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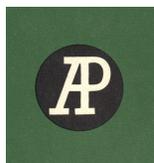
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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning!

In Wednesday's Connecting, we included a link to the latest AP World magazine - now available to AP retirees and former staffers and all other Connecting colleagues in a .PDF format.

You will note that in today's edition, and in future ones, we will include the link to the latest edition of the magazine at the top of Connecting - right under the AP Top News and AP Top Photos links. When a new edition of AP World is published, we will add it to Connecting.

Brian Horton wrote to say that "I read every word of Connecting every day and admire the work you put into it. But, now the bonus of AP World added to the mix. Thanks for your persistence on adding this feature. I'm sure it will be a huge hit."

Meanwhile, **Francesca Pitaro** of AP Corporate Archives did some research for us and provided this list of AP World editors through the past 72 years:

Claude Jagger, (AP Inter-Office, AP World) 1943-1945

Paul Friggens, 1946-1947

Will Duson, 1948-1961

Nick Carter, 1961-1970

Sibby Christensen, 1970-1984

Sheila Norman Culp, 1984 -1986

Jack Stokes, 1986-1987

Barry Hanson, 1988-1989

Elaine Norton Hooker, 1990

Michael E. Bass, 1991-1993

Cheryl Pientka 1994- 1996

Janis L. Magin 1996-2000

Ann G. Bertini 2000 - 2005

Carolyn Nardiello, 2006

Lisa Singhania, 2006-2008

Megan Reichgott, 2009-2010
Bill Dentzer, 2011
Jillian DePuma Wells, 2011-2013
Bryan Baldwin, 2014-present

A number of them are Connecting colleagues.

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Memorable last days of an outstanding AP career

Leading off today's edition is a welcome to one of the AP's newest retirees and members of Connecting - Grants Pass (Oregon) Correspondent **Jeff Barnard**.

Jeff spent the last 32 of his 35 AP years as the AP's one-person correspondent in Grants Pass - and on his last day on the job was deeply involved in AP's coverage of the tragic shootings October 1 in Roseburg, Oregon, in which a gunman opened fire inside a classroom at a rural Oregon community college, killing nine people before dying in a shootout with police.

Jeff was the AP's third - and possibly last - Grants Pass correspondent. **John Kennedy** opened the bureau in 1980 and was succeeded by **Jane Seagrave** in 1982. They were married later and Jane served as the AP's chief financial officer and a senior vice president in New York before leaving the AP in 2011 to become publisher of the Vineyard Gazette in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, where they now live. John is a former Boston Globe reporter who is an adjunct journalism faculty member at La Salle University and lecturer at Boston University. Jeff took over the correspondency in 1983.

Traci Carl, AP West Region editor, said of Jeff on his last AP day: "Always a dedicated AP reporter, Jeff is spending the last hours of his 35-year career reporting on the Oregon community college shooting. While it made for a busy day, Jeff's work was fitting, after decades of covering tsunamis, logging, salmon and countless other breaking news events in southern Oregon and northern California. He's been a bedrock of the company's environmental coverage and more recently, changing pot laws."

Congratulations to Jeff and welcome to Connecting!

Paul

Connecting profile - Jeff Barnard



On his last day with AP, Jeff Barnard covers developments in community college shootings outside the Roseburg police and fire stations Oct. 2. Photo by Rich Pedroncelli/AP

Jeff Barnard (Email) - After earning a master of science in journalism at Boston University, I got my first full-time job as a reporter with the Cape Cod Times, which hired me as Nantucket bureau chief in August 1976. During that time I covered what at the time was the biggest oil spill in North American history, the Argo Merchant, and Nantucket's

attempt to secede from Massachusetts. I was there nine months, luckily during the winter, so I was able to afford a place to live - a basement apartment on Main Street in the former home of a whaling bosun's mate. I moved to the Cape in April, 1977, covering Teddy Kennedy's run for president, an Air New England crash, and health and environmental issues and celebrities visiting the Cape Cod Melody Tent. I was married to Beth Quinn, a reporter for the Lawrence, Mass., Eagle Tribune in 1979. Our son, Nate, was born in 1980 in Hyannis., Mass.

In June 1980 I was hired by (Boston CoB) Mike Short as a staffer in the Providence, R.I., AP bureau. That gave me a wedding, child and new job in one year, which I read somewhere is a recipe for disaster, but for me it worked out. Stories there included the Claus Von Bulow trial, the America's Cup sailing race, mob trials and the longest baseball game in history, between the AAA Rochester Redwings and the Pawtucket Rad Sox. (You could look it up. Wade Boggs and Cal Ripken Jr. played).

In August, 1983, I moved to Grants Pass, Ore., promising my wife it would be only a year. But then I caught a steelhead in my backyard and fell in love with rivers here I took over from Jane Seagrave. That made me the third and last Grants Pass correspondent for the AP. During my time here I have covered the battles over logging, decline of the timber industry, decline of salmon, various elections, the Kip Kinkel shootings at Thurston High School, Tonya Harding and Skategate, forest fires, the Loma Prieta Earthquake in San Francisco, the LA Riots, the arrest of OJ Simpson, tsunamis, Hurricane Iniki in Hawaii, the trial of Exxon Valdez captain John Hazelwood, the Iditarod sled dog race, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, battles over scarce water, fish and farms, and a bunch of stuff I can't remember.

My last two days were spent covering the shootings at Umpqua Community College.

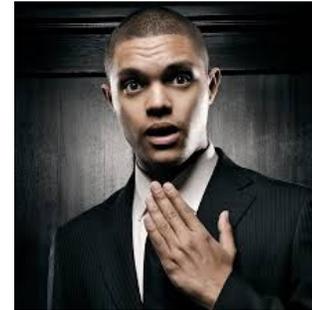
Like I have told others, I don't think I will miss my job very much. It has taken an emotional toll on me to take stories of grief and loss into my heart so I could tell them to others. But I am proud to have worked 35 years for The Associated Press and to have managed to hang onto my job during times of turmoil in the news industry.

The Daily Show's take: AP robot reporting

Robot Journalists - Machines may be writing news stories, but they'll never capture bias and error the way humans do.

Host Trevor Noah (right) interviewed the AP's managing editor, Lou Ferrara, on the use of robots in the news service.

[Click here](#) for the video. (Shared by Mark Mittelstadt)



Connecting mailbox

Words, words, words

Bob Daugherty - The Gary Nyhus ode to UP was wonderful. It fit nicely with a flood of other fascinating stories in Wednesday's Connecting. Keep UP the good work!

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Rick Cooper - My source for the definition of POSH was a fifth generation Cunard/White Star lines steward named John (Jack) Harris.

According to Harris, the term referred to the southern facing cabins on Cunard's North Atlantic runs dating back to the original Liverpool to Boston runs in the 1840s, which makes sense. The origin of the term may be one that is impossible to pinpoint.

Harris was an interesting character, having served on the three Queens, Mary, during World War II, Elizabeth, and QE I I. He was a neighbor in Stamford, CT and up until his death about ten years ago, he would fascinate us with his below decks stories of his service and celebrity antics aboard the luxury liners on the Trans-Atlantic run during the golden age of the liners before the Boeing 707 made them passe.

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Tim Harper - The contributions on origins of words and phrases are great. Here are a couple more: When I took a leave from AP and moved to London, one of the first things I learned was that the pink ribbons used to bind legal documents carried between law chambers by clerks at the Inns of Court were "red tape." And since the size of the powdered headpiece worn by barristers and judges reflected their rank, that's where we got "big wig."

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Karen Ball 'floored' by friends' generosity

David Von Drehle - husband of former AP journalist Karen Ball - shared Wednesday that "we told Karen today about the Friends of Karen Ball, and she is floored by your generosity and care. Actual quote: "This is the most magnificent gift I have ever received."

I've shared that feeling as I've opened the envelopes that have appeared in the Friends mailbox these past few weeks. You'll be getting personal notes in coming weeks as Karen and I work through the long list of those who have picked us up and carried us along on your shoulders.

The Friends of Karen Ball will be the lead sponsor of Karen's auction, thanks to your selfless gifts, and everyone who participated in this tribute will be listed in the auction catalog (unless you prefer not to be. In that case, just let me know.)

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George Garties recognized on his 30th year with AP



George Garties, foreground, was recognized Wednesday in the Chicago bureau for 30 years of service to The Associated Press. He is local markets director for Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. Standing in the background is central regional director Dale Leach, who presented Garties with a certificate and letter signed by CEO Gary Pruitt. Chicago news editor Hugh Dellios, seated in the white shirt, reads excerpts of letters from staffers who worked with Garties at various stages in his career. (Photo by Michael S. Green) Shared by Dale Leach.

George ([Email](#)), a Connecting colleague, joined the AP in Los Angeles in 1985. He transferred to New York in 1989 to work on the national editing desk, moved in 1991 to Phoenix as Arizona news editor and returned to Los Angeles in 1995 as assistant bureau chief. He was named Denver chief of bureau in 2003 and Chicago chief of bureau in 2007. Born in Charlottesville, Virginia, Garties graduated from the University of Hawaii and worked for The Honolulu Advertiser before joining the AP.

AP's Albert Stumm wins \$100,000 on 'Who Wants to Be a Millionaire'



Albert Stumm (left) with 'Who Wants To Be A Millionaire' host Chris Harrison. (Image via Twitter/@MillionaireTV.)

By Nick Vadala, Philly.com

One South Philly man is \$100,000 richer after a successful appearance on ABC's Who Wants To Be A Millionaire. Well, almost.

"I don't have it in my hands yet," Albert Stumm says of his winnings, which come from an appearance taped in June. "The show had to air first - that's how they get you to keep quiet."

Stumm, publisher of Passyunk Post, reached the \$100,000 checkpoint with a question revolving around astronaut Buzz Aldrin. However, he walked away from the show after being presented with another query about the first toys given away in McDonald's Happy Meals in 1979 (the answer: A "McDoodler" stencil).

Prior to that, though, he brought his husband, Keith Fleming, onto the Millionaire stage as a lifeline, and introduced him as such for a particularly touching moment.

"That's something that just a few years ago, I never would have thought I'd get the chance to say at all, let alone on national television," Stumm says. "Just one more reason that it was an incredible experience."

Now also an editor at the Associated Press, Stumm unfortunately couldn't enjoy watching the broadcast of his winning Millionaire episodes before anyone else in Philly, being as they aired at 1 a.m. smack-dab in the middle of Pope Francis' visit to Philadelphia - what he jokingly calls "the biggest story in the world."

Luckily, though, his colleagues in the AP's Massachusetts offices were able keep him up to date, with the show airing at noon in that region.

"There were all these New England reporters messaging me before I even got to see it," Stumm says. "But with the pope here, I was working on the biggest story in the world, so it was a lot in one weekend."

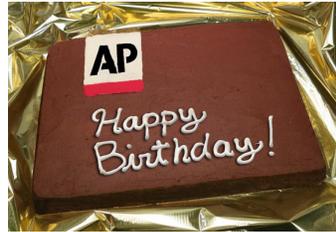
Now, with both the episodes having aired and Pope Francis' visit having passed, Stumm plans to focus on the future, which now includes what exactly he's going to do with a cool \$100,000.

Chief among his plans: improvements at the Passyunk Post, as well as some home renovation. Besides that, though, Stumm just wants to make sure he doesn't "do anything stupid." Or, rather, not too stupid, anyway.

"I'm definitely going to go on a crazy vacation," he says. "But I haven't decided where yet."

[Click here](#) for a link to the story. Albert is the AP's East Region state government team leader in Philadelphia.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



To

Susanna Loof ([Email](#))

Bud Weydert ([Email](#))

Stories of interest

Edith Chapin named executive editor at NPR (Poynter)

Edith Chapin has been appointed executive editor of NPR by Michael Oreskes, the public radio network's news chief.

Chapin, who was previously acting executive editor, replaces Madhulika Sikka, who left NPR for the millennial-focused news site Mic in June.



In his memo, Oreskes called Chapin "exactly such a leader" to lead NPR's push to deliver news on a variety of platforms:

[Click here](#) to read more.

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30 cranky bits of wisdom on the craft of journalism (Poynter)

Preface by Roy Peter Clark

Twenty years ago, Poynter published a series of booklets on the mission and craft of journalism. One, a little red book titled "The Sayings of Chairman Mel," honored the journalism aphorisms of Melvin Mencher, a legendary journalism professor at the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism. (If you don't know why the book was red and its relationship to the title, please drop some acid and travel back to the 1960s.)

In his foreword to the original booklet, Poynter's Christopher Scanlan wrote:

"Long after the last class, the best teachers continue to instruct. So it is with Melvin Mencher.

"I first heard many of the lessons set forth in this little book when Mr. Mencher was my teacher at Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. Twenty-three years later [make that 41 now], his words still echo in my head."

And by osmosis, they echo in my head, too.

In a note to me, Mel recounted that he was asked what journalists need to do to prosper in the digital age. He quoted the great A.J. Liebling: "Climb the stairs. Knock on doors."

Enjoy "The Sayings of Chairman Mel

[Click here](#) to read more.

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Gannett Co. acquires Midwest, South newspapers for \$280M

MILWAUKEE (AP) - Gannett Co. has reached an agreement to acquire newspaper company Journal Media Group for \$280 million, giving the media giant control of publications in more than 100 local markets in the U.S., company officials announced Wednesday evening.

Journal Media publications dot the Midwest and South and include the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, Memphis (Tennessee) Commercial-Appeal and Knoxville (Tennessee) News Sentinel.

Industry experts say the publications are a natural fit for Gannett's strategy of maximizing short-term profits through managing the decline of publications in less competitive markets.

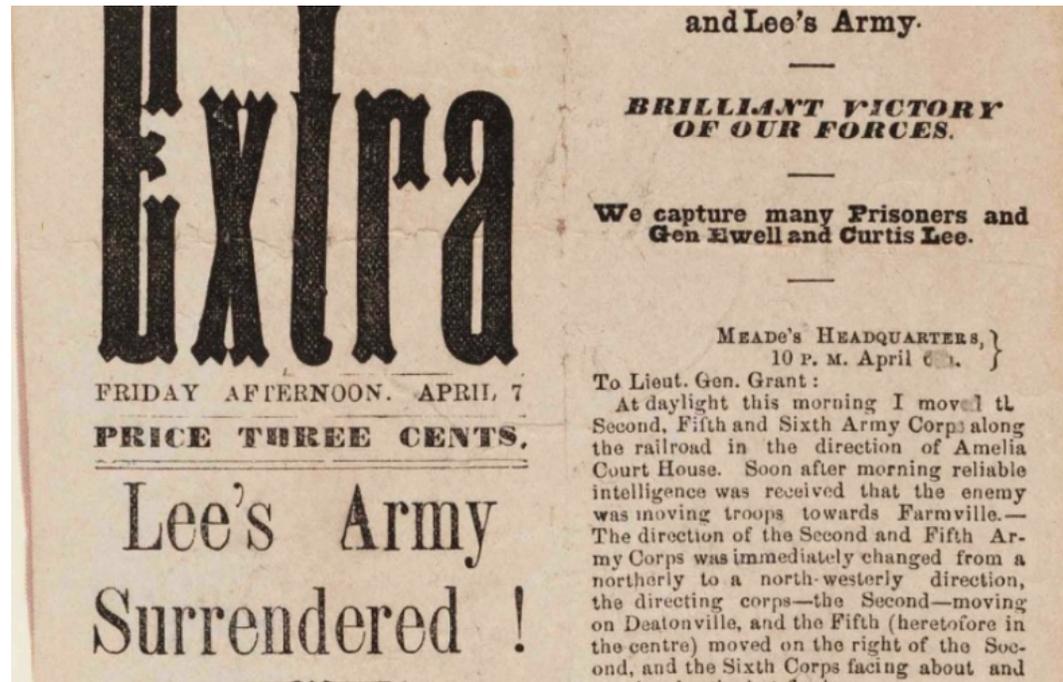
Gannett's "prevailing strategy is economy of scale," which involves reducing local costs and consolidating or regionalizing many operations, analyst Ken Doctor said.

"Undoubtedly, there will be some (layoffs) in any areas that can be centralized," including technology, newsrooms, human resources, finance and some advertising, said Doctor, who is president of Newsonomics, a website that monitors consumer media

[Click here](#) to read more.

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Newseum launches a site to help students explore the past through the news (Poynter)



Newseum announced Wednesday that it launched a new site, NewseumED, which offers lessons plans and resources for elementary, middle and high school students "to make history relevant today and to help educators shed new light on current debates about the First Amendment and media ethics."

The site (which is free to use after registering) has 86 lessons plans, including two collections on civil rights and suffragists. The lesson plans focus on three areas - historical connections, media literacy and civics and citizenship. In media literacy, students can examine how journalists worked in the past and how they work today.

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Arrieta shuts out Pirates as Cubs win first playoff game in 12 years
Wild-card win sends team to division series with rival Cardinals





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First baseman Anthony Rizzo picks up pitcher Jake Arrieta after the Cubs 4-0 wild-card victory Wednesday over the Pirates in Pittsburgh. Complete coverage in **Chicago Sports**



DAVID HAUGH

PITTSBURGH — After second baseman Starlin Castro squeezed the line drive for the final out in the Cubs' 4-0 victory Wednesday over the Pirates, teammates danced around the field like the kids they still are. In the middle of the mania, first baseman Anthony Rizzo lifted Jake Arrieta and put the pitcher over his shoulder for a few steps of frolicking. The man who had carried the Cubs this far was getting a well-deserved ride. "Three cheers for Jake Arrieta!" a voice in a jubilant Cubs clubhouse yelled. Three collective claps later, bedlam ensued. Rookie star Kris Bryant

sprayed champagne and President Theo Epstein chugged it as teammates hugged and music blared. The pleasure easily exceeded the pressure.

Some will call the celebration over the top for only one win, but Chicagoans know it represented so much more. The Cubs were the better team in a do-or-die situation in October and rose to the occasion in a playoff game. What a rare thing to say about the Cubs. "I could not be more proud of a group of guys than I was tonight,"

Turn to **Haugh, Page 6**

'I'VE DONE WHAT I SET OUT TO DO'

Departing Art Institute President Douglas Druick leaving the institution in "great shape." **A+E**

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HAWKS RAISE THE BANNER

The Blackhawks celebrated their 2015 championship with their third banner-raising ceremony in six years. The Rangers put a damper on the festivities with a 3-2 victory to open the season at the United Center on Wednesday. **Chicago Sports**

Obama apologizes for Afghan hospital attack

President Barack Obama apologized to Doctors Without Borders on Wednesday for the American air attack that killed at least 22 people at its hospital in Afghanistan, and said the U.S. would examine military procedures to look for better ways to prevent such incidents. Emerging details about the strike have fueled growing condemnation by the aid group in the days since the clinic in the northern city of Kunduz came under heavy fire that killed a dozen staffers and 10 patients. **Nation & World, Page 12**

COD improperly got state funds

The College of DuPage owes Illinois about \$200,000 because the college wrongly included police academy recruits in enrollment figures. **Chicagoland, Page 4**

Critics: Putin's Syria stance leaves Obama weak

Nation & World, Page 12

Today in History - October 8, 2015

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, October 8, the 281st day of 2015. There are 84 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On October 8, 2005, a magnitude 7.6 earthquake flattened villages on the Pakistan-India border, killing an estimated 86,000 people.

On this date:

In 1869, the 14th president of the United States, Franklin Pierce (puhrs), died in Concord, New Hampshire.

In 1871, the Great Chicago Fire erupted; fires also broke out in Peshtigo, Wisconsin, and in several communities in Michigan.

In 1890, American aviation hero Eddie Rickenbacker was born in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1918, U.S. Army Cpl. Alvin C. York led an attack that killed 25 German soldiers and captured 132 others in the Argonne Forest in France.

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was indicted by a grand jury in New Jersey for murder in the death of the kidnapped son of Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman told a press conference in Tiptonville, Tennessee, that the secret scientific knowledge behind the atomic bomb would be shared only with Britain and Canada.

In 1956, Don Larsen pitched the only perfect game in a World Series to date as the New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in Game 5, 2-0.

In 1957, the Brooklyn Baseball Club announced it was accepting an offer to move the Dodgers from New York to Los Angeles.

In 1967, former British Prime Minister Clement Attlee died in London at age 84.

In 1970, Soviet author Alexander Solzhenitsyn was named winner of the Nobel Prize for

literature.

In 1982, all labor organizations in Poland, including Solidarity, were banned.

In 1998, the House triggered an open-ended impeachment inquiry against President Bill Clinton in a momentous 258-176 vote; 31 Democrats joined majority Republicans in opening the way for nationally televised impeachment hearings.

Ten years ago: An Associated Press Television News crew covering the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina videotaped three New Orleans police officers beating retired teacher Robert Davis. (Two of the officers involved were fired; one of them, Lance Schilling, committed suicide, while the other, Robert Evangelist, was cleared of battery and false imprisonment and reinstated to the police force.) Auto supplier Delphi Corp. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. (Delphi emerged from bankruptcy protection in 2009.)

Five years ago: Imprisoned Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo (lee-OO' show-BOH') won the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize, prompting a furious response from China. British aid worker Linda Norgrove, who'd been taken captive in Afghanistan, was killed during a U.S. special forces rescue attempt, apparently by a U.S. grenade. Gen. James Jones announced he was quitting as President Barack Obama's national security adviser. Albertina Walker, the Grammy-winning singer from Chicago known as the "Queen of Gospel," died at age 81.

One year ago: President Barack Obama told top military commanders at the Pentagon that he was confident the U.S. would keep making progress in its fight against the Islamic State group. Thomas Eric Duncan, a Liberian man who was the first person diagnosed with Ebola in the United States, died at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas 10 days after being admitted. U.S. researchers Eric Betzig and William Moerner and German scientist Stefan Hell were named recipients of the Nobel Prize for chemistry for giving optical microscopes much sharper vision than was thought possible.

Today's Birthdays: Entertainment reporter Rona Barrett is 79. Actor Paul Hogan is 76. Rhythm-and-blues singer Fred Cash (The Impressions) is 75. Civil rights activist Rev. [Jesse](#)

Jackson is 74. Comedian Chevy Chase is 72. Author R.L. Stine is 72. Actor Dale Dye is 71. Country singer Susan Raye is 71. TV personality Sarah Purcell is 67. Rhythm-and-blues singer Airrion Love (The Stylistics) is 66. Actress **Sigourney Weaver** is 66. Rhythm-and-blues singer Robert "Kool" Bell (Kool & the Gang) is 65. Producer-director Edward Zwick is 63. Country singer-musician Ricky Lee Phelps is 62. Actor Michael Dudikoff is 61. Comedian Darrell Hammond is 60. Actress Stephanie Zimbalist is 59. Rock musician Mitch Marine is 54. Actress Kim Wayans is 54. Rock singer Steve Perry (Cherry Poppin' Daddies) is 52. Actor Ian Hart is 51. Gospel/rhythm-and-blues singer CeCe Winans is 51. Rock musician C.J. Ramone (The Ramones) is 50. Actress-producer Karyn Parsons is 49. Singer-producer Teddy Riley is 49. Actress Emily Procter is 47. Actor Dylan Neal is 46. Actor-screenwriter **Matt Damon** is 45. Actress Kristanna Loken is 36. Rhythm-and-blues singer Byron Reeder (Mista) is 36. Rock-soul singer-musician Noelle Scaggs (Fitz and the Tantrums) is 36. Actor Nick Cannon is 35. Actor Max Crumm is 30. Singer-songwriter-producer Bruno Mars is 30. Actor Angus T. Jones is 22. Actress Molly Quinn is 22.

Thought for Today: "Don't let yesterday use up too much of today." - Will Rogers, American humorist (1879-1935).

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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