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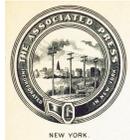
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Halloween costume with (AP) style



Petoskey (MI) News-Review reporter Matt Mikus dressed as the Associated Press Stylebook (the journalist's bible) for Halloween. Connecting colleague Marty Amlin shared this Facebook posting.

Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning - and here's to the new month of November!

A week from today, on November 8, AP's oldest retiree - **Max Desfor** - will celebrate his 104th birthday.

An article on Max in The Atlantic a year ago noted that during his career as a photographer with the AP, Max covered many of the most significant events and personalities of the 20th century. Much of his reporting took place in Asia, where he documented events in the Pacific during World War II. He was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Photography in 1951 for his extensive and powerful coverage of the Korean War.

Desfor also photographed world leaders from Mahatma Gandhi to Richard Nixon, performers from Orson Welles to Charlie Chaplin, and ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances, such as the crew of the Enola Gay. [Click here](#) for a link to the story, which contains some of his top images.



Here is his address if you'd like to send Max a birthday card with your best wishes:

[15115 Interlachen Drive. Apt 1018, Silver Spring, MD 20906.](#)

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Retirees, Start a Nonprofit to Serve a Need

In an article for the October issue of Kiplinger's Retirement Report, contributing editor Susan B. Garland interviewed AP retiree Byron Yake on his venture started in retirement, Write On Sports. [Click here](#) for a link to the story, which was shared to Connecting by colleague Claudia DiMartino.

Byron Yake had considerable expertise in the sports world and in management, but it took perseverance to transform his idea to reality. In 2004, Yake was 64 when he left the Associated Press, where he had been sports editor and a senior executive in New York City. Looking for a new interest, he settled on a summer journalism

camp where urban middle-school students would write articles after attending sports events or interviewing athletes. The goals were to improve writing and critical thinking skills, he says. "I became very pushy," says Yake, who lives in West Orange, N.J. "The idea became a passion."



Serendipity and connections built over a lifetime helped. It was luck that he met the president of New Jersey's Montclair State University at a black-tie dinner. He mentioned his idea, and she suggested that he get in touch with the head of the school's broadcasting department-who loved it, Yake says. And it turned out that the president of the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center, located on the university's campus, was a former colleague at the AP.

The museum provided free space and contact with athletes. Yake launched the program with 25 students, two teachers and two volunteers. In the first year, he raised about \$25,000 from a newspaper foundation and from a friend at an investment bank.

After a successful summer, Yake met with top administrators at local colleges and school districts, and hired a Montclair State University professor to write the curriculum. "I have surrounded myself with smart people who know things," he says.

During the second summer, the program expanded to two additional sites. As the program's reputation grew, it attracted college and professional athletes, coaches, and sports journalists, who visited the sites as interview subjects.

Yake, who is now 77, was also dogged in building a network of financial supporters. He recalls inviting two potential donors to watch a camp in action. "They were blown away," he says. One, he says, "was touched that these kids were so engaged in the middle of the summer on writing and asking good questions." Yake eventually hired a grant writer.

Today, Write on Sports runs 10 tuition-free summer camps in several New Jersey communities as well as in Bridgeport, Conn.; Goshen, Ind.; and Providence, R.I. Last year's budget was \$260,000, which was raised from foundations, businesses and individuals.

As with most successful nonprofits, the members of the Write on Sports board of directors offer expertise in their fields as well as connections to others with know-how and money. Members include financial services executives, educators and sports journalists.

Yake has pulled back from some hands-on work. Focusing on building new affiliates, though, is still all-consuming-and rewarding. "I wake up every day and look forward to work," he says.

NPR's top editor placed on leave after accusations of sexual harassment

By Paul Farhi

The Washington Post

NPR is investigating allegations by two women who said the head of its news department made unwanted physical contact with them while he was employed by another news organization nearly two decades ago.

The women, both journalists at the time of the alleged incidents, made the accusations in recent weeks against Michael Oreskes, senior vice president of news and editorial director at the Washington-based public broadcasting organization.



In response to the allegations, NPR said Tuesday that it has placed Oreskes on indefinite leave.

In separate complaints, the women said Oreskes - at the time, the Washington bureau chief of the New York Times - abruptly kissed them while they were speaking with him about working at the newspaper. Both of them told similar stories: After meeting Oreskes and discussing their job prospects, they said he unexpectedly kissed them on the lips and stuck his tongue in their mouths.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Kevin Walsh.

Connecting mailbox

Thanks for sharing memories of Ed Martin

Neal Ulevich ([Email](#)) - My thanks to Terry Ganey for his memories of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat's Ed Martin. Martin was all that and more. When as a junior reporter I pulled late shift at the AP's night office at the Globe in late 1968 and 1969 I came to know a newspaper staff straight out of The Front Page, and Ed Martin perhaps foremost among them. As Terry recalls, a flask would be produced, ice commandeered from the fridge in the nurse's office, and work ended with a drink.

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Where were you when JFK was killed?

Malcolm Barr ([Email](#)) - Where was I the day JFK was killed? At Hickam AFB, Hawaii, awaiting the arrival of half the Kennedy cabinet which, en route to Tokyo, turned around somewhere in the mid-Pacific and landed at Hickam for refueling. I was at plane side interviewing Pierre Salinger, the White House press secretary, during the hour or so the plane was on the ground.

And...

Bill Schiffmann ([Email](#)) - I had graduated from high school in June of 1963 and was in my first year of college, still living at home.

My derelict car had no radio, so I was blissfully ignorant until I got home to find my mother sitting in front of the TV, weeping. Through sniffles, she told me President Kennedy had been shot in Dallas. My dad and sister finally got home and we were glued to the tube for the rest of the evening as reports continued to come in about the assassination.

A terrible day ...

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Paul Montella gracefully eased AP into modern delivery world

Steve Graham ([Email](#)) - The Associated Press has done a marvelous job of reporting over the years,

Yet, all of that would be for naught, if we (I still say "we" after being retired for 17 years) had not been able to deliver our report to our members and subscribers.

One of my heroes is Paul Montella, who oversaw the sports agate/statistics in the AP Sports Department.

Back around 1990, we were replacing an archaic computer delivery system with something more modern.

We upped the delivery speed of news from 1200 bits per second to 9600 bits per second, along with the installation of sophisticated reception devices that allowed us to select which reports members actually received.

Previously, members were on their "honor" not to publish specialized sports reports for which they were not paying. Suddenly, some members found that they were not receiving reports that they had routinely been using without paying.

Paul's phone lit up with less-than "honorable" members complaining about "where's my...?"

In all cases, he deftly handled the situation, by sending them the report ... but warned the miscreants that they needed to work out the situation with AP Membership.

Then there was the "Sports Wire," a slow-speed justified service.

Although the AP had traditionally delivered pre-justified (spacing text to left and right side of newspaper columns) no documentation existed on how it was done on the old PDP-8 computers. (It's a highly complex process that included maintenance of a dictionary that covers hyphenation of words that don't fit any "rules.")

Any attempt to re-create the process, would have involved a tremendous amount of time and effort, i.e. money, while we were trying to keep an archaic system in operation.

Luckily, by that time, members had computer systems that could handle justification. All it took was to get members to understand that they could deal with it.

Paul took care of that nicely. When we shifted seasons between major sports, he simply sent out an advisory on the sports wire that it no longer would contain variable-spacing "H&J" (hyphenation and justification.)

There were a few complaints, largely from members whose staff didn't understand what it meant. Paul deftly handled all calls and we were able to move seamlessly into a more modern world.

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His first Halloween



John Kuglin (Email) - In response to Paul's solicitation for Halloween photos, this is Bridger David Kuglin, just over 6 months, in one of his many costumes. He is our first grandchild and you've got to admit he is incredibly cute. His dad, Tom, is the outdoor/environmental reporter and deputy editor of the Helena (Mont.) Independent Record.

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Meeting up in Salem



Andrew Selsky ([Email](#)) - On Monday, retired AP Salem, Oregon correspondent Brad Cain (left) popped by the bureau in the Oregon state capital and chatted with current correspondent Andrew Selsky, on the right.

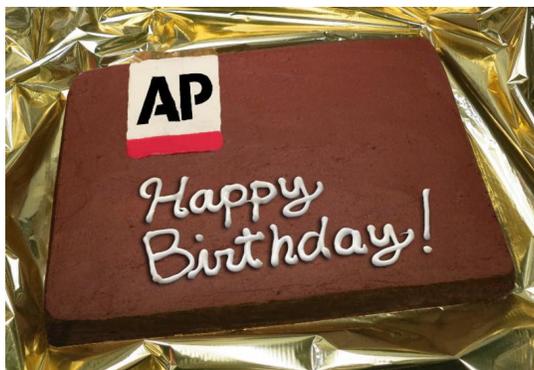
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'Running of the Bulls'



Kevin Walsh ([Email](#)) - We are in Pamplona, Spain, famous for the "running of the bulls," a tradition that began in the 14th century in northeastern Spain. Many of the runners carry rolled up newspapers, not for striking the bull, but for measuring distance, and for leading the bulls should they get distracted from running. This statue illustrates the technique (being careful not to get gored or trampled).

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Hilde Lysiak, Reporter, Author, 10-Year-Old

(New York Times)



By **CONCEPCIÓN DE LEÓ**

The first book in the "Hilde Cracks the Case" series opens with 9-year-old Hilde Lysiak outside her local police station in the town of Selinsgrove, Pa., following up on a tip about a break-in on Orange Street. The on-duty officer refuses to divulge any information, but if she's going to break the story in her newspaper, The Orange Street News, she has to investigate using six basic reporting questions: Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?

"In the first chapter, Hilde is doing the exact same thing I did in real life," said Ms. Lysiak, the now 10-year-old reporter upon whom the book is based. She visited The Times recently, proudly rocking peach-colored socks featuring raccoons eating doughnuts.

"Hero Dog" is the first of six books in a series featuring Ms. Lysiak; they draw significantly from her experiences chasing the news in real-life Selinsgrove, where her parents give her a two-mile-wide stomping ground. The books, which Ms. Lysiak works on with her father, Matthew Lysiak, include definitions for terms like a "deadline" or a "press pass" and reporting tips like the six questions, which she used to write on her arm in marker so she wouldn't forget them. The second book in the series was released on Tuesday. Ms. Lysiak's story has also been optioned by Paramount TV and Anonymous Content for a television series.

Read more here. Shared by Sibby Christensen.

Today in History - November 1, 2017



By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 1, the 305th day of 2017. There are 60 days left in the year. This is All Saints Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 1, 1512, Michelangelo's just-completed paintings on the ceiling of the Vatican's Sistine Chapel were publicly unveiled by the artist's patron, Pope Julius II.

On this date:

In 1478, the Spanish Inquisition was established.

In 1604, William Shakespeare's tragedy "Othello" was presented at Whitehall Palace in London.

In 1765, the Stamp Act, passed by the British Parliament, went into effect, prompting stiff resistance from American colonists.

In 1861, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln named Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan General-in-Chief of the Union armies, succeeding Lt. Gen. Winfield Scott.

In 1936, in a speech in Milan, Italy, Benito Mussolini described the alliance between his country and Nazi Germany as an "axis" running between Rome and Berlin.

In 1949, an Eastern Airlines DC-4 collided in midair with a Lockheed P-38 fighter plane near Washington National Airport, killing all 55 people aboard the DC-4 and seriously injuring the pilot of the P-38.

In 1950, two Puerto Rican nationalists tried to force their way into Blair House in Washington, D.C., in a failed attempt to assassinate President Harry S. Truman. (One of the pair was killed, along with a White House police officer.)

In 1952, the United States exploded the first hydrogen bomb, code-named "Ivy Mike," at Enewetak (en-ih-WEE'-tahk) Atoll in the Marshall Islands.

In 1967, the prison drama "Cool Hand Luke," starring Paul Newman, was released by Warner Bros.-Seven Arts.

In 1979, former first lady Mamie Eisenhower died in Washington, D.C., at age 82.

In 1989, East Germany reopened its border with Czechoslovakia, prompting tens of thousands of refugees to flee to the West.

In 1991, Clarence Thomas took his place as the newest justice on the Supreme Court.

Ten years ago: Retired U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Paul Tibbets, who piloted the B-29 bomber Enola Gay that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, died in Columbus, Ohio, at age 92. Less than a week after workers ratified a new contract, Chrysler announced 12,000 job cuts, or about 15 percent of its work force.

Five years ago: Israel, lifting a nearly 25-year veil of secrecy, acknowledged it had killed Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's deputy in a 1988 raid in Tunisia. (Khalil al-Wazir, who was better known by his nom de guerre Abu Jihad, founded Fatah, the dominant faction in the Palestine Liberation Organization.)

One year ago: Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon fired the commander of the peacekeeping force in South Sudan after an independent investigation sharply criticized the military response to deadly attacks in July on a U.N. compound housing 27,000 displaced people. Most of an African-American church in Greenville, Mississippi, was destroyed by an arson fire; the building was spray-painted with the words "Vote Trump." The Chicago Cubs forced a deciding Game 7 in the World Series as they defeated the Cleveland Indians 9-3.

Today's Birthdays: World Golf Hall of Famer Gary Player is 82. Country singer Bill Anderson is 80. Actress Barbara Bosson is 78. Actor Robert Foxworth is 76. Magazine publisher Larry Flynt is 75. Country singer-humorist Kinky Friedman is 73. Actress Jeannie Berlin is 68. Music producer David Foster is 68. Actress Belita Moreno is 68. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ronald Khalis Bell (Kool and the Gang) is 66. Country singer-songwriter-producer Keith Stegall is 63. Country singer Lyle Lovett is 60. Actress Rachel Ticotin is 59. Rock musician Eddie MacDonald (The Alarm) is 58. Apple CEO Tim Cook is 57. Actress Helene Udy is 56. Rock singer Anthony Kiedis (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 55. Pop singer-musician Mags Furuholmen (a-ha) is 55. Rock musician Rick Allen (Def Leppard) is 54. Country singer "Big Kenny" Alphin (Big and Rich) is 54. Singer Sophie B. Hawkins is 53. Rapper Willie D (Geto Boys) is 51. Country musician Dale Wallace (Emerson Drive) is 48. Actress Toni Collette is 45. Actress-talk show host Jenny McCarthy is 45. Rock musician Andrew Gonzales is 45. Actor David Berman is 44. Actress Aishwarya Rai (ash-WAHR'-ee-ah rye) is 44. Rock singer Bo Bice is 42. Actor Matt Jones is 36. Actress Natalia Tena is 33. Actor Penn Badgley is 31. Actor Max Burkholder is 20. Actor-musician Alex Wolff is 20.

Thought for Today: "God give me strength to face a fact though it slay me." - Thomas Huxley, English biologist (1825-1895).

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.

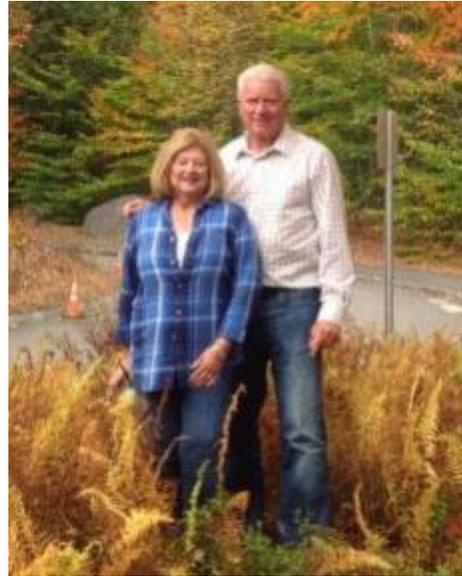
- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.

- **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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