburban Atlanta at age 93.

Today's Birthdays: Ventriloquist Willie Tyler is 75. Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., is 74. Actor Alan Feinstein is 74. Pop singer Sal Valentino (The Beau Brummels) is 73. Author Ann Beattie is 68. Cajun singer Zachary Richard (ree-SHARD') is 65. Musician Will Lee is 63. Actress Heather Thomas is 58. Singer Aimee Mann is 55. Pop musician David Steele (Fine Young Cannibals) is 55. Actor Thomas Kretschmann is 53. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marc Gordon (Levert) is 51. Gospel singer Darlene Zschech (chehk) is 50. Alternative country singer Neko (NEE'-koh)

Case is 45. TV personality Brooke Burke-Charvet is 44. Actor Martin Freeman is 44. Actor **David Arquette** is 44. TV-radio personality Kennedy is 43. Rock musician Richard Hughes (Keane) is 40. Actor Larenz Tate is 40. Actor Nathan Corddry is 38. Rhythm-and-blues singer Pink is 36. Singer-songwriter Eric Hutchinson is 35. Actor Jonathan Taylor Thomas is 34. Rapper Wiz Khalifa is 28. Dance music artist AVICII is 26.

Thought for Today: "We shall seek the truth and endure the consequences." - Charles Seymour, American educator and historian (1884-1963).

Got a story to share?



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:

- **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.
- **"My boo boos - 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?
- **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.
- **Life after AP** for those of you who have moved on to another job or profession.
- **Most unusual** place a story assignment took you.

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