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Colleagues,

Good Monday morning on this the 26th day of August 2019,

Connecting brings you the sad news of the death of our colleague **Bob Haring**, who made his mark on our journalism world at both The Associated Press and The Tulsa World.

He died on Saturday at the age of 86. His obituary in today's issue was written by **Chris Connell**, who once worked for him when Bob was Newark chief of bureau and who wrote a Connecting profile of him a year ago.

Asked by Chris in the Connecting interview if he would do it all over again, Haring replied:

"I have no complaints. Yes, I'd probably do it all over again. I don't know that I'd do it the same way, but I probably would. I had a good career and a good life. It was interesting. I don't know what I would do in this situation (distress in the newspaper industry), but I just have enough confidence that I would manage to survive and cope somehow because that's what I did my whole career. I coped with whatever came up. That's what I'd do if I were running a paper today. I'd figure out a way to make the best of it."

Retired Richmond chief of communications **Bobby Baker** is in home hospice care and was visited last week by friends and former colleagues that include former Richmond chief of bureau **Dorothy Abernathy**, who shares a photo and story in today's issue.

The two teamed together in Richmond for many years. How about sharing your memories of teaming up with the CoB or CoC in your region? I worked with CoC **Tom Dallas** in Albuquerque, CoC **Walt Tabak** in Indianapolis and CoCs **Herb Mundt, Jenelle Stamper** and **Dave Young** in Kansas City. We had great relationships. Look forward to your story.

It's good to be back with you after a couple days away last week when Linda and I logged 1,000 driving miles through a dozen or so Kansas communities where she once lived. Lots of memories rekindled.

Here's to a great week ahead!

Paul

Bob Haring: A life in full

Chris Connell ([Email](#)) - To the generations of journalists whom Bob Haring hired, mentored and propelled to great success at The Associated Press, the Tulsa World

and beyond, Bob was an inspiring newsman and editor fired with passion for helping readers make sense of their lives, their community and the world.



Bob Haring

Barely out of the University of Missouri and the Army at the end of the Korean War, he became a city editor for the Southern Illinoisan, later a New Jersey AP bureau chief and the top business editor for The Associated Press, and finally and most notably the Sunday editor and then executive editor of the Tulsa World over two decades.

He possessed a legendary eye for talent and, in an era when men still dominated top jobs in most newsrooms, opened doors for women to move into leadership ranks, including Susan Ellerbach, now the World's executive editor, whom he promoted to business editor and Sunday editor. "Bob was a consummate journalist. He hired me and many others here and gave us our chance to work for a top-notch organization," she said.

That was only half the Haring story. Bob, who died in Tulsa Saturday at age 86, was also a consummate civic activist, as devoted to improving community life, literacy and culture as he was to keeping citizens informed. As the World noted in its obituary, he "moved the newspaper aggressively into community events, which often showcased his dedication to running and physical fitness." He "worked tirelessly to make it a vital part of its readers' lives," said Wayne Green, the editorial pages editor and another Haring hire.

Haring was chairman of Goodwill Industries and president of Tulsa Zoo friends and helped establish the FreeWheel bike ride across Oklahoma. He also started the Tulsa Run, a major road race.

Lindel Hutson, the retired longtime AP bureau chief in Oklahoma, paid tribute to Haring as "an intense professional whose goal was always to win. He brought that atmosphere to Tulsa. The World produced many firsts and special projects during Bob's tenure."

Bob got his start with the AP as a newsman in Little Rock, where he covered racial turmoil as he would nearly a decade later as bureau chief in Newark, N.J., during that city's July 1967 riots. He was first introduced to Tulsa as the AP correspondent there before moving on to assistant bureau chief in Columbus, Ohio, head of the New Jersey bureau, then business editor and a senior executive at 50 Rockefeller Plaza. He left the news service to join the World in 1975.

Jo Houser Haring, a teacher and writer of a light-hearted newspaper column, was Bob's partner on this journalistic journey until her death in 1991. He is survived by Carolyn, his wife of 24 years, and three sons, Robert, Joel and Jonathan.

"My career was based mostly on luck," Haring told Connecting in a 2018 Q&A, referring to how the Army assigned him to edit base newspapers in Texas and Missouri instead of sending him to Korea, and to the fast track career at the Illinois paper and the AP. "I had a good career and a good life."

He led the World from 1981 to 1995 and stayed with the newspaper as a consultant and community affairs representative before fully retiring in 1997.

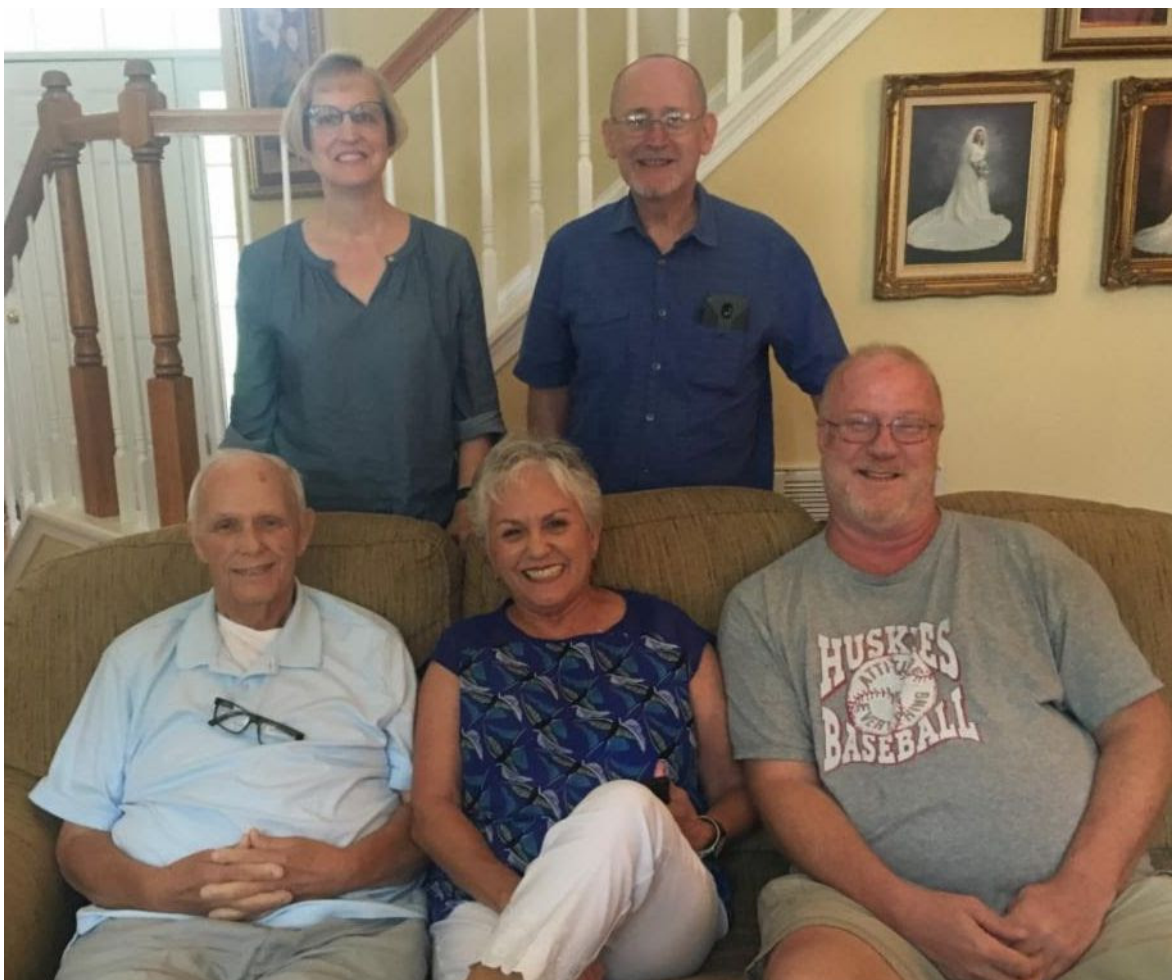
Friends are making memorial contributions to Goodwill Industries of Tulsa, the Ruth G. Hardman Adult Literacy Services and the Tulsa Zoo. A memorial service is still being planned and will be held at the Stanleys Funeral & Cremation Services Chapel.



Unusually, shared John Wylie II, president and publisher of the Oologah (Oklahoma) Lake Leader, the funeral home itself posted this first notice in the guestbook: "Stanleys is honored to be handling the services of Mr. Haring. Both his professional and volunteer work had an outstanding impact on our wonderful city. May his legacy bring peace to his family."

Click [here](#) for a link to the Tulsa World story.

Bobby Baker - in home hospice - welcomes emails from his former AP colleagues



Seated from left - Bobby Baker, retired administrative assistant Joyce DeWitt, AP sports writer Hank Kurz. Standing from left: retired Richmond Chief of Bureau Dorothy Abernathy, retired Richmond courts/politics writer Larry O'Dell.

Dorothy Abernathy ([Email](#)) - Retired Richmond Chief of Communications Bobby Baker has been struggling with cancer for a few years, but that hasn't dampened his sense of humor. A group of former colleagues recently visited Baker, who is now in home hospice care. Bobby was in good spirits. He reminisced about his childhood. He was interested in knowing what everyone else was up to. He talked about his kids and his grandchildren. And he laughed. Bobby does tire easily and takes medication for pain.

He would welcome emails from former colleagues. His email address is: bebaker3@msn.com His address is 1618 Old Links Dr., Powhatan, VA 23139.

Carol Stark remembered as mom, grandma, accomplished editor and community leader



Scott Charton (Email) - Friends, family and extended family joined staff and veterans of The Joplin Globe for Saturday's funeral of Globe Executive Editor Carol Stark.

Speakers at First Community Church of Joplin represented her lives as a mom and grandma, her nearly four-decade career at The Globe, her role as a community leader and volunteer and as a friend and fellow world traveler. A soloist performed "Sweet Baby James" in tribute to Carol's passion as a James Taylor fan who attended a dozen concerts. Carol's many honors as an editor and columnist, including multiple AP awards such as top Missouri contributor, were displayed in the church vestibule. The audience laughed at the warm memories of Carol, and applauded when her son Joe Stark said his mom would not want anyone to be sad - Carol would tell them, he said, "to smile, sit down for a cup of coffee, and read a newspaper!"

A private graveside service was held Saturday afternoon at Fasken Cemetery in nearby Carthage, Carol's hometown.

Carol, 61, died August 14 surrounded by family at a St. Louis hospital after a long battle with cancer. Her son said she planned her funeral and a celebration of life held the night before the funeral at the Spiva Center for the Arts gallery near The Globe. Carol provided for the buffet and bar at the gallery gathering in one of her favorite places.



Carol was a recent past president of the Missouri Press Association and will be inducted into that organization's Newspaper Hall of Fame in September. She is only the second person from the Globe to receive that honor.

Lindel Hutson's daughter launching Boston restaurant



Lindel Hutson ([Email](#)) - Here's [a story](#) in Eater on my daughter Sarah Wade's restaurant Stillwater that is soon to open in Boston. It notes that Sarah is known "from her winning appearance on the popular Food Network cooking competition series Chopped in early 2018 or from her time spent as executive chef and general manager of Lulu's Allston from its 2014 opening until earlier this year."

Best of the Week

Chance encounter, tenacious reporting reveal harassment allegations against Placido Domingo



Placido Domingo speaks during a news conference about his upcoming show "Giovanna d'Arco" in Madrid, Spain, July 12, 2019. Eight opera singers and a dancer have told the AP that they were sexually harassed by Domingo, one of the most celebrated and powerful men in opera. The women say the encounters took place over three decades, at venues that included opera companies where he held top managerial positions. (AP PHOTO / BERNAT ARMANGUE)

Jocelyn Gecker's bombshell investigation of sexual harassment allegations against opera superstar Placido Domingo started with a song.

San Francisco-based Gecker was at a party about 18 months ago when she noticed the beautiful voice of the woman next to her singing "Happy Birthday," and complimented her. The woman was a former opera singer who, without knowing Gecker was a reporter, confided that the industry had a dark underbelly, offering her assessment that "Placido Domingo is the Bill Cosby of the opera world."

The discussion sparked months of work by Gecker to publicly reveal what many said had been an open secret in the opera world: allegations from dozens of people that Domingo regularly behaved inappropriately with young women and acted with impunity. In all, Gecker would find nine women who accused Domingo of sexual harassment and a half-dozen more who said suggestive overtures from the star made them uncomfortable.

Gecker faced numerous challenges on the story, not the least of which were reluctant sources. Many of the stories were corroborated by others, but getting

people to go on the record proved challenging. Some agreed to speak on the record, only to later reconsider, as many of Domingo's accusers feared that telling their stories publicly would harm their music careers or bring them public humiliation. Domingo, the most successful opera singer in history, was likened by one woman to a god.

A breakthrough came weeks before Gecker's story ran when one of Domingo's accusers agreed to go on the record, telling her story on camera.

The resulting 5,200-word story instantly commanded attention, with The New York Times, BuzzFeed and Huffington Post sending push alerts touting AP's reporting. Gecker's story ran on The Washington Post's homepage with her byline, and numerous outlets, including the BBC and El Pais in Domingo's native Spain, ran stories based almost solely on AP's reporting. Television stations devoted significant time to the story, including "CBS This Morning," which ran clips of AP's interview with Patricia Wulf, a retired opera singer who said she was speaking out in the hopes it would "help other women come forward, or be strong enough to say no."

More than 460,000 page views on APNews, with many visitors spending notably high amounts of time reading about the accusations and Domingo's response, in which the long-married singer described some of the allegations as inaccurate but acknowledged his conduct may have made some women uncomfortable despite his "best intentions."

There was immediate fallout to the story as well, with two music companies canceling performances by the singer and the LA Opera saying it would hire outside counsel to launch an investigation into Domingo, who serves as its general director.

Work on the Domingo story also led to a story about sexual abuse allegations against famed opera conductor Charles Dutoit, all of this unfolding while Gecker juggled multiple major breaking news assignments, including the massive, deadly California wildfires, riots at UC Berkeley and mass shootings.

Through it all, she continued to chip away at the Domingo allegations. For finding a major international story in an unlikely setting, and her care in dealing with sources while reporting tenaciously on a sensitive topic, Gecker earns AP's Best of the Week honors.

Best of the States

Foresight, persistence, sources put AP ahead on green card restrictions for legal immigrants



Ken Cuccinelli, acting director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, speaks during a White House briefing, Aug. 12, 2019, discussing new restrictions on legal immigration that would deny green cards to many migrants who use Medicaid, food stamps, housing vouchers or other forms of public assistance. (AP PHOTO / EVAN VUCCI)

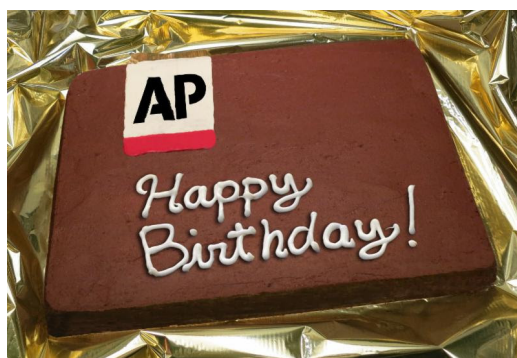
Few reporters were paying attention to a draft rule barring legal immigrants from getting green cards if they received benefits like Medicaid or food stamps - but AP's Colleen Long was. The proposed rule was one of President Donald Trump's biggest steps to limit legal immigration, and it was hiding in plain sight, overshadowed by Trump's efforts to stop illegal immigration and block asylum seekers.

Long, AP's Washington-based Homeland Security reporter, had spent months asking U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services when the final rules would be published in the Federal Register, making them official. When sources told her publication was imminent, she persuaded USCIS to give her an advance briefing so she would have time to digest the details of the complicated rule change. They agreed. Long also secured an embargoed interview with Ken Cuccinelli, the acting USCIS director.

Long wrote the story right before heading off on vacation. Then, while on vacation, she closely monitored the Federal Register website. As soon as the rule appeared, she alerted the Washington desk that it could move the story. AP beat The Washington Post by 45 minutes and The New York Times by about an hour on the biggest story of the day. By the time the White House and Homeland Security held briefings, Long already had all the key details on the wire. White House reporter Jill Colvin freshened the story later with reactions and more context.

For her skilled source-building, persistence and meticulous reporting, Long wins this week's Best of the States honors.

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Stories of interest

A Dead Cat, A Lawyer's Call And A 5-Figure Donation: How Media Fell Short On Epstein

(NPR)

A coterie of intimidating lawyers. A deployment of charm. An aura of invincibility. A five-figure donation to a New York Times reporter's favored nonprofit. A bullet delivering a message. Even, it is alleged, a cat's severed head in the front yard of the editor-in-chief of Vanity Fair.

Such were the tools the disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein is said to have used to try to soften news coverage and at times stave off journalistic scrutiny altogether.

Before his death earlier this month, Epstein owned the largest townhouse in Manhattan, little more than a mile from many of the nation's leading news organizations. He counted a former and a future president among his friends. He partied with royalty and supermodels. He was said to advise billionaires.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Richard Chady.

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Sheriff in conservative county defends free press

By ANDREW SELSKY

SALEM, Ore. (AP) - Journalists are defending a small newspaper after a county attorney asked the sheriff to investigate whether a reporter broke the law by trying repeatedly to get comments from an official for a story.

Staffers at the Malheur Enterprise, a weekly newspaper in the remote town of Vale, said they were just doing their job. "We're not going to be bullied," said editor Les Zaitz.

Brian Wolfe, the sheriff of deeply conservative Malheur County, said Wednesday an inquiry determined no laws had been broken.

"As an elected sheriff, we will always respect the constitutional rights of anybody and everybody. We do believe in freedom of the press and free speech that we believe are our rights given by the Constitution of the United States," Wolfe said.

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

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Trump Allies Target Journalists Over Coverage Deemed Hostile to White House (New York Times)

By Kenneth P. Vogel and Jeremy W. Peters

WASHINGTON - A loose network of conservative operatives allied with the White House is pursuing what they say will be an aggressive operation to discredit news organizations deemed hostile to President Trump by publicizing damaging information about journalists.

It is the latest step in a long-running effort by Mr. Trump and his allies to undercut the influence of legitimate news reporting. Four people familiar with the operation described how it works, asserting that it has compiled dossiers of potentially embarrassing social media posts and other public statements by hundreds of people who work at some of the country's most prominent news organizations.

The group has already released information about journalists at CNN, The Washington Post and The New York Times - three outlets that have aggressively investigated Mr. Trump - in response to reporting or commentary that the White House's allies consider unfair to Mr. Trump and his team or harmful to his re-election prospects.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Michael Rubin, Sibby Christensen, Richard Chady.

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Bureaucrats Put the Squeeze on College Newspapers (The Atlantic)

By ADAM WILLIS

In September 2017, Rebecca Liebson broke the biggest story of her college career and put her school's administration on its heels.

In a faculty senate meeting that month, Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley announced a series of impending budget cuts, department closures, and layoffs that would eliminate the jobs of more than 20 professors. Liebson, a reporter for the student newspaper The Statesman, was the only journalist in the room. Her story went viral in the Stony Brook community, precipitating campuswide outrage and months of student protests.

Almost as quickly as her story appeared, she received an email from Stony Brook's media-relations officer asking her to come in for a "fact check" on the report. She panicked. "I had no clue what she wanted to talk about," Liebson told me, recalling that the administrator refused to provide any specifics about what the meeting would entail. "If you're a student ... you're wanting to get more information on what you're going to be scolded on, and she was denying me that-that was really scary."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Paul Albright.

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As Gannett, GateHouse merge, newspaper cost-cutting persists

By Tali Arbel and Alexandra Olson, AP Business Writers

NEW YORK (AP) - Just a week after announcing its \$1.4 billion acquisition of Gannett, GateHouse Media was again laying off journalists and other workers at its newspapers, possibly foreshadowing the future awaiting employees of what will become the largest U.S. newspaper company.

GateHouse and Gannett say the merger will allow GateHouse to accelerate its newspapers' move to digital while paying down huge sums GateHouse borrowed in order to fund the acquisition. But it's unclear exactly how it will make that happen.

Last week, more than two dozen newsroom employees and other workers were reportedly laid off at 10 newspapers, from Providence, Rhode Island, to Brockton, Massachusetts, to Oklahoma City. The Associated Press confirmed several of these layoffs with the affected employees, others in their newsrooms or union representatives. GateHouse did not announce the workforce reductions, and neither the company nor its owner, New Media, had any comment for this story.

Gannett also declined to comment, but pointed to previous public statements by New Media CEO Mike Reed in which he said the merged company would "not only preserve but actually enhance quality journalism."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Paul Shane.

Today in History - August 26, 2019



By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Aug. 26, the 238th day of 2019. There are 127 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing American women's right to vote, was certified in effect by Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby.

On this date:

In 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa began cataclysmic eruptions, leading to a massive explosion the following day.

In 1910, Thomas Edison demonstrated for reporters an improved version of his Kinetophone, a device for showing a movie with synchronized sound.

In 1944, French Gen. Charles de Gaulle braved the threat of German snipers as he led a victory march in Paris, which had just been liberated by the Allies from Nazi occupation.

In 1957, the Soviet Union announced it had successfully tested an intercontinental ballistic missile.

In 1958, Alaskans went to the polls to overwhelmingly vote in favor of statehood.

In 1968, the Democratic National Convention opened in Chicago; the four-day event that resulted in the nomination of Hubert H. Humphrey for president was marked by a bloody police crackdown on antiwar protesters in the streets.

In 1971, New Jersey Gov. William T. Cahill announced that the New York Giants football team had agreed to leave Yankee Stadium for a new sports complex to be built in East Rutherford.

In 1972, the summer Olympics games opened in Munich, West Germany.

In 1974, Charles Lindbergh - the first man to fly solo, non-stop across the Atlantic - died at his home in Hawaii at age 72.

In 1985, 13-year-old AIDS patient Ryan White began "attending" classes at Western Middle School in Kokomo, Indiana, via a telephone hook-up at his home -- school officials had barred Ryan from attending classes in person.

In 2015, Alison Parker, a reporter for WDBJ-TV in Roanoke, Virginia, and her cameraman, Adam Ward, were shot to death during a live broadcast by a disgruntled former station employee who fatally shot himself while being pursued by police.

In 2017, Hurricane Harvey spun into Texas, unloading extraordinary amounts of rain. (The hurricane killed nearly 70 people, damaged more than 300,000 structures and caused an estimated \$125 billion in damage.) Boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr. beat UFC fighter Conor McGregor in a boxing match in Las Vegas that was stopped by the referee in the 10th round; it was the last fight of Mayweather's career and earned him an estimated \$200 million.

Ten years ago: Authorities in California solved the 18-year-old disappearance of Jaycee Lee Dugard after she appeared at a parole office with her children and the Antioch couple accused of kidnapping her when she was 11. A giant wildfire erupted north of Los Angeles; the blaze went on to destroy more than five dozen homes, kill two firefighters and force thousands of people from their homes. Death claimed crime story author Dominick Dunne, 83, in New York City and Ellie Greenwich, 68, who'd co-written songs like "Chapel of Love," "Be My Baby" and "Leader of the Pack," in New York City.

Five years ago: In a speech to the American Legion's national convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, President Barack Obama defended his administration's response to Veterans Affairs lapses that had delayed health care for thousands of former service members, but conceded more needed to be done to regain their trust. Burger King announced it would buy Canadian restaurant chain Tim Hortons in an \$11 billion deal to create the world's third largest fast-food chain.

One year ago: A gunman opened fire on fellow gamers at a video game tournament in Jacksonville, Fla., killing two men and wounding 10 others before taking his own life. More than 1,000 mourners gathered for the funeral of Mollie Tibbetts, the 20-year-old Iowa college student whose body had been found in a cornfield; a dairy worker suspected of being in the country illegally was charged in her death. Playwright Neil Simon, whose comedies included "The Odd Couple" and "Barefoot in the Park," died at the age of 91.

Today's Birthdays: Pop singer Vic Dana is 79. Former Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge is 74. Rhythm-and-blues singer Valerie Simpson is 74. Pop singer Bob Cowsill is 70. Broadcast journalist Bill Whitaker is 68. Actor Brett Cullen is 63. NBA

coach Stan Van Gundy is 60. Jazz musician Branford Marsalis is 59. Country musician Jimmy Olander (Diamond Rio) is 58. Actor Chris Burke is 54. Actress-singer Shirley Manson (Garbage) is 53. Rock musician Dan Vickrey (Counting Crowes) is 53. TV writer-actress Riley Weston is 53. Rock musician Adrian Young (No Doubt) is 50. Actress Melissa McCarthy is 49. Latin pop singer Thalia is 48. Actress Meredith Eaton is 45. Rock singer-musician Tyler Connolly (Theory of a Deadman) is 44. Actor Mike Colter is 43. Actor Macaulay Culkin is 39. Actor Chris Pine is 39. Comedian/actor/writer John Mulaney is 37. Actor Johnny Ray Gill is 35. Country singer Brian Kelley (Florida Georgia Line) is 34. Rhythm-and-blues singer Cassie (AKA Cassie Ventura) is 33. Actor Evan Ross is 31. Actress Danielle Savre is 31. Actor Dylan O'Brien is 28. Actress Keke Palmer is 26.

Thought for Today: "While we read history we make history." - George William Curtis, American author-editor (1824-1892).

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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