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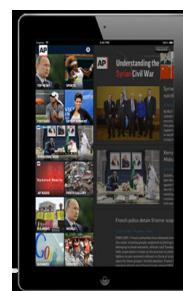
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The winning photo - and a judge's dissent; Your thoughts requested



Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning!

Congratulations to AP photographer **Burhan Ozbilci** on winning the prestigious World Press Photo contest for his photo of the assassination of the Russian

ambassador to Turkey.

The chair of the contest jury, however, cast his vote against the selection. **Stuart Franklin** said, "Sorry, Burhan. It's a photograph of a murder, the killer and the slain, both seen in the same picture, and morally as problematic to publish as a terrorist beheading."

Noting a comment that a photographer gets one chance to get it right and then its gone, Franklin said "Özbilici, an Associated Press staffer from a country where press freedom is constantly under assault, also had one chance. He did his job heroically that evening in Ankara. That's not in question. But what is controversial is that an image depicting a premeditated murder, staged at a press conference to maximise publicity, is World Press Photo of the Year."

The two stories lead today's issue, and Connecting would like to hear your own opinion on what Franklin had to say. Send your thoughts to me today.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Paul

AP photographer wins top prize in World Press Photo contest

A powerful image of the assassination of Russia's ambassador to Turkey has earned Associated Press photojournalist Burhan Özbilici the prestigious 2017 World Press Photo of the Year award.

Özbilici's photograph of the December 2016 attack, which also won first prize in the spot news stories category, captured off-duty Turkish police officer Mevlut Mert Altıntaş shouting while holding a gun after shooting Ambassador Andrei Karlov at a photo exhibition in Ankara, Turkey.

The distinguished World Press Photo competition is judged by a jury of internationally recognized photography professionals. The

winners were announced today (Monday) at a press conference in Amsterdam.

Describing Ozbilici's winning photo, jury member Mary F. Calvert said: "Every time it came on the screen you almost had to move back because it such an explosive image, and we really felt that it epitomizes the definition of what the World Press Photo of the Year is and means."



Burhan Ozbilici

Ozbilici, who is based in Ankara, recounted what he was thinking as the chaotic scene unfolded in a Dec. 20, 2016, first-person account published on APNews.com: "Even if I get hit and injured, or killed, I'm a journalist. I have to do my work. I could run away without making any photos. ... But I wouldn't have a proper answer if people later ask me: 'Why didn't you take pictures?'"

Ozbilici's images of the ambassador's assassination appeared on newspaper front pages worldwide and were shared widely on social media.

"Burhan's striking image was the result of skill and experience, composure under extreme pressure and the dedication and sense of mission that mark AP journalists worldwide. We are enormously proud of his accomplishment," said AP Executive Editor Sally Buzbee.

Denis Paquin, AP's acting director of photography, added: "Burhan would tell you he was just doing his job. His humble professionalism, combined with incredible courage, enabled him to capture these unforgettable images. It's an honor to work with all of the talented and dedicated Associated Press photographers whose inspiring work has been recognized with these awards."

This is AP's seventh World Press Photo of the Year award. Other AP photographers honored with 2017 World Press Photo prizes include:

Vadim Ghirda, second prize in Contemporary Issues Singles for "Migrant Crossing."

Felipe Dana, third prize in Spot News Singles for "Battle for Mosul."

The winning images can be seen [here](#).

Winners will be recognized at an awards ceremony in Amsterdam on April 22. Full details about the World Press Photo contest are available [here](#).

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

This image of terror should not be photo of the year - I voted against it

By Stuart Franklin- chair of the 2017 World Press Photo award jury

On 19 December last year, the Turkish photographer Burhan Özbilici went to a press conference in an Ankara art gallery. He had been on his way home from the office and only attended by chance. As it happened, the event turned into a murderous spectacle when the Russian ambassador to Turkey, who was delivering a speech, was assassinated.

Özbilici had the composure, bravery and skill to take the photograph that is today named World Press Photo of the Year, the judging of which I chaired. It's the third time that coverage of an assassination has won this prize, the most famous being the killing of a Vietcong suspect, photographed by Eddie Adams in 1968.

Özbilici's is an impactful photograph, no doubt. Yet, while I was all for awarding it the spot news prize that it also won, I was strongly opposed to it becoming photo of the year. I narrowly lost the argument. I voted against. Sorry, Burhan. It's a photograph of a murder, the killer and the slain, both seen in the same picture, and morally as problematic to publish as a terrorist beheading.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Mark Mittelstadt.

AP's Andrew Harnik awarded Political Photo of the Year



FRUSTRATION: Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton pauses while speaking to members of the media onboard her campaign plane . AP Photo/Andrew Harnick

The AP's Andrew Harnick was awarded Political Photo of the Year in the "2017 Eyes of History: Still Contest" sponsored by the White House News Photographers Association. The other top winner of the contest was Jabin Botsford, The Washington Post, who was selected Photographer of the Year.

Other AP first-place winners:

Presidential: Pablo Martinez Monsivais

Insider's Washington: Andrew Harnik

[Click here](#) to view all the winners. Shared by Bob Daugherty.

Connecting mailbox

More of your memories of Anthony Marquez

Donna Davidson (Email) - I will never forget one day, not too long ago, when Anthony Marquez messaged me at work and said "you'd better come down here right now. Kershaw's on the mound." Down here was his office where he had a television, and that television had Time Warner Cable. We were hard-core Dodger fans, Anthony and I, and neither of us had TWC at home. So we would spend parts of innings there in that office, watching our beloved Dodgers, commenting on the types of pitches and whether or not they'd missed their mark.

I worked for Anthony for many years, and the best part of knowing him was that laugh. If something made him laugh, he'd throw his head back and it was gold.

We talked about our kids, and I did the best I could working for him all those years.

A very private man, he didn't want anyone to know he was sick. So, when Anthony passed away this week it felt sudden to several of our folks in the L.A. Bureau. I will always remember a man completely in love with his wife and family, and a man completely dedicated to the service of journalism. He will be missed by many.

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Dale Leach (Email) - Like many other colleagues, I was consistently impressed by Anthony's ability to build relationships that inevitably served the AP well.

There is no question that his relationships with executives of the Los Angeles Times helped to keep that newspaper in membership, even when the rest of Tribune made what turned out to be an ill-considered move away. And, as the owner of the group relationship that included the Las Vegas Review-Journal, I could see how Anthony worked tirelessly to keep us in the game when other newspapers in that group were looking elsewhere for content.

Anthony was low-key, but being low-key did not imply inaction. Rather, it indicated a self-assurance and a recognition that bluster is usually a mask for insecurity. Anthony was comfortable in his own shoes, as he should have been.

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Jon Wolman (Email) - I was shocked to see that Anthony Marquez had passed away. He was top of the class; a terrific editor and manager. I admired his deft touch and his great sense of collegiality.

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Ed Staats named head of Kentucky Citizen Foster Care Review Board

Howard E. "Ed" Staats of Crestwood (Kentucky) has been named head of the State Citizen Foster Care Review Board, which guides the work of local Citizen Foster Care Review Boards statewide. Staats, a retired news service executive, advanced to be the board's state chairman after serving in the elected position of vice chairman for two years. His term as chairman is two years.

CFCRBs are teams of court-appointed volunteers who review cases of children who are in foster care or other out-of-home care in Kentucky due to dependency, neglect or abuse. The 700-plus volunteers make recommendations to state courts on behalf of the children. Their goal is to ensure that children's needs are met while in care and that they are placed in safe, permanent homes as quickly as possible.

As chairman, Staats heads the state board's Executive Committee. The committee meets throughout the year and establishes committees to address various volunteer concerns and improve and maintain the functioning of the review boards. The State CFCRB elects its vice chair and that person moves into the chair position.



"I am excited about Ed's appointment as state chair," said Rachel Bingham, who oversees the CFCRB program as executive officer of the Department of Family and Juvenile Services for the Administrative Office of the Courts. "He brings an objective approach to the work we do and has an ability to zero in on details that might otherwise be missed when reviewing these complex cases. His readiness to raise awareness about issues and barriers faced in the foster care system is heartening and I'm looking forward to seeing the impact of his work."

Staats' extensive volunteer service with CFCRB includes serving as state treasurer and as vice chairman of the Oldham County CFCRB. He said he is eager to begin his work as chairman.

"I'm focused on helping ensure fairness, safety and a bright future for the children of the commonwealth," he said.

Staats, who was elected in November, said he wants to introduce implicit bias into the training curriculum for volunteers this year. Volunteers participate in an initial training and annual training to enhance their ability to conduct thorough case reviews and make meaningful recommendations to the courts.

"There are a disproportionate number of minority children in foster care," Staats said. "The trainings will help volunteers examine how unconscious biases may come into play when making recommendations about cases. We will be looking into the effects of implicit bias on the health and welfare of some of the most vulnerable children in the state. We need to widen the scope of cultural understanding when working with minority youth and families with the hope of improving outcomes for them. I hope to take a leadership role on this critically important topic and work with state agencies and others to implement changes to ensure the best possible outcomes for all children, regardless of race."

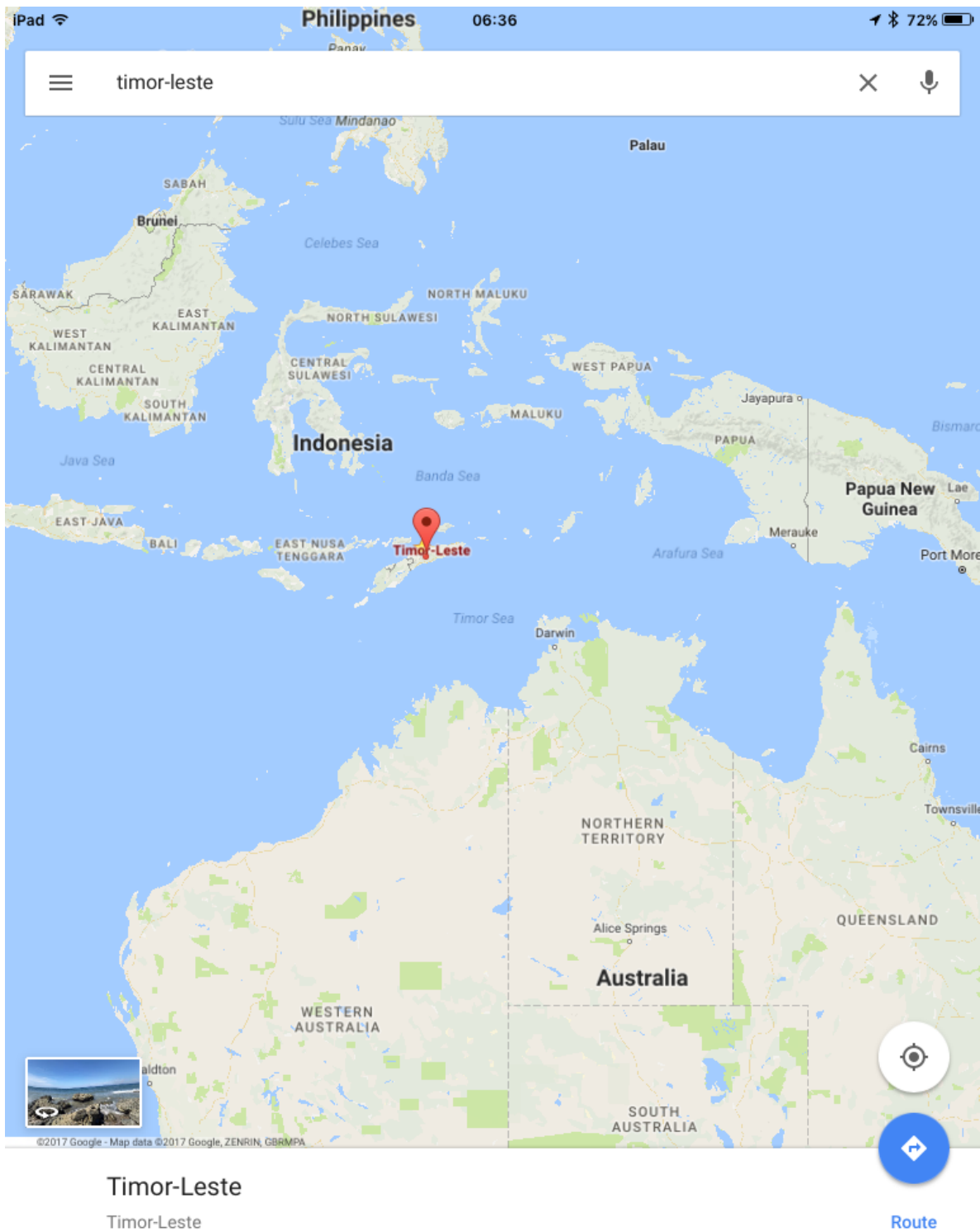
Children in out-of-home care have increased contact with the juvenile justice system, another area where minorities face high disparities and poor outcomes, Staats said. And youth who age out of foster care, meaning they turn 18 without ending up in a permanent home, are at a greater risk of homelessness, incarceration and unemployment than those who get permanent homes, he said.

Staats began volunteering with the CFCRB in 2011. He is also a member of the Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel, a state board that reviews the cases of children who have died or nearly died due to child abuse or neglect. Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr. appointed Staats to the panel in 2015.

He retired from The Associated Press, an international news service, in 2002 after serving 18 years as chief of the AP's Kentucky bureau. During his 41-year career, he served as a reporter, editor and administrator in 10 offices of the AP and in the AP's headquarters in New York. He was involved in providing news services to newspapers, broadcast stations, cable TV networks and internet news outlets. He was elected to the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame in 2002.

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Jim Reindl begins a new blog from Timor-Leste



Connecting colleague Jim Reindl ([Email](#)) and his wife Graca finished two years in the Peace Corps In Ghana in November. Now they are off for a year to Timor-Leste in Asia where Jim will work in communications for the USAID mission. Jim published a blog about their African experience and is starting one about life in Timor-Leste called "Asian Days" (jamesreindlblog.wordpress.com).

[Click here](#) for his first dispatch, written a day before he set off on the four-day journey to Timor-Leste.

Connecting profile - Susie Bodman

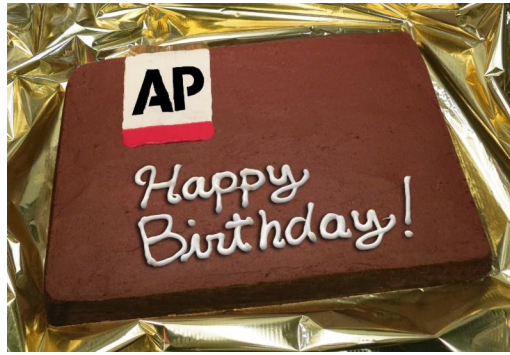
Susie Bodman (Email) - Susannah L. Bodman started her journalism career clerking for The Associated Press Salem bureau during Oregon's 1993 legislative session. She went on to a 20-year career in journalism and communications, working for various newspapers in Oregon and Washington, including the Statesman Journal and The Oregonian, and for the American Anthropological Association in Virginia and AquaFish Innovation Lab at Oregon State University. She also worked a brief stint in archaeology and now has transitioned to a third career - in science. Currently, she processes samples, extracts DNA and manages a DNA bank for a lab affiliated with Oregon Health and Science University. In her spare time, she is involved with projects and organizations focused on science outreach and communications, media literacy and journalism, and promoting critical thinking - the latter being an important skill to have in everyday life but also especially in journalism and science. The colleagues she first worked with at AP were among those who had an early and profound influence on helping her to hone a critical eye. Beyond these areas, she enjoys dancing, swimming, the outdoors, spending time with friends and family, and catching up with old colleagues.



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Marcus Eliason (Email) - I was going through a scrapbook and found this chart. I don't know if it was a standalone handout or I cut it out of an AP World magazine. I find it has something of a time-capsule flavor. What do my Connecting colleagues think?

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



To

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Stories of interest

When a Pillar of the Fourth Estate Rests on a Trump-Murdoch Axis (New York Times)

The ties that bind the most powerful media mogul in the world to the leader of the free world just keep getting stronger. Or, more precisely, we keep learning just how strong they are.

The question is where that leaves the rest of the world when they're done divvying it up.

They are Rupert Murdoch - the founder of the corporate news media giants 21st Century Fox and the News Corporation - and President Trump.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Claude Erbsen.

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Top Wall Street Journal Editor Defends Trump Coverage (New York Times)

Gerard Baker, the editor in chief of The Wall Street Journal, vigorously defended his newspaper's coverage of President Trump on Monday, rejecting suggestions that The Journal had not been aggressive enough.

Facing tough questioning at a town-hall-style meeting with the staff, Mr. Baker denied that The Journal had been too soft in its coverage, according to several people who participated in the meeting. He suggested that other papers had discarded objectivity, and that anyone who wanted to work at an organization with a more oppositional stance toward the administration could find a job elsewhere, these people said.

"It's a little irritating when I read that we have been soft on Donald Trump," he said, according to three of the people.

Read more [here](#).

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Wilfred Woods, Wenatchee World publisher and civic leader, dies at 97

WENATCHEE - Former Wenatchee World Publisher Wilfred R. Woods died Saturday at age 97, ending his nine decades of wandering the world and wondering tirelessly about how it worked.

Preferring the nickname "Wilf," the newspaperman, family patriarch, avid outdoorsman, art philanthropist and expert whistler died at home from complications of old age and new ailments. Arthritis in his knees had slowed him in recent months to finally allow heart and pulmonary conditions to catch up.

A globe-trotting reporter, columnist and former publisher of the Wenatchee World - the newspaper his family has owned since 1907 - Woods regularly touched the lives of thousands of readers and north-central Washington residents through his writing and passionate interests in art, music, theater, history, travel, politics, science and the creative people who made those happen.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Tim Marsh.

The Final Word

Happy Valentine's Day special...

The 36 Questions That Lead to Love (New York Times)

In Mandy Len Catron's Modern Love essay, "To Fall in Love With Anyone, Do This," she refers to a study by the psychologist Arthur Aron (and others) that explores whether intimacy between two strangers can be accelerated by having them ask each other a specific series of personal questions. The 36 questions in the study are broken up into three sets, with each set intended to be more probing than the previous one.

The idea is that mutual vulnerability fosters closeness. To quote the study's authors, "One key pattern associated with the development of a close relationship among peers is sustained, escalating, reciprocal, personal self-disclosure." Allowing oneself to be vulnerable with another person can be exceedingly difficult, so this exercise forces the issue.

Read more [here](#).

Today in History - February 14, 2017



By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 2017. There are 320 days left in the year. This is Valentine's Day.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Feb. 14, 1967, Aretha Franklin recorded her cover of Otis Redding's "Respect" at Atlantic Records in New York. The Turtles' single "Happy Together" was released on the White Whale label.

On this date:

In 1778, the American ship Ranger carried the recently adopted Stars and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived in France.

In 1849, President James K. Polk became the first U.S. chief executive to be photographed while in office as he posed for Matthew Brady in New York City.

In 1859, Oregon was admitted to the Union as the 33rd state.

In 1903, the Department of Commerce and Labor was established. (It was divided into separate departments of Commerce and Labor in 1913.)

In 1912, Arizona became the 48th state of the Union as President William Howard Taft signed a proclamation.

In 1929, the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" took place in a Chicago garage as seven rivals of Al Capone's gang were gunned down.

In 1941, the Carson McCullers novel "Reflections in a Golden Eye," previously serialized, was published in book form by Houghton Mifflin.

In 1962, first lady Jacqueline Kennedy conducted a televised tour of the White House in a videotaped special that was broadcast on CBS and NBC (and several nights later on ABC).

In 1979, Adolph Dubs, the U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, was kidnapped in Kabul by Muslim extremists and killed in a shootout between his abductors and police.

In 1989, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini called on Muslims to kill Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses," a novel condemned as blasphemous.

In 1990, 92 people were killed when an Indian Airlines passenger jet crashed while landing at a southern Indian airport.

In 2013, Double-amputee and Olympic sprinter Oscar Pistorius shot and killed his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp, at his home in South Africa; he was later convicted of murder and is serving a six-year prison term.

Ten years ago: Challenged on the accuracy of U.S. intelligence, President George W. Bush told a news conference there was no doubt the Iranian government was providing armor-piercing weapons to kill American soldiers in Iraq, and said he would fight any attempt by the Democratic-controlled Congress to cut off money for the war. ConAgra recalled all Peter Pan and Great Value peanut butter made at a Georgia plant because of a salmonella outbreak.

Five years ago: A fire broke out at the Comayagua farm prison in Honduras, killing 361 inmates. "Linsanity" continued as Knicks sensation Jeremy Lin made a tiebreaking 3-pointer with less than a second to play to cap his finishing flurry of six straight points and New York rallied to beat the Raptors 90-87, extending its winning streak to six games. Malachy the Pekingese won best in show at the Westminster Kennel Club in New York.

One year ago: Pope Francis condemned the drug trade's "dealers of death" and urged Mexicans to shun the devil's lust for money as he led a huge open-air Mass for more than 300,000 people in the poverty-stricken Mexico City suburb of Ecatepec (EHK'-ah-teh-PEHK'). The first NBA All-Star Game outside the U.S. was the highest-scoring ever, with the West defeating the East 196-173 at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto. "The Revenant" was named best picture at the British Academy Film Awards.

Today's Birthdays: TV personality Hugh Downs is 96. Actor Andrew Prine is 81. Country singer Razy Bailey is 78. Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg is 75. Jazz musician Maceo Parker is 74. Movie director Alan Parker is 73. Journalist Carl Bernstein is 73. Former Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., is 70. TV personality Pat O'Brien is 69. Magician Teller (Penn and Teller) is 69. Cajun singer-musician Michael Doucet (doo-SAY') (Beausoleil) is 66. Actor Ken Wahl is 60. Opera singer Renee Fleming is 58. Actress Meg Tilly is 57. Pro Football Hall of Famer Jim Kelly is 57. Singer-producer Dwayne Wiggins is 56. Actress Sakina Jaffey is 55.

Actor Enrico Colantoni is 54. Actor Zach Galligan is 53. Actor Valente Rodriguez is 53. Rock musician Ricky Wolking (The Nixons) is 51. Tennis player Manuela Maleeva is 50. Actor Simon Pegg is 47. Rock musician Kevin Baldes (Lit) is 45. Rock singer Rob Thomas (Matchbox Twenty) is 45. Actor Matt Barr is 33. Actress Stephanie Leonidas (TV: "American Gothic") is 33. Actor Jake Lacy is 31. Actress Tiffany Thornton is 31. Actor Brett Dier (TV: "Jane the Virgin") is 27. Actor Freddie Highmore is 25.

Thought for Today: "I am living on hope and faith ... a pretty good diet when the mind will receive them." - Edwin Arlington Robinson, American poet (1869-1935).

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.
- **"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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