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## Connecting

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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning on this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020,

Today's Connecting brings another "kids' view" of the coronavirus pandemic – this from Texas, where our colleague **Rick Plumlee** donned his journalist cap and interviewed grandchildren Derek, 11, and Abby, 12, for their thoughts.

Congratulations to former Albany AP newsman **Mike Gormley**, now a reporter for Newsday, for winning the 2020 Walter T. Brown Memorial Award for coverage of New York state politics and government. The award has been given annually since 1947 by the Legislative Correspondents Alumni Association (LCAA).

Silver linings in this pandemic? I hope you share yours. And keep in mind the Connecting series on new college or high school graduates who are related to

you whose graduation ceremonies were cancelled due to social distancing. Send along a story and a graduation photo.

Connecting reached another readership milestone in recent days when we added our 1,500th subscriber to the newsletter. Our growth has been all by word of mouth and I thank you for sharing the presence of the newsletter with others.

Here's to a great day ahead – be safe, healthy and optimistic.

Paul

## Reflecting on COVID-19 with his grandchildren



**Rick Plumlee** ([Email](#)) - Among other things, the effects of COVID-19 makes it an historical event. That means we need to record first-hand eyewitness accounts, right? And schoolchildren certainly have a perspective they'll want to look back on some day and tell their children.

So I did just that on a trip this past weekend to Texas to visit our two youngest grandchildren, Derek, 11, and Abby, 12. I did this in response to Paul Stevens asking his grandchildren about COVID-19, posting it on "Connecting Spotlight" and the suggestion others try it. Even used most of his questions.

But I also asked the questions as a way to ease the pain of making a trip that I had made many times over the years with Kathi, my wife of nearly 52 years and who had "hanging out" with grandchildren down to an art form. She died Dec. 29. My world has flipped upside down. Figured if I could slip into my old "reporter" mode I might relax some. I don't want Abby and Derek to think of Grandpa as someone who is always sad. It must have worked because I chuckled at some of Abby and Derek's responses. Pretty sure Kathi would have been pleased with all three of us.

### ***What is your opinion of COVID-19?***

**Abby:** I dislike it a lot. It doesn't allow me to see my friends.

**Derek:** I dislike it.

### ***What do you miss most about your life before COVID-19?***

**Abby:** Being with my friends, going shopping, hanging out with my friends.

**Derek:** I can't go to the trampoline park. I can't see my friends or play soccer. I can't socialize. It's annoying.

### ***What new things have you been doing since COVID-19?***

**Abby:** I ride my bike more around the neighborhood. I started organizing things - the pantry, the laundry room. Mom had us write history papers on the toilet and the modern washing machine. And then we had to clean a toilet and do the laundry.

**Derek:** Sitting outside with Dad at night listening to music and talking. Cleaning the toilet. Not really my favorite thing. Went to the shooting range.

### ***Did you like school being at your home? Why or why not?***

**Abby:** No, I did not. I wasn't really learning things. Teachers didn't really know how to teach us without us being there.

**Derek:** No. The main reason is I didn't get to see my friends. I'm forgetting some of their names. It's been so long.

***Do you see a way you can help others during COVID-19?***

**Abby:** I help my mom make masks.

**Derek:** Yes. Anyone can do this. Follow instructions and wear your mask in a public place. If you have the virus and don't know it, you can keep it to yourself. I wear it because I like to get out of the house.

***What is something you are enjoying that you had never done before COVID-19?***

**Abby:** I get to sleep in more.

**Derek:** Shooting the pellet gun.

***How have your parents handled the changes brought on by COVID-19?***

**Abby:** Mom got organized and stopped buying things we don't need. Dad has been working harder at work because a lot of people aren't there.

**Derek:** Mom is handling it just fine. She is making masks, which is new. Dad is more relaxed because there's not as many cars on the road.

## **Mike Gormley, former Albany AP staffer, wins journalism award**

**Marc Humbert** ([Email](#)) - Newsday reporter Mike Gormley ([Email](#)), a former Albany AP writer, has won the 2020 Walter T. Brown Memorial Award for coverage of New York state politics and government.

The award, given annually since 1947 by the Legislative Correspondents Alumni Association (LCAA), carries a \$500 prize and the winner's name is added to a plaque prominently displayed in the Legislative Correspondents' Association room in the state Capitol in Albany.

The LCAA committee reviewing the entries for the award cited Gormley's coverage of the

pandemic that has hit New York harder than any other state.

"Gormley shows a keen eye for the many ironies, mostly sad, of our current situation," said David Ernst, chairman of the LCAA's board of directors and a former Albany bureau chief for the Buffalo News.



Carol Richards, a former Albany correspondent for the Gannett News Service who later served as deputy editor of Newsday's editorial page, described Gormley's work as "good solid plain old-fashioned reporting, without a hint of the hysteria that sometimes infests stories about the COVID-19 pandemic."



Gormley joined The Associated Press in Albany in 2000. "The best day of my career," he told Connecting. Gormley had previously worked for the Times Union newspaper in Albany during which time he had helped cover Operation Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia for the Hearst News Service in 1992.

"Mike is a veteran reporter who long ago earned his stripes when it comes to covering New York state," said Marc Humbert, who retired from the AP in 2007 and worked with Gormley at the AP's state Capitol office.

Gormley, the author of two books on baseball, left the AP in December 2013 to join Newsday's Albany bureau.

The late Walter T. Brown, a former AP reporter, was the driving force in the founding of the LCAA in 1947. The award that bears his name has gone to a host of famous journalists, including Harry O'Donnell of the AP (1952); Miriam Pawel of Newsday (1985); Elizabeth Kolbert of the New York Times (1990);

Danny Hakim of the New York Times (2009, 2011, 2012, and 2013); and Ken Lovett of the New York Daily News (2010 and 2014).

## **A deep dive into the travails of small-town papers**

**Christopher Connell** ([Email](#)) - I've done some reporting sponsored by the Piedmont Journalism Foundation for the small weekly in Warrenton, Va., the Fauquier Times, that with a companion paper in the county over is struggling to survive, a struggle made worse by the pandemic.

Dana Priest, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist for the Washington Post and now the James L. Knight Chair in Public Affairs Journalism at the University of Maryland as well, I wrote an extraordinary piece last month on the challenges that the Times and its sister paper face. Dana sits on the Piedmont Journalism Foundation's advisory committee and is on the paper's board as well.

Read more [here](#) .

## **My Shocking Third Birthday: “What began as a routine landing of the transatlantic airship ended in a holocaust.”**



By Mike Feinsilber ( [Email](#) )

On my second birthday, May 7, 1936, The New York Times printed a story bylined by a well-known British journalist, Lady Drummond Hay, and written from aboard the German dirigible, the Zeppelin Hindenburg. The daughter of a dog food manufacturer, she already was a veteran of Zeppelin travel; she had



gone around the world in a dirigible and had been a passenger seven years earlier on another dirigible, the Graf Zeppelin, on its first transatlantic crossing.

“It was a delightful feeling to be literally floating on air again and all memories of the more than 50,000 miles I have traveled in Zeppelins were stirred,” Lady Drummond-Hay wrote in the Times that day.

I know all this (with a little help from Google) because on May 7, 2020, my 86th birthday, my wife presented me with a book custom created by the Times which carried a reproduction of every May 7 front page of the Times from May 7, 1934 to May 7, 2019.

Read more [here](#) . Appeared in colleague Jack Limpert’s “**About Editing and Writing**” blog.

## Under the spotlight at unusual Memorial Day ceremony





**Malcolm Barr and his dog Diva at left. Event moderator Lt. Col. McDougall noted Barr's leadership role in resurrecting a local Memorial Day event here eight years ago. Good work, Malcolm – and Diva, Lt. Col McDougall, and all participants. Photo by Roger Bianchini/Royal Examiner.**

**Malcolm Barr Sr. ( [Email](#) )** - Front Royal, VA, the little town (19,000 pop.) where we retired 18 years ago, shone a bit of a spotlight on me, a Royal Air Force vet (1951-54), on this Memorial Day where an abbreviated, 10-minute ceremony was held to grieve the war dead and salute the "dogs of war." For whatever reason, Memorial Day was allowed to pass unmarked in this community 70 miles west of Washington D.C. until 2010 when I organized a ceremony which then, unique to our area, included the dogs that give their lives to protect our soldiers. Our humane society sponsored us, along with the air force association, a Rotary club and, in a couple of years, our town council. It started small, similar to last Monday's wreath laying by our mayor and county chairman, but grew to include high school bands, a parade of dogs, always a chaplain who blessed the animals, a featured speaker (four military generals over the years, and a former enlisted dog handler from the Vietnam War) and an 11-year-old who played Taps. The crowd topped 400 or so. In 2020, at age 87, I handed over the emcee duties to a U.S. Marine Corps reservist and a lay preacher whose father was a dog handler in Vietnam. My husky came with me to be part of the group of seven (we were permitted up to 10 and decided on no publicity to keep the crowd down - about 40 attended) who handled the brief ceremony, most behind masks and including our VIPs.

**Editor's note :** Former AP newsman Barr (Honolulu and Washington) has maintained a lifetime support for animal welfare in the U.K., Canada and the U.S. While on assignment in Guam awaiting a B-52 flight over Cambodia in the 1960s, he discovered a war dog cemetery containing 22 headstones for dogs killed on active duty in World War II lying untended in a jungle clearing, hence his interest in dogs of war and the gathering general public interest in getting them recognition for their service. The USMC has since erected a memorial to these dogs on the island.

## **New-member profile: John Marlow**

**John Marlow ( [Email](#) )** - -17- (anyone remember that?)

Didn't know about Paul's great newsletter until John Brewer called me to see if I could help with the Mount St. Helen's piece (he did a great job). Since I'm a "newbie" on Connecting, Paul asked if I could update everyone on my 20 years of retirement and my AP career. The AP career was much more exciting than retirement. I started at the bottom with AP, part time in the Albuquerque bureau, handling Friday night high school football scores, and leads on the top 10 teams, while enrolled in the University of New Mexico Journalism Department.

That developed into more part-time work on weekends working broadcast shifts, which led to a full-time job in 1959 in the Albuquerque bureau, then five years in the Santa Fe State Capital bureau working with the late veterans John Curtis and Bill Feather. Then back to the Albuquerque bureau as state editor (we didn't have a news editor at that time). In 1968 the AP tried to make a Regional Membership Executive out of me and I was based in Milwaukee and traveled Wisconsin, Minnesota and Upper Michigan for three years. In 1971 AP was just starting to get into computers and I asked Bob Eunson if I could get back to the news side because I didn't want to miss out on that major change in the AP. I ended up as news editor in the Indianapolis bureau for four years, three more as COB and then off to Seattle in 1978 as news editor for Washington state and Alaska (Alaska didn't have a news editor at that time so I had several trips back and forth between Seattle and Anchorage, mostly to help the bureau there set up election coverage). In 1999 I was named a regional election coordinator for AP, working under Tom Jory in New York but still based in Seattle, helping states set up their election databases and helping with tabulations.



Retired in November 2000 and moved to Santa Fe, where my wife, Sigrid, grew up. Sadly, Sigi was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2011 and died from complications of that terrible disease in 2015. I continued working with Tom Jory on the elections as a contractor through the 2008 election. The first couple of years after retiring I also served as writing coach for The New Mexican of Santa Fe and a couple of stints as night assistant city editor when the editor went off to the second Gulf War. With the AP I worked under nine bureau chiefs: Sanky Trimble, Bill Richardson, Howard Graves, Joe McGowan, John Brewer, Jim Wilson, Tom Slaughter, Dan Day and Dale Leach. As an RME I worked with Dion Henderson in Milwaukee, George Moses and Ben

Brown in Minneapolis and Clem Brossier in Detroit. I couldn't have had better trainers!

What am I most proud of in that 42-year career? The people that hopefully I helped achieve successful careers of their own in the AP: Jake Booher, Pat Thompson, Darrell Christian, Mike Harris, Carol Williams, Cynthia Stevens (sp?), Renee Schoof, the list goes on, but not my memory, so apologies to those whose names I have forgotten but not how talented they were. Nor do I want to forget the Communications Department: COCs Robin Adair in Albuquerque, Walt Tabak in Indianapolis, Charlie Price in Seattle and his two assistants, Pat Carrico and Roy Hays, and all the technicians that saved my bacon in all those bureaus.

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## ‘Curated’ becoming more popular?

**Chuck McFadden** ([Email](#)) - Has anyone other than me noticed the sudden increased popularity of “curated”? It used to be reserved for museums, as in “The Van Gogh exhibit was curated by Joe Blow.” But it’s expanded. What used to be “selected” or “picked” is now “curated.” I fully expect sports pages in the near future to refer to the NFL Draft as “The New England Patriots curated a first-round draft pick....”

## Apologies to Tom

By **MARC WILSON**  
For News & Tech

When I was a journalist in Montana, I wrote stories about endangered species — grizzly bears, wolves, eagles. Now my concern is about another endangered species — journalists.

In April, the Pew Research Center reported that the nation’s newspapers have cut about half of all editorial jobs since 2008.

The number of newspaper newsroom employees dropped by 51 percent between 2008 and 2019, from about 71,000 workers to 35,000.

It's not just a newspaper problem. Overall newsroom employment — in newspapers, radio, broadcast television and cable news — dropped 23 percent, from 114,000 newsroom employees in 2008 to 88,000 jobs.

Read more [here](#) .

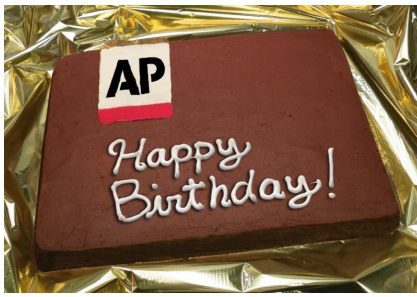
## Recycled newspaper box





Shared by Kevin Walsh, from Flagstaff, Arizona

**Connecting wishes Happy Birthday**



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## Welcome to Connecting

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## Stories of interest

### ***Trump threatens social media after Twitter fact-checks him***

By ZEKE MILLER

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Wednesday threatened social media companies with new regulation or even shuttering a day after Twitter added fact checks to two of his tweets.

The president can't unilaterally regulate or close the companies, which would require action by Congress or the Federal Communications Commission. But that didn't stop Trump from angrily issuing a strong warning.

Claiming tech giants "silence conservative voices," Trump tweeted, "We will strongly regulate, or close them down, before we can ever allow this to happen."



And he repeated his unsubstantiated claim — which sparked his latest showdown with Silicon Valley — that expanding mail-in voting “would be a free for all on cheating, forgery and the theft of Ballots.”

Read more [here](#) .

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## ***All in the Family*** (Washington Post)

**By D.A. Peterson**

As a freelance commercial photographer in Washington, D.C., I’m often working in office locations photographing men in power suits or shooting magazine stories of “real people” for their 15 minutes of fame. And I’m used to roaming, looking for projects to shoot on my own. But in July, the way I’ve always gone about my life and work careened to a halt when I was diagnosed with Stage 2 lung cancer. Four weeks later I was in surgery having a lobectomy; two-thirds of my left lung was removed. Following three months of chemotherapy, my current prognosis is essentially “cured,” though for the next five years I will be undergoing CT scans and monitoring any recurring health issues. As I regained my strength, I gradually worked my way back into my routines. And then came the coronavirus.

My wife, Melissa, and I were just getting settled in as empty nesters when the global pandemic hit. Our four kids, two each from our previous marriages, were forced back home from college. For me and my compromised lung capacity, catching the virus could have potentially devastating complications. To stay safe and healthy, I was self-quarantined at home (like most people in the District) with limited possibilities to work outside our home. During this time of compromised health, social isolation and daily monotony, I passed the time like everyone around me — bingeing Netflix, doing puzzles and cooking tasty dishes — but I eventually returned to a habit near and dear to me: my family photo shoots.

Read more [here](#) . Shared by Chris Connell.

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# ***William Small, 'hero to journalism' at CBS, NBC, dies at 93***



**FILE - In this March 27, 1962, file photo, President John F. Kennedy, left, receives a silver bowl from William J. Small, with station WHAS in Louisville, Ky., in a Washington ceremony. Small, representing the Radio-TV News Directors Association, presented the bowl at the conclusion of an "off the record" talk by Kennedy to newsmen attending a foreign policy briefing. Longtime broadcast news executive Small, who led CBS News' Washington coverage during the civil rights movement, Vietnam War and Watergate and was later president of NBC News and United Press International, died Sunday, May 24, 2020, CBS News said. He was 93. (AP Photo/File)**

**By JENNIFER PELTZ and MICHAEL R. SISAk**

**NEW YORK (AP) —** Longtime broadcast news executive William J. Small, who led CBS News' Washington coverage during the civil rights movement, Vietnam War and Watergate and was later president of NBC News and United Press International, died Sunday, CBS News said. He was 93.

Small, whose career spanned from overseeing the news operation at a small radio station to testifying in Congress about press freedom, died in a New York hospital after a brief illness unrelated to the coronavirus, the network said.

During a six-decade career, Small supervised, guided and in some cases hired generations of some of the best-known reporters and anchors in television news, among them: Dan Rather, Eric Sevareid, Daniel Schorr, Connie Chung, Diane Sawyer, “60 Minutes” correspondents Ed Bradley and Lesley Stahl and “Face the Nation” anchor Bob Schieffer.

Read more [here](#) . Shared by Valerie Komor.

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## ***Is Email the Future of Journalism?*** (New Republic)

By **ALEX SHEPHARD**

Last year was an extinction-level event in journalism. More than 3,000 jobs were lost in an industry that was already in rough shape. There were layoffs in every type of news organization: At BuzzFeed, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Sports Illustrated, and countless other newsrooms. And thanks to the coronavirus lockdown, this year is shaping up to be even worse.

Digital and traditional media outlets have laid off thousands of workers. Last week alone saw drastic cuts at Vice, Quartz, and The Atlantic. Local news has been hit particularly hard; alt-weeklies and small and midsize papers have been decimated. The union representing The Cleveland Plain-Dealer had nearly 350 members two decades ago; today it has 14.

No one is immune. Old stalwarts and new startups alike are struggling. The Atlantic gained nearly 100,000 subscribers since March, but without its lucrative events business it nevertheless shed nearly a fifth of its workforce. Some properties, like Vox, have furloughed large portions of their staff. Many of the thousands of journalism jobs that have been lost will not be coming back any time soon, if ever. A wave of seed capital offset some of the damage of the 2008 recession, but few investors are keen on journalism now.

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

# Today in History - May 27, 2020



## By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, May 27, the 148th day of 2020. There are 218 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On May 27, 1935, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Schechter Poultry Corp. v. United States*, unanimously struck down the National Industrial Recovery Act, a key component of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "New Deal" legislative program.

### On this date:

In 1199, King John of England was crowned in Westminster Abbey nearly two months after the death of his brother, Richard I ("The Lion-Hearted").

In 1861, Chief Justice Roger Taney, sitting as a federal circuit court judge in Baltimore, ruled that President Abraham Lincoln lacked the authority to suspend the writ of habeas corpus (Lincoln disregarded the ruling).

In 1896, 255 people were killed when a tornado struck St. Louis, Missouri, and East St. Louis, Illinois.

In 1912, golf legend Sam Snead was born in Ashwood, Va. Author John Cheever was born in Quincy, Mass.

In 1933, the Chicago World's Fair, celebrating "A Century of Progress," officially opened. Walt Disney's Academy Award-winning animated short "The Three Little Pigs" was first released.

In 1941, the British Royal Navy sank the German battleship Bismarck off France with a loss of some 2,000 lives, three days after the Bismarck sank the HMS Hood with the loss of more than 1,400 lives. Amid rising world tensions, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed an "unlimited national emergency" during a radio address from the White House.

In 1942, Doris "Dorie" Miller, a cook aboard the USS West Virginia, became the first African-American to receive the Navy Cross for displaying "extraordinary courage and disregard for his own personal safety" during Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor.

In 1968, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *United States v. O'Brien*, upheld the conviction of David O'Brien for destroying his draft card outside a Boston courthouse, ruling that the act was not protected by freedom of speech.

In 1993, five people were killed in a bombing at the Uffizi museum of art in Florence, Italy; some three dozen paintings were ruined or damaged.

In 1994, Nobel Prize-winning author Alexander Solzhenitsyn returned to Russia to the emotional cheers of thousands after spending two decades in exile.

In 1995, actor Christopher Reeve was left paralyzed when he was thrown from his horse during a jumping event in Charlottesville, Virginia.

In 1998, Michael Fortier (FOR'-tee-ur), the government's star witness in the Oklahoma City bombing case, was sentenced to 12 years in prison after apologizing for not warning anyone about the deadly plot. (Fortier was freed in January 2006.)

Ten years ago: On the defensive more than five weeks into the nation's worst-ever oil spill, President Barack Obama insisted his administration, not oil giant BP, was calling the shots in the still-unsuccessful response. The Senate Armed Services Committee and the full House approved measures to repeal the 1993

“don’t ask, don’t tell” law that allowed gay people to serve in the armed services provided they hid their sexual orientation. Activist Lori Berenson walked out of a prison in Peru after serving three-quarters of a 20-year term for aiding leftist rebels. (Under her parole, Berenson had to remain in Peru until December, 2015; she then returned to New York.)

Five years ago: The U.S. government launched an attack on what it called deep-seated and brazen corruption in soccer’s global governing body, FIFA, indicting 14 influential figures on charges of racketeering and taking bribes. Former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum, an aggressive advocate for conservative family values, launched a 2016 Republican White House bid. Nebraska’s Legislature abolished the death penalty over the objections of Gov. Pete Ricketts, a Republican supporter of capital punishment.

One year ago: Meeting in Japan with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, President Donald Trump said he was “personally not” bothered by North Korea’s recent short-range missile tests, which had rattled Japan. Forty inmates were killed in riots at three prisons in Manaus in northern Brazil, a day after 15 inmates died during fighting among prisoners at a fourth prison in the same city. Former baseball All-Star and batting champion Bill Buckner died at the age of 69; he had become best known for allowing a ground ball to roll through his legs in the 1986 World Series, won by the New York Mets over Buckner’s Boston Red Sox.

Today’s Birthdays: Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is 97. Former FBI Director William Sessions is 90. Author John Barth is 90. Actress Lee Meriwether is 85. Musician Ramsey Lewis is 85. Actor Louis Gossett Jr. is 84. Rhythm and blues singer Raymond Sanders (The Persuasions) is 81. Actor Bruce Weitz is 77. Former Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.) is 76. Singer Bruce Cockburn (KOH’-burn) is 75. South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster is 73. Singer-actress Dee Dee Bridgewater is 70. Actor Richard Schiff is 65. Singer Siouxsie Sioux (The Creatures, Siouxsie and the Banshees) is 63. Rock singer-musician Neil Finn (The Finn Brothers) is 62. Actress Peri Gilpin is 59. Actress Cathy Silvers is 59. Comedian Adam Carolla is 56. Actor Todd Bridges is 55. Rock musician Sean Kinney (Alice In Chains) is 54. Actor Dondre Whitfield is 51. Actor Paul Bettany is 49. Rock singer-musician Brian Desveaux (Nine Days) is 49. Country singer Jace Everett is 48. Actor Jack McBrayer is 47. Rapper Andre 3000 (Outkast) is 45. Rapper Jadakiss is 45. TV chef Jamie Oliver is 45. Alt-country singer-songwriter Shane Nicholson is 44. Actor Ben Feldman is 40. Actor Michael Steger is 40. Actor Darin Brooks is 36. Actor-singer Chris Colfer is 30. Actor Ethan Dampf is 26. Actress Desiree Ross (TV: “Greenleaf”) is 21.



Thought for Today: "Great wisdom is generous; petty wisdom is contentious. Great speech is impassioned, small speech cantankerous."  
[-] Chuang-Tzu, Chinese essayist (c.369-c.286 B.C.)

# 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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