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Colleagues,

A recent story in Connecting about a reporter who is homeless tugged on the heart strings of many readers.

In the [story](#), from the OC Weekly in Orange County, California, it was reported that Clark Sharon, a former Los Angeles Times and Orange County Register reporter, spends his days reading the papers he once wrote for.



OC Weekly photo

had a union when he worked for them. He has been informed of the 8-Ball Foundation, a decades old non-profit that provides financial assistance to L.A.-area journalists in need."

Connecting colleague **Cynthia Rawitch** ([Email](#)) shared the following information from her husband, Bob, who is on the board of the 8-Ball Foundation:

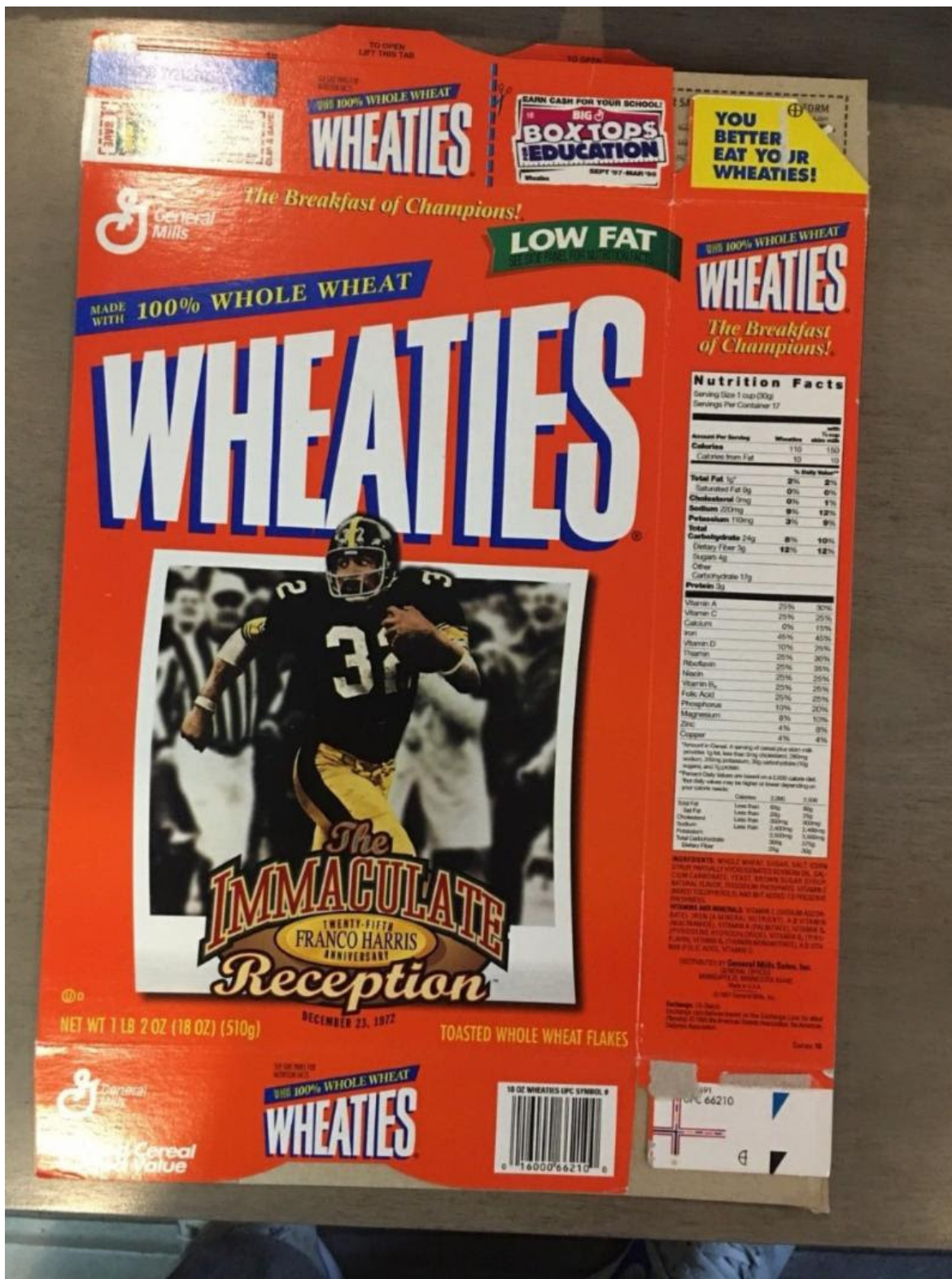
"Clark Sharon wrote 20 freelance stories for the LA Times in the early 90s and was never a staffer so he would not be eligible for a Times pension. He was a staffer at the OC Register. Staffers from both newspapers have publicly offered to help him, but neither paper

Cynthia added that one of the 8-Ball Foundation board members was able to track down Clark and spent several hours with him on Monday at a local public library branch where Clark spends lots of time. Offers of help were rejected as not needed; he seemed in good physical shape. The Board member gave the librarians his contact info, since they see Clark regularly at the library. They said they would contact 8-Ball if they saw the need. So, at least someone is watching over him and can be reached for assistance if he decides he needs some.

[Click here](#) for a link to the 8-Ball Foundation.

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Harry Cabluck and an image on a Wheaties box



Robert Meyers (Email) - Can't help myself with a little more on Harry Cabluck (who turned 80 last week). When I was in Austin on my bicycle trip (I also had lunch with Harry in Austin last April visiting with family to celebrate my little sister's birthday with a 0), I took this photo (alas just iPhone) of Harry with his Wheaties Box featuring his photo of the "immaculate reception."

I remember when Harry retired there was a great writeup in the Texas Monthly about his career. I found this great story published in Dec. 2017. Rare to get this kind of detail about a specific photo and some detail on the photographer. [Click here](#) to read the story.

AP names Nancy Benac as White House news editor

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Nancy Benac, a veteran Washington journalist who has covered the presidency and national political campaigns, has been named White House news editor at The Associated Press.

The appointment was announced Monday by Julie Pace, AP's Washington bureau chief.

Benac will lead a team of AP reporters covering all aspects of President Donald Trump's White House, one of the most competitive and closely watched beats in the world. She's overseen the White House team on an interim basis since last summer.



"Nancy has already established herself as an invaluable member of the bureau's leadership team and has earned the respect of the White House reporters," Pace said. "She brings a sophisticated eye to her editing and is simply never rattled, despite the relentless pace of White House coverage."

Benac has worked for the AP for more than 35 years, covering government and politics. She began her AP career as an intern in the New York City bureau in 1980, followed by stints in Detroit and Lansing, Michigan, before moving to Washington as the Michigan regional reporter in 1983.

Over two-plus decades in Washington, Benac has covered a wide variety of beats, including the Clinton White House, and served as political editor for three national election cycles. She was a contributing author to the AP history book, "Breaking News: How the Associated Press Has Covered War, Peace, and Everything Else."

A native of Lombard, Illinois, Nancy is a graduate of Brigham Young University. She and her husband have two children.

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

Post-Dispatch's J.B. Forbes named to St. Louis Media Hall of Fame

Congratulations to our Connecting colleague J.B. Forbes ([Email](#)) of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on his recent induction into the St. Louis Media Hall of Fame. At Connecting's request, he provides this biographical background:

"I graduated from the University of Kansas in 1972. I was already working in the photo lab at the Topeka Capital Journal before I graduated. Then I had my first full-time job at the Parsons Sun in Parsons, Kansas for one year. I left for the Miami News in Miami, Florida. I worked there for two years before joining the Post-Dispatch in August of 1975. The first few years were mostly sports coverage. The Sporting News asked me to become their first full-time photographer, but I declined. I started traveling internationally for the PD starting in 1980 covering wars and natural disasters in more than 30 countries including Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan. I entered the Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame in 2011. Our staff won the Pulitzer Prize for our coverage of Ferguson in 2014. And, I became the first St. Louis local photojournalist to enter the St. Louis Media Hall of Fame that has been dominated by writers, television and radio personalities.



Why off-the-record is a trap reporters should avoid



White House Chief of Staff John Kelly, third from right, told a crude anecdote about his former colleague, Rex Tillerson, seated next to him in this file photo, in an off-the-record meeting. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

BY INDIRA LAKSHMANAN, Poynter

Let's talk about "off-the-record" - what it is, what it isn't, why it's a bad convention that's antithetical to what we do as journalists, and why reporters should resist having off-the-record conversations.

There seems to be some confusion about the rules and ethics of off-the-record reporting following stories by Axios and The Daily Beast Friday night on a briefing by White House Chief of Staff John Kelly that they didn't attend, but learned about from sources who did. Axios reported that Kelly said President "Trump himself was probably responsible for a significant number of the stories about staffing chaos." By any standard, this is news - that the chief of staff says the president is behind reports of White House turmoil.

The Daily Beast's sources were shocked that Kelly revealed to "a room filled with White House officials and political reporters" a humiliating detail about Secretary of State Rex Tillerson: that the secretary, who's in his job till the end of March, was suffering from a stomach bug and on the toilet when Kelly told him to cut short an official trip in Africa. It's distasteful but newsworthy that the chief of staff told a scatological story about a cabinet secretary who was axed by Trump. Was Kelly seeking to ingratiate himself with a president who is reported to have doubts about Kelly too? What sort of standards for behavior is Kelly setting in the White House?

Read more [here](#).

Stories of interest

Google announces a \$300M 'Google News Initiative' (though this isn't about giving out grants directly to newsrooms, like it does in Europe) (Nieman)

By SHAN WANG

NEW YORK - Google said Tuesday it's committing \$300 million over three years towards various products and initiatives intended to help news publishers and sweeten Google's relationships with them, as part of an umbrella initiative it's calling the Google News Initiative.

The name recalls Google's Digital News Initiative, through which the company gives out €150 million over three years to "help stimulate innovation in digital journalism" among European publishers. (A round of grants is open for project applications now, by the way.) This Google News Initiative is not that.

Instead, this just puts a fancy and familiar name to many of the bits and pieces of Google - from AMP to commenting products to publisher requests around reader insights to working groups to various product tests - that touch publishers.

Read more [here](#).

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Longtime journalist, Pulitzer Prize winner Les Payne dies

NEW YORK (AP) - Longtime New York journalist Les Payne, whose career took him from the poppy fields of Turkey to the Soweto uprising in South Africa to the streets of American cities, has died. He was 76.

Payne's family confirmed his death to Newsday, where he worked for nearly four decades, rising through the ranks from reporter to associate managing editor. The

newspaper reported Tuesday that Payne died unexpectedly Monday night at his home in Harlem.

Payne oversaw foreign and national coverage for Newsday, was an editor of New York Newsday and wrote a column. He retired in 2006.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Adolphe Bernotas.

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When towns lose their newspapers, disease detectives are left flying blind (STAT)

By HELEN BRAMSWELL

Maia Majumder was on Twitter earlier this month when she saw a map that terrified her.

The map recorded the number of local newspapers in each county across the United States. Large swaths were shaded light pink, denoting a county that had no local newspaper at all. As a record of the decline of the American newspaper industry, it was disconcerting.

But Majumder, a scientist who specializes in mathematical modeling, saw something different in the splotches of light pink: a disaster for infectious disease surveillance.

Epidemiologists rely on all kinds of data to detect the spread of disease, including reports from local and state agencies and social media. But local newspapers are critical to identifying outbreaks and forecasting their trajectories.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Ed Tobias.

Today in History - March 21, 2018



By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 21, the 80th day of 2018. There are 285 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 21, 1918, during World War I, Germany launched its Spring Offensive on the Western Front, hoping to break through the Allied lines before American reinforcements could arrive. (Although successful at first, the Spring Offensive ultimately failed.)

On this date:

In 1556, Thomas Cranmer, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, was burned at the stake for heresy.

In 1788, fire broke out in New Orleans on Good Friday, destroying 856 out of more than 1,100 structures; one death was reported.

In 1804, the French civil code, or the "Code Napoleon" as it was later called, was adopted.

In 1925, Tennessee Gov. Austin Peay (pee) signed the Butler Act, which prohibited the teaching of the Theory of Evolution in public schools. (Tennessee repealed the law in 1967.)

In 1935, Persia officially changed its name to Iran.

In 1946, the recently created United Nations Security Council set up temporary headquarters at Hunter College in the Bronx, New York.

In 1952, the Moondog Coronation Ball, considered the first rock and roll concert, took place at Cleveland Arena.

In 1963, the Alcatraz federal prison island in San Francisco Bay was emptied of its last inmates and closed at the order of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

In 1972, the Supreme Court, in *Dunn v. Blumstein*, ruled that states may not require at least a year's residency for voting eligibility.

In 1981, Michael Donald, a black teenager in Mobile, Alabama, was abducted, tortured and killed by members of the Ku Klux Klan. (A lawsuit brought by Donald's mother, Beulah Mae Donald, later resulted in a landmark judgment that bankrupted one Klan organization.)

In 1990, Namibia became an independent nation as the former colony marked the end of 75 years of South African rule.

In 2006, the social media website Twitter was established with the sending of the first "tweet" by co-founder Jack Dorsey, who wrote: "just setting up my twttr."

Ten years ago: Officials admitted that at least four State Department workers had pried into the supposedly secure passport files of Hillary Rodham Clinton, Barack Obama and John McCain, prompting Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to personally apologize to the presidential contenders.

Five years ago: On his second day in the Middle East, President Barack Obama insisted "peace is possible" as he prodded both Israelis and Palestinians to return to long-stalled negotiations with few, if any, pre-conditions, softening his earlier demands that Israel stop building settlements in disputed territory.

One year ago: U.S. and British officials announced they were barring laptops and tablets from the cabins of some international flights because of longstanding concerns about terrorists targeting jetliners. Martin McGuinness, the Irish Republican Army commander who led his underground, paramilitary movement toward reconciliation with Britain, and was Northern Ireland's deputy first minister for a decade in a power-sharing government, died in Londonderry at age 66. Chuck Barris, whose game show empire included "The Dating Game," "The Newlywed Game" and "The Gong Show," died at his home in Palisades, New York, at age 87.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Kathleen Widdoes is 79. Songwriter Chip Taylor ("Wild Thing") is 78. Folk-pop singer-musician Keith Potger (The Seekers) is 77. Actress Marie-Christine Barrault is 74. Singer-musician Rose Stone (Sly and the Family Stone) is 73. Actor Timothy Dalton is 72. Singer Ray Dorset (Mungo Jerry) is 72. Singer Eddie Money is 69. Rock singer-musician Roger Hodgson (Supertramp) is 68. Rock musician Conrad Lozano (Los Lobos) is 67. Rhythm-and-blues singer Russell Thompkins Jr. is 67. Comedy writer-performer Brad Hall is 60. Actress Sabrina LeBeauf is 60. Actor Gary Oldman is 60. Actress Kassie Depaiva is 57. Actor Matthew Broderick is 56. Comedian-actress Rosie O'Donnell is 56. Rock musician Jonas "Joker" Berggren (Ace of Base) is 51. Rock MC Maxim (Prodigy) is 51. Rock musician Andrew Copeland (Sister Hazel) is 50. Hip-hop DJ Premier (Gang Starr) is 49. Actress Laura Allen is 44. Rapper-TV personality Kevin Federline is 40. Actress Sonequa Martin-Green (TV: "The Walking Dead") is 33. Actor Scott Eastwood is 32. Actor Forrest Wheeler is 14.

Thought for Today: "Among individuals, as among nations, peace is the respect of others' rights." - Benito Juarez, Mexican statesman (born this date in 1806, died 1872).

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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