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Who's that guy between Lou Boccardi and Andy Lippman in this long-ago photo of AP chiefs of bureau outside 50 Rock? Is he the Vermont chief? And whose familiar (masked) face is outside the former Rockefeller Plaza headquarters of The Associated Press and on the News sculpture by Isamu Noguchi? Could that be The Bern – aka, Sen. Bernie Sanders? See today's Final Word for more on the hottest meme in social media. Illustrations courtesy of Andy Acton of Atlanta.

Colleagues,

Good Monday morning on this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021,

Two acclaimed broadcasters were in the headlines over the weekend – and Connecting brings you the news.

**Larry King**, a nightly fixture on CNN from 1985 to 2010, died Saturday at the age of 87 and is remembered in this issue by two Connecting colleagues, **Peter Arnett** and AP media writer **David Bauder**. Arnett joined CNN in 1981 after a distinguished AP career that including coverage of the Vietnam War from 1962 to the fall of Saigon in 1975. He won the Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting in 1966 for his Vietnam coverage.

**Tom Brokaw** announced Friday that he is retiring from NBC News after working at the network for 55 years. The author of "The Greatest Generation" is 80 and his television

appearances have been limited in recent years as he fought cancer. Our colleague **Lou Boccardi**, retired president and CEO of the AP, shares his thoughts on Brokaw.

We salute them both.

Have a great week ahead – be safe, stay healthy.

Paul

## Larry King, broadcasting giant for half-century, dies at 87



**FILE** - In this April 18, 2007 file photo, Larry King speaks to guests at a party held by CNN, celebrating King's 50 years of broadcasting in New York. ( AP Photo/Stuart Ramson, File)

By **ANDREW DALTON**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Larry King, the suspenders-sporting everyman whose broadcast interviews with world leaders, movie stars and ordinary Joes helped define American conversation for a half-century, died Saturday. He was 87.

King died at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, his production company, Ora Media, tweeted. No cause of death was given, but a spokesperson said Jan. 4 that King had COVID-19, had received supplemental oxygen and had been moved out of intensive care. His son Chance Armstrong also confirmed King's death, CNN reported.

A longtime nationally syndicated radio host, from 1985 through 2010 he was a nightly fixture on CNN, where he won many honors, including two Peabody awards.

With his celebrity interviews, political debates and topical discussions, King wasn't just an enduring on-air personality. He also set himself apart with the curiosity he brought to every interview, whether questioning the assault victim known as the Central Park jogger or billionaire industrialist Ross Perot, who in 1992 rocked the presidential contest by announcing his candidacy on King's show.

Read more [here](#).

## Remembering Larry King

*When I asked Larry King when he would retire, his response: 'When I die'*



**PRIME TIME: Larry King with Peter Arnett at a Washington DC media party soon after the 1991 Gulf War. CNN's sky-high war ratings propelled the Larry King Show into decade-long popularity.**

**Peter Arnett (Email)** - I had an office next to Larry King's in the late 1980s when I was CNN's national security correspondent in Washington, D.C., and he was emerging as the face of the network. CNN supplied King with his own staff of talented producers and technicians who fed the celebrity machine that his show was rapidly becoming. His guests were mainly movie and entertainment personalities who were familiar with his previous long-running midnight to 5:30 a.m. radio show on Mutual Radio. I didn't see much of him, as he slipped quietly into the bureau to do his mid-evening interviewing show, and slipping out afterwards to party with his famous friends. Ted Turner had hired King in 1985 to broaden the appeal of CNN's "all the news all the time" with some Hollywood spice, which did not go without cynical comment by the rest of us on the staff who labored with much less fanfare.



Larry King made room on his show for the offbeat, including this hour-long telecast from the roof of the old US Embassy on the 20th anniversary of the Fall of Saigon. Peter Arnett hosted the gathering that included, (third from right) Marine Master Sgt. Juan Valdez and with other soldiers who were the last to be rescued off the rooftop by helicopter in 1975.

But all that changed when news became a bigger story than entertainment during the 1991 Gulf War, with the deluge of coverage that CNN provided for domestic and international viewers from all sides of the conflict thrusting the cable network into stratospheric acclaim. The Larry King show began featuring political figures and military experts. Former hacks like John Holliman and me, both ex-AP, and Wolf Blitzer

began getting noticed. In my last satellite phone call I made to CNN's Atlanta headquarters when I was leaving Baghdad in March, 1991, I was instructed, "When you get outa there don't talk to anyone but Larry King first." Show biz!.



**LARRY KING** wore his signature red suspenders when he interviewed Peter Arnett in 2018, but had to settle for a small studio in Glendale, CA, rather than the gilded trappings of his CNN years, at the locale of his new talk show "Politicking with Larry King" financed by a Mexican millionaire.

The Larry King Show left CNN in 2010 as viewer tastes changed. I had departed a decade earlier. I discovered that once you got your name on King's Rolodex you were permanent resource. Ever the information entrepreneur, King co-founded Ora-TV, a production company in California, with Mexican businessman Carlos Slim. One of his weekly shows was Politicking that he launched in 2012. Every now and again I would get the phone call at my home in Fountain Valley, in Orange County CA. A limo would pull up outside a few days later and whisk me to Glendale in Los Angeles County to his studio. Larry would arrive. I'd ask, what's the subject today. He'd respond. "The World, politics. Everything we can cram into a half hour."

In our last meeting in 2019 I asked King when he planned to retire. "When I die," he answered. And he did this weekend, at 87, of Covid-19, after several years of serious medical problems.

## ***From presidents to faded stars, all welcomed by Larry King***

By **DAVID BAUDER**

NEW YORK (AP) — Larry King was easy to poke fun at, particularly late in his career at CNN: the pinched look, guffaws and coke-bottle glasses, the suspenders and old-time microphone on the desk in front of him.

He was grandpa trying to dance to Drake at a wedding.

But at least grandpa tried, didn't he? And if you sat down to talk with him, he could take you places with his words, and you would enjoy the journey. You'd certainly be sorry if he wasn't there.

Hearing about King's death Saturday at age 87 stirred a similar feeling. The Brooklyn-born King was a classic conversationalist, a throwback to a different era in showbiz and media even during the height of his on-air career.

Read more [here](#).

## Tom Brokaw says he's retiring from NBC News after 55 years



**FILE - "NBC Nightly News" anchor Tom Brokaw delivers his closing remarks during his final broadcast, in New York on Dec. 1, 2004. Brokaw says he is retiring from NBC News after working at the network for 55 years. The author of "The Greatest Generation" is now 80 years old and his television appearances have been limited in**



recent years as he fought cancer. He says he will continue writing books and articles. (AP Photo/Richard Drew, File)

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — Longtime NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw, once television news' most popular broadcaster as he told viewers about the biggest events of that late 20th Century, said Friday that he's retiring from television.

Brokaw, who is 80, said he'll continue writing books and articles. He's the author of "The Greatest Generation," about those who fought World War II.

In a final essay that appeared on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" on Dec. 30, Brokaw hinted at his announcement by reflecting on a career that took him from breaking into a local newscast in Nebraska and announcing the death of President John F. Kennedy, to coronavirus.

"For me, it's been an amazing journey — 57 years as a reporter," Brokaw said.

Fifty-five of those years were at NBC News, starting as a reporter in Los Angeles in the 1960s, covering the White House during the Nixon administration, hosting the "Today" show in the late 1970s and more than 20 years as "Nightly News" anchor.

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

## *First and foremost, a reporter*

Former AP President Lou Boccardi and Tom Brokaw worked across the street from each other for years, Tom at NBC's headquarters at 30 Rockefeller Plaza and Lou at AP at 50 Rock. Lou offered this comment:

**Lou Boccardi (Email)** - With some 20 years anchoring NBC Nightly News, five years or so hosting the Today show and some highly regarded books ("The Greatest Generation") in the years since, I suspect that the label he'd still most be pleased by is simply "reporter".

He is exactly what viewers saw and liked: curious, calm, a steady hand covering the White House during Watergate, reporting the fall of the Berlin Wall and so many other major stories in a news career that spanned five decades. He's also a very nice guy, clearly not a requirement for all those other accomplishments.

# How the union helped minorities and women get beyond being AP's gals, girls and ladies

**Adolphe Bernotas** ([Email](#)) - Recent Connecting posts about women in AP have been about its female pioneers, top women execs and a condescendingly idiotic 1966 AP World piece about the “ladies, girls and gals” who “are giving good account of themselves,” including one of whom “has covered sports.”

A Connecting reminiscence of Fran Lewine recounts how in her early days she covered social events while the guys did politics in Washington and how she succeeded above those attitudes. (She and UPI competitor Helen Thomas were proud union members and both wrote organizing/recruiting pieces promoting the Guild).

I joined AP the year after the AP World “Welcome Ladies!” piece. The company then was just as patronizing toward women, and there was but one African American staffer in the country. A bureau chief called him by the n-word.

Two years later the Wire Service Guild, now News Media Guild, struck AP to a draw, but the strike yielded new young leaders who began to take the company to task for its dismal attitude toward minority and women's issues.

Which brings me to my biennial laying out of the history of how the union helped minorities and women get beyond being AP's gals, girls and ladies.

It was not AP's management vision that led to the hiring and promotions of women and minorities. It was the union that forced Associated Press to open the door to them.

It was the Guild and its U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission lawsuit that forced AP to sign the consent decree to increase the hiring and promotions of minorities and women.

Eight courageous Guild women and the union fought AP for years to secure the monumental 1983 victory before the EEOC. At the time the AP was run by white guys.

In years that followed, the Guild achieved domestic partner coverage (which AP fought), expanded maternity-paternity leave (which AP fought). Come to think of it, AP fought everything the union proposed, then took credit for the union's hard-fought benefits. The union made gains in the lives of AP staffers and their families, be it bereavement leave or lunch hours at the option of the employee, not employer.

The occasional kudos in stories about AP's magnanimity toward women and minorities do not match my memory. (In my 39 years at AP I served on every executive and legislative council in Local 31222, including several terms as negotiator). Those stories are incomplete and lack background and context. The recollections and accolades (except for the occasional reference to the EEOC lawsuit) suggest it was the company's gift of a grand, generous and glorious largess that put AP women into positions of importance. Treating the consent decree as a mere footnote in Guild-AP history is disingenuous. It is a major breakthrough for women and minorities.

When the union brought the lawsuit, AP was insulted and outraged, declared it "Pearl Harbor Day." AP denied that it was denying women and minorities wider entry and opportunities in the company.

An executive told me across the negotiating table, condescendingly, "Adolphe, you apparently don't know that we have women bureau chiefs; why, we have one in Helsinki." AP's response could be even more sophomoric – in one cute move AP found a woman correspondent and changed her title to chief of bureau. It wasn't until the union and AP were heading to Federal District Court in downtown Manhattan that AP agreed to the historic consent decree that breached the dam.

Credit where due: AP did not open the company to women and minorities until the union dragged Associated Press into enlightenment.

(Adolphe Bernotas is President, Media Sector, CWA Retired Members' Council)

## Missed the significance of a 'dopey headline'

**Sibby Christensen** ([Email](#)) - I caught all heck about that AP World headline ("Where - and Who - the Girls Are"), as I found out later there was some kind of list with that heading circulated among fellows looking for females for, um, "availability."

This was in 1972, when women began to demand equal pay and opportunities in the workplace. The movement was one of the year's top stories and seemed to touch everything women dealt with every day.

AP, like many other companies, faced a lawsuit filed on behalf of its newswomen. Keith Fuller, who oversaw personnel, led AP's defense and provided the list with that jokey headline. As editor of the magazine, I missed the significance of the head and felt like a dope after other women in the company clued me in.

Keith also teased me with a suggestion for the contemplated renaming that year for the old Theta Sigma Phi: Women in Media, or WIM.

The reference to Theta Sig by Linda Deutsch as a “sorority” made me cringe a bit. That characterization was one the main reasons we wanted to change the name. I was president of the NYC chapter at the time and took part in the renaming to Women in Communications Inc., made at the annual national meeting in Houston. Perhaps paradoxically, we also voted to admit men - which drew some dissent. Marj Paxson, a very tough past national president, joked, “OK, let’s admit men. With the proviso that they can never rise above the rank of secretary.”

The first WICI guy was Al Neuharth of Gannett. When I was introduced to him, he talked my arm off about his wonderful days working for the AP in the Dakotas.

Final note, I think: It’s now called Association for Women in Communications.

## AP LGBTQ+ employee resource group

**Diane Parker** ([Email](#)), AP’s Director of Staffing and Diversity and Inclusion, in an announcement Friday to AP staff:

I’m pleased to announce AP is forming an employee resource group focusing on LGBTQ+ staff at AP. The group is open for U.S. and international staff to join.

Please reach out to Florimond Collet, if you are interested in participating:  
[fcollet@ap.org](mailto:fcollet@ap.org)

We welcome your ideas on how we can best support and empower our LGBTQ+ colleagues across the world and ensure that all voices are heard.

This employee resource group aims to create a safe space for new and existing staffers to connect and feel supported as well as advance equality for LGBTQ+ staffers. It serves as a place where staff can connect and get advice in their professional and personal lives. The group plans to host events celebrating and bringing awareness to LGBTQ+ and other social issues.

Diversity and Inclusion is not a moment, but a movement to ensure inclusivity and to integrate AP’s workforce in all areas. For more information and updates on AP’s Diversity and Inclusion efforts, visit [InsideAP](#).

## Farewell to baseball icon Hank Aaron



Hank Aaron holds the ball he hit for his 715th career home run Monday night, April 8, 1974, in Atlanta Stadium against the Los Angeles Dodgers. (AP Photo/Bob Daugherty)

**Marty Steinberg** ([Email](#)) - R.I.P. Hank Aaron.

He was the greatest! I had the honor of interviewing him, for a 2007 classical music piece no less. Click [here](#) for the story that began: *Hank Aaron has only faint recollections of the bat boy who would become a composer and write a composition about the home run king and two other towering black baseball heroes - Jackie Robinson and Josh Gibson.*

But there was time to talk baseball, too. Click [here](#) for this story that began: NEW YORK — *Even if Barry Bonds is poised to break the home run record right there in Atlanta, Hank Aaron is not going. Period.*

Click [here](#) for an AP Images review of Hank Aaron's life.

## 'Epic piece of history': Terry native recalls interviewing Hank Aaron, nearly missing No. 714

By NORM CLARKE Special to 406mtsports.com

LAS VEGAS — My introduction to Hank Aaron was one of those happy accidents.

In March 1973, I had reported for duty at The Associated Press office in Cincinnati, after working at four Montana newspapers — in Terry, Miles City, Helena and Billings — the previous decade.

Eight months earlier I had left a dream job — sports editor of The Billings Gazette. After five-plus years at The Gazette, I spent 2½ months traveling across Europe by train on \$5 a day (that's a lot of glorious cheese sandwiches). It was the adventure of a lifetime and when it was over, I wanted more. I had hoped to join The AP when I got back to Montana. From there, I was ready to go wherever the wind — and opportunity — took me.

On the way back to Montana, the train was a couple hours out of New York City when it stopped in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. I noticed on a map the route crossed the upper tier of Ohio.

I knew one person in Ohio. In 1969, I had invited Bill Winter, former sports editor of the Bozeman Daily Chronicle, and his wife to my family's Thanksgiving dinner in Billings. A year or so later, Winter joined The AP and I watched with envy as his byline showed up on sports stories in Louisville, Kentucky, and Cincinnati, where he ran the operation.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Dan Sewell. Norm Clarke is a Connecting colleague.

## Connecting mailbox

## *A conversation with an 8 year old*

Larry Margasak ([Email](#)) - Me, to my 8-year-old grandson, who lives in Florida.

Me: Did they let the kids see or listen to the inauguration?

Grandson Evan: No, they don't do politics.

Me: That's not politics, it's history.

Evan: it's politics. They don't do politics.

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## *Sharing the paper with The Bern*



Ed Williams ([Email](#)) - Power of the press. Told Bernie that he could read my issue of The Auburn Plainsman after I'm finished. With appreciation to former student Andy Acton.

## *Best of the Week*

# Trust in AP: Unmatched sourcing delivers scoop on fears of National Guard insider attack



**National Guard troops reinforce the security zone on Capitol Hill in Washington, Jan. 19, 2021, on the eve of Joe Biden's inauguration as the 46th U.S. president. AP reported exclusively that the Army had concerns of a possible inside attack by activated National Guard personnel, prompting the FBI to vet all 25,000 troops sent to the city. AP PHOTO / J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE**

On the news-heavy weekend between impeachment and inauguration, national security reporter Lolita Baldor broke a story that became the dominant item for news organizations across platforms: Top military officials feared insider attacks from National Guardsmen activated to protect the inauguration, and these concerns were prompting the FBI to vet all 25,000 troops sent to the city.

It was one of the most telling examples of the alarming state of Washington on the eve of the inauguration — fearful, as Baldor wrote, that the very people assigned to protect the city and national leaders could instead threaten them. Also striking in the story, officials weren't whispering their fears anonymously on background; Baldor quoted the Secretary of the Army, Ryan McCarthy, expressing his worries on the record. While other reports, including one in Defense One, previously noted plans for additional scrutiny of troops, no one had reported on the FBI vetting or quoted someone at McCarthy's level describing his concerns.

Read more [here](#).



# Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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## Stories of interest

### *Kathleen Kingsbury Is Named New York Times Opinion Editor* (New York Times)

By Marc Tracy

Kathleen Kingsbury, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who has led the editorial page of The New York Times on an interim basis since June, officially became the newspaper's opinion editor on Friday, the company said.



Ms. Kingsbury, 41, will oversee a department of more than 100 staff members responsible for unsigned editorials, Op-Eds, the weekly Sunday Review section, and podcasts like "Sway" and "The Argument." Two past editorial page editors, Howell Raines and Max Frankel, went on to run the Times newsroom as executive editors immediately after holding the job.

Ms. Kingsbury, who grew up in Portland, Ore., joined The Times as deputy editorial page editor in 2017 after a four-year stint at The Boston Globe. There she served as managing editor for digital and won a Pulitzer Prize in editorial writing for a series on the mistreatment of restaurant workers. She took over The Times's opinion section on an acting basis after the resignation of its previous head, James Bennet.

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

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## ***Biden White House renews subscriptions to New York Times, Washington Post*** (The Hill)

BY JONATHAN EASLEY

President Biden's White House has renewed subscriptions to The New York Times and The Washington Post after former President Trump canceled them out of anger over how he was portrayed.

A White House source said physical copies of both papers arrived on Thursday morning, Biden's first full day as president.

Trump canceled the White House subscriptions to two of the nation's largest newspapers in October of 2019 as part of his long-running feud with the news media. At the time, Trump described their coverage as "fake" and "corrupt."

Both the New York Times and Washington Post saw spikes in subscriptions and readership through the Trump years, making stars out of their top reporters for their breaking news and aggressive coverage.

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

## **The Final Word**

### ***The Photographer Behind the Bernie Sanders Chair Meme Tells All*** (Rolling Stone)



**Bernie Sanders inadvertently poses for the most memed shot of the inauguration.**  
Brendan Smialowski/AFP/Getty Images

**By REED DUNLEA**

A picture is worth a thousand Berns. And in this case, more like 100,000 memes.

Two weeks before the inauguration, Brendan Smialowski, a former sports photojournalist from Connecticut who documents politics for wire service Agence France-Presse, had been outside the Capitol when a mob of Trump supporters stormed the building. On Wednesday, Smialowski was in the cold outside of the Capitol, documenting the celebration of a new administration for President Joe Biden.

With a zoom lens and Nikon DSLR in hand, Smialowski went out to capture the mood and moments of the day. “If you look to the right, you’re going to see Capitol Hill and this beautiful stand and all the seats are spread out. You look to the left, you’re going to see the National Mall completely empty,” he tells Rolling Stone.

With his eyes open for Senators Ted Cruz and Josh Hawley, Smialowski noticed Senator Bernie Sanders taking a socially distanced seat. The photo instantly became the biggest meme of the inauguration, as amateurs and pros alike inserted Sanders’ pose into classic paintings, movie stills, album covers, historical photos and other memes. His pose was also perfect fodder for reaction memes to convey annoyance at everything from unnecessary meetings to four-band concert bills.

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

# Today in History - Jan. 25, 2021



## By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Jan. 25, the 25th day of 2021. There are 340 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 25, 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United States.

### On this date:

In 1533, England's King Henry VIII secretly married his second wife, Anne Boleyn, who later gave birth to Elizabeth I.

In 1759, Scottish poet Robert Burns was born in Alloway.

In 1915, America's first official transcontinental telephone call took place as Alexander Graham Bell, who was in New York, spoke to his former assistant, Thomas Watson, who was in San Francisco, over a line set up by American Telephone & Telegraph.

In 1924, the first Winter Olympic Games opened in Chamonix (shah-moh-NEE'), France.

In 1945, the World War II Battle of the Bulge ended as German forces were pushed back to their original positions. Grand Rapids, Michigan, became the first community to add fluoride to its public water supply.

In 1947, gangster Al Capone died in Miami Beach, Florida, at age 48.

In 1949, the first Emmy Awards, honoring local Los Angeles TV programs and talent, were presented at the Hollywood Athletic Club.

In 1959, American Airlines began Boeing 707 jet flights between New York and Los Angeles.

In 1971, Idi Amin seized power in Uganda by ousting President Milton Obote (oh-BOH'-tay) in a military coup.

In 2004, NASA's Opportunity rover zipped its first pictures of Mars to Earth, showing a surface smooth and dark red in some places, and strewn with fragmented slabs of light bedrock in others.

In 2017, President Donald Trump moved aggressively to tighten the nation's immigration controls, signing executive actions to jumpstart construction of his promised U.S.-Mexico border wall and cut federal grants for immigrant-protecting "sanctuary cities." Death claimed actor Mary Tyler Moore at age 80 and actor John Hurt at age 77.

In 2019, President Donald Trump's confidant Roger Stone was arrested by the FBI in a pre-dawn raid at his Florida home and charged with lying about his pursuit of Russian-hacked emails damaging to Hillary Clinton's 2016 election bid. (Stone was convicted in November 2019 on charges including lying to Congress and witness tampering; Trump commuted his 40-month prison sentence just days before Stone was due to report to prison in July 2020 and issued Stone a pardon in December of that year.)

Ten years ago: Pleading for unity in a newly divided government, President Barack Obama used his State of the Union address to implore Democrats and Republicans to rally behind his vision of economic revival, declaring: "We will move forward together or not at all." In Egypt, thousands of anti-government protesters clashed with police during a Tunisia-inspired demonstration to demand the end of President Hosni Mubarak's rule. A federal judge in New York sentenced Ahmed Ghailani (guh-LAHN'-ee), the first Guantanamo detainee to have a U.S. civilian trial, to life in prison for conspiring in the bombing of two U.S. embassies in Africa in 1998.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama said he would ban the use of solitary confinement for juvenile and low-level offenders in federal prisons, citing the potential for "devastating, lasting psychological consequences" from the use of the isolation as punishment. A Houston grand jury investigating undercover footage of Planned Parenthood found no wrongdoing by the abortion provider, and instead indicted anti-abortion activists for using fake driver's licenses when making the videos that targeted the handling of fetal tissue in clinics. (The charges were later dropped.)

One year ago: President Donald Trump's defense team opened its arguments at his Senate impeachment trial, casting the effort to remove him from office as a politically-motivated attempt to subvert the 2016 election and the upcoming 2020 contest. Canada, Australia and Malaysia each reported their first cases of the new coronavirus.

The virus caused Lunar New Year festivities to be canceled across mainland China. LeBron James of the Los Angeles Lakers moved past former Laker Kobe Bryant for third place on the NBA's career scoring list.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Claude Gray is 89. Actor Leigh Taylor-Young is 77. Actor Jenifer Lewis is 64. Country musician Mike Burch (River Road) is 55. R&B singer Kina is 52. Actor China Kantner is 50. Actor Ana Ortiz is 50. Drummer Joe Sirois (sih-ROYS') (Mighty Mighty Bosstones) is 49. Musician Matt Odmark (OHD'-mark) (Jars of Clay) is 47. Actor Mia Kirshner is 46. Actor Christine Lakin is 42. R&B singer Alicia (ah-LEE'-shuh) Keys is 41. Actor Michael Trevino is 36. Pop musician Calum Hood (5 Seconds to Summer) is 25. Actor Olivia Edward is 14.

## Got a story or photos to share? (And oh yes, Go Chiefs!)

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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