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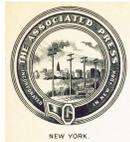
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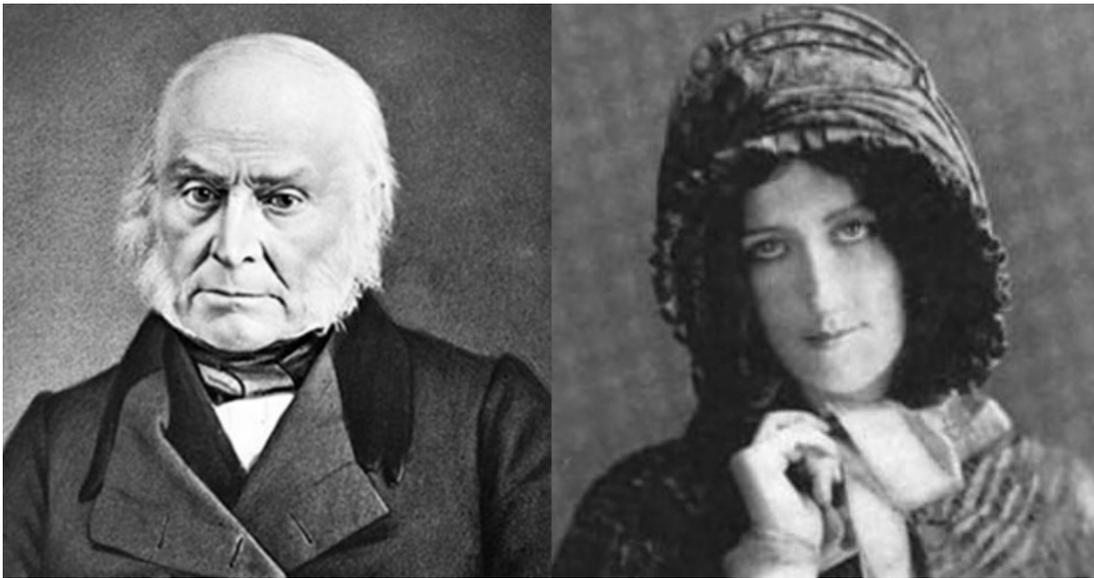
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*President John Quincy Adams reputedly was interviewed in the nude by possibly the first professional woman journalist in the U.S., Anne Newport Royall. Read her fascinating story in *The Final Word*.*

Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning!

Today's issue leads with a detailed account of an Associated Press photographer covering protests in Kashmir carrying an 18-year-old girl, bleeding profusely from the head, to safety and allowing her to get needed medical attention.

"It was an instant decision, and I didn't think twice," **Dar Yasin** said. He explained that he was closest to the woman and so best able to help. "I gave my camera to a colleague. ... I took the injured girl in my arms."

*Have you ever had to face a similar decision while covering a story? Did you put down your camera or reporter's notebook to assist someone in immediate need of help? What thoughts went through your head as you switched roles from story-teller to part of the story? Any repercussions? Share your story with *Connecting* and we'll use it in a future edition.*

The photo combo at the top of today's newsletter teases a fascinating story at the bottom on Anne Newport Royall, believed to be the first professional woman journalist in the United States and the first newspaperwoman to ever interview a sitting President, albeit under unusual conditions. Raised in a log cabin in western Pennsylvania, Royall endured hardships that, according to the story, "made her a fierce competitor with a thirst for justice."

After traveling the country on money she received from the sale of her deceased husband's farm, she went to Washington, D.C., and attempted to claim his military pension. While there, she set her sights on the most powerful man in the land: President John Quincy Adams, also pictured above.



*Anne Royall
tombstone.*

"Like any good reporter, Royall did her homework," reads the story. "The gossip around Washington was that President Adams enjoyed bathing in the nude in the Potomac River that ran behind the White House. His watery excursions happened every morning at 5 AM, so Royall staked out the property and managed to catch the President in the act."

She eventually published a weekly newspaper from her home with the help of a friend, usually full of her editorials and exposes of political corruption. It was succeeded by another newspaper. Royall hired orphans to set the type and faced constant financial problems. She died in 1854 at 85 and with 31 cents to her name, according to reports.

Nevertheless, her grave can be found in the Congressional Cemetery.

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Connecting Editor **Paul Stevens** is on the road with family until Thursday. Send stories or comments to markmitt71@yahoo.com.

Enjoy the day.

- Mark Mittelstadt

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AP journalist covering protest helps injured teen

By AIJAZ HUSSAIN, The Associated Press

SRINAGAR, India (AP) - He was documenting a protest by dozens of Kashmiri students confronting armed Indian government forces wearing riot gear. But when an 18-year-old was hit in the head and began bleeding profusely, the Associated Press photographer put down his camera and rushed in to help her.

"It was an instant decision, and I didn't think twice," **Dar Yasin** said. He explained that he was closest to the woman and so best able to help. "I gave my camera to a colleague. ... I took the injured girl in my arms."

The scene soon became chaotic. Other protesters became angry when they saw the woman bleeding and hurled stones at the police and paramilitary soldiers, who retaliated with tear gas.

Yasin carried **Khushboo Jan** away from the protest site in Kashmir's main city of Srinagar, and urged her anxious friends not to worry. "I told the girl protesters that I have two



*AP photographer **Dar Yasin** helps **Khushboo Jan**, 18, after she was injured during clashes between Kashmir students and India security forces in Srinagar, Indian-controlled Kashmir, April 20, 2017. (Faisal Khan via AP)*

daughters," he said.

The effort was captured by another photographer who then helped Yasin load Jan into a car that had been pulled up by a civilian to take her to a hospital.

"When I saw Yasin helping the girl, I thought I should document it and clicked some shots," said the other photographer, **Faisal Khan**, from the Turkish news organization Anadolu Agency.

Yasin and Khan then resumed taking photographs of the protest. Jan received six stitches on her forehead before being sent home from the hospital later that day.

The students demonstrating Thursday had been protesting a police raid on a college less than two weeks earlier in the town of Pulwama, in the Indian-governed portion of the disputed and divided Himalayan region. Another part of Kashmir is administered by Pakistan, and both anti-India rebels and protesters often demand that the Indian portion be allowed to join Pakistan or be granted independence.

Police released a brief statement after Thursday's protest saying Jan had been hurt in a stone-throwing incident, referring to a common practice by protesters of hurling bricks and stones at police and paramilitary troops. Jan said, however, that she had been hit by a marble fired from a sling by a soldier in a nearby bunker. Marbles are often used by Indian forces as ammunition used against protesters.

"Later, my friends told me that I was rescued by some media persons," Jan told the Associated Press on Sunday, as Yasin visited her in her Srinagar home.

Tensions between Kashmiri students and Indian law enforcement have escalated since April 15, when government forces raided the college in Pulwama, about 30 kilometers (19 miles) south of Srinagar. Hundreds of students tried to resist the raid, sparking clashes that left at least 50 students injured. Authorities have not explained what they were searching for or targeting in that raid.

On April 17, students rose up again in protests across the region that left more than 100 students and an unknown number of police officers injured. Authorities responded by closing colleges, universities and some high schools, but the protests have continued.

On Monday, as authorities ordered schools and colleges open, protests and clashes again erupted in Srinagar. Police fired tear gas and used water cannons to stop rock-throwing students from marching in the main commercial area in Srinagar.

The students were chanting slogans such as "Go India, go back" and "We want freedom." Some students were reported injured in the clashes.

Protest violence is an almost daily occurrence in Kashmir, where anti-India sentiment runs deep among the mostly Muslim population after decades of military crackdown in the mountainous territory to fight armed rebellion. The region, claimed by both India and Pakistan in its entirety, has sparked two of three wars between the nuclear-armed nations since 1947.

Kashmir has also seen more than 70,000 people die since 1989 in a homegrown rebellion

and the ensuing Indian crackdown, which has suppressed militant groups in recent years.

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WaPo's Aaron Blake takes apart Trump's extraordinary interview with AP

(The Washington Post)

President Trump sat down with the Associated Press's **Julie Pace** on Friday, and what emerged was a conversation in which Trump bragged and boasted repeatedly - sometimes unprompted and using revisionist history - about what he's accomplished in his first 100 days as president. He did this all while dismissing the idea that the 100-day threshold even matters, despite hailing that same standard dozens of times late in his 2016 campaign.

Some of the claims are truly remarkable, including that he may have given the greatest speech in the history of the House chamber and that a Democrat told him he'd be among the greatest presidents ever. He also just flat-out said he shouldn't be bound by his 100-day promises.

Below is the transcript, which was released Sunday night, along with my annotations. To see an annotation, click on the yellow, highlighted text.

Read the transcript and see the Washington Post's comments [here](#). Shared by Arnold Zeitlin.

Also:

Seven baffling moments from Donald Trump's AP interview *(Huffington Post)*

President Donald Trump lied about his policy accomplishments, interrupted himself, and went off on a series of incoherent rants during a recent interview with The Associated Press' **Julie Pace**. The AP released part of the interview last week, but made a fuller transcript available late Sunday. You can read it in full [here](#), but beware: It's a doozy. The phrase "Donald Trump is unintelligible" was even a top trending topic on Twitter early Monday? referring to the 16 instances where the AP marked parts of the transcript "unintelligible." (Pace later told the Toronto Star that one of Trump's aides was talking over him at those moments, and that the aide did not want their comments included in the transcript. The Star notes that "this is itself highly unusual.")

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AP E-book: Best practices for designing the modern newsroom workflow

As newsrooms adapt to the digital era, the systems powering them must also keep pace. The Associated Press is offering members an e-book to see the four features that optimize the NRCS to help journalists generate revenue from digital sources and keep up with

broadcasts. See the offer [here](#).

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Connecting mailbox

Gene Roberts

Sue Price Johnson (E-mail) _ My family considers **Gene Roberts** one of "ours" and I strongly echo the call for Kickstarter support for a documentary (Monday Connecting).

Gene's father took him to the Goldsboro (NC) News-Argus to see my dad, then the paper's managing editor. He said his son wanted a newspaper job. Gene didn't say much.

A short time later, a job opened up and my dad, **Gene Price**, wrote a short note along the lines of: "The Rambling in Rural Wayne" job is open. It's yours if you want it.

Roberts wrote back, on the same letter, "I'll take it." For my dad, Roberts' economy of words (and paper) hooked him immediately.

Roberts' career beyond the News-Argus is well documented. Many Connecting readers may have heard Roberts talk about an experience he had reporting for The New York Times in Vietnam. He told a group of soldiers he was from the Times and was there to tell their story. A voice in the back piped up: "Are you THE Gene Roberts who used to write the 'Rambling in Rural Wayne' column?"

He has said it forever sealed in his heart the value of small newspapers.

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You had one job

Former New York desk supervisor **Marty Steinberg** shared the photo at right with Facebook friends. "The cake was supposed to say 'Happy April Birthdays,' proving that even cake writers need copy editors," he said. Marty assures that the cake was made by a restaurant.



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Stories of interest

Floyd Abrams sees Trump's anti-media Tweets as double-edged swords

(New York Times)

Last Monday, the sun rose in the east, the black-capped chickadee sang its spring mating song and President Trump attacked American journalists in a tweet. This latest one read: "The Fake Media (not Real Media) has gotten even worse since the election. Every story is badly slanted. We have to hold them to the truth!" The natural order was intact. Yet even as the shock effect wears off (should it ever?), Mr. Trump's anti-media Twitter posts still serve as reminders of his campaign vows to "open" libel laws, his veiled threats to punish corporate owners of news organizations whose coverage he does not like and his occasional calls for leak investigations.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Sibby Christensen

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Sean Hannity next? Accuser walks back "sexual harassment" claim
(Huffington Post)

In an interview with LawNewz.com on Monday, Debbie Schlussel said she doesn't think that what happened with Sean Hannity amounts to sexual harassment. Still, she stands by her description of events, saying, "He tried to get me to go back to the hotel after the show after he and his executive producer Bill Shine treated me horribly." She clarified that Hannity allegedly asked her to come to his hotel, not his hotel room.

Read more [here](#).

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The last day of hot metal press before computers come in at The New York Times (aeon)

Once called the 'eighth wonder of the world' by Thomas Edison, Linotype typesetting machines revolutionized publishing when they were invented in 1886, and remained the industry standard for nearly a century after. The first commercially successful mechanical typesetter, the Linotype significantly sped up the printing process, allowing for larger and more local daily newspapers. In Farewell, etain shrdlu (the latter portion of the title taken from the nonsense words created by running your fingers down the letters of the machine's first two rows), the former New York Times proofreader David Loeb Weiss bids a loving farewell to the Linotype by chronicling its final day of use at the Times on 1 July 1978. An evenhanded treatment of the unremitting march of technological progress, Weiss's film about an outmoded craft is stylistically vintage yet also immediate in its investigation of modernity.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Bob Daugherty

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Gatehouse News Group publisher resigns, plans move to Kansas City (AP)

GateHouse News Senior Group Publisher John Montgomery says he plans to leave the company, effective May 8. Montgomery was publisher and editor of The Hutchinson News for 10 years before Gatehouse Media purchased the Harris Group in November. When that purchase was complete, Montgomery became publisher for 16 newspapers. Most are in Kansas and three are in Colorado. The 50-year-old Montgomery said Monday he will move to the Kansas City area but has no immediate plans. Montgomery was editor and publisher of the Ottawa Herald and The Hays Daily News before moving to Hutchinson.

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Why the corner office can use a few introverts (Associations Now)



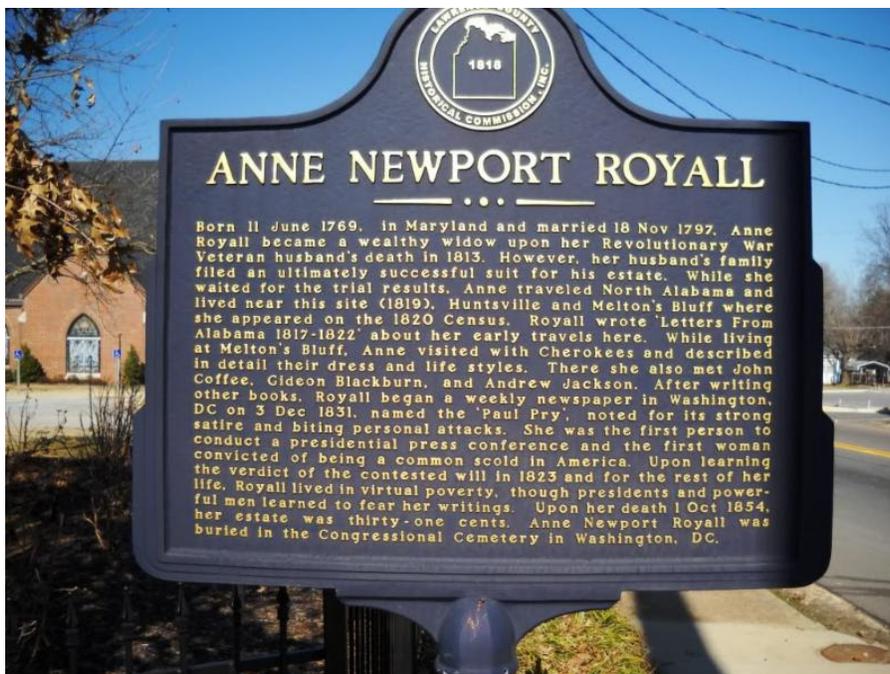
Score one more for the introverts. I've written here a few times in the past about how so-called charismatic leaders aren't the end-all-and-be-all of good leadership-and how sometimes that kind of personality can actually get in the way of an organization's success. A recent study of 17,000 C-suite executives puts some harder numbers behind that. According to the study by the consultancy ghSmart, "while

boards often gravitate toward charismatic extroverts, introverts are slightly more likely to surpass the expectations of their boards and investors." The researchers suggest that CEOs often get their jobs because they're great speakers about themselves with the board members and hiring committees charged to hire them, but that gift of gab doesn't necessarily translate into high achievement in the corner office.

Read more [here](#).

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The Final Word



Anne Royall: the first professional woman journalist in the U.S.?

Presidents are justifiably careful about who they talk to. Access to a solo interview with the most powerful man in the country is a badge of honor for a journalist, proof that they are to be taken seriously. But when Anne Newport Royall tried to meet with John Quincy Adams and become the first newspaperwoman to ever interview a sitting President, she had to do something not quite so serious. She caught him bathing nude in the Potomac River, behind the White House.

Read the fascinating story [here](#).

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Today in History - April 25, 2017



By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 25, the 115th day of 2017. There are 250 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 25, 1507, a world map produced by German cartographer Martin Waldseemüller contained the first recorded use of the term "America," in honor of Italian navigator Amerigo Vespucci (vehs-POO'-chee).

On this date:

In 404 B.C., the Peloponnesian War ended as Athens surrendered to Sparta.

In 1792, French highwayman Nicolas Jacques Pelletier became the first person to be executed by the guillotine.

In 1862, during the Civil War, a Union fleet commanded by Flag Officer David G. Farragut captured the city of New Orleans.

In 1915, during World War I, Allied soldiers invaded the Gallipoli (guh-LIHP'-uh-lee) Peninsula in an unsuccessful attempt to take the Ottoman Empire out of the war.

In 1917, legendary jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald was born in Newport News, Virginia.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe (EL'-beh) River, a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses. Delegates from some 50 countries gathered in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

In 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping.

In 1964, vandals sawed off the head of the "Little Mermaid" statue in Copenhagen, Denmark.

In 1974, the "Carnation Revolution" took place in Portugal as a bloodless military coup toppled the Estado Novo regime.

In 1983, 10-year-old Samantha Smith of Manchester, Maine, received a reply from Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov to a letter she'd written expressing her concerns about nuclear war; Andropov gave assurances that the Soviet Union did not want war, and invited Samantha to visit his country, a trip she made in July.

In 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope was deployed in orbit from the space shuttle Discovery. (It was later discovered that the telescope's primary mirror was flawed, requiring the installation of corrective components to achieve optimal focus.)

In 2002, Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes of the Grammy-winning trio TLC died in an SUV crash in Honduras; she was 30.

Ten years ago: Brushing off a presidential veto threat, the House passed, 218-208, a \$124.2 billion supplemental spending bill ordering U.S. troops to begin coming home from Iraq in the fall of 2007. The Dow Jones industrial average topped 13,000 for the first time, ending the day at 13,089.89. Rosie O'Donnell announced she was leaving the ABC talk show "The View" (she returned to the program in 2014, but left again the following year). Singer-songwriter Bobby "Boris" Pickett of "Monster Mash" fame died in Los Angeles at age 69.

Five years ago: The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments on Arizona's tough immigration law. (A divided court later threw out major parts of the law.)

One year ago: The city of Cleveland reached a \$6 million settlement in a lawsuit over the death of Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old black boy shot by a white police officer while playing with a pellet gun outside a recreation center. A panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan ruled 2-to-1 that New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady had to serve a four-game "Deflategate" suspension imposed by the NFL, overturning a lower judge and siding with the league in a battle with the players union. (Brady ended up serving the suspension.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor Al Pacino is 77. Ballroom dance judge Len Goodman (TV: "Dancing with the Stars") is 73. Rock musician Stu Cook (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 72. Singer Bjorn Ulvaeus (BYORN ul-VAY'-us) (ABBA) is 72. Actress Talia Shire is 72. Actor Jeffrey DeMunn is 70. Rock musician Steve Ferrone (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 67. Country

singer-songwriter Rob Crosby is 63. Actor Hank Azaria is 53. Rock singer Andy Bell (Erasure) is 53. Rock musician Eric Avery is 52. Country musician Rory Feek (Joey + Rory) is 52. TV personality Jane Clayson is 50. Actress Renee Zellweger is 48. Actress Gina Torres is 48. Actor Jason Lee is 47. Actor Jason Wiles is 47. Actress Emily Bergl is 42. Actor Jonathan Angel is 40. Actress Marguerite Moreau is 40. Singer Jacob Underwood is 37. Actress Melonie Diaz is 33. Actress Sara Paxton is 29. Actress Allisyn Ashley Arm is 21.

Thought for Today: "There are two great rules of life, the one general and the other particular. The first is that everyone can, in the end, get what he wants if he only tries. This is the general rule. The particular rule is that every individual is more or less an exception to the general rule." - Samuel Butler, English author (1835-1902).

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:

- **Second chapters** - You finished a great career. Now tell us about your second (and third and fourth?) chapters of life.
- **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.

- **Most unusual** place a story assignment took you.

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