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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July,We extend congratulations to our colleague **John Daniszewski** ([Email](#)), AP editor at large, who on Thursday was appointed a co-chair of the Pulitzer Prize Board.Our prayers go out to our colleague **Ed Bailey** who underwent surgery for his fifth stent last week and is going today for his sixth one, according to a note from his daughter **Heidi Santano** ([Email](#)). Ed retired after 33 years as an AP photographer, all in New York City. At 86 he's still shooting for Straus Newspapers, mainly for their Warwick Advertiser in Warwick, NY. He also takes pictures for the American Legion and VFW.We bring you sad news of the death of **Stephan Nastrom**, a veteran of nearly 40 years as an AP sports writer. He died in Lima, Peru, where he has lived since retiring in 2010.

We also bring you word of the death of longtime administrative staffer **Ismail**, who worked as AP's janitor and messenger in Jakarta, Indonesia. He died last week after contracting COVID-19.

If you have memories of working with either, please send them along.

Have a great weekend – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

## Former AP sports writer Stephan Nasstrom dead at age 70



**Stockholm sports writer Stephan Nasstrom (right) introduced Hall of Fame linebacker Dick Butkus to Swedish beer during a 1989 interview in Goteborg, Sweden. Both men were in town to cover the first National Football League game on the European continent, between the Chicago Bears and the Minnesota Vikings. AP World photo courtesy of Corporate Archives.**



AP World, 1988. Courtesy of Corporate Communications

### By The Associated Press

Stephan Nasstrom, who spent nearly 40 years covering sports for The Associated Press, has died. He was 70.

Nasstrom's family confirmed that he died Tuesday in Lima, Peru, where he lived after retiring in 2010 from the AP.

Based in Stockholm, Nasstrom covered eight Olympics and numerous World Cups during his career. His specialties were skiing, soccer, tennis and track and field. But he also wrote about a variety of other sports, including Olympic wrestling, which he once said "reminds me of what the original Olympics in Greece must have looked like."

Nasstrom traveled the globe and was proud of covering events on several continents. He also had a strong attraction to baseball, hardly a popular sport in his native Sweden, and often messaged AP colleagues about the pennant races and World Series.

"He was as knowledgeable about different sports as any AP sports writer we had," Steve Wilson, the former president of the Olympic Journalists Association who covered the Olympic movement for The Associated Press for nearly three decades until 2017, wrote in an email. "He was particularly fond of tennis, track and field, and winter sports."

"As a Swede, he loved recounting stories about Bjorn Borg and Stefan Edberg. He was a good tennis player himself. He was a tall, lanky, blond Swede with a joie de vivre. He always had a smile on his face and had a quick sense of humor, always ready with a quip."

Nasstrom even carried the nickname "Elk," though no one seemed to be sure where he got it from or who gave it to him.

His first World Cup was in 1978 in Argentina, where he met a woman outside a restaurant who soon became his wife, Angela. They had two sons, Daniel and Michael. It was at the 1994 tournament hosted by the United States that Nasstrom drew what he termed a “greatest thrill” when Sweden finished third behind powers Brazil and Italy. His family was there during the entire tournament, staying in San Diego while Nasstrom followed Team Sweden around the United States.

Nasstrom also was able to arrange a meeting with Pelé for his older son, Daniel.

“I actually met Pelé in Stockholm thanks to my dad, who managed to ‘talk me inside’ through security at the national-soccer arena Råsunda when I was a teenager,” Daniel Nasstrom recalled in an email. “A photo with me and Pelé was always one of his most cherished photos, my dad told me many times.”

A true storyteller, Nasstrom would enrapture his sons and their friends with stories of his travel around the “sport world.”

“That is what all my friends keep telling me,” Daniel wrote. “He was their favorite ‘friend-dad’ because he had so many fun stories to tell.”

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

## *A memory of Stefan*

**Bob Greene (Email)** - As AP sports writers, Stephan Nasstrom and I knew of each other. And we finally met when my late wife, Helky, a native of Finland who spoke Swedish, and I decided to go to Stockholm and meet Stephan in person while we were on one of our trips to her homeland. **Photo at right shows Stephan with Helky.**

Nasstrom was gracious enough to invite us to stay at his apartment in Sweden. It was on that trip that Stephan took me to a track meet held in the 1912 Olympic stadium in Stockholm. And we were hosts for his wife, Angela, and her brother when they traveled from Peru to Sweden for the first time. I remember finding a restaurant close to our home where the cook spoke Spanish since Angela spoke very little English or Swedish at that time.

Stefan and I also got together on this side of the Atlantic, one time meeting at a tennis tournament in Florida. And, we were in close contact via email after he moved to Lima, Peru.



# Longtime Indonesia staffer dies of COVID-19



## From AP Connections

Longtime administrative staffer Ismail, who worked as AP's janitor and messenger in Jakarta, Indonesia, died last week after contracting COVID-19. He was 51.

Ismail, who like many Indonesians goes by one name, worked for AP for 28 years and was a staple of the Jakarta bureau. Since joining AP in 1993, he provided colleagues with a friendly and familiar face every time they arrived in the office.

Ismail is survived by his wife and two sons.

## AP editor, Times columnist among new Pulitzer Board chairs

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Times opinion columnist Gail Collins, Associated Press Editor at Large John Daniszewski and journalist Katherine Boo have been elected as co-chairs of the Pulitzer Prize Board, the organization announced Thursday.

They succeed ProPublica Editor-in-Chief Stephen Engelberg and Simon & Schuster Vice President and Executive Editor Mindy Marqués González.

The leadership role rotates annually to the most senior member or members of the 19-person board. Each of the three journalists joined the Pulitzer Board in 2013.

Boo won a Pulitzer Prize for public service in 2000 for a Washington Post investigation into the wrongful deaths of disabled people being hidden from the public. She also has written for the Washington City Paper, the Washington Monthly and the New Yorker. She is the author of "Behind the Beautiful Forevers," which won a 2012 National Book Award.

Collins became a member of The Times editorial board in 1995 and became the first female editorial page editor at the paper in 2001. She stepped down from that post to write a book and later returned to The Times as an opinion columnist.



She was previously a columnist at New York Newsday and the New York Daily News.

Daniszewski (pictured above right) has worked in more than 70 countries on stories including the end of Communist rule in Eastern Europe, Nelson Mandela's election as president of South Africa and the toppling of Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq.

He became AP's vice president for standards and editor at large in July 2016 after more than a decade leading its international news department. He previously had worked for two decades as a reporter, editor and correspondent for The Associated Press and the Los Angeles Times.

Click [here](#) for link to this story. Shared by Adolphe Bernotas.

## Ron Thompson services to be held July 28

*(Connecting brought you the story of the death of 35-year AP veteran Ron Thompson in Thursday's edition. Here is the family's obituary that includes information on services.)*

Ronald (Ron) Edwin Thompson of Venice, Florida passed away peacefully on July 19, 2021. He was 83. Ron's loving wife Marie and his family were by his side.

Ron was born April 20, 1938 in Paris, Texas. After years of service with the U.S. Army, Ron joined the Associated Press where he worked for 40 years. His career as an AP reporter saw him cover some of the most notable events in U.S. history, including the early years of the U.S. space program, the Kennedy



presidency and assassination, and the civil rights movement. Ron later moved north to work as an executive for the AP in New York City.

Ron and Marie moved from Darien, Connecticut to Venice, Florida in 1996. Ron continued to write and was an active member and volunteer at Epiphany Cathedral. He loved travel, golf, cooking and photography. Ron's greatest passion, however, was his family, especially his beloved wife, Marie. Ron loved them all without hesitation, always showed kindness and shared stories of his incredible life experiences with a steady voice that never waived from a soothing tone.

Ron is survived his wife Marie (Mielke) and children Kathleen (Raymond) Stotlemeyer of Texas, Joe (Marianne) Reilly of New York, Mary Ellen (Craig) Whitehead of Florida and Chris (Allison) Reilly of Connecticut, and well as his nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents Richard and Dixie Thompson and his brother Bill.

The family thanks the staff of Tidewell Hospice for the compassionate care provided to Ron.

Please join us celebrating Ron's life with a prayer service at Farley Funeral home in Venice Fla. on July 27 at 6:00 pm. The funeral will be at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice on July 28 at 10:00 am. Burial will be at 12:30 pm at Sarasota National Cemetery located at 9810 State Rd. 72 in Sarasota Florida.

## Robert Shaw: Memories of a 'damned good friend'

By JACK RONALD ([Email](#))  
The Commercial Review  
Portland, Indiana

Bill Clinton walked into the room.

It was October of 1991, and the room had a two-story ceiling supported by elaborate columns. Gilded acanthus leaves announced that this was not just another venue.

It was The Drake, a Chicago hotel with a history richer than the desserts on the menu.

Bill Clinton surveyed the room. At 6'2" he had a pretty clear view.

And he spotted Robert.

In an unfamiliar setting far from Little Rock, with dozens of newspaper editors and publishers trying to find their seats for the luncheon and grabbing appetizers from

passing trays, the governor of Arkansas saw a face he knew.

Within a few minutes, he was headed in our direction.

As usual, I was pretty much clueless.

But Robert wasn't.

Robert Shaw was Indianapolis Chief of Bureau for The Associated Press and had just come to Indiana in 1989 after holding a similar position for the AP in Little Rock, Arkansas. He was an Arkansas guy through and through.

As we did our best to balance our plates of appetizers and our drinks, Robert said something to the effect that governor was coming our way.

So, suddenly there were handshakes and pleasantries and questions back and forth. As I recall, Robert mentioned my experiences in Tiananmen Square in 1989, maybe trying to raise the profile of a small-town editor. Or maybe just trying to make conversation with a guy who was obviously in the early stages of what would prove to be a successful campaign for the presidency.

And then the candidate was gone, swept away by aides or organizers who knew there were far more important folks to meet and greet.

I don't remember Robert's words after Bill Clinton moved on to greener pastures, but I suspect it was marked with the kind of cynicism and skepticism that good journalists tend to develop when they're in long-term contact with specific politicians.

Robert, a darned good journalist, was clear-eyed about Bill Clinton. This was long before the presidency, Monica Lewinski, the meaning of "is," and impeachment. He knew the image, he knew the persona, and he knew the man.

As for me, I was a fish ready to be reeled in.

The governor's after-lunch speech was — to this small-town guy from Indiana — dazzling. He'd managed to carve out a new political territory somewhere between the traditional boundaries of liberalism and conservatism. The English were calling it "the third way," and Bill Clinton's sales pitch was impressive.

And it was seductive.

My only involvement with a political campaign had been in 1968 when I got "clean for Gene" and worked briefly for Sen. Eugene McCarthy in his Quixotic battle against LBJ.

But Clinton's siren song had me wondering — if only for a little while that afternoon — whether it was time to jettison journalism and hitch my wagon to something entirely different.

Thank goodness I was able to shake that off. The sales pitch and snake oil and grips and grins and dreams of West Wing glory fell away like the leaves on the trees that October day.



Partly, I think, that's because I knew I had a secret weapon: Robert Shaw.

If I had even suggested such a thing, my AP friend would have quickly set me straight. Robert was well grounded and would have dragged me back down to earth immediately.

That's what good friends do. And Robert Shaw was a damned good friend.

We lost him July 15 at the age of 79.

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## Advice to photographers covering Tokyo Olympics



**John Gaps (Email)** - By the time you get this the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games will be in full swing. I covered six Olympic Games (3 summer, 3 winter) in my time at The Associated Press. Here is some advice with a funny picture I made in Seoul...

My advice to all photographers of the world:

To be successful you must do four things

- 1) Faithfully portray the subject scene or event.
- 2) Try to give a fresh view to a common event.
- 3) ELICIT an EMOTIONAL RESPONSE in the viewer.
- 4) We do this by capturing MOMENTS.

Moment trumps technical savvy. Moment trumps gimmicks. Moment trumps technique.

MOMENT, MOMENT, MOMENT

Above photo: I was assigned to shoot synchronized swimming compulsories at the Seoul Olympics in 1988. The photo answers the question "Where do all those public school food service workers go in the summer?"

## That's one big elk



**Dave Tomlin** ([Email](#)) - we bought the lot across the street in Ruidoso years ago to protect this mountain view, but it was our neighbor Grant Lavallie who strolled up to get this great shot while we just gawked at it. This is one of the biggest elks we've seen up here.

# Connecting Regional Reunion: September in Texas - Plus a bonus event!

You are invited to attend the Sept. 18-19, 2021, AP Connecting Regional Reunion in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Co-hosts are Mike Holmes of Omaha, Brent Kallestad of Tallahassee and Diana Heidgerd of Dallas. To register, email Diana at [heidgerd@flash.net](mailto:heidgerd@flash.net)

Please register by Aug. 2. Pay your own way. All events are casual attire.

Registration list: (will be updated):

- Amanda Barnett
- Barry Bedlan
- Betsy Blaney
- Joei Bohr & Mark Woolsey
- Sally Carpenter Hale & Rick Hale
- Pam & Frank Collins
- Schuyler Dixon
- Stephen & Andrea Hawkins
- Diana & Paul Heidgerd
- Mike Holmes
- John & Eileen Lumpkin
- Brent Kallestad
- Charles & Barbara Richards
- Rod Richardson & Kia Breaux Richardson
- David & Ellen Sedeño
- Kelley Shannon
- Ed & Barbara Staats
- Jamie Stengle
- Terry Wallace & Liz Eaton

Group events include a Tex-Mex dinner Saturday night, Sept. 18, and going to the Texas Rangers vs. Chicago White Sox game on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 19, at retractable-roof Globe Life Field in Arlington. Baseball tickets are \$45 each and must be reserved in advance via Diana. Details on the registration form.

Bonus Reunion Event! Friday night, Sept. 17:

David and Ellen Sedeño of Dallas have graciously offered a suggestion (for reunion early arrivals or those who live in the Dallas-Fort Worth area) -- join them for dinner Friday night at their family's BBQ restaurant: Meat U Anywhere BBQ in nearby Grapevine. For more information: [david@meatuananywhere.com](mailto:david@meatuananywhere.com)

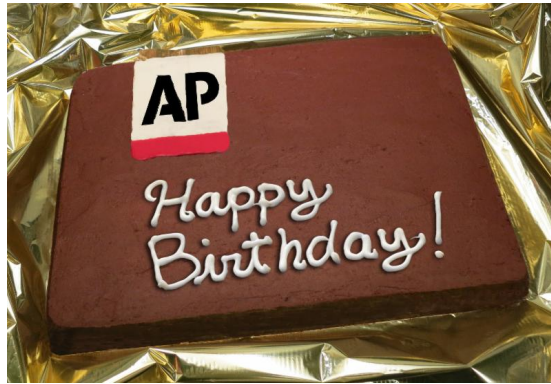
Group hotel:

SpringHill Suites Dallas DFW Airport South/CentrePort, rates \$109-\$114 per night, plus taxes & fees, AP reunion rate is available. Sept. 15-20. Additional hotel

information is in the registration form: [heidgerd@flash.net](mailto:heidgerd@flash.net)

See you in September!

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



Hank Ackerman – [ack1942@gmail.com](mailto:ack1942@gmail.com)

## Stories of interest

### *Woke Language Is Changing the Meaning of Words*

(Daily Signal)

By John Stossel

Have you noticed how our language is changing?

At a congressional hearing on “Birthing While Black,” nearly every politician used the words “birthing people” instead of “women” or “mothers.” Asked why, Shalanda Young, President Joe Biden’s budget director, said, “Our language needs to be more inclusive.”

Activists have also changed “equality” to “equity” and “affirmative action” to “diversity.”

The Associated Press no longer uses “mistress.” It tells reporters to use “companion, friend, or lover.”

Worse, certain speech is now labeled “violence.”

Calling a transgender woman a man is “an act of violence,” says transgender actress Laverne Cox.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Ralph Gage.

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## ***Zaila Avant-garde Knows the Troubling History Behind Her Historic Spelling Bee Win*** (Time)

BY JANELL ROSS

Last week, Zaila Avant-garde, a 14-year-old from a suburb of New Orleans, walked to the center of the 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee stage.

“Now, Zaila Avant-garde,” the bee’s final-round word caller said. “If you spell this next word correctly, we will declare you the 2021 national Scripps National Spelling Bee champion.”

During the average minute of this year’s competition, nearly 230,000 people were watching the spelling bee live on ESPN2. Avant-garde slipped her hands into the front pockets of her gray jeans. She’d thought a little about what her victory would mean, how she—Zaila from Harvey, La., who had just entered the world of competitive spelling two years ago—could become the first Black American to win and hold the title of national spelling bee champion, which comes with a \$50,000 prize. But for the next few minutes, that would be the furthest thing from her mind. For now, she was just praying, silently, for a bit more speller’s luck: a word she knew.

Read more [here](#).

## **The Final Word**

# PUNCTUATION IS POWERFUL

An English professor wrote the words...  
“a woman without her man is nothing”

...on the whiteboard and asked his students to  
punctuate it correctly.

All of the males in the class wrote:  
“A woman, without her man, is nothing.”

All the females in the class wrote:  
“A woman: without her, man is nothing.”

Punctuation is powerful.

David Avocado Wolfe

Spotted and shared by Paul Albright



## Celebrating AP's 175th

### 175th anniversary Polo shirts





AP is offering a variety of 175th anniversary merchandise, but one item that isn't available and that many staffers like is a Polo shirt. Adam Yeomans, AP's regional director for the South, has taken care of that. He recently ordered Polos for AP staffers in the South, a few members and retirees, other AP fans. Now you have the opportunity to order one of these limited-edition shirts emblazoned with the AP's 175th anniversary logo. The cost is \$30 per shirt, including shipping. Adult sizes are S, M, L, XL and XXL. The Navy Blue shirts are a 50/50 blend and tend to run a little large. If you'd like to order one, please email Adam Yeomans at [adamyemans@yahoo.com](mailto:adamyemans@yahoo.com) with your name, phone number, home address, and the size(s) and quantity by July 30. Adam says he will collect payment once the shirts are ready for shipping. He's trying to cover his cost; if there's anything left, he says he will donate it to the AP Employee Relief Fund.

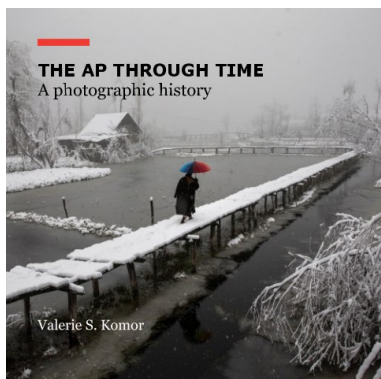
## AP store for 175th, vintage merchandise



The AP has created a store with 175th anniversary merchandise available for purchase, as well as items branded with some of AP's most historic logos.

Click [here](#).

## AP Through Time: A Photographic History



"AP Through Time: A Photographic History" - created by Director of Corporate Archives, Valerie Komor, is a keepsake commemorating AP's 175th year. Small in size (6 ¾ x 6 ¾ in.), it is organized chronologically in eight segments that trace the broad outlines of AP's development from 1846 to the present: Beginnings, Evolution, New Century, Modernity, Expansion, One World, Speed, and Transformation. Click [here](#) to view and make an order.

## AP at 175 video

This video celebrates the unique role AP has played since 1846.

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## Today in History - July 23, 2021



**By The Associated Press**

Today is Friday, July 23, the 204th day of 2021. There are 161 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On July 23, 2003, Massachusetts' attorney general issued a report saying clergy members and others in the Boston Archdiocese probably had sexually abused more than 1,000 people over a period of six decades.

**On this date:**

In 1829, William Austin Burt received a patent for his "typographer," a forerunner of the typewriter.

In 1945, French Marshal Henri Petain (ahn-REE' pay-TAN'), who had headed the pro-Axis Vichy (vee-shee) government during World War II, went on trial, charged with treason. (He was convicted and condemned to death, but the sentence was commuted to life in prison. On this date in 1951, Petain died in prison.)

In 1958, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II named the first four women to peerage in the House of Lords.

In 1967, five days of deadly rioting erupted in Detroit as an early morning police raid on an unlicensed bar resulted in a confrontation with local residents that escalated into violence that spread into other parts of the city; 43 people, mostly Blacks, were killed.

In 1982, actor Vic Morrow and two child actors, 7-year-old Myca Dinh Le and 6-year-old Renee Shin-Yi Chen, were killed when a helicopter crashed on top of them during filming of a Vietnam War scene for "Twilight Zone: The Movie." (Director John Landis and four associates were later acquitted of manslaughter charges.)

In 1983, an Air Canada Boeing 767 ran out of fuel while flying from Montreal to Edmonton; the pilots were able to glide the jetliner to a safe emergency landing in Gimli, Manitoba. (The near-disaster occurred because the fuel had been erroneously measured in pounds instead of kilograms at a time when Canada was converting to the metric system.)

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush announced his choice of Judge David Souter of New Hampshire to succeed the retiring Justice William J. Brennan on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1997, the search for Andrew Cunanan (koo-NAN'-an), the suspected killer of designer Gianni Versace (JAH'-nee vur-SAH'-chee) and others, ended as police found his body on a houseboat in Miami Beach, an apparent suicide.

In 1999, space shuttle Columbia blasted off with the world's most powerful X-ray telescope and Eileen Collins, the first woman to command a U.S. space flight.

In 2003, a new audiotape purported to be from toppled dictator Saddam Hussein called on Iraqis to resist the U.S. occupation.

In 2006, Tiger Woods became the first player since Tom Watson in 1982-83 to win consecutive British Open titles.

In 2017, a tractor trailer was found in a Walmart parking lot in San Antonio, Texas, crammed with dozens of immigrants; ten died and many more were treated at a hospital for dehydration and heat stroke. (The driver, James Bradley Jr., was sentenced to life in prison after pleading guilty to transporting the immigrants resulting in death.)

Ten years ago: Singer Amy Winehouse, 27, was found dead in her London home from accidental alcohol poisoning. Retired Army Gen. John Shalikashvili, the first foreign-born chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, died at Madigan Army Medical Center near Tacoma, Washington, at age 75. Nguyen Cao Ky, 80, the flamboyant former air force general who'd ruled South Vietnam for two years during the Vietnam war, died in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. A bullet train crash in southern China claimed 40 lives.

Five years ago: A suicide bomber detonated his explosives-packed clothing among a large crowd of demonstrators in the Afghan capital, killing at least 80 people; the Islamic State group claimed responsibility.

One year ago: In response to an ACLU lawsuit, a federal judge blocked federal agents in Portland, Oregon from arresting or using physical force against journalists and legal observers at the ongoing protests there. In a shift from his earlier demand for a full reopening of the nation's schools, President Donald Trump acknowledged that some schools might need to delay reopening in the fall as the coronavirus continued to surge. France reported a sharp uptick in coronavirus cases as people let down their guard heading into the country's summer break. The virus-delayed and shortened major league baseball season began with the World Series champion Washington Nationals hosting the New York Yankees at an empty Nationals Park; Dr. Anthony Fauci threw out the ceremonial first ball. (The Yankees won, 4-1, in a game halted by rain.)

Today's Birthdays: Retired Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy is 85. Actor Ronny Cox is 83. Actor Larry Manetti is 78. Rock singer David Essex is 74. Singer-songwriter-politician John Hall is 73. Actor Belinda Montgomery is 71. Rock musician Blair Thornton (Bachman Turner Overdrive) is 71. Actor-writer Lydia Cornell is 68. Actor Woody Harrelson is 60. Rock musician Martin Gore (Depeche Mode) is 60. Actor Eriq La Salle is 59. Rock musician Yuval Gabay is 58. Rock musician Slash is 56. Actor Juan Pope is 54. Model-actor Stephanie Seymour is 53. Sen. Raphael Warnock, D-Ga., is 52. Actor Charisma Carpenter is 51. R&B singer Sam Watters is 51. Country singer Alison Krauss is 50. R&B singer Dalvin DeGrate is 50. Rock musician Chad Gracey (Live) is 50. Actor-comedian Marlon Wayans is 49. Country singer Shannon Brown is 48. Actor Kathryn Hahn is 48. Retired MLB All-Star Nomar Garciaparra (NOH'-mar gar-SEE'-ah-par-rah) is 48. Former White House intern Monica Lewinsky is 48. Actor Stephanie March is 47. Actor Shane McRae is 44. R&B singer Michelle Williams is 41. Actor Paul Wesley is 39. Actor Krysta Rodriguez is 37. Actor Daniel Radcliffe is 32. Country musician Neil Perry is 31. Actor Lili Simmons is 28. Country singer Danielle Bradbery (TV: "The Voice") is 25.

## 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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