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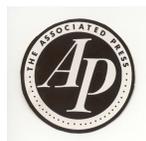
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# Connecting

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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning!

Please join me in congratulating the 2017 recipients of the Oliver S. Gramling Awards, presented annually to Associated Press journalists and staffers from around the world.

Some of you who are Connecting colleagues are past winners of the award. And one is **Andy Lippman** ([Email](#)) - winner of the Gramling Spirit Award in 2004 - who got some welcomed good news Wednesday while recovering at his home in South Pasadena, California, from a broken ankle suffered in a fall.

Two Latina women in the citizenship class he teaches called him to say they had passed their citizenship test. "Instead of being on a walker and scooter, I was floating on air," Andy said. The first woman was "alternately crying and laughing" during their call; she had taken the test as a surprise gift to her husband and children. The second woman works at a cellular phone service company.

It was the first time that two of his students had taken the test on the same day since he began as a volunteer more than five years ago at the Puente Learning Center in Boyle Heights, a Los Angeles suburb. The women were the 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> of his students to pass the test, administered by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Andy's broken ankle keeps him housebound for now but has not kept him from continuing to teach the classes - he does so by phone with the class of about six students listening in by speaker phone.

Have a great day!

Paul

## **AP announces winners of 2017 Oliver S. Gramling Awards**



**From left: AP President and CEO Gary Pruitt and 2017 Gramling Award winners Fu Ting, Ricardo Nunes, Maye-E Wong, Mark Davies, Ariana Cubillos, Balint Szlanko, Anne Gillen, Fernando Llano, Fabiola Sanchez and Varya Kudryavtseva at a dinner with the AP Board of Directors in New York on Tuesday. (AP Photo/Stuart Ramson)**

Multiformat journalists and staffers around the world are among the winners of the 2017 Oliver S. Gramling Awards, the highest internal honor of The Associated Press.

Created in 1994 to recognize AP staffers for professional excellence, the Gramlings are decided each year by a panel of judges from across the news cooperative who evaluate submissions in four categories: journalism, achievement, spirit and scholarship.

The awards, ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000, come from an estate set up by the late AP broadcast executive Oliver S. Gramling.

"The winners represent AP's global reach and a passion for the important work we do every day," said AP President and CEO Gary Pruitt. "While their roles at AP may differ, they have one thing in common: a fervent dedication to AP's mission to inform the world. I am inspired by their work."

Here are the 2017 winners:

## **\$10,000 Oliver S. Gramling Journalism Awards**

### **Caracas, Venezuela, reporting team**

Though the journalism award customarily goes to individuals, the judges decided to present it to photographers Ariana Cubillos and Fernando Llano, video journalist Ricardo Nunes and newsperson Fabiola Sanchez because of their compelling work documenting one of the most turbulent political and economic upheavals Latin America has seen in decades. From an attack by crowbar-wielding militants on opposition lawmakers to a young violinist staring down police, their multiformat coverage has been varied and remarkable. The team maintains an unflinching commitment to the story without fear or favor, often at considerable personal risk.

### **Balint Szlanko, video journalist, Irbil, Iraq**

Critical to AP's competitive and award-winning coverage of the war against the Islamic State group, Szlanko led the cross-format Mosul team in a dangerous and chaotic environment while managing operations including facilities, communications and transport. Szlanko, originally a text reporter, has embraced video, moving with ease across formats. His sound editorial judgment and extensive work behind the scenes to secure freelance contributors and work with a key local broadcaster broadened AP's coverage across northern Iraq and allowed for a rich, unmatched news report.

### **Wong Maye-E, photographer, Pyongyang, North Korea**

Since she began photographing Pyongyang in 2013, Wong has shown the world what life is like inside North Korea more than any other photojournalist working today. Her body of work reveals a sensibility that portrays humanity under challenging conditions and does so with her unique brand of sensitivity and a journalist's keen eye. Wong's images range from the most candid and personal photos of the country's people in their everyday lives to rare glimpses of leader Kim Jong Un. Beyond photography, she is an inspirational teacher who is empathetic, encouraging and beloved by her colleagues.

\$10,000 Oliver S. Gramling Achievement Award

### **Mark Davies, global news manager, New York**

By taking ownership of AP's content analytics, Davies has been the driving force in transforming the way the news department makes editorial decisions. His knowledge, understanding and analysis of metrics has provided insight into how AP can repackage its editorial content to maximize its audience and worth for member news organizations and customers. Combining data from multiple sources, Davies has helped track which AP news stories are trending on social networks as well as monitor the use of AP content. This critical information helps

editors make decisions about what stories to chase, expand upon or pull back from.

## **\$5,000 Oliver S. Gramling Spirit Awards**

### **Anne Gillen, product manager, New York**

Navigating the complex world of products and content entitlements, Gillen juggles thousands of AP customers and a half-dozen business models. Few people understand the intricacies of AP's products and delivery platforms as she does, and she works tirelessly across all continents and time zones to ensure the processes run smoothly. Gillen's colleagues draw upon her wealth of institutional knowledge, which she gladly shares by training and mentoring staffers across AP. It is the work of Gillen and her team behind the scenes that ensures AP content reaches customers and ultimately the world.

### **Varya Kudryavtseva, editorial assistant, Moscow**

When AP became the first American news outlet to travel with the Russian military in Syria, the Moscow bureau was flooded with phone calls asking how we did it. The answer was Kudryavtseva, who persisted for nearly a year in requesting access to the air base in Syria and arranging AP's embed. Since joining AP in 1986 as a translator, Kudryavtseva has been vital to AP's coverage of Russia, helping colleagues in all formats in Moscow and across AP offices in the former Soviet republics. Her contributions to AP's reporting go beyond her formal job title; she is the person who makes a story happen.

### **Fu Ting, editorial assistant, Shanghai**

Indispensable to reporters, Fu has for years been a backbone of AP's China staff. Her duties require a unique set of administrative and editorial skills, a job she approaches with vigor. Fu has shown remarkable stamina in pursuing comment from government officials and patiently pushing past barriers to newsgathering. Her persistence was key in winning rare access to the Ministry of Public Security in Beijing, which gave AP an unprecedented face-to-face interview to discuss the supply of deadly synthetic opioids. A brave, savvy, collegial and focused colleague, Fu's approach to her work is inspiring in China and beyond.

\$5,000 Oliver S. Gramling Scholarship Awards

### **David Keyton, video journalist, Stockholm**

Keyton, who recently used a drone to gather remarkable visuals while reporting on the Arctic Circle's Northwest Passage, will use his scholarship to pay for two drone-related courses. The first will lead to a license allowing him to use a drone, while the second offers a masterclass in drone video. The training will supply him with essential skills in optimizing drone footage for the AP news report.

**Igor Libman, senior technology designer, New York**

Libman, who has worked on the user experience of AP's key customer-facing platforms, will apply the funds to two courses critical to that function. A course in Angular JS will enable him to help improve the quality of AP's portal experience, while a React JS course will help boost productivity. The skills will allow Libman to lead the modernization of the way the product design team delivers AP content.

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

## Connecting mailbox

### *Saddened by death of Fats Domino*

**Greg Nokes (Email)** - Sorry to learn of the death of Fats Domino. Fondly recall an evening listening to his astounding music (Blueberry Hill) in the South Salem High School gymnasium in 1958. Chuck Berry performed, too. Nobody (in Salem at least) knew who they were. Only a small audience showed up, including me and some friends from Willamette University. Fats Domino probably could only perform in the gym in those days. A lot of latent prejudice in Oregon then. Willamette didn't have a single black student, and there probably weren't more than a handful of people of color in all of Salem, the state capital. It was a memorable concert and I was pleased I was lucky enough to hear him early in his remarkable career.

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### *On the danger of covering protests - Saved by Sava*

**Tom Cohen (Email)** - The details of when and where it happened are a bit murky, but I'll never forget the feeling of a mob turning against me.

It was in Bosnia in 1996 as the country still wrestled with its fractious independence in the aftermath of the Dayton Agreement.

I had come from South Africa to help out the crack AP team in the region in covering the lingering story after years of war in the former Yugoslavia. While military conflict had ended the year before, Bosnia still seethed with ethnic hatred, political stalemate and fairly regular violence.

On this day, we knew the story had the potential for trouble. The United Nations was busing Bosnians to visit a Muslim graveyard in Republika Srpska - the Serb-controlled territory created by the peace treaty.

The planned visit inflamed an already volatile political climate. Serbs opposed any U.N. attempt to normalize Muslim presence in their territory. Bosnians wanted to maintain the graves of their loved ones. Both sides considered their positions sacrosanct.



**Sava Radovanovic**

Photographer Sava Radovanovic and local stringer Irena Gajic drove with me from Sarajevo to the border checkpoint for Republika Srpska near Banja Luka. We found a deceptively calm scene when we arrived, with U.N. officials awaiting the buses on the Bosnian side and some people milling about on the Serb side.

A few other journalists were hanging around the U.N. folks, so we headed to the Serb side. Sava and Irena were both Serb, which made us welcome - for a while.

I walked among the people who seemed to be little more than curious onlookers, talking to anyone who could speak English and was willing to answer my questions. More people began arriving during the 20 minutes or so that I was attempting interviews, now forming more of a coherent gathering. A few carried crude weapons, such as axes and farm implements, even a scythe.

Then the buses arrived on the other side, stopping before the border post. On the Serb side, the crowd quickly closed in. I was in the middle of it.

As always, the standoff meant lots of waiting. The buses sat there, and the U.N. officials went back and forth between the lead bus and the border point. Some kind of negotiation was happening.

The crowd I was in started to become tense, even agitated. At one point, an older man with weather-worn features - rough, sun-browned skin and large calloused hands - looked at me and asked in broken English: "You English?"

Me being stupid, I answered, "No, I'm American,"

He continued to explain to me the difference between the people like us - those on his side - and the people on the other side. His main argument was that the Serbs and British - longtime allies - were good, while Muslims were like monkeys (his word, accentuated with a kind of whooping gesture).

As we spoke, I noticed a woman several feet away staring at me with dark eyes. I continued listening to the older man, but saw the woman start talking to others around her while gesturing toward me. Very quickly, a dozen or more people were gathering around me and the older man.

The dark-eyed woman came up and angrily asked me something in Serbo-Croatian. I didn't understand what she said, but her intentions were unmistakable. As she barked more questions at me, the crowd closed in closer.

I knew I was in trouble. My instinct was to simply turn and walk away, but I could feel elbows and shoulders at my back. A hollow chasm formed in my stomach.

Suddenly, the crowd parted on one side and Sava waded into the scene. A big and boisterous man, he smiled and put his arm around my shoulder, saying something in Serbo-Croatian that I imagined was, "Hey, old friend, it's time for us to go."

I didn't need coaxing, but I could feel his arm hugging me to get moving. The woman shouted some more as we headed through the gap in the crowd formed by Sava's arrival moments earlier. We moved to the back, away from the border point that was the focus of the gathering, and no one followed us.

Sava and Irena told me to wait inside a snack shop - "Do not move," Irena commanded. A few minutes later, they came back and the three of us walked along the road to the border point and over to the Bosnian side, attracting no attention.

The buses never crossed the border that day.

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## ***What would you like said on your headstone?***

**Marty McCarty** ([Email](#)) - That image of the message on your friend's gravesite (in Wednesday's Connecting" was worth sharing and a nice tribute to your friend.

Have you asked Connecting readers what message they'd want on their headstone?

I broached the topic with my sons and it worried them. They wanted to know what was going on that made me talk about that? I told them at a certain age, we'd better be talking about such things.

Can't live forever!

(But. no. Can't live forever isn't what I'd want on my headstone.)

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## ***Remembering glory days on the hardwood***



From left: Vince DeGreeff, Darryl Jones (both All Americans), Mike Tharp, Joe Brickner, Kitty Colwell (widow of assistant coach Tom) and Greg Glore.

**Mike Tharp (Email)** - Our alma mater, Benedictine College, Atchison, Kan., honored us last weekend by inducting our national championship basketball team into its Athletics Hall of Fame. The plaque briefly describes who we were and what we did. We won the NAIA tournament in Kansas City (back then the NAIA had 515 teams). We posted a 27-2 record with two small-college All Americans on the roster. On Saturday night, our team spokesman and best player, Darryl Jones, surprised me by asking me--one of three seniors on the team--to speak to some 200 people at the banquet on campus. I managed to mumble through two minutes at the lectern. If they remember anything, the audience will recall me saying that my 3.8 GPA was double my scoring average. The coaches let me carry the trophy back to the Phillips Hotel. I'm fourth from left in the photograph.

## Connecting profile - Rick Plumlee

**Rick Plumlee (Email)** - After completing a Marine combat tour in Vietnam in the late 1960s, I graduated from Wichita State in 1974 with a degree in English Lit. Took my first journalism job as sports editor of the Dodge City Globe. Only there 15 months, though my wife swears it was 20 years. Began work at The Wichita Eagle in 1975, starting on the sports copy desk for \$2.75 per hour before covering preps, state colleges and junior colleges over the next few years. In 1979, The Eagle moved me to Lawrence to take over the paper's northeast Kansas sports bureau,

which is a fancy way of saying I was a one-man operation covering the Big Eight - later the Big 12 - Kansas, some Kansas State and the Kansas City Royals and Chiefs. A very busy but varied time that included covering 23 NCAA Tournaments, seven Final Fours, two World Series and NFL playoffs. Continued in that role for nearly 30 years until the economic downturn of 2008 resulted in The Eagle killing the position in late 2008. Eagle transferred me back to Wichita where I encountered the culture shock of working in a newsroom for the first time in decades. Spent the first year as a business reporter before shifting to general assignment until I retired at the end of 2014 after nearly 40 years at The Eagle. Not sure how I got there, but it was a fun ride.



## Harvey Weinstein effect: Men behaving badly are getting fired. Fleeting outrage or sea change?

By Jessica Guynn and Marco della Cava, USA TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO - Call it the Harvey Weinstein effect.

In years past, powerful men busted for preying on women could pay out large sums in legal settlements or issue public apologies and pledges to reform and then keep right on doing what they were doing.

No longer. Women breaking the culture of silence are putting unprecedented pressure on companies and whole industries to crack down on sexual misconduct in the workplace.

Read more [here](#).

## AP Explains: What could be in the long-secret JFK files?



**In this file photo from Nov. 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy waves from his car in a motorcade in Dallas. Riding with Kennedy are First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy, right, Nellie Connally, second from left, and her husband, Texas Gov. John Connally, far left. (AP Photo/Jim Altgens)**

**By ALANNA DURKIN RICHER**

BOSTON (AP) - For decades, the existence of secret government files linked to President John F. Kennedy's assassination has helped fuel conspiracy theories that others besides Lee Harvey Oswald were involved in his murder. Now the public is going to get a deeper look at the collection.

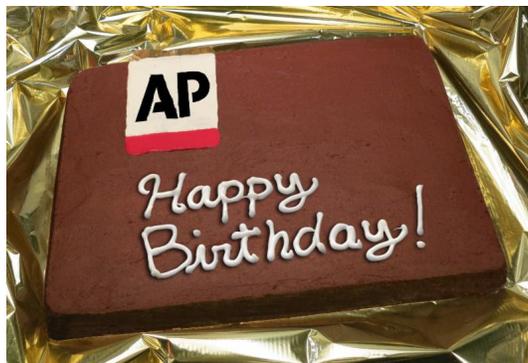
The government is required by Thursday to release the final batch of files related to Kennedy's assassination in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. Experts say the publication of the last trove of evidence could help allay suspicions of a conspiracy - at least for some.

"As long as the government is withholding documents like these, it's going to fuel suspicion that there is a smoking gun out there about the Kennedy assassination," said Patrick Maney, a presidential historian at Boston College.

Here's a look at what to expect from the files:

Read more [here](#).

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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## Welcome to Connecting



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## Stories of interest

## ***Kyrgyz Journalist Saipov Commemorated In Osh 10 Years After Murder*** (Radio Free Europe)

OSH, Kyrgyzstan -- Kyrgyz civil rights activists, former colleagues, friends, and relatives of the late Kyrgyz independent journalist Alisher Saipov have gathered in southern Kyrgyzstan to mark the 10th anniversary of his death.



The commemoration took place in Saipov's house, which has been transformed into a museum, in his native city of Osh on October 24.

One of Saipov's brothers, journalist Shahrukh Saipov, said there were plans to establish a prize in his name soon to honor young Kyrgyz journalists.

A special edition of the Siyosat (Politics) newspaper, the journal founded by Saipov, was distributed during the commemoration to honor his life and achievements as a journalist.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Jack Ronald, who noted: "Alisher was a participant in a couple of training seminars that George Krinsky and I were involved in for the International Center for Journalists back in the 2002-2004 era. Bright young guy and pretty much fearless."

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## ***Clarence Page Tapped for Kiplinger Award*** (National Press Foundation)

Chicago Tribune columnist Clarence Page has been selected for the 2017 W.M. Kiplinger Distinguished Contributions to Journalism Award.

Page will receive the honor at the National Press Foundation's annual journalism awards dinner on Feb. 15, 2018. Learn more about the dinner and awards [here](#).



NPF judges said: "In an extraordinary career spanning a half century, Clarence Page has distinguished himself in every medium in a rapidly changing news media environment - reporter and editor for newspapers and television, syndicated columnist, book author and social media. Page's Pulitzer Prize-winning columns tackle the thorniest issues of the day - from immigration to discrimination - with good humor and humility. For his multi-faceted career, Clarence Page is richly deserving of the W.M. Kiplinger Distinguished Contributions to Journalism Award."

Read more [here](#).

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## ***News reporter Jeffrey Weiss, who shared with readers his battle with cancer, dies at 62***



**A typical moment of Jeffrey Weiss being himself, as he bade farewell to friends and co-workers at The Dallas Morning News in September 2017. (Louis DeLuca/Staff Photographer)**

By **MICHAEL GRANBERRY**

Jeffrey Weiss, a career journalist whose openness about his struggle with brain cancer resonated with readers of The Dallas Morning News, died Wednesday. He was 62.

Dale Weiss, his brother and only sibling, said he "passed away peacefully at 12 noon, surrounded by loving family" and listening to Pete Seeger sing "To My Old Brown Earth."

Dale, 59, saluted his brother's accomplishments as a man and as a journalist.

"He was able to take anything controversial, scientific or complicated and put it in terms we can all understand," Dale said. "That was his gift. Whatever it was, he could make it understandable and interesting. He was a storyteller."

Read more [here](#).

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## ***University of Montana School of Journalism rejects conservative Cole lecturer*** (Missoulian)

A University of Montana benefactor is re-evaluating future giving to the School of Journalism after the dean declined to host a conservative writer as its annual Cole lecturer.

Donor Maria Cole was married to the late Wall Street Journal reporter for whom the Jeff Cole Legacy Fund is named, and has given more than \$1.2 million over the last 15 years to the School of Journalism.

The last nine years, Cole has sponsored the Jeff Cole Distinguished Lecture, inviting former colleagues of her husband to speak. She wanted the 10th anniversary to be different and decided to create an event that would spark civil discourse.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Laura Hockaday, groundbreaking Kansas City Star society editor, dies at 79***

**BY RICK MONTGOMERY AND DONALD BRADLEY**

Laura Rollins Hockaday, a longtime writer for The Kansas City Star credited for adding diversity to the society pages, died early Tuesday at St. Luke's Hospital of Kansas City from complications associated with viral pneumonia.

She was 79.

Well-liked and well-connected, Hockaday worked at The Star from 1962 to 2000, cultivating countless friendships along the way. Anyone in the newsroom during those years can probably share a memory about Hockaday's famous holiday bourbon balls. They had a kick, like her.

She changed her city and her newspaper. And though she hobnobbed with the rich and mighty, she did so in work boots. Even at countless galas and black-tie affairs, she opted for the practicality of flat-heeled, rubber-soled "ball boots" that she paired with skirts.



Read more [here](#). Shared by Jeannie Eblen.

## **Today in History - October 26, 2017**



## By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Oct. 26, the 299th day of 2017. There are 66 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On October 26th, 1881, the "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral" took place in Tombstone, Arizona, as Wyatt Earp, his two brothers and "Doc" Holliday confronted Ike Clanton's gang. Three members of Clanton's gang were killed; Earp's brothers and Holliday were wounded.

### On this date:

In 1774, the First Continental Congress adjourned in Philadelphia.

In 1825, the Erie Canal opened in upstate New York, connecting Lake Erie and the Hudson River.

In 1861, the legendary Pony Express officially ceased operations, giving way to the transcontinental telegraph. (The last run of the Pony Express was completed the following month.)

In 1921, the Chicago Theatre, billed as "the Wonder Theatre of the World," first opened.

In 1944, the World War II Battle of Leyte Gulf ended in a major Allied victory over Japanese forces, whose naval capabilities were badly crippled.

In 1949, President Harry S. Truman signed a measure raising the minimum wage from 40 to 75 cents an hour.

In 1958, Pan American Airways flew its first Boeing 707 jetliner from New York to Paris in 8 hours and 41 minutes.

In 1967, the Shah of Iran, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, crowned himself emperor after 26 years on the Peacock Throne.

In 1972, national security adviser Henry Kissinger declared, "Peace is at hand" in Vietnam. Aviation innovator Igor Sikorsky died in Easton, Connecticut, at age 83.

In 1984, "Baby Fae," a newborn with a severe heart defect, was given the heart of a baboon in an experimental transplant in Loma Linda, California. (Baby Fae lived 21 days with the animal heart.)

In 1994, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel and Prime Minister Abdel Salam Majali of Jordan signed a peace treaty during a ceremony at the Israeli-Jordanian border attended by President Bill Clinton.

In 2001, President George W. Bush signed the USA Patriot Act, giving authorities unprecedented ability to search, seize, detain or eavesdrop in their pursuit of possible terrorists.

Ten years ago: A federal jury in Kansas City, Missouri, decided that Lisa Montgomery, convicted of killing expectant mother Bobbie Jo Stinnett and cutting the baby from her womb, should receive the death penalty. (Montgomery remains on death row.) The Georgia Supreme Court freed Genarlow Wilson, saying his 10-year sentence for consensual oral sex with another teenager, a 15-year-old girl, was cruel and unusual punishment. Friedman Paul Erhardt, television's "Chef Tell," died in Upper Black Eddy, Pennsylvania, at age 63.

Five years ago: After leaving nearly five dozen people dead in the Caribbean, Hurricane Sandy headed toward the eastern United States, with forecasters warning that it would merge with two winter storm systems to create a megastorm.

The National Hockey League announced that its labor dispute would force the cancellation of all games through the end of November.

One year ago: The Pentagon worked to stave off a public relations nightmare, suspending efforts to force California National Guard troops who served in Iraq and Afghanistan to repay enlistment bonuses that might have been improperly awarded. A pair of strong aftershocks shook central Italy, two months after a powerful earthquake killed nearly 300 people. The Chicago Cubs beat Cleveland 5-1 in Game 2 for their first victory during a World Series since 1945.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Shelley Morrison is 81. Actress Jaclyn Smith is 72. TV host Pat Sajak is 71. Hillary Rodham Clinton is 70. Musician Bootsy Collins is 66. Actor James Pickens Jr. is 65. Rock musician Keith Strickland (The B-52's) is 64. Actor D.W. Moffett is 63. Actress-singer Rita Wilson is 61. The president of Bolivia, Evo Morales, is 58. Actor Patrick Breen is 57. Actor Dylan McDermott is 56. Actor Cary Elwes is 55. Singer Natalie Merchant is 54. Actor Steve Valentine is 51. Country singer Keith Urban is 50. Actor Tom Cavanagh is 49. Actress Rosemarie DeWitt is 46. Actor Anthony Rapp is 46. Writer-producer Seth MacFarlane (TV: "Family Guy") is 44. TV correspondent and co-host Paula Faris (TV: "The View") is 42. Actress Lennon Parham is 42. Actor Hal Ozsan is 41. Actor Jon Heder is 40. Singer Mark Barry (BBMak) is 39. Actor Jonathan Chase is 38. Olympic silver medal figure skater Sasha Cohen is 33. Rapper Schoolboy Q is 31. Actor Beulah Koale (TV: "Hawaii Five-0") is 26.

***Thought for Today: "The smallest minority on earth is the individual. Those who deny individual rights, cannot claim to be defenders of minorities." - Ayn Rand, American author (1905-1982).***

## Got a story or photos 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.

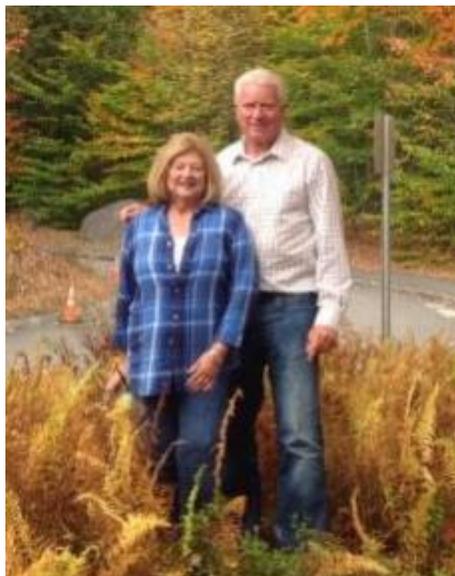
- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.

- **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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