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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning on this the 10th day of March 2020,

The Associated Press has launched a new daily newsletter that will serve as a guide to the global news report.

AP Morning Wire features the AP's spot, enterprise and investigative journalism and provides a behind-the-scenes look at its newsgathering process. It will include a selection of AP photos and a rundown of the day's top stories from politics to sports to business and more. The newsletter is distributed on weekday mornings.

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- Italy quarantines 15 million people to combat the coronavirus
- Cruise ship with 21 infected people to dock in Oakland, all aboard face quarantines
- Global stocks drop, oil prices nosedive
- Michigan is next big prize in race for the Democratic presidential nomination

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Today's Connecting brings you more of your colleagues' perspectives on the coronavirus, including this from birthday boy **Malcolm Barr Sr. (Email)** – “Our planned trips to the United Kingdom (April/May) and to British Columbia (July for the annual 'Bathtub Derby' on Vancouver Island) are in jeopardy, both my wife and me being in those 'dangerous' (old) age groups and Carol a 10-year survivor with lung cancer. Nevertheless, my wife is hosting a party at the Virginia Beer Museum to celebrate my 87th birthday today, with about 50 expected to attend, including our family doctor!”

Have a safe and good day!

Paul

Coronavirus – more of your perspectives

From Seattle area...

Lyle Price (Email) - Being the only Connecting member that I know of in the Seattle area (living 15 miles south in the suburb of Kent), I feel obligated to respond and to note that my home state was shunned last weekend by Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders, both of whom cancelled scheduled appearances prior to this Tuesday's Washington State primary and also to report that my hometown of Seattle was cited by the president's economic adviser as the only exception he'd make to a suggestion that people keep traveling as before.

Although I had pondered whether Connecting would venture from its frequent focus on the past to dwell on a current event, the March 9 edition tells me that that veteran hands still have the vigor and insight to pounce on a very big news story. I even thought I'd like to come out of retirement myself to cover it - but pondered if I would or wouldn't do so with a mask.

In a historical note on garb for reporters, the Watts Riot of 1960s occurred shortly before I was transferred from San Francisco to Los Angeles AP - and I was told in LA that the issue of wearing ties (per SOP office attire of that era) at a riot scene had come up and the judgment had been that for the first time to popular staff knowledge AP news people covering something in public didn't have to wear ties on the ground that a bad guy might try to choke you with it. And in the spirit that the March 9 Connecting memo from an ex-staffer in LA noted the quakes and craziness of the 1980s and 1990s, I'd comment that in my mind the riots, marches, quakes, and craziness of the 1960s and 1970s during my 15-year stay in California (12 with AP) also doesn't register on my consciousness as being more sweeping and alarming than the worldwide Corona Scare.

I would guess that in the current situation, no one would be offended or surprised if a news person wore a protective mask. For weeks now I have been wearing a mask indoors (except for in my own house), and avoiding

crowds. I continue to work as a volunteer in nearby heavily forested parks to clear out blackberry bushes (the roots are the hardest!) and dragging off big fallen tree limbs or those cut off by Kent's arborist. Those activities (which I have done for about a decade now) also offset my having given up my fitness center for the duration; it is located in a hospital where one case of coronavirus has been confirmed. Being out in the woods also is more enjoyable than using my treadmill, which is four feet from the desktop computer I am composing this on. My personal advice, by the way, is for folks of retirement age to stay as physically fit as possible - the best defense, to my mind, to illness. A scientist friend of mine, also around the age of 80 as I am, agrees with that.

Kent is one of the four locations (the three others are in Seattle) selected by King County officials for quarantined county victims in the future to be kept. The Kent site is a motel three miles downwind of me in the Valley; my house is on top of a hill across from a heavily wooded ravine that contains a creek. Kent city officials, several of whom I know personally, complained bitterly about not being consulted and expressed a "not in my backyard attitude" - although in my opinion those same officials can be equally highhanded. I'm not anti-government, but I have long agreed with conservatives that government can do some bad things and fail to do some good things - although most conservatives seem to give a pass to the current White House.

Sunday's Seattle Times devoted its entire front page and much stuff inside to virus stories. The Page One promo for Danny Westneat's excellent latest effort cited his lede: "It's starting to feel like Seattle is being quarantined from America." So, no, I don't feel the situation is being overplayed by the news media or this a plot by Democrats to defeat Donald Trump. FYI, locally latest word from usually reliable sources is that the next step, if needed, would be the cancelling of sports events, and I think some area high school events have been cutting back already. Whatever, with the Seattle Mariners seemingly destined for a 100-game losing season, I suspect advance ticket sales aren't going well.

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From North Carolina...

Joe Galloway ([Email](#)) - Due to an abundance of caution and an abundance of precaution, I have begun cancelling several upcoming speaking engagements involving air travel and large audiences. I am 78 and have been in hospital with pneumonia several times in recent years. That puts me high on the list of folks more likely to die if they contract the coronavirus.

Hope we can get back to normal sooner rather than later, but until we do, I am staying home in Concord, NC, and washing my hands more often!!!

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From a wedding in Taipei



A "tea ceremony" before the wedding with the parents and the couple posing for a toast with a giant photo of their dog Tete in the background.

Tom Coyne ([Email](#)) - When news of the coronavirus first began spreading, my wife Susan and I began worrying whether this would have an impact on our son's wedding in Taipei on Feb. 29. Our son, Tommy, has been teaching English in Taiwan for three years and had fallen in love with a Taiwanese native, Chloe Chen.

Before we headed over for the wedding, Tommy asked us to see if we could bring face masks because some places in Taiwan require people entering to wear masks and there was a shortage. I went to several stores in the South Bend area and found that health masks were sold out. I reached out to family in Massachusetts, Maine, South and North Carolina and California and they found the same problem. There were still plenty of masks in the hardware section. Tommy said those would work. So when we headed to Taiwan, we packed about 20 masks. Our daughter, Sarah, who lives in New York City, had a friend who works in health care and was able to get about a dozen health masks.

About a week before the wedding, I came down with a cold. That was a concern, because when entering Taiwan people must walk past sensors in the airport that can detect temperatures. But I didn't have a temperature, and by the time we left I was better.

While in Taipei, more than half the people we saw were wearing masks. We also repeatedly had our temperature taken when we went to restaurants and other public venues, including at the wedding. We also had our hands sprayed with sanitizer when entering some facilities. The only time we wore a mask was when we were required to for an event at the Taipei 101 skyscraper.

One of Tommy's friends from Indianapolis fell ill the day after she arrived in Taipei. She went to an urgent care facility after two days of being ill. She was told she would need to be quarantined for two weeks. But after determining she didn't have the Coronavirus, they let her go after several hours with some medication and a bill for \$86. She was better a day later and attended the wedding.



The wedding went off without a hitch. We arrived back in the U.S. and never went through any sort of health screening. We were asked if we had been to China. Our daughter, who followed her trip to Taiwan with a trip to the Philippines, flying home through South Korea, had a similar experience. But her employer is making her work from home for the next two weeks.

American Society of Media Photographers webinar on coronavirus set for Thursday - here's a link to take part

Doug Pizac ([Email](#)) - ASMP, the commercial sibling of NPPA, is holding a "Potential Business Ramifications of Coronavirus (COVID-19)" online webinar at 4pm Thursday, March 12. General Counsel Tom Maddrey will be addressing the situation, possible business and legal ramifications, insurance coverage, and best practices in these type scenarios.

Click [here](#) for a link to register for the webinar. It is free.

This should be of particular interest to current and former AP photographers who do freelancing. If anyone has any questions about the program or ASMP, please contact me at – doug@pizac.com I run the organization's educational webinar series.

Helping set the clock at Washington's Old Post Office (aka,

Trump International Hotel)



Robert H. Reid ([Email](#)) - If you find yourself strolling down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, glance up at the tower at Old Post Office, a.k.a., Trump International Hotel, and marvel at the outdoor four clocks. My wife and I “helped” set those clocks – at least for the next seven months.

Well, sort of.

On Sunday, we were out for a walk when on the spur of the moment we decided to visit the 315-foot clock tower, one of the city’s free attractions with some of the best views of downtown Washington. Once inside, we saw a man

hunched over a contraption of gears and pulleys that controlled the large clocks on each of the tower's four sides.

It was the first day of Daylight Savings Time and the clocks had to be moved forward by one hour. "Want to help," he asked? My wife accepted and volunteered me too.

The procedure wasn't rocket science nor particularly difficult. That was just as well. I work with my hands mostly to type and scratch body parts. My wife can at least put together Ikea furniture. The professional clock winder inserted a key in the back a horizontal shaft. You have to reach over and twist the key, which has quite a bit of resistance. A small model clock serves as a monitor so you can see how far you've advanced the hands.



Both of us took a crack at it. It took several minutes of difficult twisting to move the hands even one minute. After wearing out my hand, I checked the monitor. I'd moved the hands a little more than five minutes. That was enough for me.

The professional said the process is all the slower because if you turn the key too long without a break, it will jam the gears. A one-hour reset can take the better part of a day – and that's when there's no ice on the clock hands.

So maybe we "helped" like a toddler "helps" Mommy do the vacuuming. But what the heck. Every little bit counts.



Those clocks were state of the art when they were installed in 1899 in the tower of the new and often-maligned Post Office Building. The clocks were supposed to be visible from Capitol Hill 14 blocks away but the faces didn't have enough contrast to be seen beyond about 14 yards.

The works were electrified in 1956 after the 1,200-pound weight that drove the pendulum crashed through two floors.

No sooner had the building opened than it was deemed too small for all the government offices to be housed there. A Connecticut senator – Joseph Hawley – described it as a "cross between a cathedral and a cotton mill." A year after the building opened, a postmaster died when he fell 90 feet down an open elevator shaft.

The Trump Organization won the lease to transform the building into a luxury hotel in 2012 – during the Obama Administration -- and it opened four years later to a chorus of partisan criticism, which introduced non-constitutional scholars to the “Emoluments Clause.”

It’s since become THE place to see and be-seen for the capital’s conservative glitterati. The National Park Service, however, operates the clock tower.

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How AP calls a race at poll close

By Lauren Easton

On Super Tuesday, AP declared Bernie Sanders the winner in California as soon as polls closed at 8 p.m. PT— one of four such race calls made that night as polls closed in a state.

On the eve of Tuesday’s Democratic primary elections in Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi and three other states, Deputy Managing Editor for Operations David Scott, who oversees AP’s race calling, explains what goes into such “poll close calls” and how AP’s Decision Desk uses the advantages of AP VoteCast over traditional exit polling to make them:

Using election research to call a race at poll close starts with what our AP VoteCast survey of voters says about which candidate will come out on top and by how much. For AP to consider calling a race before any results are released, the survey needs to show the winning candidate ahead by a margin that far exceeds the survey’s margin of error.

But that number is just the start of the analysis that potentially leads to a “poll close call.”

We’re also looking at what AP VoteCast says about who those voters are (such as their age, race and ideology) and in what part of a state they live. We want to know if a candidate is winning among all demographic groups and in all parts of a state. On the other hand, if the data suggests that relatively small changes in vote choice or turnout among a few groups could alter the outcome, we’ll wait and rely on the vote count to make the call.

We also closely consider when people voted. As more and more Americans vote before Election Day, that’s often the most important data point to consider when making a poll close call.

Unlike an exit poll, AP VoteCast isn’t based on in-person interviews conducted on election days; rather, it’s a survey designed to capture opinions regardless of how and when voters choose to cast their ballot.

Among the ways we do that is by interviewing some survey participants twice — to confirm their vote choice or learn that they've changed their minds.

Let's use California as an example of how that approach tells us what we need to know to call a race as soon as polls are closed.

AP VoteCast found that roughly two-thirds of voters in California didn't cast a ballot in person on Tuesday; rather, they voted by absentee ballot. That means millions of voters — who backed Sanders by a wide margin and didn't take part in the exit poll — had already put their ballots in the mail when Pete Buttigieg and Amy Klobuchar dropped out the race.

What about those Buttigieg and Klobuchar supporters in California who did have time to consider a new candidate? AP VoteCast's second round of interviews with those voters in states nationwide showed they were moving en masse to vote instead for Joe Biden. But in California, Sanders still had a significant edge over the former vice president, even among those who did not vote early. There was little sign the late developments significantly eroded Sanders' margin.

On AP's Decision Desk, after examining the AP VoteCast data in detail, we concluded Sanders was winning California among voters who cast early ballots and among voters who cast their ballots on Tuesday. And there was not enough of a shift to Biden following Buttigieg and Klobuchar's departures from the race to make up those gaps.

At soon as polls closed, the APNewsAlert was on the wire:

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bernie Sanders wins Democratic presidential primary in California, claiming biggest prize on Super Tuesday.

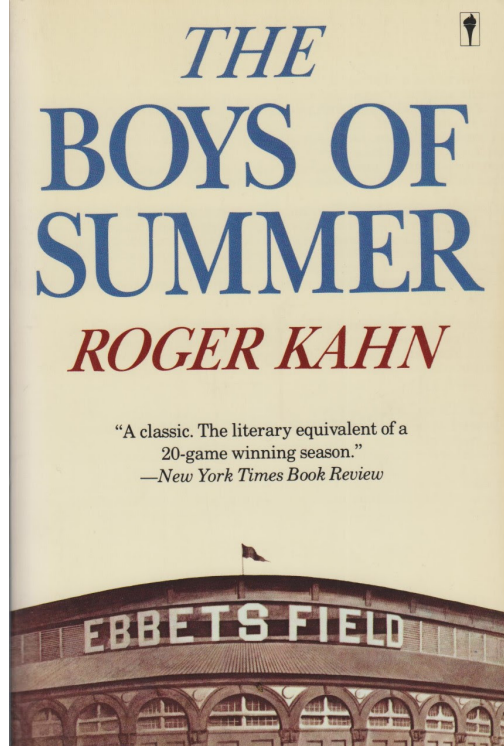
The votes counted on Tuesday and in the days since have confirmed what AP VoteCast showed. We'll be watching for the same trends on Tuesday in the AP VoteCast surveys of Michigan, Missouri and Mississippi, in search of the data we need to call the winner in each state.

Roger Kahn on 'Formula' Writing for The AP

Paul Albright ([Email](#)) - Upon seeing Hal Bock's tribute to the recently deceased Roger Kahn (see *Connecting* of February 11), I decided it was time for me to pull Kahn's *The Boys of Summer* from my bookcase after too many years of procrastination.

One of Kahn's first sports writing gigs was in 1948 as a stringer for The AP in New York, filing 500-word articles on college football games for \$3 per game. Looking back on those early years of his career, Kahn wrote:

“The essentials of Associated Press dispatches are speed, simplicity and artless, necessary organization. Each story is transmitted to hundreds of newspapers. A few may print all. Most carry a fragment. Some publish only the first sentence...Readers of each newspaper are equally entitled to coherence. These conditions require a story to begin with the names of the teams, an indication of what sport is in question, a mention of the final score and, if possible, the winning play. One devotes succeeding paragraphs to significant moments, in the order of their importance, and, when space is so tight that real description is impossible, pertinent statistics.”



Kahn went on to explain: “There was no prohibition against lyric writing at the Associated Press. If in fifteen minutes a man was able to compress the facts of a football game into a story that could withstand amputation at some point and compose lyrically, he was welcome to go ahead.”

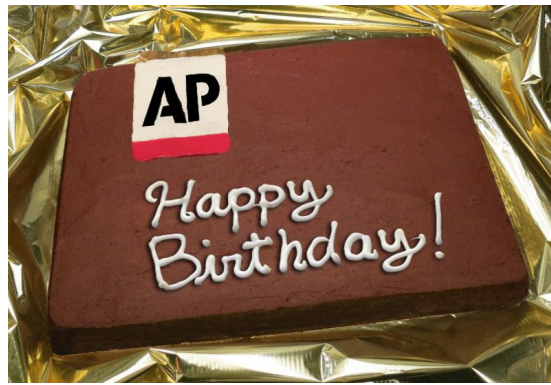
“At the AP you learned formula and developed speed,” Kahn summarized. “The first is antithetic to creative writing and the second is largely irrelevant, but both are critical to the confidence of every newspaperman. There is never a working day when the guillotine of deadline does not hang above one’s neck. It is a comfort beyond prayer to realize that when sweeter muses are struck dumb, one can always write a variation of AP Formula One, ‘A fourth quarter scoring pass from Chris Kartalis to Whitey Drown,’ and neither win a prize nor utterly fail.”

Kahn’s comments about formula sports writing for The AP stirred my few remaining memories from the 1960s. I don’t recall staffers had a “formula” to follow, but I do recall the necessity to utilize the “inverted pyramid” format to get the important information at the top and indicate the sport being played. Further detail was to be presented in descending order of importance so that news editors could easily chop incoming articles to accommodate allocated space or airtime.

In contrast, I often see sports articles now that are devoid of any mention of the sport being played. If those reports are trimmed to a few sentences, their relevance is completely lost to the reader.

Do other Connecting readers have thoughts or memories related to what Kahn called “AP Formula One?” Send them to Connecting to share with colleagues.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

No Politics Till the 7th Date? How Journalists Try to Stay Impartial (New York Times)

By Caryn A. Wilson and Lara Takenaga

In an effort to shed more light on how we work, The Times is running a series of short posts explaining some of our journalistic practices. Read more of this series [here](#).

Ever since a young publisher named Adolph S. Ochs bought The New York Times in 1896, its mission has been “to give the news impartially, without fear or favor, regardless of party, sect, or interests involved.”

Independence remains the bedrock of our journalism. But what does it mean in practice?

As journalists, we work hard to set aside our personal views and approach every assignment with an open mind.

Bill Keller, a former executive editor of The Times, used to say that one of the most important things for reporters to do is to report against their own preconceptions, to actively seek out perspectives that might be contrary to their own.

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

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Australian paper prints blank pages to help tackle toilet paper shortage (CNN)

By Aleesha Khaliq

(CNN) - An Australian newspaper has printed an extra eight pages to be used as toilet paper after coronavirus fears prompted customers to bulk buy supplies, leaving some supermarket shelves bare.

In a bid to tackle the shortage, The NT News provided a practical -- if unconventional -- solution.

Australians living in the Northern Territories would have noticed on Thursday that eight pages in the paper had been left bare, except for watermarks and a cut-out guide edition.

"Run out of loo paper? The NT News cares," the newspaper read.

"That's why we've printed an eight-page special liftout inside, complete with handy cut lines, for you to use in an emergency."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Lisa Hoffman.

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The Job of a Moscow Correspondent: Putin, Politics and Frozen Reindeer Meat (New York Times)



Anton Troianovski, a Moscow correspondent, in front of the world's northernmost mosque in Norilsk, Russia, an Arctic nickel-mining hub. Photo: Maxim Babenko for The New York Times

By Emmett Lindner

Times Insider explains who we are and what we do, and delivers behind-the-scenes insights into how our journalism comes together.

As a Moscow correspondent, Anton Troianovski aims to help readers understand Russia and its place in the world. Part of that job entails reporting on President Vladimir V. Putin's dealings with other countries. But another part involves revealing to readers Russian life far removed from global politics.

That's what led him to travel recently across the country to Yar-Sale, just within the Arctic Circle, to report on stroganina, a Siberian delicacy: fish or reindeer meat frozen, sliced thin and served raw.

Nearly six months after joining The Times, Mr. Troianovski, who was born in Moscow and grew up in Germany and Missouri, talked about his job — and how stroganina fits into it. These are edited excerpts from the conversation.

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

The Final Word

If you still receive both
these calls, you are **the
luckiest person in
the world.**



Today in History – March 10, 2020



By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 10, the 70th day of 2020. There are 296 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 10, 1985, Konstantin U. Chernenko, who was the Soviet Union's leader for 13 months, died at age 73; he was succeeded by Mikhail Gorbachev.

On this date:

In 1496, Christopher Columbus concluded his second visit to the Western Hemisphere as he left Hispaniola for Spain.

In 1848, the U.S. Senate ratified the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which ended the Mexican-American War.

In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln assigned Ulysses S. Grant, who had just received his commission as lieutenant-general, to the command of the Armies of the United States.

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell's assistant, Thomas Watson, heard Bell say over his experimental telephone: "Mr. Watson [-] come here [-] I want to see you" from the next room of Bell's Boston laboratory.

In 1906, about 1,100 miners in northern France were killed by a coal-dust explosion.

In 1913, former slave, abolitionist and Underground Railroad "conductor" Harriet Tubman died in Auburn, New York; she was in her 90s.

In 1933, a magnitude 6.4 earthquake centered off Long Beach, California, resulted in 120 deaths.

In 1969, James Earl Ray pleaded guilty in Memphis, Tennessee (on his 41st birthday) to assassinating civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. (Ray later repudiated that plea, maintaining his innocence until his death.)

In 1980, "Scarsdale Diet" author Dr. Herman Tarnower was shot to death at his home in Purchase, New York. (Tarnower's former lover, Jean Harris, was convicted of his murder; she served nearly 12 years in prison before being released in January 1993.)

In 1988, prior to the 50th anniversary of the Anschluss, Austrian President Kurt Waldheim apologized on his country's behalf for atrocities committed by

Austrian Nazis.

In 2000, Pope John Paul II approved sainthood for Katharine Drexel, a Philadelphia socialite who had taken a vow of poverty and devoted her fortune to helping poor blacks and American Indians. (Drexel, who died in 1955, was canonized in October 2000.)

In 2004, teenage sniper Lee Boyd Malvo was sentenced in Chesapeake, Virginia, to life in prison for his role in the October 2002 killing rampage in the Washington, D.C., area that left 10 people dead. (Malvo, 19, was sentenced a day after sniper mastermind John Allen Muhammad was given the death penalty.)

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama denounced waste, inefficiency and downright fraud in the government's health care system as he sought to rally public support for his revamped overhaul plan during a rally in suburban St. Louis. About 200 women who'd flown airplanes during World War II as Women Airforce Service Pilots were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal. Actor Corey Haim died in Burbank, California, at age 38.

Five years ago: Breaking her silence in the face of a growing controversy over her use of a private email address and server, Hillary Rodham Clinton conceded that she should have used government email as secretary of state but insisted she had not violated any federal laws or Obama administration rules. A U.S. Army helicopter crashed in dense fog during a training exercise at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida, killing seven elite Marines and four experienced soldiers.

One year ago: A Boeing 737 Max 8 operated by Ethiopian Airlines crashed shortly after taking off from the capital, Addis Ababa, killing all 157 people on board; the crash was similar to one in October in which a 737 Max 8 flown by Indonesia's Lion Air plunged into the Java Sea minutes after takeoff, killing all 189 people on the plane. (The aircraft would be grounded worldwide after the two disasters, bringing fierce criticism to Boeing over the design and rollout of the jetliner.) "Captain Marvel," the first female-fronted superhero movie from Marvel Studios, took in more than \$150 million domestically and \$455 million globally on its opening weekend, making it one of the biggest blockbusters ever led by a woman.

Today's Birthdays: Talk show host Ralph Emery is 87. Bluegrass/country singer-musician Norman Blake is 82. Actor Chuck Norris is 80. Playwright David Rabe is 80. Singer Dean Torrence (Jan and Dean) is 80. Actress Katharine Houghton (Film: "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?") is 78. Actor Richard Gant is 76. Rock musician Tom Scholz (Boston) is 73. Former Canadian Prime Minister Kim Campbell is 73. TV personality/businesswoman Barbara Corcoran (TV: "Shark Tank") is 71. Actress Aloma Wright is 70. Blues musician Ronnie Earl (Ronnie Earl and the Broadcasters) is 67. Producer-director-writer Paul Haggis is 67. Alt-country/rock musician Gary Louris is 65. Actress Shannon Tweed is 63. Pop/jazz singer Jeanie Bryson is 62. Actress Sharon Stone is 62. Rock musician Gail Greenwood is 60. Magician Lance Burton is 60. Movie producer Scott Gardenhour is 59. Actress Jasmine Guy is 58. Rock musician Jeff Ament (Pearl Jam) is 57. Music producer Rick Rubin is

57. Britain's Prince Edward is 56. Rock singer Edie Brickell is 54. Actor Stephen Mailer is 54. Actor Philip Anthony-Rodriguez is 52. Actress Paget Brewster is 51. Actor Jon Hamm is 49. Rapper-producer Timbaland is 48. Actor Cristian (kris-tee-AHN') de la Fuente is 46. Rock musician Jerry Horton (Papa Roach) is 45. Actor Jeff Branson is 43. Singer Robin Thicke is 43. Actress Bree Turner is 43. Olympic gold medal gymnast Shannon Miller is 43. Contemporary Christian singer Michael Barnes (Red) is 41. Actor Edi Gathegi is 41. Rock musician Matt Asti (MGMT) is 40. Actor Thomas Middleditch is 38. Country singer Carrie Underwood is 37. Actress Olivia Wilde is 36. Rhythm-and-blues singer Emeli Sande (EH'-mihl-ee SAN'-day) is 33. Country singer Rachel Reinert is 31. Country musician Jared Hampton (LANCO) is 29. Actress Emily Osment is 28.

Thought for Today: "He who knows, does not speak. He who speaks, does not know." [-] Lao Tzu, Chinese philosopher.

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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