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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning on this the 2nd day of October 2019,

Were you ever a newspaper carrier?

My guess is that many of you were - I still recall my route numbers (74 and 47) for The Messenger of Fort Dodge, Iowa, which I delivered by foot and on my bike for several years, placing the newspaper inside the front screen door (unless it was guarded by a snarling dog) and collecting the fee for delivery, door to door weekly on Thursday nights.

I recall clearing about \$7-10 weekly when I brought the collection money down to the newspaper Saturday mornings. Save it? Not a chance. I'd then beat a path on my bike to the Hobby Shop where I regularly spent my earnings on things like model cars and additions to my train set.

Our Connecting colleague **Paul Albright** shares some thoughts and memories of newspaper carriers in our lead story for today. Connecting would welcome your favorite stories as a carrier.

News that the Newseum will close its doors at the end of the year saddens many of us who have visited the Washington landmark designed to promote free expression and the First Amendment, while tracing the evolution of communication.

Retired AP President **Lou Boccardi**, a Connecting colleague, was a founding trustee of the Newseum and has been a trustee emeritus for a decade. He told Connecting:

"This is a sad turn for this wonderful museum of news. It captured much of the nation's history and much of the history of our journalism. In the end, it was simply too expensive to maintain. Thousands upon thousands of enthusiastic comments from visitors testify that the effort was worthwhile albeit too costly."

Have a great day!

Paul

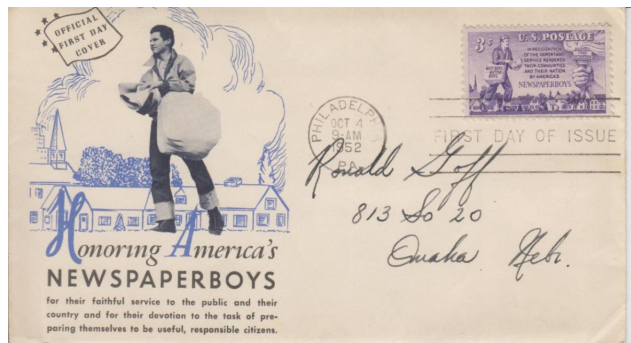
An Appreciation for Newspaper Delivery Carriers



Paul Albright (Email) - Some 67 years ago, the country's newspaper carriers received a shout-out from the nation's postal agency for a job well done. The appreciation for newsboys came in the form of a three-cent postage stamp issued "in recognition of the important service rendered their communities and the nation..."

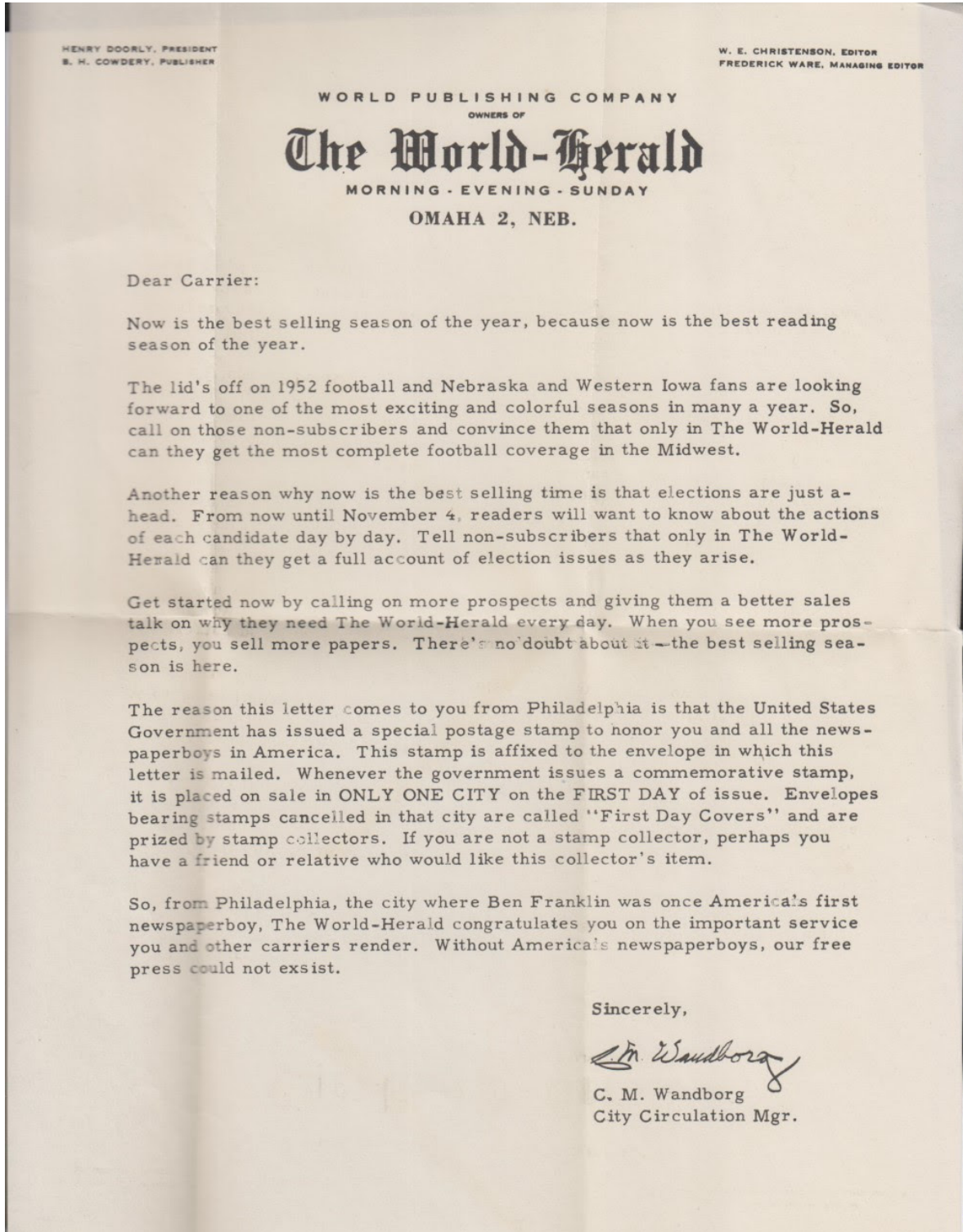
Interestingly, this postage stamp, which was released in October 1952, recognized only "Newspaperboys" (printed on the stamp as one word). Were there no newspaper delivery girls in the 1950s? Another gender-restricting aspect of the stamp portrayed a boy carrying a delivery bag that was imprinted with "Busy Boys...Better Boys." In the background of the stamp design is a row of frame houses and on the side is a flaming, hand-held torch inscribed "Free Enterprise."

Most likely it was "Free Enterprise" - in the form of the newspaper industry at the time - that sparked issuance of the stamp by the U.S. Postal Service. That is my conjecture after finding an envelope mailed on the first day of issue, which took place on October 4, 1952, in Philadelphia. This "official first day cover" (envelope) honored America's "newspaperboys" (again one word) "for their faithful service to the public and their country and for their devotion to the task of preparing themselves to be useful, responsible citizens."



The envelope I found was addressed to a newspaper delivery boy in Omaha, Nebraska, and contained a "Dear Carrier" form letter from the city circulation manager of the "Omaha World-Herald." In the philatelic community, such "first day

covers" are prepared in advance, then stamped, and mailed from the issuing post office on the "first day of issue," which is the postal marking shown on this envelope.



My speculation is that the Omaha World-Herald probably was joined by other newspapers around the country in pre-addressing letters to their carriers as part of a marketing effort to sign up new home subscribers. The World-Herald letter noted the "lid's off on the 1952 football" season in Nebraska and western Iowa and that "elections are just ahead." The circulation manager promised complete football coverage in the Midwest and a full account of election issues in the newspaper.

The letter encouraged carrier boys to "get started now by calling on more prospects and giving them a better sales talk on why they need The World-Herald every day. When you see more prospects, you sell more papers. There's no doubt about it - the best selling season is here."

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Newseum closing at the end of the year



The Newseum

After more than 11 years and nearly 10 million visitors, the Newseum will close on Dec. 31, 2019. Thank you to everyone who has visited, especially the members, donors and Founding Partners whose support made it all possible.

We know visitors love the Newseum (don't take our word for it; read the TripAdvisor reviews for yourself), but it has struggled financially for a number of years and continuing to operate in our current location has proven unsustainable. In January 2019, we announced an agreement to sell the Newseum building on historic Pennsylvania Avenue to Johns Hopkins University, a premier academic institution, which will use the facility for its D.C.-based graduate programs.

The Freedom Forum, creator and primary funder of the Newseum, remains committed to continuing its mission to champion the five freedoms of the First Amendment and to increase public awareness about the importance of a free and fair press. These educational efforts are needed now more than ever and that critical work will continue online and through public programs in Washington, D.C., and around the country.

Read more [here](#).

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A memory of Paul Shane's wife Karen

Marcus Eliason ([Email](#)) - on the death of Paul Shane's wife Karen - Paul once told me he had a daily commute between 50 Rock and The Poconos. When I expressed amazement at such a long haul, he said it was made bearable by Karen greeting him at the door every evening with a martini.

Yesterday, when I emailed Paul for permission to publish this memory, he wrote back: "You can add that Karen never started without me."

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How I spend my retirement

Mike Rouse ([Email](#)) - How I spend my retirement: On weekdays I act like it's the weekend. On weekends I just take the day off.

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Connecting sky shot - Green Mountain National Forest



Mark Duncan ([Email](#)) - One more shot from our final day in Vermont Saturday. Silver Lake in the Moosalamoo Recreation Area of the Green Mountain National Forest.

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Covering the Catholic Church with Top Religion & Investigative Reporters

Thursday, October 3, 6:30 pm. Admission is free. Location: America Magazine, [1212 Avenue of the Americas](#) (at [48th Street](#)), NY, NY 10036.

Please join the New York Press Club and America Magazine for this important discussion. Participants include:

Mike Rezendes, [@MikeRezendes](#), is an investigative reporter with the Associated Press. He is a recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for his investigative work for the Boston Globe where he was a member of the Spotlight Team that uncovered abuses in the Boston Archdiocese. For his reporting and writing on the church, Mike also shared the George Polk Award for National Reporting, the Goldsmith Prize for Investigative

Reporting, the Selden Ring Award for Investigative Reporting, and numerous other honors.

Sarah Pulliam-Bailey, @spulliam, runs Acts of Faith, The Washington Post's religion blog. She covers how faith intersects with everything, including politics, culture and education, and issues such as same-sex marriage, poverty, abortion and the environment.

Before joining The Post, she was a national correspondent based in New York City for Religion News Service. She was also online editor of Christianity Today magazine. During college, she edited Wheaton College's student newspaper and interned at four daily newspapers.

Laurie Goodstein, @lauriegnyt, is Deputy International Editor at The New York Times, and was formerly the paper's longtime national religion correspondent. Prior to joining The Times in 1997, she worked as a metro and national reporter at The Washington Post for eight years.

Moderator: Rev. Matthew Malone, S.J., Editor-in-Chief, America Magazine.
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Refreshments will be served.

RSVP to events@americamedia.org

Click [here](#) for link.

(Shared by Paul Albright)

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Aamer Madhani joins AP White House team

By Lauren Easton

Washington Bureau Chief Julie Pace announced on Tuesday that Aamer Madhani will join the AP as a White House reporter.

Here is her memo to Washington staff:

I'm happy to announce that Amer Madhani is joining the AP Washington bureau as a White House reporter. Amer will join our top-notch White House team as it plunges into coverage of impeachment and the election, two of the biggest stories in the world.



Amer is a longtime correspondent for USA TODAY, where he has been covering the 2020 Democratic presidential primary. He previously served as the newspaper's Chicago-based national correspondent, covering a range of stories: policing in America, prisons, mass shootings, the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics, the devastation of Hurricane Harvey on Houston, and big cities' desperate - and creative - efforts to battle the scourge of rats.

For Amer, this is a return to Washington and to the White House beat. He covered the Obama White House for USA TODAY and National Journal and was a national security correspondent for the Chicago Tribune.

He also spent more than two years covering the war in Iraq, first for the Tribune and later as the Baghdad Bureau Chief for USA TODAY.

Amer's first day in Washington is Oct. 21. Please join me in welcoming him to the team!

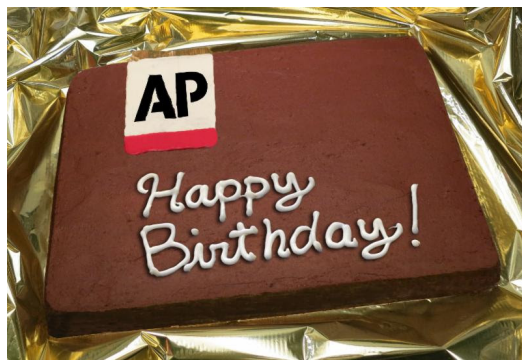
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AP Photo of the Day



Doves soar above Tiananmen Square during a parade Tuesday celebrating Communist China's 70th anniversary. | Mark Schiefelbein/AP Photo

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

A year later, Saudi journalist's killing haunts kingdom



FILE - In this Nov. 2, 2018 file photo, a video image of Hatice Cengiz, fiancée of slain Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, is played during an event to remember Khashoggi, who died inside the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul on Oct. 2, 2018, in Washington. The killing of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul

drew renewed scrutiny to the kingdom, as his son and a U.N. investigator spoke out Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2019, ahead of the anniversary of his death. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite, File)

By JON GAMBRELL

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) - The killing of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul last year drew renewed scrutiny Tuesday to the kingdom, as his son and a U.N. investigator spoke out ahead of the anniversary of his death.

Saudi intelligence officials and a forensic doctor killed and dismembered Khashoggi on Oct. 2, 2018, just as his fiancée waited outside the diplomatic mission. Khashoggi, long a royal court insider, had been in self-imposed exile in the U.S. while writing critically of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, son of the oil-rich nation's King Salman.

While the crown prince recently told CBS' "60 Minutes" he did not order the writer's killing, U.S. lawmakers and U.N. investigator Agnes Callamard laid the blame for the slaying on the prince. For its part, Saudi Arabia says it is trying 11 people for the killing but few details about the case have been released.

Callamard spared no criticism of the Saudi royal.

"A 'responsible' Statesman should not have tolerated 12 months of disinformation and 12 months continuing policies of intolerance and repression that led to Mr Khashoggi murder," Callamard wrote on Twitter.

Read more [here](#).

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From paper routes to free food: Local news evolves to stay afloat (Christian Science Monitor)

By Doug Struck, Correspondent

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Noah Jones is working. The young reporter for the Richland Source, a local news startup in the heart of Ohio's Rust Belt, listens to the jazz quartet warm up and eyes the crowd. Then he takes the mic.

"Thank you for coming out tonight," Mr. Jones intones, in his best master-of-ceremonies voice. "Now let's welcome the Mansfield Jazz Orchestra quartet!"

The small concert, with free beer and food for the public, is in the middle of the shared-space newsroom of the Richland Source, an online site started by a businessman who thought his city needed more news.

The monthly Newsroom After Hours concert - from jazz to pop to hip-hop - is just one of the unfamiliar roles for some journalists and publishers trying bold experiments to buck the wholesale die-off of local news sources around the country. Like mad inventors, they are furiously writing and rewriting plans to find what works, often in small-scale, community efforts.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Ken Smith.

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Dave Nichols: Box scores a chronicle linking today's events with the past (Spokesman-Review)

By Dave Nichols

When I was a kid - still learning how to read, really - the first thing I would do in the morning while eating my Froot Loops would be to pour over the box scores in the paper.

If I didn't get through all of them before having to rush off for the bus, I made my Mom swear she'd save the sports page for me until after school so I could finish them. It didn't matter what sport was in season - though baseball was (and is) my favorite.

This is a habit that some 40 years later is still true.

The agate page is the first, and sometimes only, page I read every day. If you know what you're looking for, the box score is all you need to know about the game.

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

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U-Md. student newspaper to end century-long tradition in March (Washington Post)

By Lauren Lumpkin

After more than a century in circulation, the student newspaper at the University of Maryland's flagship campus will cease publishing a weekly print edition in March, the publication's parent company announced Monday.

Leaders of the Diamondback cited economic pressures and growing online readership in their decision to remove the paper from College Park news racks. The college newspaper joins the ranks of publications that have watched readers migrate to digital news sites, forcing publishers to scale back or abandon print editions.

"This is something we've been growing and preparing for for a while, because we all knew there would be a time when the Diamondback would cease to be a print publication," said Leah Brennan, the paper's editor in chief. "It's super cool to see your name in print, but we recognize that's not what people are reading."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Scott Dine.

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Bloomberg editor: 'We're not actively pursuing the name of the whistle blower.' (Washington Post)

By Erik Wemple
Media critic

A top editor at Bloomberg News has issued guidance to colleagues on how the media outlet is pursuing the scandal stirred by a CIA whistleblower unsettled by President Trump's handling of U.S. relations with Ukraine. Or not pursuing it, as the case may be.

In a weekend memo to colleagues, Matthew Miller, a Bloomberg News senior executive editor, outlined the company's "official guidance regarding the naming of the whistle blower: We're not actively pursuing the name of whistle blower. If their

name is published, it'll probably be in the NYT or WPT," writes Miller, referring to the New York Times and, presumably, The Post.

That's a fair bet, considering that the New York Times last week published some details about the whistleblower - that he or she was "a C.I.A. officer who was previously detailed to work at the White House and had expertise on Ukraine." The revelations surfaced against the wishes of the whistleblower's lawyer, Andrew Bakaj, who was quoted in the New York Times story as saying, "Any decision to report any perceived identifying information of the whistle-blower is deeply concerning and reckless, as it can place the individual in harm's way. The whistle-blower has a right to anonymity."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Dennis Conrad.

Today in History - October 2, 2019



By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 2, the 275th day of 2019. There are 90 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 2, 1967, Thurgood Marshall was sworn as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court as the court opened its new term.

On this date:

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson suffered a serious stroke at the White House that left him paralyzed on his left side.

In 1941, during World War II, German armies launched an all-out drive against Moscow; Soviet forces succeeded in holding onto their capital.

In 1944, German troops crushed the two-month-old Warsaw Uprising, during which a quarter of a million people had been killed.

In 1950, the comic strip "Peanuts," created by Charles M. Schulz, was syndicated to seven newspapers.

In 1970, one of two chartered twin-engine planes flying the Wichita State University football team to Utah crashed into a mountain near Silver Plume, Colorado, killing 31 of the 40 people on board.

In 1971, the music program "Soul Train" made its debut in national syndication.

In 1984, Richard W. Miller became the first FBI agent to be arrested and charged with espionage. (Miller was tried three times; he was sentenced to 20 years in prison, but was released after nine years.)

In 1985, actor Rock Hudson, 59, died at his home in Beverly Hills, California, after battling AIDS.

In 2002, the Washington, D.C.-area sniper attacks began, setting off a frantic manhunt lasting three weeks. (John Allen Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo were finally arrested for killing 10 people and wounding three others; Muhammad was executed in 2009; Malvo was sentenced to life in prison.)

In 2005, a tour boat, the Ethan Allen, capsized on New York's Lake George, killing 20 elderly passengers. Playwright August Wilson died in Seattle at age 60. Actor-comedian Nipsey Russell died in New York at age 87.

In 2013, a jury in Los Angeles cleared a concert promoter of negligence, rejecting a lawsuit brought by Michael Jackson's mother claiming AEG Live had been negligent in hiring Conrad Murray, the doctor who killed the pop star with an overdose of a hospital anesthetic.

In 2017, rock superstar Tom Petty died at a Los Angeles hospital at the age of 66, a day after suffering cardiac arrest at his home in Malibu, California.

Ten years ago: The International Olympic Committee, meeting in Copenhagen, chose Rio de Janeiro to be the site of the 2016 Summer Olympics; Chicago was eliminated in the first round, despite a last-minute in-person appeal by President Barack Obama. A man accused of stalking ESPN reporter Erin Andrews and secretly videotaping her inside her hotel room was arrested at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. (Michael David Barrett later pleaded guilty to interstate stalking and was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in federal prison.)

Five years ago: President Barack Obama acknowledged his pivotal role in the midterm political campaign, arguing in a speech at Northwestern University that the November congressional elections were a referendum on his economic policies and blaming Republicans for blocking his efforts to boost wages and create more jobs. Hong Kong's embattled leader, Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying, refused demands by pro-democracy protesters to step down.

One year ago: President Donald Trump ignited a crowd at a campaign rally in Mississippi by mocking Christine Blasey Ford over her claim that she had been sexually assaulted by Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh decades ago; Trump also said it's a "very scary time for young men in America" who could be considered guilty based on an accusation. The New York Times reported that Trump had received at least \$413 million from his father over the decades, much of it through dubious tax dodges including outright fraud; a lawyer for Trump told the Times that there was no "fraud or tax evasion." Amazon announced a minimum wage of \$15 an hour for its U.S. employees. (Some longtime workers said the higher pay wouldn't make up for benefits they were losing.)

Today's Birthdays: Retired MLB All-Star Maury Wills is 87. Movie critic Rex Reed is 81. Singer-songwriter Don McLean is 74. Cajun/country singer Jo-el Sonnier is 73. Actor Avery Brooks is 71. Fashion designer Donna Karan is 71. Photographer Annie Leibovitz is 70. Rock musician Mike Rutherford (Genesis, Mike & the Mechanics) is 69. Singer-actor Sting is 68. Actress Robin Riker is 67. Actress Lorraine Bracco is 65. Country musician Greg Jennings (Restless Heart) is 65. Rock singer Phil Oakey (The Human League) is 64. Rhythm-and-blues singer Freddie Jackson is 63. Singer-producer Robbie Nevil is 61. Retro-soul singer James Hunter is 57. Former NFL quarterback Mark Rypien is 57. Rock musician Bud Gaugh (Sublime, Eyes Adrift) is 52. Folk-country singer Gillian Welch is 52. Country singer Kelly Willis is 51. Actor Joey Slotnick is 51. Rhythm-and-blues singer Dion Allen (Az Yet) is 49. Actress-talk show host Kelly Ripa (TV: "Live with Kelly and Ryan") is 49. Rock musician Jim Root (AKA #4 Slipknot) is 48. Singer Tiffany is 48. Rock singer Lene Nystrom is 46. Actor Efrén Ramírez is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer LaTocha Scott (Xscape) is 46. Gospel singer Mandisa (TV: "American Idol") is 43. Actress Brianna Brown is 40. Rock musician Mike Rodden (Hinder) is 37. Tennis player Marion

Bartoli is 35. Actor Christopher Larkin is 32. Rock singer Brittany Howard (Alabama Shakes) is 31. Actress Samantha Barks is 29. Actress Elizabeth McLaughlin is 26.

Thought for Today: "There's one way to find out if a man is honest - ask him. If he says 'yes' you know he is a crook." - Groucho Marx (1890-1977).

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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