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In one of her last assignments, Sharon Herbaugh interviews Defense Minister Ahmed Shah Masood in Kabul, Afghanistan on March 10, 1993. Sharon died a month later. Photo by B.K. Bangash/AP

Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning on this the 10th day of March 2021,

Our colleague **Tracee Herbaugh** ([Email](#)) was interviewed by the Ryerson Review's podcast "Pull Quotes" in which, she told Connecting, she talked about motherhood, journalism, her mother **Sharon Herbaugh** and how all these parts fit together.

Her mother, **Sharon Herbaugh**, is on the AP Wall of Honor memorializing 35 AP journalists who died in the line of duty. Sharon was killed April 16, 1993, in a helicopter crash in the central mountains of Afghanistan, 100 miles north of Kabul. She was 39 and the first AP newswoman and bureau chief to die on assignment.

Tracee is a freelance journalist who lives in Boston with her husband and their son and daughter. Today, she told Connecting, she remains very close to the sister of her father, who died in 2020. Tracee was 38 when she learned the identity of her father (who worked with her mother at the AP) through an Ancestry DNA test.

We lead today's Connecting with Tracee's story - which includes a link to The Week story from 2018 that tells how she found his identity.

Here are additions you submitted to the list in Tuesday's Connecting of journalists who worked for AP and for CNN during their careers: **Charles Bierbauer, Richard Blystone, Lisa Orkin Emmanuel, Paul Ferguson, John Holliman, Kathryn Johnson, John King, Kirsten Lindquist, Evan Perez, Mike Revzin, Martin Savidge.**

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy.

Paul

Pull Quotes, Season Four, Episode Three: Balancing Motherhood and Journalism



Sharon Herbaugh and her daughter Tracee, taken in Lamar, Colorado, in 1989, the last time Sharon was in the States.

By EMMA JONES and JOSEPH FISH

On this episode of Pull Quotes, in honour of International Women’s Day, host Emma Jones talks to Tracee Herbaugh about balancing a career as writer with being a mom.

Newsrooms continue to be dominated by men, however, the presence of women is slowly increasing. In 2018, 41.7 percent of newsroom employees were female, compared to 39.1 percent in 2017, according to [a 2018 survey](#) by the American Society of News Editors.

But while representation of women is increasing, the experience of men and women in the newsroom may not always be equal. In 2015, [a survey](#) by the University of Kansas found that female journalists were more likely to experience burnout than

their male counterparts. The survey of 1600 working journalists, including 500 women, also found that a majority of women surveyed (67 percent) were planning to leave the field entirely compared to 55 percent of male respondents. This result was higher than the previous survey conducted in 2009, which found that 62 percent of female respondents intended to leave the field.

While not the only concern facing women in the newsroom, motherhood no doubt contributes to a part of the burnout.

“The industry is bound to the nature of news, which is unpredictable, 24/7, and happens everywhere,” writes Julianna Goldman in [an article](#) for the Atlantic. “...Moms are expected to do their job like it’s their only responsibility, even though they’re also working the mom shift.

“If you decline an assignment, you may be labeled a problem or deemed not to be a team player.”

Concerningly, many of the women interviewed for the Atlantic article asked to remain anonymous out of concern for potential backlash by their employers. It seems that even as the world of journalism confronts gender inequality, women remain concerned that speaking up will be a detriment to their career.

Sharon and Tracee Herbaugh



[Tracee Herbaugh](#) (at left) is a freelance writer, having written for [the Washington Post](#), the New York Times and Salon, among other publications. Currently focusing on supporting her family through the pandemic, Tracee has previously written about how her mother, Sharon Herbaugh’s, decision to focus on her career rather than motherhood, impacted her own choices as a journalist and mother.

Sharon Herbaugh was a [foreign correspondent](#) for The Associated Press in the late 80s and early 90s. Her first foreign posting was as the news editor in New Delhi, India in 1988. She was then promoted to bureau chief in Islamabad, Pakistan. In 1993, Sharon was covering a story about efforts to remove landmines in the area when the helicopter she was traveling in is thought to have experienced [engine failure](#) near Pul-i-Khumri, Afghanistan. Sharon was killed in the crash along with 14 other people. She was the [first woman](#) to be killed on assignment for the Associated Press.



After her death, the world of journalism found out a surprising revelation. Sharon had a daughter who was being raised by Sharon’s parents in a small town in Colorado.

Tracee Herbaugh was born when Sharon was 25 and was [sent to live](#) with her grandparents while Sharon focused on her career. Although Sharon did not divulge

the identity of Tracee's father, she would find out his identity through an Ancestry DNA test when Tracee was 38. He was also a reporter at the Associated Press and 20 years older than Sharon. He was married at the time and had known about Tracee but chose not to be involved.

Tracee later chose to become a journalist herself and has written at length about her anger and hurt at her parents' choices. She also reflects on how her parents' actions have impacted her own decisions as a mother and as a modern career woman.

Click [here](#) for a link to this story.

Connecting mailbox

'His name is Mudd'

Michael Weinfeld ([Email](#)) - Roger Mudd's death brought back a cute memory I have of my daughter Anikka.

In the year and a-half Roger Mudd co-anchored the "NBC Nightly News" with Tom Brokaw, I always watched with Anikka beside me. She was two when he started in April 1982 and three when he left in September 1973.

She loved watching him because she got a kick out of his last name.

Every evening when he came on the air, she would giggle and say, "His name is Mudd!"

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Memories of stocks and her days with AP

Loretta Tuccillo ([Email](#)) - I worked with Randy Picht, Jill Arabas, Mark Berns and a cast of others when AP SelectStocks and AP Stocks Express was launched...yes, I remember those stock tables and the calls of COBs after a newspaper visit to get stocks added or push a start service ASAP. To this day, I still keep my AP career information on my resume...working at the AP from 1986 to 2000 in a number of different departments, Membership, Communications, back to Membership is the highlight of my career. Ben Brown gave me a shot as an Admin not too long after graduating from St. John's University and I just kept on moving on from there...

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Jargon

Least favorite jargon: "double-down" (Scott Applewhite)

New-member profile: George Tibbits

George Tibbits (Email) - I started with the AP in Spokane in 1975, then transferred to Salt Lake City in early 1977, just in time to watch Bill Beecham, David Briscoe, Bob Kuesterman, Vern Anderson, Ron Barker and other pros cover the execution of Gary Gilmore and teach me something about how to handle a big story. Over the next few years I covered such things as the Southern Utah radiation lawsuits and the first artificial heart implant. I met my wife in SLC, and transferred to Seattle in early 1984. I did a lot of general assignment reporting and all the shifts, but also began business writing, covering Boeing and the early days of Microsoft, among others. I eventually found steady work as day supervisor, a job I greatly enjoyed.



In February 2011, I suffered a cardiac arrest while at the YMCA. Lucky for me, a nearby woman was a cardiac ICU nurse. She began CPR and used an AED to revive me after about 4 1/2 minutes of being dead. We immediately became good and lasting friends. Given that only about 10 percent of people survive an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, and of those, only 10 percent have no significant neurological damage, she's a very good friend indeed, and I'm astonishingly lucky.

That ended my AP career. While I don't recommend this particular method of retiring, the decade since has been good. I've been able to see our two kids graduate college and launch themselves on good careers. I've traveled to Europe, Japan, New Zealand, South America and Vietnam, among other places, rafted the Grand Canyon, and still spend a lot of time biking, sailing, hiking, backpacking and skiing, in addition to bothering my wife around the house. My wife retired last year, just in time for the pandemic. We still get along and like everyone, look forward to when life can return to semi-normal.

Remembering former AP newsman Richard Hoenig

From New York Financial Writers Association

I am sorry to report the passing of longtime NYFWA member Richard "Dick" Hoenig, who worked for AP for 13 years. He died on Sunday at the age of 94.

His family will be holding an online memorial this Thursday (March 11th) at 7:30 p.m. EST and invites members of the NYFWA who were friends of Dick's to take part.

Following is the Zoom link and password (Please put yourself on mute if you participate to avoid interrupting others).

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77118427739?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77118427739?pwd=N2VyeWlOMklxUVNjZHVqK05ZZnpzQT09)
[pwd=N2VyeWlOMklxUVNjZHVqK05ZZnpzQT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77118427739?pwd=N2VyeWlOMklxUVNjZHVqK05ZZnpzQT09)

Meeting ID: 771 1842 7739

Passcode: EMzZ64

And below please find a copy of the obituary that his family will be running this week in area papers.

RICHARD HOENIG

TINTON FALLS, NJ. Richard Hoenig, 94, of Tinton Falls, N.J., died March 7, of heart failure. Born in Newark, he lived in Orange, and then 50 years in Edison, N.J. before moving to Seabrook, a senior living community in Tinton Falls, in 2013.

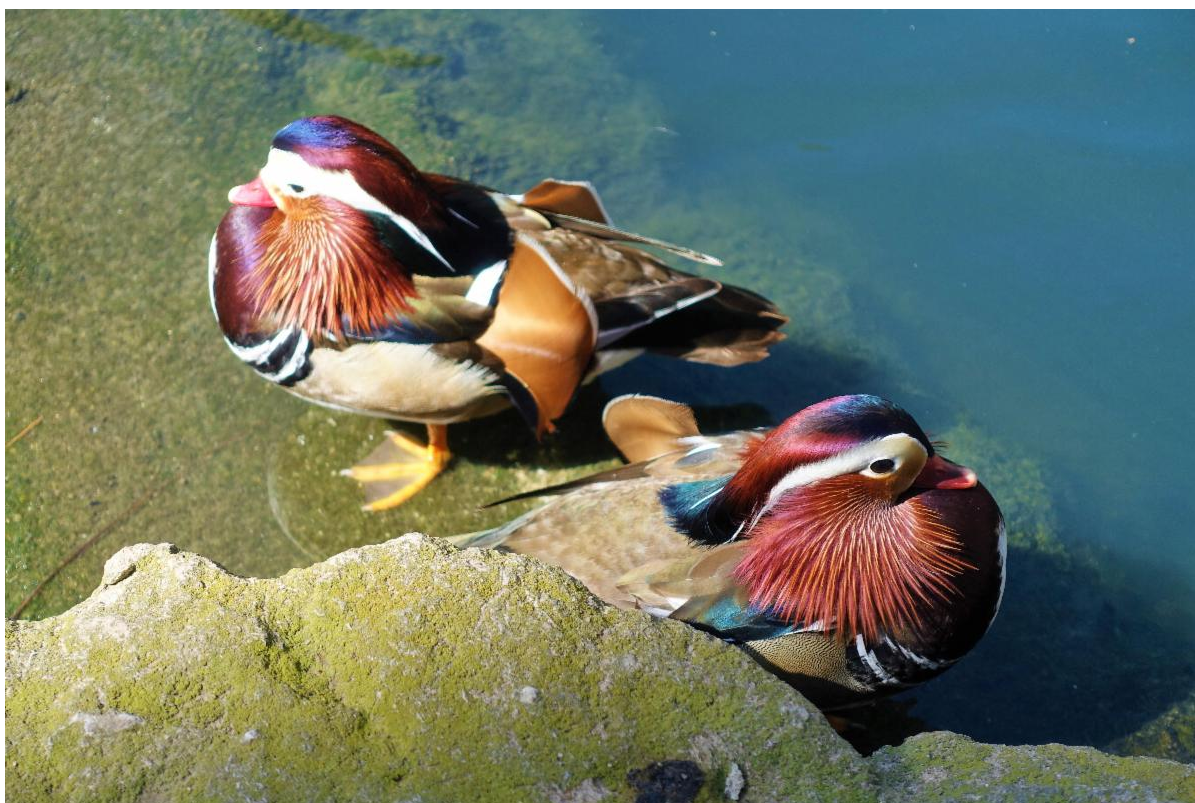
Mr. Hoenig graduated from Weequaic High School in Newark. He served in the U. S. Army between 1944 and 1946. He graduated from the University of Missouri with a bachelor's degree in journalism. Later he pursued post-graduate studies in economics and finance at New York University and the Stonier School.



He spent 13 years of his early career as a reporter for the Associated Press in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, PA, and New York City. In 1964 he started working at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. For nearly 20 years as an officer of the Fed, he served as the Reserve Bank's chief press spokesman, conducting what was widely acknowledged as the nation's oldest periodic press conference on banking and the financial markets. After a nearly 25-year career, he retired from the Fed in 1990 as an assistant vice president.

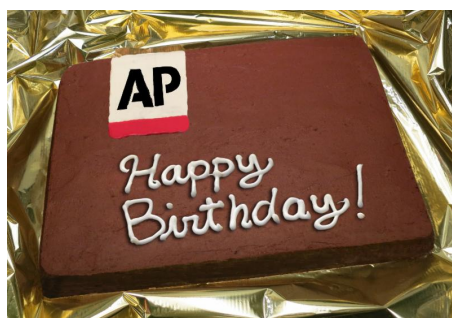
Read more [here](#). Shared by Claude Erbsen.

Visitors from China



Peter Arnett ([Email](#)) - A pair of rare Mandarin ducks visited Costa Mesa's TeWinkle Park this past weekend, along with a dozen other species of wild birds enjoying the waterways of southern California this time of year. Peter Arnett picture.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Arrested journalist pleaded with officer: ‘This is my job’ (AP)



Des Moines Register reporter Andrea Sahouri listens to opening statements in her trial in which she is charged with failure to disperse and interference with official acts while reporting on a protest last summer, Monday, March 8, 2021, at the Drake University Legal Clinic, in Des Moines, Iowa. (Kelsey Kremer/The Des Moines Register via AP)

By RYAN J. FOLEY

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — An Iowa journalist recounted getting pepper-sprayed and arrested while covering a protest for racial justice last year, testifying in her own defense Tuesday at her trial on charges stemming from the incident.

Des Moines Register reporter Andrea Sahouri told jurors she was running away from a scene where riot police had shot tear gas and were advancing to disperse protesters outside a mall in Des Moines, Iowa. She said that after she rounded the corner of a Verizon store, she saw an officer charging at her and put her hands up.

“I wasn’t doing anything wrong,” Sahouri said. “I said, ‘I’m press, I’m press, I’m press.’ He grabbed me, pepper-sprayed me and as he was doing so said, ‘That’s not what I asked’.”

Sahouri said the pepper spray was “extremely painful” and made her think she was going to go blind.

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

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A year into pandemic, some in media tell individual stories (AP)

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — The emotional center of Nicolle Wallace’s MSNBC show often comes at the very end, when statistics are set aside to tell the story of a life cut short by COVID-19.

The “Lives Well Lived” feature, which is being expanded into a prime-time special on Wednesday to commemorate a year since the pandemic altered America, is one of a handful of continuing efforts in the media to give a face to suffering.

Every Friday, the “In Memoriam” feature on PBS’ “NewsHour” profiles five Americans from all walks of life who died of COVID-19. The New York Times usually does one obituary a day of a virus victim under the “Those We’ve Lost” banner. Several CNN shows make it a point to tell individual stories.

All consider it important to continue, particularly at a point when people are getting weary of the story and restrictions on their lives.

“The main goal is to remind people that people who are loved are dying of this disease,” said Frank Carlson, a “NewsHour” producer who puts together that show’s segments, learning of victims through viewers and local obituaries. “It may be a cliché, but a number doesn’t really convey it in the same way.”

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

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EXPLAINER: How Myanmar is cracking down on journalists (AP)

By ELAINE KURTENBACH

BANGKOK (AP) — Myanmar’s military-controlled government is cracking down on coverage of mass protests, raiding media companies and detaining dozens of journalists since its Feb. 1 coup, including Thein Zaw of The Associated Press.

The crackdown comes as the military has escalated violence against mass protests and as independent media continue to cover the arrests and shootings by troops in cities across Myanmar. In some instances, journalists are using social media to get the information out.

How has the media landscape in Myanmar changed since the coup? Here’s a look:

HOW IS THE GOVERNMENT SUPPRESSING NEWS?

Authorities raided the offices of Kamayut Media on Monday, detaining its co-founder, Han Thar Nyein, and editor-in-chief, Nathan Maung. Witnesses said seven military trucks were involved in the raid, according to a member of Han Thar Nyein's family. The military also raided the offices of Mizzima News.

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

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Roger Mudd, longtime network TV newsmen, dies at 93 (AP)

By DAVE BRYAN

Roger Mudd, the longtime political correspondent and anchor for NBC and CBS who once stumped Sen. Edward Kennedy by simply asking why he wanted to be president, has died. He was 93.

CBS News says Mudd died Tuesday of complications of kidney failure at his home in McLean, Virginia.

During more than 30 years on network television, starting with CBS in 1961, Mudd covered Congress, elections and political conventions and was a frequent anchor and contributor to various specials. His career coincided with the flowering of television news, the pre-cable, pre-Internet days when the big three networks and their powerhouse ranks of reporters were the main source of news for millions of Americans.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Doug Pizac, Adolphe Bernotas.

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BuzzFeed lays off 70 HuffPost staffers in massive 'restructure' less than a month after acquisition (CNN)

By Kerry Flynn

New York (CNN Business) HuffPost officially merged with BuzzFeed on February 16. Less than a month later, the site's staff is being dramatically cut.

BuzzFeed CEO Jonah Peretti announced Tuesday that 47 of the 190 HuffPost employees in the US would be laid off and that HuffPost Canada would be shut down, affecting 23 employees. HuffPost union said the cuts in the US affected 33 of its members, representing 30% of its unit.

Peretti told staffers that the cuts were made to manage costs, adding that HuffPost's losses exceeded \$20 million last year and would be estimated to be similar this year.

"Though BuzzFeed is a profitable company, we don't have the resources to support another two years of losses. The most responsible thing we can do is to manage our costs and ensure BuzzFeed — and HuffPost — are set up to prosper long-term." Peretti said. "That's why we've made the difficult decision to restructure HuffPost to reach profitability more quickly. Our goal is for HuffPost to break even this year."

Read more [here](#).

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Piers Morgan quits British TV program after Meghan comments (AP)

By SYLVIA HUI

LONDON (AP) — British television host Piers Morgan on Tuesday quit the “Good Morning Britain” program after making contentious comments about Meghan following her bombshell interview about the royal family.

The U.K.'s media watchdog said earlier Tuesday that it was launching an investigation into the show under its harm and offense rules after receiving more than 41,000 complaints over Morgan's comments about the Duchess of Sussex.

Morgan's departure was announced shortly after Buckingham Palace issued a statement saying allegations of racism made by Prince Harry and Meghan during an interview with Oprah Winfrey were “concerning.”

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

Today in History - March 10, 2021



By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 10, the 69th day of 2021. There are 296 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 10, 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.

On this date:

In 1785, Thomas Jefferson was appointed America's minister to France, succeeding Benjamin Franklin.

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

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 1914, the Rokeby Venus, a 17th century painting by Diego Velazquez on display at the National Gallery in London, was slashed multiple times by Mary Richardson, who was protesting the arrest of fellow suffragist Emmeline Pankhurst. (The painting was repaired.)

In 1927, the Sinclair Lewis novel "Elmer Gantry" was published by Harcourt, Brace & Co.

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

In 1988, pop singer Andy Gibb died in Oxford, England, at age 30 of heart inflammation.

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 2015, 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.

Ten years ago: The House Homeland Security Committee examined Muslim extremism in America during a hearing punctuated by tearful testimony and angry recriminations. (Chairman Peter King, R-N.Y., accused U.S. Muslims of doing too little to help fight terror in America; Democrats warned of inflaming anti-Muslim sentiment.)

Five years ago: Donald Trump and his Republican rivals turned their presidential debate in Miami into a mostly respectful but still pointed discussion of Social Security, Islam, trade and more. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau made an official visit to the White House.

One year ago: Bernie Sanders and Joe Biden canceled primary-night rallies in Cleveland amid concerns over the spread of the coronavirus. Biden won primaries in the battleground state of Michigan and three other states, dealing a serious blow to Sanders. Clusters of the coronavirus swelled on both U.S. coasts, with more than 70 cases linked to a biotech conference in Boston and infections turning up at 10 nursing homes in the Seattle area. Infections in Italy topped the 10,000 mark, as authorities enforced a sweeping nationwide lockdown. Stocks recouped most of their historic losses from a day earlier, amid fluctuating hopes on Wall Street that the government would try to cushion the economic pain from the coronavirus.

Today's Birthdays: Talk show host Ralph Emery is 88. Bluegrass/country singer-musician Norman Blake is 83. Actor Chuck Norris is 81. Playwright David Rabe is 81. Singer Dean Torrence (Jan and Dean) is 81. Actor Katharine Houghton (Film: "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?") is 79. Actor Richard Gant is 77. Rock musician Tom Scholz (Boston) is 74. Former Canadian Prime Minister Kim Campbell is 74. TV personality/businesswoman Barbara Corcoran (TV: "Shark Tank") is 72. Actor Aloma Wright is 71. Blues musician Ronnie Earl (Ronnie Earl and the Broadcasters) is 68. Producer-director-writer Paul Haggis is 68. Alt-country/rock musician Gary Louris is 66. Actor Shannon Tweed is 64. Pop/jazz singer Jeanie Bryson is 63. Actor Sharon Stone is 63. Rock musician Gail Greenwood is 61. Magician Lance Burton is 61. Movie producer Scott Gardenhour is 60. Actor Jasmine Guy is 59. Rock musician Jeff Ament (Pearl Jam) is 58. Music producer Rick Rubin is 58. Britain's Prince Edward is 57. Rock singer Edie Brickell is 55. Actor Stephen Mailer is 55. Actor Philip Anthony-Rodriguez is 53. Actor Paget Brewster is 52. Actor Jon Hamm is 50. Rapper-producer Timbaland is 49. Actor Cristian (kris-tee-AHN') de la Fuente is 47. Rock musician Jerry Horton (Papa Roach) is 46. Actor Jeff Branson is 44. Singer Robin Thicke is 44. Actor Bree Turner is 44. Olympic gold medal gymnast Shannon Miller is 44. Contemporary Christian singer Michael Barnes (Red) is 42. Actor Edi Gathegi is 42. Actor Thomas Middleditch is 39. Country singer Carrie Underwood is 38. Actor Olivia Wilde is 37. R&B singer Emeli Sande (EH'-mihl-ee SAN'-day) is 34. Country singer Rachel Reinert is 32. Country musician Jared Hampton (LANCO) is 30. Actor Emily Osment is 29.

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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