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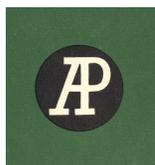
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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning!

Here are stories of interest. Connecting would like to hear from you with your own stories and memories.

Paul

# AP: Hungary police forced journalist to delete footage



*A migrant looks and reacts at the closed railway border crossing between Serbia and Hungary, near Horgos, Serbia, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015. Hungary has declared a state of emergency in two of its southern counties bordering Serbia because of the migration crisis, giving special powers to police and other authorities. (AP Photo/Darko Vojinovic)*

ROSZKE, Hungary (AP) - The Associated Press is protesting the brief detention of one of its journalists by Hungarian police as he covered migrants crossing the border, saying he was forced to delete footage that included images of a police dog knocking down a refugee. Hungary disputed the account Tuesday.

The incident took place Saturday evening as the cameraman, **Luca Muzi**, was filming migrants who had crossed from Serbia through fields near the Hungarian town of Roszke. Police moved in to stop the people, and one policeman let a muzzled police dog attack a Syrian man, knocking him to the ground as the Syrian cried out, "Please, please, I'm a refugee!" Muzi said.

A policewoman noticed Muzi filming the scene and stopped him. He identified himself as an AP journalist and tried to leave, but was not allowed to. The police officers also prevented Muzi from calling his editors or two other AP journalists traveling with him, Muzi said.

The officers took Muzi to a dark area outside a migrant registration center and demanded to see Muzi's footage, then told him to delete it, he said. The footage contained two days

of work in Serbia and Hungary. Muzi said he was compelled to delete the tape while feeling menaced by muzzled police dogs nearby.

In its protest letter to Hungarian government spokesman Zoltan Kovacs on Tuesday, the AP called the officers' behavior "unacceptable" and said journalists "should be able to cover news events without ... risking physical abuse, and without fear that the government will destroy legally obtained footage."

Kovacs, citing police reports on the incident, disputed the AP's account. He said the officers asked Muzi to show him whether there were any images of them on his camera - which he insisted they are allowed to do - and found that there were not, so they made no request to delete any footage. Kovacs also said the dogs were kept on their leashes throughout the incident.

"The dogs may bark - that is what they are trained for, to be a deterrent and a bit frightening - that is why there is a dog. But ... it is certain that the dogs did not attack," he said in a phone interview from the border area.

Muzi said that only after deleting the footage were his identification papers returned and he was allowed to go.

Click [here](#) for a link to this story.

## AP's Kathy Gannon honored by CPJ

The Committee to Protect Journalists announced Tuesday that it will honor the AP's **Kathy Gannon** ([Email](#)) :

The Associated Press's special regional correspondent for Pakistan and Afghanistan, Kathy Gannon, will receive the Burton Benjamin Memorial Award for lifetime achievement in the cause of press freedom.

"Kathy Gannon has reported in South Central Asia for 18 years, through periods of extensive political turmoil and conflict," said Sandra Mims Rowe, chairman of CPJ's board of directors. "Her commitment to journalism has transcended personal risk and tragedy, including the loss of her colleague Anja Niedringhaus. Gannon is widely known as one of the most thoughtful and dedicated journalists covering the region."



All of the winners will be honored at CPJ's annual award and benefit dinner in New York City on November 24, 2015. David Muir, anchor of ABC World News Tonight, will host the event. Steven R. Swartz, president and chief executive officer of Hearst, is the dinner chairman.

The Committee to Protect Journalists will also honor journalists from Ethiopia, Malaysia, Paraguay, and Syria with the 2015 International Press Freedom Awards. The journalists have endured death threats, physical attacks, legal action, imprisonment, or exile in the course of their work.

Kathy Gannon is a special regional correspondent for Pakistan and Afghanistan for The Associated Press. She has covered the region for the AP as a correspondent and bureau chief since 1988, a period that spans the withdrawal of Russian soldiers from Afghanistan, the assassination of Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, the Afghan civil war between Islamic factions, and the rise and fall of the Taliban. Gannon was the only Western journalist allowed by the Taliban to return to Kabul during the U.S.-led coalition's assault on Afghanistan that began in October 2001, following the September 11 terrorist attacks in the United States.

In April 2014, the day before nationwide elections in Afghanistan, Gannon was at a police compound in the eastern part of the country with Anja Niedringhaus, a German photographer for the AP, along with Afghan military and police on their way to remote villages to deliver ballots. A police officer walked up to their car, said "Allahu Akbar," and opened fire on them. Niedringhaus was killed in the attack, and Gannon was seriously wounded. The police officer was convicted and is serving 20 years in jail.

Gannon has also covered the Middle East, including the 2006 Israeli war against Hezbollah in southern Lebanon. A native of Timmins, Ontario, she was the city editor at the *Kelowna Courier* in British Columbia and has worked at several Canadian newspapers. She has lived in Israel, Japan, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.

Gannon is the recipient of numerous awards, including the International Women's Media Foundation Courage In Journalism Award in 2002; the Overseas Press Club Award for Best Newspaper or Wire Service Reporting from Abroad; the AP Oliver S. Gramling Award in Journalism; the Canadian Journalists for Free Expression's Tara Singh Hayer Memorial Award in 2014; and the 2015 Medill Jim Foley Award. In 2003, she was an Edward R. Murrow fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations.

Gannon is the author of the 2005 book *I Is for Infidel: From Holy War to Holy Terror*, an examination of the Taliban and post-Taliban period in Afghanistan. The book was published by Public Affairs.

Gannon is the youngest of six children. She is married to Naeem Pasha, a highly respected Pakistani architect and artist, and has a stepdaughter, Kyla Pasha.

## **Look who's coming to Midwest AP reunion**

The first AP Connecting regional reunion for Associated Press retirees, current and former AP employees, and industry friends - is just a week away.

Here's a list of those who plan to attend the gathering, scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 22-23, in Kansas City.

Registered are: Jim Bagby, Karen Ball, Ron Bellafato, Kia Breaux, Kristi Chew, Chris Clark, Gary and Fay Clark, Steve Crowley, Connie Farrow, Lew Ferguson, Steve Graham, Larry Hamlin, Lindel Hutson, Mike Holmes, Bill Kaczor, Brent Kallestad, Pat and Chris Kreger, Pete Leabo, Eileen Lockwood, Marty McCarty, Cliff Schiappa, John Schweitzer, Richard Shafer, Paul and Linda Stevens, Doug Tucker, Kevin and Lisa Walsh, and Kent Zimmerman.

It's not too late to register - just send along a note to Brent Kallestad at - [DakotaboyBrent@aol.com](mailto:DakotaboyBrent@aol.com)

## Connecting mailbox

### *Awaiting the pope's visit*



**Kristin Gazlay** - shot this photo of a painting on the side of a New York building of Pope Francis - visible from the Eighth Avenue side of Penn Station, which sits under Madison

Square Garden, where the pope will give a mass next week. The sign is less than two blocks from AP headquarters. The pope will celebrate Mass at the Garden on Friday, Sept. 25.

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## ***More on history of bureau chiefs***

Yesterday, Washington. Today, Kansas City. Send along the history of your bureau's chiefs.

### **Kansas City Bureau Chiefs:**

1884-86 - S.W. Reeder  
1886-80 - Ernest V. Chamberlain  
1890-93 - W.B. Hotchkiss  
1893-95 - F. Clarence Ritchie  
1895-1913 - Edgar Cutter  
1913-22 - U.L. McCall  
1922-26 - Ralph Heppe  
1926-27 - T.H. Walker  
1927-29 - Ralph Heppe  
1929-34 - Milo Thompson  
1934-35 - Edward Stanley  
1935-38 - Charles Kline  
1938-43 - Paul Mickelson  
1943-46 - Charles Nutter  
1946-68 - Frank Gorrie  
1968-71 - Austin Bealmear  
1971-84 - Fred Moen  
1984-2003 - Paul Stevens  
2003-05 - Beth Grace  
2005-10 - Randy Picht  
2010-present - Kia Breaux

## **Connecting profile - Morley Piper**



***Morley Piper, wearing hat and saluting, behind President Obama at the 2014 ceremony in France marking the 70th anniversary of D-Day.***

Connecting welcomes our newest member - **Morley Piper** ([Email](#)) a World War II veteran who retired as executive director of the New England Newspaper Association in 2009 after 45 years. Since 1996 he also has been administrator of Newspaper Association Managers, Inc., which he carried into retirement and continues to handle as a "hobby-like" job. He also worked 12 years as the National Advertising Manager of The Boston Globe.

The photo at right shows Morley with Doug Crews, executive director of the Missouri Press Association (left) and members of the Mizzou Army ROTC Color Guard. Morley was a speaker at the MPA's annual convention, talking about his experiences in World War II when he served as a 19-year-old Army lieutenant with the 29th Infantry Division during the D-Day invasion in Normandy. He and four generations of his family returned to France in June 2014 to participate in the 70th Anniversary of D-Day.



Morley is a member of the New England Newspaper and Press Association Hall of Fame.

And he is also the newest member of Connecting's 90s Club.

## How to Talk with "Twenty Percenters" -

# People with Hearing Loss

**By Sibby Christensen**

Of all the things I faced in 40 days of hospital/rehab and now, 14 days (and counting) of home care, one of my most vexing challenges has been explaining my hearing loss to the hundreds of people I have encountered.

Years ago, someone formulated a little list to advise people how to make hearing transactions easier. Reader, I have expanded the list. Be the first on your block to remember even two or three of them:

First, don't assume everyone hears as you do. Hearing, like sight, is variable. Many people aren't even aware that wear and tear over the years are gradually eroding their hearing. Others are fully aware of their hearing loss but experience frustration in getting others to understand what it's like.

Estimates vary, but many of them put the figure at about 48 million Americans - 20 percent of us - with hearing loss. Hearing loss ranks third, behind arthritis and heart disease, among the nation's most pressing health problems.



So. You meet someone and start a conversation, and the reaction might be, "Huh?," or "Speak up and stop mumbling," or simply, "I can't hear you."

Your moves next:

- Don't shout.
- Speak clearly and deliberately in a moderate tone.
- Face the person directly, making sure the light is sufficient so he/she can see your face. Position yourself fairly close - not across the room. Even though the person hasn't studied lip-reading intensively he/she still can pick up lip movement instinctively.
- Don't whisper, especially into the person's ear. There's nothing "there" there.
- Don't pass your hand over your mouth while speaking - a common gesture. Or speak with food in your mouth. Or chew gum. Keep that moustache trimmed.
- Repeat your words if it's evident they're not getting through. Try re-phrasing.
- Don't give up and say, "Oh, never mind." This adds to the hard of hearing person's

frustrations and telegraphs your disdain.

- Your conversation or question may still be difficult, especially in noisy situations. Write it down.

- Don't hand a phone to hard of hearing person and expect him/her to use it. Calls from some cellphones can be tough. Special equipment ranging from amplified handsets to phones with text displays feeding through a relay system often is needed.

- Noise. Tame or eliminate it wherever you can, for the benefit of hard of hearing people - and yourself. Noise goes above and below the decibel scale; think about barely perceptible high whines (ultrasonic) and rumbling low engine or machinery sounds (infrasonic). Noise is a not-so-silent killer of hearing.

## Hot-Headed in Houston: An LGBTQ Author Goes Rogue

By **BILL KONIGSBERG**

My first school visit went a little off the chains.

For those of you who don't know, I'm on a month long driving tour of the South and Midwest. It's The Trevor Project Awareness Tour with Bill Konigsberg, and every week I'll be writing about my journey here.

Yesterday I went to South Houston High School. It was the second stop on my tour, and the first school. I was excited to speak to the students about my coming out story, share with them some words of encouragement and connection and tell them about the fine resources offered by The Trevor Project for LGBTQ youth.



I was aware this wasn't necessarily an all-gay audience, but I felt pretty comfortable in knowing that my message would be important to all sorts of kids -- not just LGBTQ, but those might become allies, those with LGBTQ friends.

When I arrived, though, I learned a few things about which I was not aware. The very kind librarian who invited me explained to me that this had been made an after-school event because the principal was concerned about an LGBTQ-themed message during school hours. Also, she told me that every other area school that she'd spoken to on my behalf had declined my visit, citing concerns about parental reactions. Finally, she mentioned that it was okay if I mentioned I was gay, but that I probably shouldn't focus there. After all, she said, that's not the theme of your books.

Click [here](#) to read more. Shared by Cliff Schiappa. Bill is a former AP journalist.

## Stories of interest

### **CNN Defends Its Donald Trump Coverage As GOP Debate Nears** (Huffington Post)

NEW YORK -- As the "Summer of Trump" leads into the second Republican debate Wednesday night, the real estate developer will remain front and center.

Among the 11 candidates set to participate in the CNN debate, Donald Trump will have the prime spot on stage because he is leading in the polls. But the prominent placement is also fitting because Trump has been the media's runaway star in the Republican primary show, and his candidacy has become a frequently recurring storyline for CNN in particular. Trump has phoned into weekday, evening and Sunday programs on the network -- a luxury only he seems to enjoy -- and has given extensive interviews to CNN hosts in the lobby of his own Trump Tower, including one for a prime-time special. Even when he's not on air himself, Trump's provocative comments have sparked countless news segments and pundit panels on the network.

CNN has also covered several Trump campaign events live, including one that recently bumped a tenth anniversary special on Hurricane Katrina. Last week, staffers asked CNN President Jeff Zucker about that programming decision, The Wrap reported, reflecting internal gripes over the volume of Trump coverage.

But with Wednesday night's event approaching, debate moderator Jake Tapper and top executives defended CNN, saying it's understandable that the network would provide airtime to the Republican front-runner and suggesting that other top candidates haven't made themselves similarly accessible. And Tapper balked at the suggestion that CNN gives Trump preferential treatment by permitting him to choose the conditions for his interviews.

Click [here](#) to read more.

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### **Big cuts coming to L.A. Times, likely other Tribune papers amid tumult** (Poynter)

Significant newsroom cuts are being planned at the Los Angeles Times one week after the ouster of its publisher.

The company is looking to reduce editorial expenses by about \$10 million and the cuts could amount to 80 positions, according to an executive from Tribune Publishing, which owns the L.A. Times and 10 other dailies.

The Tribune Publishing source said the Los Angeles paper likely would not be alone in making reductions. Other Tribune papers are expected to face cuts, too. It was unclear how the cuts would impact other Tribune properties.

Click [here](#) to read more.

## Today in History - September 16, 2015

**By The Associated Press**

Today is Wednesday, September 16, the 259th day of 2015. There are 106 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlights in History:

On September 16, 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Selective Training and Service Act. Samuel T. Rayburn of Texas was elected Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

### On this date:

In 1498, Tomas de Torquemada, notorious for his role in the Spanish Inquisition, died in Avila, Spain.

In 1810, Mexicans were inspired to begin their successful revolt against Spanish rule by Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla and his "Grito de Dolores (Cry of Dolores)."

In 1893, more than 100,000 settlers swarmed onto a section of land in Oklahoma known as the "Cherokee Strip."

In 1908, General Motors was founded in Flint, Michigan, by William C. Durant.

In 1919, the American Legion received a national charter from Congress.

In 1925, the Irving Berlin song "Always" (written for his future wife, Ellin Mackay) was published.

In 1953, "The Robe," the first movie presented in the widescreen process CinemaScope, had its world premiere at the Roxy Theater in New York.

In 1965, "The Dean Martin Show" premiered on NBC-TV.

In 1974, President Gerald R. Ford announced a conditional amnesty program for Vietnam war deserters and draft-evaders.

In 1982, the massacre of between 1,200 and 1,400 Palestinian men, women and children at the hands of Israeli-allied Christian Phalange militiamen began in west Beirut's Sabra and Shatila refugee camps.

In 1994, a federal jury in Anchorage, Alaska, ordered Exxon Corp. to pay \$5 billion in punitive damages for the 1989 Exxon Valdez (val-DEEZ') oil spill (the U.S Supreme Court later reduced that amount to \$507.5 million). Two astronauts from the space shuttle Discovery went on the first untethered spacewalk in ten years.

In 2007, O.J. Simpson was arrested in the alleged armed robbery of sports memorabilia collectors in Las Vegas. (Simpson was later convicted of kidnapping and armed robbery and sentenced to nine to 33 years in prison.)

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush ruled out raising taxes to pay the massive costs of Gulf Coast reconstruction in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, saying other government spending had to be cut to pay for the recovery effort. Gordon Gould, a pioneer in laser technology, died in New York City at age 85.

Five years ago: Pope Benedict XVI began a controversial state visit to Britain, acknowledging the Catholic Church had failed to act decisively or quickly enough to deal with priests who raped and molested children. The Seattle Storm completed their undefeated march through the postseason, beating the Atlanta Dream 87-84 for a three-game sweep in the WNBA finals. John "Jack" Goeken, founder of telecommunications giant MCI and father of air-to-ground telephone communications, died in Joliet, Illinois, at age 80.

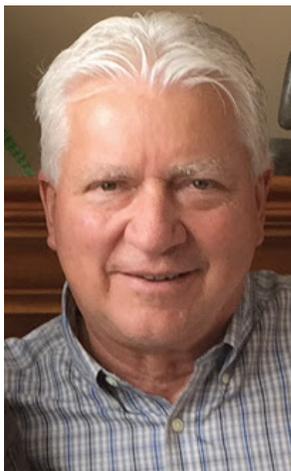
One year ago: President Barack Obama declared that the Ebola epidemic in West Africa could threaten security around the world and ordered 3,000 U.S. troops to the region in emergency aid muscle. After a day of public pressure from angry fans and concerned sponsors, the Minnesota Vikings reversed course and placed star running back Adrian Peterson on the exempt-commissioner's permission list while he addressed a felony charge of child abuse in Texas. (The Vikings had initially decided that Peterson could play with the team while the legal process played out; Peterson later pleaded no contest to misdemeanor reckless assault for physically disciplining his 4-year-old son with a wooden switch.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Janis Paige is 93. Actor George Chakiris is 83. Bluesman Billy Boy Arnold is 80. Movie director Jim McBride is 74. Actress Linda Miller is 73. Rhythm-and-blues singer Betty Kelley (Martha & the Vandellas) is 71. Musician Kenney Jones (Small

Faces; Faces; The Who) is 67. Actress Susan Ruttan is 67. Rock musician Ron Blair (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers; Mudcrutch) is 67. Actor Ed Begley Jr. is 66. Country singer David Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 65. Country singer-songwriter Phil Lee is 64. Actor-comedian Lenny Clarke is 62. Actor Kurt Fuller is 62. Jazz musician Earl Klugh is 62. Actor Christopher Rich is 62. Singer Frank Reed (The Chi-Lites) is 61. TV personality Mark McEwen is 61. Baseball Hall of Famer Robin Yount is 60. Actor Mickey Rourke is 59. Magician David Copperfield is 59. Country singer-songwriter Terry McBride is 57. Actress Jennifer Tilly is 57. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Orel Hersher is 57. Retired MLB All-Star Tim Lincecum is 56. Actress Jayne Brook is 55. Singer **Richard Marx** is 52. Comedian Molly Shannon is 51. Singer **Marc Anthony** is 47. Comedian-actress Amy Poehler is 44. Country singer Matt Stillwell is 40. Singer Musiq (MYOO'-sikh) is 38. Actor Michael Mosley is 37. Rapper Flo Rida is 36. Actress Alexis Bledel is 34. Actress Sabrina Bryan is 31. Actress Madeline Zima is 30. Actor Ian Harding is 29. Actress Kyla Pratt is 29. Actor Daren Kagasoff is 28. Rock singer Teddy Geiger is 27. Actress-dancer Bailey Buntain is 26. Rock singer-musician Nick Jonas (The **Jonas Brothers**) is 23. Actress Elena Kampouris (TV: "American Odyssey") is 18.

***Thought for Today: "Some problems are so complex that you have to be highly intelligent and well informed just to be undecided about them." - Laurence J. Peter, Canadian writer (born this date in 1919, died 1990).***

## 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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