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Colleagues,

Good Monday morning on this the 19th day of October 2020,

The Associated Press to use blockchain to fight fake election news

That was the headline for [a story](#) late last week in Ledger Insights, which publishes global news and features about business and enterprise blockchain.

It began:

Today blockchain firm Everipedia announced its collaboration with news agency The Associated Press (AP) and Chainlink, a decentralized oracle network. The project will enable AP to distribute U.S. election race calls onto a

blockchain securely and transparently. And in turn, the blockchain can be used to verify the data is legitimate.

Nowadays, news misinformation is commonplace, with major technology companies like Facebook and Twitter attempting to address the issue to little avail.

In terms of blockchain use cases, the ability to verify that data is accurate and has not been manipulated seems like a pretty valid one. Especially since the Associated Press has a long track record of covering the U.S. elections since 1848 at both local and national levels.



Connecting asked a principal AP figure in the venture, our colleague **Dwayne Desaulniers**, AP's director of Corporate News & Data Services, to explain what it means and his response leads today's issue.

AP'S JULIE PACE TO SPEAK IN ZOOM FORUM

Julie Pace, AP's Washington bureau chief, will be the featured speaker tonight at Northern Kentucky University's Forum. In a Zoom talk, "Covering the Capitol: May You Live in Interesting Times," Pace will reflect on her reporting team's challenges, talk about AP's decision-making about its coverage, and provide an inside view of journalism in the nation's Capital City.

Our colleague **Mark Neikirk** ([Email](#)), executive director of NKU's Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement, said the program will begin at 6 p.m. EDT and that you can RSVP by clicking [here](#). The event is free and open to the public.

WRITTEN A BOOK IN THE PAST YEAR?

AUTHORS ALERT: If you have written a book in the past year, Connecting would like to feature it in our annual listing of books authored by Connecting colleagues. The book issue will appear in a couple weeks – so this is an invitation to send me the following: Name of book, jpg image of the cover and your headshot, and 300 words on the book including where it can be purchased. Send along the information soon.

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy.

Paul

AP election coverage and blockchain



A pedestrian walks past a King County ballot drop box, closed until ballots are mailed about three weeks before the election, on a Seattle street Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020. (AP Photo/Elaine Thompson)

By Dwayne Desaulniers ([Email](#))
Director, Corporate News & Data Services

What is the Blockchain?

The blockchain is an emerging secure, encrypted data and record storage technology. It consists of thousands of linked computers. Each server is referred to as a "block" which are digitally linked or "chained" together - hence blockchain. When a user places data on one of these blocks, it is automatically replicated in the other blocks across the thousands of servers. This massive replication makes it difficult for anyone to alter these records. This resistance to modification of the data is the primary value of the blockchain. It is an open, distributed ledger that can record data or transactions between two parties efficiently and in a verifiable and permanent way.

How is the blockchain being used today?

Secure and immutable data storage has been the primary value of the blockchain. Recently, a wide variety of transactions have been executed on the blockchain due to the

security and transparency of records. Blockchain provides a way to securely and efficiently create a tamper-proof log of sensitive activity. This makes it excellent for international payments and money transfers. Major banks are starting to consider the blockchain as a way to process capital markets transactions and settlements. More real estate transactions are beginning to be stored on the blockchain. Betting on the exchange rates of major currencies is another use case as is predicting or betting between two parties on virtually anything. It is very early days for the blockchain and many more use cases will emerge.



What is AP doing on the blockchain?

AP and other newsrooms have long considered how the blockchain can help journalism. One early idea was to store original stories or photos on the blockchain. These would serve as the "official" version by which other rewrites could be compared to help detect fakes. This idea continues to be developed and researched. The NY Times, AP and Washington Post have all studied this idea. AP has also considered selling our photos and stories on the blockchain

What is AP doing with Everipedia?

Furthering the idea of publishing official, unalterable news on the blockchain, Everipedia is licensing AP's race calls and will be encrypting and storing the calls on the blockchain. It is very important to note that only race calls will be published to the blockchain at this time and no other election data. Besides being a permanent, immutable record of the calls, AP's race calls will then be accessible by other software programs that have a need to know or are in seek of original, official information about who won a particular election. By focusing on race calls only, we can use this opportunity to learn more about the technology's potential for distribution of AP news, facts and information in the future. Because of the security, perhaps the blockchain will be an effective method to provide access to AP's archives in the future as a revenue source.

Will AP be making revenue?

As AP researches appropriate use cases for the blockchain, revenue potential is one of our objectives, as it is in all of our new initiatives. In this experiment, the encrypted AP race calls will be available to inform other blockchain software or markets about who won a specific election. We have decided that it will cost a small amount of cryptocurrency (the currency of the blockchain) to "unlock" an encrypted AP race call. There is therefore, revenue potential in the hours following the election and because the calls will remain on the blockchain to inform any future enquiries they have the

potential to continue to generate revenue in the future. Any cryptocurrency revenue will be converted to USD.

Is this a big deal?

It is potentially because the blockchain may offer AP a new way to distribute our news and facts and a new way for the world and in particular software to access our journalism and to know it is authentically AP. Keep in mind, the blockchain is not fast so speed is not valued. It takes time for all ledgers on a blockchain to update. What is valued is authentic, original Information. Our work with Everipedia will provide us with some real-world evidence and experience of the potential of the blockchain technology.

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Click [here](#) for another story, by Coindesk, on the collaboration, "Immutable Calls: AP Election 2020 Results Will Be Recorded on a Blockchain."

The story noted:

Roughly 4,000 AP employees (NOTE: number includes stringers out in field) will be deployed across the U.S. on Election Day, working from polling centers, city halls and clerk's offices around the country. As precincts begin reporting numbers, these employees will start recording the vote results in an internal system, updating as new numbers roll in.

The proprietary system will compare the results with similar data from two, four and six years ago in an effort to prevent any major errors from creeping through, Desaulniers said.

This data will, in turn, go to race callers, individuals who are familiar with the politics of the region they are in. (Desaulniers is a race caller for the U.S. state of New Hampshire.) These individuals compare current data with historic data and internal models that AP builds to declare if and when certain races are won.

"It's very intense," he said. "I think it's the biggest journalistic enterprise that we're aware of."

Everipedia takes over the process at this point. Once a race is called, that information is entered into another internal AP system. Everipedia will pull the final declaration from an API and record it on its own ledger, permanently storing what AP sees as the final result.

"So when we declare a governor has won, Everipedia will get that data immediately from our systems and they'll be able to publish that," he explained.

Understanding the election: How AP combats misinformation



People vote at voting booths in Georgia's primary election, June 9, 2020, in Atlanta. AP Photo/Brynn Anderson

By Patrick Maks

With misinformation swirling ahead of the U.S. presidential election, fact-checking, a central function of AP for decades, has never been more important.

Fact Check Editor Karen Mahabir explains what AP will be watching for leading up to, on and after Election Day:

How much election-related misinformation – and what kind – have you seen so far?

We've seen a lot of misinformation around the U.S. election, and I'm sure we'll see more as we move even closer to Election Day – and perhaps afterward. We've seen a lot of false messaging around the voting process, including claims that refer to a difference between mail-in and absentee ballots, or the prospect of fraud or foreign interference in the vote-by-mail process. We've also seen false claims about missing or discarded ballots, such as college students throwing away President Donald Trump voters' absentee ballots; a state destroying over 1 million ballots; and a federal judge ordering another state to have all ballots counted on the night of the election. These

are all false. One photo that was shared thousands of times on social media purported to show mail bins and envelopes on the side of road with discarded ballots, but it was in fact from 2018.

We've also seen misinformation around the coronavirus pandemic intersect with claims around the U.S. election. For example, after President Trump tested positive for COVID-19, we saw an explosion of misinformation online, including tweets claiming Democrats may have somehow intentionally infected him with the virus during the debates and other posts that claimed he was faking his illness.

Read more [here](#).

Connecting asks you share your own: **Memories of the Member Talk Wire**

Steve Graham (Email) - When I arrived at the Portland, Ore. bureau as news editor in 1977, I discovered the "member talk wire," a Teletype Model 15 with keyboard that was linked to a similar Teletype at the "wire" desk at all Oregon newspapers.

I had not encountered such a thing at my previous stints in Helena and Indianapolis, but I was told that Portland was not unique.

It provided personal contact with our members, but with most of our members being PMs (nine or so), special requests (and chat) tended to arrive while our harried morning desk editor was dealing with the usual crush of "fixtures," such as the ever-popular Columbia River fish counts, Western Oregon river levels, wheat prices, opening Oregon-based stock prices, Oregon road reports, etc.



I suggested to COB Howard Graves that we replace the talk wire with a toll-free telephone number, which hopefully would reduce the load (and concomitant stress) on the morning desk editor.

Howard agreed and we sent a member advisory to that effect. One of the (shall we say "most enthusiastic") wire editors was aghast and wrote back, saying, "If I have to make a telephone call, I won't be as likely to contact the bureau."

YES!!!

(Talk wires were doomed to extinction in any event when satellite distribution replaced leased telephone lines to members.)

The fires of Colorado



Neal Ulevich ([Email](#)) - The fire just north and west of Boulder, CO, Saturday afternoon, closer than most of the fires that afflict us these days. Clear, smokeless days are unusual this season. I drove to Rocky Mountain Metro airport, a busy general aviation field about 12 miles west of my house. The Forest Service has a major fire-fighting base there. Water bombers were lined up to refill their tanks with retardant, then departing immediately. The fire was only 5-10 air minutes away. About 75 people were there to watch the tanker servicing operation. Many brought chairs, a few a picnic lunch.



Marc Wilson ([Email](#)) - Friday night view from our front porch. Evacuations ordered north and west of us.

Sky shot - from early voting line



Chris Sullivan ([Email](#)) – Thanks for the delightful “Make a Plan to Vote” video in Friday’s Connecting. I watched it just after getting back from an early-voting trip to the election office here in the north Georgia mountains with my wife Lucy. The sun was rising when I shot this photo from the line that stretched about two city blocks.

As we stood there, one voter arriving shortly afterward jokingly asked everybody, ‘Is this the food line?’

“Free beer,” the guy behind us answered.

Folks laughed. It’s a deeply divided county (like so many others around the country) and there has been some anger over voters arriving in pro- or anti-Trump hats or T-shirts and being told by elections officials to remove or cover them in accordance with no-politicking rules. But the benevolent sky reflected a pretty friendly mood below while we were there.

Best of the Week

Joint AP/‘Frontline’ investigation reveals deadly failures in US medical supply chain



Lori Gonzalez wipes a tear away after visiting the temporary grave marker of her sister, Kaiser Permanente Fresno Medical Center nurse Sandra Oldfield, at the Sanger Cemetery in Sanger, Calif., Aug. 29, 2020. Oldfield and her colleagues said they had felt unsafe at work and had raised concerns with their managers – they said they needed N95 masks, the most powerful protection against contracting COVID-19. Oldfield became sick after caring for a COVID-19 patient in March; she died of the disease, May 25, 2020. AP PHOTO / GARY KAZANJIAN

This week's award recognizes AP investigative reporters Martha Mendoza and Juliet Linderman, whose exceptional multiformat journalism exposed the collapse of the U.S. medical equipment supply chain, leading to deadly shortages of crucial personal protective equipment (PPE) that left workers vulnerable to COVID-19.

In collaboration with public television's "Frontline," the Center for Global Reporting and AP reporters worldwide, "America's Medical Supply Crisis" offered a sweeping examination of the nation's fragmented medical supply chain, identifying a series of missteps in government and the healthcare system that contributed to one of the highest death rates per capita in the world.

Read more [here](#).

Best of the States

11 weeks in the bubble: AP writer's exhaustive NBA report goes well beyond the games



Miami Heat's Jae Crowder, left, goes to the basket defended by Milwaukee Bucks' Marvin Williams in an NBA conference semifinal playoff game in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Sept. 8, 2020. AP PHOTO / MARK J. TERRILL

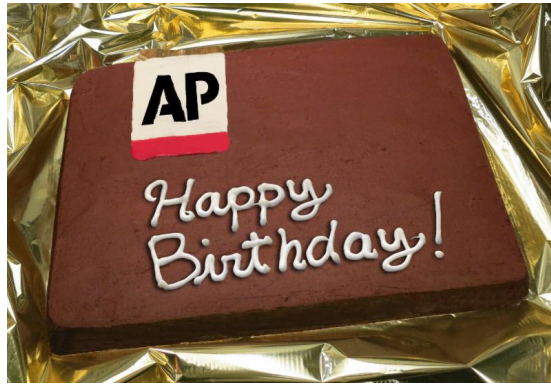
Through 78 days at Walt Disney World, AP basketball writer Tim Reynolds proved himself virtually unstoppable, turning out game stories on deadline while also spinning insightful pieces that examined the major topics of 2020, from coronavirus concerns to racial injustice issues and the presidential election – not to mention the league's work stoppage. The so-called bubble may have confined him to an arena in a central Florida suburb, but Reynolds' relentless NBA coverage reminded readers that sports illuminate our lives in ways big and small.

In all, Reynolds wrote an eye-popping 200-plus stories and – no surprise – the scoops piled up.

His exclusive interviews included:

Read more [here](#).

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

New York Post Published Hunter Biden Report Amid Newsroom Doubts (New York Times)

By Katie Robertson

The New York Post's front-page article about Hunter Biden on Wednesday was written mostly by a staff reporter who refused to put his name on it, two Post employees said.

Bruce Golding, a reporter at the Rupert Murdoch-owned tabloid since 2007, did not allow his byline to be used because he had concerns over the article's credibility, the two Post employees said, speaking on the condition of anonymity out of fear of retaliation.

Coming late in a heated presidential campaign, the article suggested that Joseph R. Biden Jr. had used his position to enrich his son Hunter when he was vice president. The Post based the story on photos and documents the paper said it had taken from the hard drive of a laptop purportedly belonging to Hunter Biden.

Many Post staff members questioned whether the paper had done enough to verify the authenticity of the hard drive's contents, said five people with knowledge of the tabloid's inner workings. Staff members also had concerns about the reliability of its sources and its timing, the people said.

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

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Can The NPR Approach To News Survive 2020? (NPR)

By KELLY MCBRIDE

To some consumers, NPR is the sane alternative to partisan shouting on cable news. For others, NPR is lulling its audience to sleep with reassuring false equivalence.

Listeners have long told NPR that they find it appealing because of its approach to news as a story to be told, and the meaning of that story to be discovered. But times change, and there are signs that for NPR (and many other American newsrooms), that philosophy now repels some consumers who are driven to distraction by the lack of outrage.

There have been moments in recent weeks, like the coverage of the president's COVID infection, when the NPR-as-a-breath-of-sanity argument has clear advantages. And there are moments, like the coverage of the first presidential debate, when NPR's presentation is so understated that some in the audience feel they've been handed a distorted picture.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Len Iwanski.

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Star Tribune sports columnist Sid Hartman dies at age 100 (Star Tribune)



File - In this April 21, 2009 file photo, Minneapolis Star Tribune columnist Sid Hartman is shown in St. Paul, Minn. (AP Photo/Jim Mone, File)

By Patrick Reusse

Sid Hartman, who started selling newspapers in 1928 and wrote about sports for the Star Tribune for the ensuing decades, died Sunday. He was 100.

“My father’s extraordinary and resilient life has come to a peaceful conclusion surrounded by his family,” his son, Chad Hartman, tweeted early Sunday afternoon.

Sid Hartman also was for decades a radio voice on WCCO.

Hartman was born on the North Side of Minneapolis on March 15, 1920, and he worked for newspapers in his hometown for nearly his entire life. At the time of his death he was still writing three or four columns a week.

He gained a stature very few journalists have achieved, becoming one of this state’s legendary public figures. He was for years a power broker in the local sports scene, playing an integral role in the early success of the Minneapolis Lakers pro basketball team while serving as the team’s de facto general manager and working behind the scenes to help bring major league baseball to Minnesota.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Mark Mittelstadt, Pat Milton.

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Journalists’ use of private security increasing in Denver as attacks on the media rise nationwide (Denver Post)

When protests turned violent in Denver in June, ABC national news hired local freelance video journalist Carl Filoreto to cover the demonstrations — and paid for armed security guards to accompany him as cops fired tear gas and projectiles at people angry over the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police.

“I never felt threatened in Denver but knowing you have that extra set of eyes on you that are there for protection, it’s very reassuring when you’re out covering that kind of thing,” Filoreto said. “You just never know what spark is going to incite a major confrontation.”

The fatal shooting of a demonstrator by a security guard working for 9News following demonstrations in Denver on Oct. 10 illustrates just how quickly something can go wrong when large crowds gather.

That day’s dueling political protests, while boisterous, had not been violent and were ending when a small group started arguing outside the Denver Art Museum while walking to their cars. It’s unclear what led the victim, Lee Keltner, and the security guard, Matthew Dolloff, to engage with each other, but the encounter turned fatal within seconds.

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

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As Local News Dies, a Pay-for-Play Network Rises in Its Place (New York Times)

By Davey Alba and Jack Nicas

The instructions were clear: Write an article calling out Sara Gideon, a Democrat running for a hotly contested U.S. Senate seat in Maine, as a hypocrite.

Angela Underwood, a freelance reporter in upstate New York, took the \$22 assignment over email. She contacted the spokesman for Senator Susan Collins, the Republican opponent, and wrote an article on his accusations that Ms. Gideon was two-faced for criticizing shadowy political groups and then accepting their help.

The short article was published on Maine Business Daily, a seemingly run-of-the-mill news website, under the headline “Sen. Collins camp says House Speaker Gideon’s actions are hypocritical.” It extensively quoted Ms. Collins’s spokesman but had no comment from Ms. Gideon’s campaign.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Cliff Schiappa, Sibby Christensen.

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Dallas Morning News staff votes to unionize newsroom

DALLAS (AP) — The staff of the Dallas Morning News voted to unionize Friday, becoming the first newspaper in Texas to do so amid a recent wave of labor organizing at news outlets across the country.

The Dallas News Guild announced that employees of the paper and its Spanish-language sister publication, Al Día, voted 84 to 28 in favor of unionizing. The vote went to the National Labor Relations Board after the papers’ parent company, A. H. Belo Corporation, declined to voluntarily recognize the union in July. The board must still certify the vote.

“We’re thrilled that our colleagues overwhelmingly voted yes,” Dave Tarrant, a longtime reporter and Guild spokesman, said in a statement. “We’ve been working on

this for a year, and we're all extremely happy about the outcome and excited to move forward."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Adolphe Bernotas, Dennis Conrad. Click [here](#) for Dallas News story.

The Final Word

He's 32. He's Joe Biden's Press Secretary. And He Has Stage 4 Cancer. (The Washingtonian)



TJ Ducklo on the trail in South Carolina in February, shortly before Covid locked down the country. Photograph by Adam Schultz/Biden for President.

By LUKE MULLINS

Everybody on the Biden campaign remembers the day that TJ Ducklo got back on the trail. It was the day before the Democratic primary debate in Iowa last January, just as reports were surfacing about people in Wuhan, China, falling ill with a mysterious pneumonia—essentially, a political lifetime ago. Ducklo was in Des Moines, embracing fellow staffers and chatting up reporters who hadn't seen him in weeks. He looked good, everyone agreed. A little thin. But good.

Ducklo is the national press secretary and a top spokesperson for Joe Biden. If Biden becomes the 46th President, there's a decent chance Ducklo will figure in the White

House press shop, occupying one of the most powerful perches in Washington. Thirty-two years old and trim, he wears tortoiseshell glasses and is partial to blazers with dress shirts, no tie. If you ran into him at happy hour, he'd blend right into the sea of young media operatives populating the city, a disciplined press aide who aims never to become the story himself. But for one significant difference: A month before the Iowa debate, Ducklo was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. By the time doctors discovered it, the disease had spread to his liver, his gallbladder, and his bones.

It was unfathomable news for someone who'd never smoked a cigarette in his life, let alone an ambitious young operative at the center of what felt like the most consequential national election in a generation. The day that Ducklo's boss, Biden communications director Kate Bedingfield, broke the news to the staff, aides broke down crying in the campaign's headquarters. "Even people who weren't close to him were really rocked by it," says Matt Hill, one of Ducklo's deputies.

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

Today in History - October 19, 2020



By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Oct. 19, the 293rd day of 2020. There are 73 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 19, 1781, British troops under Gen. Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia, as the American Revolution neared its end.

On this date:

In 1765, the Stamp Act Congress, meeting in New York, adopted a declaration of rights and liberties, which the British Parliament ignored.

In 1812, French forces under Napoleon Bonaparte began their retreat from Moscow.

In 1944, the U.S. Navy began accepting Black women into WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service).

In 1960, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was arrested during a sit-down protest at a lunch counter in Atlanta. (Sent to prison for a parole violation over a traffic offense, King was released after three days following an appeal by Robert F. Kennedy.)

In 1977, the supersonic Concorde made its first landing in New York City.

In 1987, the stock market crashed as the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 508 points, or 22.6 percent in value (its biggest daily percentage loss), to close at 1,738.74 in what came to be known as "Black Monday."

In 1994, 22 people were killed as a terrorist bomb shattered a bus in the heart of Tel Aviv's shopping district.

In 2001, U.S. special forces began operations on the ground in Afghanistan, opening a significant new phase of the assault against the Taliban and al-Qaida.

In 2002, in York, Pa., former mayor Charlie Robertson was acquitted and two other men were convicted in the shotgun slaying of Lillie Belle Allen, a young Black woman, during race riots that tore the city apart in 1969.

In 2003, Pope John Paul II beatified Mother Teresa during a ceremony in St. Peter's Square.

In 2005, a defiant Saddam Hussein pleaded innocent to charges of premeditated murder and torture as his trial opened under heavy security in the former headquarters of his Baath Party in Baghdad.

In 2014, Peyton Manning broke Brett Favre's NFL record of 508 career touchdown passes as he threw four TD passes in Denver's 42-17 victory over the San Francisco 49ers. (The record would later be broken by Drew Brees and Tom Brady.)

Ten years ago: The Pentagon directed the military to accept openly gay recruits for the first time in the nation's history. Hosam Smadi, a Jordanian man caught in an FBI sting trying to blow up a Dallas skyscraper, was sentenced to 24 years in prison after telling the court he was ashamed of his actions and renouncing al-Qaida. "Happy Days" patriarch Tom Bosley died in Rancho Mirage, California, at age 83.

Five years ago: Canadians voted for a sharp change in their government as the Liberals led by Justin Trudeau, the son of a former prime minister, won a landslide victory to end Conservative Stephen Harper's near decade in office. Ahmed Mohamed, the

Texas teenager arrested after a homemade clock he'd brought to school was mistaken for a bomb, capped a whirlwind month with a visit to the White House, where he met with President Barack Obama for "Astronomy Night." The Toronto Blue Jays roughed up Johnny Cueto for an 11-8 victory over the Royals that cut Kansas City's AL Championship series lead to 2-1.

One year ago: The Houston Astros advanced to the World Series for the second time in three years, defeating the New York Yankees 6-4 in Game 6 of the American League Championship Series. (The Astros would lose the World Series to the Washington Nationals in seven games.) At a rally in New York, Bernie Sanders resumed his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination, weeks after being sidelined by a heart attack. In the wake of stinging criticism, President Donald Trump reversed his plan to hold the next Group of Seven world leaders' meeting at his Doral, Florida, golf resort.

Today's Birthdays: Author John le Carre (luh kah-RAY') is 89. Actor Tony Lo Bianco is 84. Artist Peter Max is 83. Author and critic Renata Adler is 83. Actor Michael Gambon is 80. Actor John Lithgow (LIHTH'-goh) is 75. Feminist activist Patricia Ireland is 75. Singer Jeannie C. Riley is 75. Rock singer-musician Patrick Simmons (The Doobie Brothers) is 72. Actor Annie Golden is 69. Talk show host Charlie Chase is 68. Rock singer-musician Karl Wallinger (World Party) is 63. Former Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele is 62. Singer Jennifer Holliday is 60. Retired boxer Evander Holyfield is 58. Host Ty Pennington (TV: "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition") is 56. Rock singer-musician Todd Park Mohr (Big Head Todd and the Monsters) is 55. Actor Jon Favreau is 54. Amy Carter is 53. "South Park" co-creator Trey Parker is 51. Comedian Chris Kattan is 50. Rock singer Pras Michel (The Fugees) is 48. Actor Omar Gooding is 44. Country singer Cyndi Thomson is 44. Writer-director Jason Reitman is 43. Actor Benjamin Salisbury is 40. Actor Gillian Jacobs is 38. Actor Rebecca Ferguson is 37. Rock singer Zac Barnett (American Authors) is 34. Singer-actor Ciara Renee (TV: "Legends of Tomorrow") is 30. Actor Hunter King is 27.

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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