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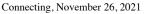
Colleagues,

Good Friday morning on this Nov. 26, 2021,

I hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving.

Ollie and I spent part of Thanksgiving morning at a local city park where we recently adopted a park bench for the next 20 years.

A good cause – a donation to the Lenexa Parks and Recreation department. But Ollie believes the bench ought to be monetized – well, biscuit-ized – by charging folks a dog





biscuit or two for the right to sit on "his" bench. We're in negotiations with that idea...

Thanksgiving can also be a tough day for some of us, however – as the Happy Thursday posting in the Final Word relates. If you're among those to whom one of the categories applies, you're not alone...our thoughts are with you.

Have a great weekend – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

# AP's top editor: We must protect journalists online



AP Executive Editor Julie Pace, right, speaks at the virtual News Xchange conference, Nov. 23, 2021. (AP Photo)

#### **By Patrick Maks**

During a panel at the virtual News Xchange conference on Tuesday, Executive Editor Julie Pace addressed the online harassment of journalists and AP's response to this

growing trend.

"I've been really proud over the last couple of months of conversations that we've been having at the AP. Online harassment is now something we have to take as seriously as we have long taken physical safety for our staff," Pace said.

Pace continued:

"We've been very good over the years at ensuring that when we're sending journalists into conflict zones or other dangerous assignments that they're well prepared for it. I think we've been less well prepared in terms of making sure that our staff has resources and training to deal with the attacks that they're facing online. And those attacks increasingly are focused on women, on journalists of color, and they can cover any manner of topics. Sometimes we think about this – particularly in the U.S. – just around the political space, but really almost any topic we've seen can generate an enormous amount of hate and vitriol online."

Pace described the work done by a team of AP journalists to create a new response plan and training program at the news agency, saying she hopes AP can be a leader in helping other news organizations tackle this growing problem.

Read more here.

# Fernando González: A perfect fit for AP and his profession



Friends, loved ones and colleagues pay tribute to Fernando González Nov. 23, 2021, in Havana. González, who spent decades covering and directing major stories for The Associated Press across Latin America, died at his home in Havana early Monday after suffering a heart attack. He was 60. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

Brian Hopman (Email) - Years before I met him, I knew who Fernando was by reputation. I knew that his work for AP in Havana was one of the things that gave AP a competitive edge and made sure we were positioned for big stories that captured the attention of clients I called on like Univision and Telemundo. Everyone knew that this was the guy who you wanted to have on speed dial for the day a big story might go down. But because we didn't have video, Zoom meetings and communications to/from Cuba weren't so great in the early 2000's, I didn't come to know Fernando until he came north to run the LatAm video desk in Washington when we worked a lot more closely together. Given his reputation, I wouldn't have been surprised to encounter someone with a pretty big ego. But of course, it was the opposite of that. He was a gentle and kind soul who cared so much about the storytelling, about the subjects of the coverage, and about the AP in general. If he hadn't been such a great journalist, you could easily imagine him being a very successful diplomat, given his great appreciation for the cultures of Latin America plus his understanding of how things work in North America. He embodied the very spirit of the region and the spirit of this organization. A perfect fit for the AP and for his profession. This place won't be the same without him. I wish peace and healing to his family and close colleagues.

# More of your memories Where were you when JFK was assassinated?

Adolphe Bernotas (Email) - On Nov. 22, 1963, I was driving my 1952 Hudson Hornet Special southwest on the Wilbur Cross Parkway about halfway between the University of Connecticut at Storrs and New York City. WINS, a New York AM station, broke in with the UPI bulletin that President Kennedy had been shot in Dallas. Soon, Kennedy's death was confirmed.

The boss at my senior-year part-time job at the UConn flack shop had set me free for a 22-year-old's weekend with friends in the center of the universe.

Parked the Hudson on Willoughby Avenue in Brooklyn near an apartment subsidized by Pratt Institute, where a friend was a student at the Graduate School of Art. We took the subway to Times Square to meet other buddies. We had planned to hit jazz clubs but music evaporated that afternoon; we were obsessed with what happened to JFK. (On the eve of his election, before I was old enough to vote, I spent hours in throngs on the Waterbury, Conn., town green to hear JFK speak from the balcony of the Elton Hotel).

Six decades ago, New York City had several newspapers. And for the first time I experienced what I had seen only in movies – "extra" editions hitting the streets.

There was no CNN, no 24-hour news cycle, no Facebook, no news on your smartphone. Until we sat down to a TV in a West 47th Street bar, our initial news about what happened in Dallas came from AP and UPI tidbits in the extras.

We hung around Times Square news stands for much of that Friday and bought dozens of extras dropped off in bundles from circulation trucks, just like in the movies. We read and kept extras from the Daily News, Daily Mirror, Journal-American, World Tribune and unless I'm mistaken some from the Herald-Tribune; don't recall any New York Times extras.

Most of my stash survived until 1999, when forced to empty the attic in the sale of my house in Concord, N.H., I bequeathed the batch to AP colleague David Tirrell-Wysocki.

Dave would become instructor and director of The Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications in Manchester, N.H.

I'm certain Dave's students appreciated his show-and-tell explanation of the history and long-gone phenomenon of "extras" in journalism.

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#### Kathy Curran (Email) - On November 22, 1963, I was a sophomore at Alverno College in Milwaukee. I had heard at lunch time that the President had been shot, but it was in my first afternoon class in the Physics lab that the announcement came over the loudspeaker that John F. Kennedy had died.

As we all stood at our lab tables



crying, I remember noticing that the skies were black, and rain was pouring down. It was as though it was a scripted movie background for such tragic news, as though "the heavens were weeping."

There is a framed John F. Kennedy autograph hanging in our home, secured in March 1960, when he visited our small Wisconsin town on the campaign trail. It was written specifically for Tim (Tim Curran, Kathy's late husband) and says "With best wishes for a fine Democrat". Taped on the back is a ticket for the fundraising dinner held that day. Since Tim was away at college it would have been his parents who attended and requested the autograph.

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**Mike Doan** (<u>Email</u>) - The staff of the Delaware State News had just came back from its regular Friday lunch, when we heard the news. With assistance from news editor Joe Smyth, I put out a new front page for the issue that had already been delivered. The man who set headlines complained: "We don't have enough s's for assassinated." Somehow he made a mirror image. The drivers who delivered the paper by car went back and delivered the special edition all over again.

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**Bruce Handler** (<u>Email</u>) - When JFK was shot, I was on my way to a senior-year TV broadcasting class at the School of Journalism at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana.

How could this be? Only three months earlier I actually had met Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy in the Rose Garden of the White House. I had spent the summer in Washington as a (paid) White House Intern, assigned to the U.S. Information Agency (USIA) under the famous journalist Edward R. Murrow.

What's more, during that program we interns had had a private hour-long meeting with Vice President, now President, LBJ.

My favorite journalism professor, Henry N. Lippold ("The 'N' is for neatness," he would joke in his office which was strewn with piles of background folders, rolls of 16mm. black-and-white film footage and assorted papers and tearsheets.) was not impressed.

"We've got a show to get out!" he declared, referring to a nightly newscast on WILL-TV, Channel 12, the U of I's television station. Prof. Lippold was the anchor, and we acolytes did much of the writing and editing, along with studio tasks such as lighting, camera work and manning the dials and knobs in the control room.

JFK had visited the campus during the 1960 presidential campaign, so we students went scrambling through the piles of junk on Mr. Lippold's floor and shelves to find WILL's footage from that day and to reconstruct candidate Kennedy's appearances and speeches in Champaign.

Despite the general state of anxiety and confusion, our student-produced newscast made it on air on time.

Only later did the enormity of the situation register.

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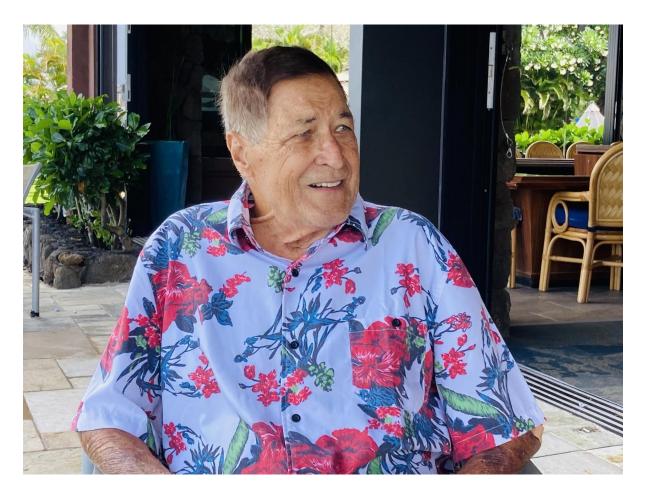
**Doug Tucker** (<u>Email</u>) - I was taking a test in a freshman English class at Oklahoma when suddenly we heard noise and shouting in the hall. The kid nearest the door cried out, shattering the small room's dead silence, "I just heard somebody say Kennedy's been shot in Dallas."

The stuffed-shirt professor went out to investigate and returned ashen-faced.

"The president has been shot," he said. "The Vice President has been shot. The governor of Texas has been shot and several congressmen and senators have been shot."

I immediately turned in my unfinished paper and hurried back to the dorm, fully expecting to see Russian bombers in the sky because obviously World War III was at hand.

## Veteran Hawaii Journalist Bob Jones Dead At 85



Longtime Hawaii newspaper and television journalist Bob Jones died at his Diamond Head home Monday.

The cause of death was heart failure, according to his wife, Denby Fawcett. He was 85.

Jones was a familiar face to many in Hawaii as a KGMB news anchor and NBC News foreign correspondent.

#### Read more here.

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**Tad Bartimus** (<u>Email</u>) - Bob Jones is married to my friend and fellow journalist, Denby Fawcett. I first met them in Saigon in 1973, when their daughter Brett was born there. He was with NBC then, and the NBC office was right next door to the AP office. When we moved permanently to Hawaii in 1998, we rekindled our friendship. Denby is one of the nine women, including me, who wrote WAR TORN: Stories of War from the Women Reporters Who Covered Vietnam (Random House, 2002). Although we both live in Hawaii -- me on Maui, Denby on Oahu-- we don't see one another too often, but we remain close friends. Bob was a wonderful guy and he will be deeply missed. My love goes out to Denby, their daughter Brett Jones and his new grandson Miles Alexander Goldman-Jones, who lives in Australia with his parents.

# Thanksgiving 1942: Exporting an American holiday



U.S. servicemen appraise turkeys in Norfolk, England (National Archives)

#### Marc Lancaster World War II On Deadline

As members of a far-flung Commonwealth, the people of Britain and Australia had grown accustomed to the cultural differences among their brethren, so it was little surprise that their media took on an educational tone in explaining an unfamiliar tradition arriving upon their shores in November 1942.

"Thanksgiving Day, one of the festivals of the American year, will be celebrated in Sydney today," that city's Morning Herald informed its readership on Thursday, Nov. 26.

"The association of thanksgiving and turkeys is traditional, the feasting being symbolical of the thanks of the Pilgrim Fathers for their deliverance from early years of famine," the story continued. "Turkey will be served both at the American Centre in Elizabeth Street and at the new American Red Cross Centre, which will be opened this afternoon. ... Hundreds of turkeys have been specially fattened for the occasion. Another traditional dish will be 'succatash,' for which beans have been specially imported from the United States."

While that last sentence might have left the locals scratching their heads, an editorial elsewhere in the paper paid solemn tribute to the holiday and attempted to encapsulate what it meant for the men so far from home.

Read more here.

# Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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# **Stories of interest**

## How a shaky cellphone video changed the course of the Ahmaud Arbery murder case (Washington Post)

#### **By Meryl Kornfield**

The first news story about the Feb. 23, 2020, shooting of Ahmaud Arbery, a mere four paragraphs, offered little detail about what led to the death of the 25-year-old.

In the small coastal Georgia town of Brunswick, rumors swirled about a Black man who was shot while being pursued by two armed White men in a pickup truck, but no one was charged and the case received little attention nationally. It wasn't until May 5, when a local radio station uploaded graphic footage of the deadly chase, that widespread outrage ensued. Two days later — 74 days after Arbery was killed while on a jog — arrests were made.

The convictions of Travis McMichael, 35, his father, Greg McMichael, 65, and their neighbor William "Roddie" Bryan, 52, on Wednesday raised recollections of the beginning of the case when police let the men walk free and two prosecutors did not press charges. Yet, after just two days of deliberations, the jury found the three men guilty of murder and other charges for the pursuit and fatal shooting of Arbery.

Read more here. Shared by Peggy Walsh.

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## Lee's Board to Alden: "No Thank You!" (Editor and Publisher)

#### E & P Staff

On Monday, November 22nd, fewer than five months since the ink dried on their acquisition of the Tribune titles, Alden Global Capital made a formal play for Lee Enterprises. The initial offer was for \$24/share. The news sent Lee Enterprises stock upward just before the Thanksgiving holiday. Adding it to its MediaNews/Digital First/Tribune holdings, the play would bring Alden's final holdings close to the size of Gannett.

As reported in the September 2021 cover story of Editor & Publisher Magazine, "What's Left Behind, The shadow of hedge fund and corporate ownership leaves newsrooms in fear they'll be picked clean," Alden Global Capital has a track record of

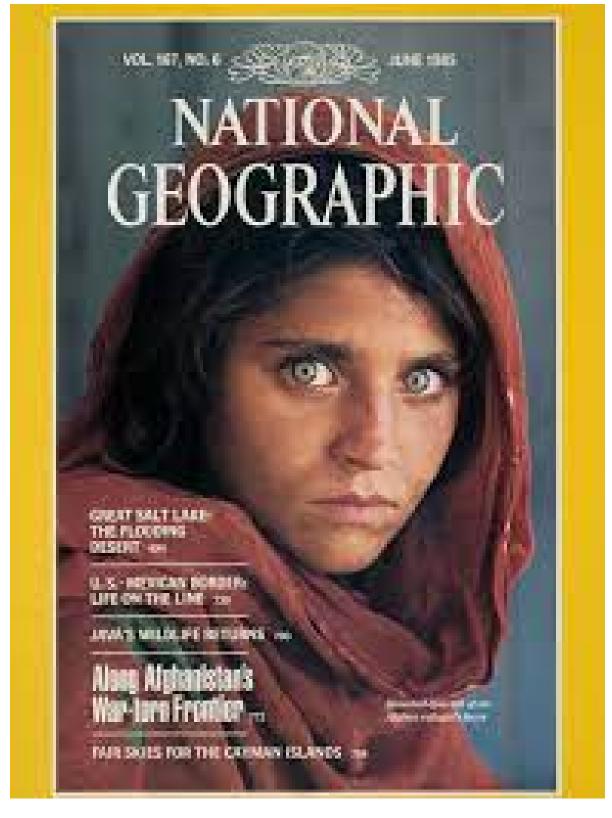
cutting staff and resources to gain profits at the expense of essential local journalism. Research shows that when local newspapers disappear or are dramatically gutted, communities tend to see lower voter turnout, increased polarization, a general erosion of civic engagement, and an environment in which misinformation and conspiracy theories can spread more easily. This was reported in Editor & Publisher's November issue, "Exploiting the local news desert: Are political and foreign interests profiting from the locals' loss?"

Yesterday afternoon, November 24, 2021, Lee Enterprises, Incorporated (NASDAQ: LEE) announced in a press release that " its Board of Directors has unanimously adopted a limited-duration shareholder rights plan (Rights Plan)." The Rights Plan is effective immediately. In addition, the press releases stated, "Consistent with its fiduciary duties, Lee's Board has taken this action to ensure our shareholders receive fair treatment, full transparency and protection in connection with Alden's unsolicited proposal to acquire Lee," said Lee Chairman Mary Junck. "This Rights Plan will provide Lee's Board and our shareholders with the time needed to properly assess the acquisition proposal without undue pressure while also safeguarding shareholders' opportunity to realize the long-term value of their investment in Lee."

Read more here.

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## Afghan 'girl with the green eyes' from iconic 1985 National Geographic cover is given safe haven in Italy after fleeing the Taliban (Daily Mail)



#### By RACHAEL BUNYAN FOR MAILONLINE and AP

The iconic Afghan 'girl with the green eyes' from the cover of the 1985 National Geographic has been given safe haven in Italy after fleeing the Taliban.

Sharbat Gula became the face of the Afghan war after her piercing green eyes were captured in an iconic photograph taken in a Pakistan refugee camp when she was just 12.

Years later, Gula was arrested in Pakistan in 2016 for living in the country on fraudulent identity papers and deported back to war-torn Afghanistan.

But Gula, a widowed mother-of-four, has finally found her safe haven after arriving in Italy as part of the West's evacuation of Afghans following the Taliban takeover of the country, the Italian government said on Thursday.

Read more here. Shared by Richard Chady.

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### Man's obit urges betting a bunch on the Huskers (AP)

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Milton Andrew Munson's obituary recalled his life as an Air Force veteran, a pharmacist, husband and father, and as a Nebraska football fan. That was evident in one line in the obit: "In lieu of flowers, please place an irresponsibly large wager on Nebraska beating Iowa."

Munson, 73, died Nov. 16. The obit, written by Munson's sons, ran Thursday in the Hastings Tribune, the Lincoln Journal Star reported. It caught fire on social media and captured the attention of two radio hosts, Josh Peterson, co-host of an afternoon sports talk show on KOZN-AM in Omaha and Jack Mitchell of KLIN-AM in Lincoln.

They decided to throw in some money and make a bet for the Huskers to pull an upset in Friday night's game in Lincoln, but once word got out, listeners and others pitched in and the total grew to nearly \$5,000.

"I mentioned it (Monday) on the air," Peterson said. "We talked about it for four or five minutes and said 'Here's my Venmo if you want to donate.' It's blown up."

#### Read more here.

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## 11 Great Jobs for J-School Grads—Whether or Not You Want to Stay in Journalism (Entrepreneur)

#### By Sondra Wolfer

With a degree in journalism, you can pursue a noble profession that's essential to a healthy democracy and gets a shout-out in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. But beyond the necessity of a free press—it's also a fascinating, rewarding career path known for its variety and fast pace.

As a journalist, you might cover the impact of rising waters on a coastal community, the Met Gala red carpet, or scientific discoveries on Mars. You could be documenting social movements, changes in the economy, crime, wars and regional conflicts, politicians and elections, pets, and anything in between. You may work for a media

organization or as a freelancer, investigating and reporting on a broad range of subjects and sharing your stories in newspapers and magazines as well as on podcasts, television, streaming services, and social media. And there's always something new—the news, obviously, along with storytelling formats, platforms, and more.

But your career options extend far beyond the fourth estate. Your journalism training provides a foundation of hard and soft skills that make you competitive in other jobs if the traditional route isn't a good fit, you're struggling to break into journalism— which, as vital as the press is to democracy and society, is increasingly common—or you're exploring a career change.

Read more <u>here</u>. Shared by Mike Holmes.

# The Final Word

# HAPPY THURSDAY ...

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# **Celebrating AP's 175th**

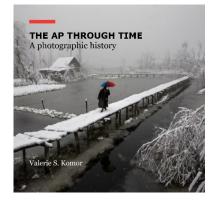
## AP store for 175th, vintage merchandise



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.

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### 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.

# Today in History - Nov. 26, 2021



### By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Nov. 26, the 330th day of 2021. There are 35 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 26, 1941, U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull delivered a note to Japan's ambassador to the United States, Kichisaburo Nomura (kee-chee-sah-boor-oh noh-moo-rah), setting forth U.S. demands for "lasting and extensive peace throughout the Pacific area." The same day, a Japanese naval task force consisting of six aircraft carriers left the Kuril Islands, headed toward Hawaii.

#### On this date:

In 1825, the first college social fraternity, the Kappa Alpha Society, was formed at Union College in Schenectady, New York.

In 1864, English mathematician and writer Charles Dodgson presented a handwritten and illustrated manuscript, "Alice's Adventures Under Ground," to his 12-year-old friend Alice Pleasance Liddell; the book was later turned into "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," published under Dodgson's pen name, Lewis Carroll.

In 1883, former slave and abolitionist Sojourner Truth died in Battle Creek, Michigan.

In 1917, the National Hockey League was founded in Montreal, succeeding the National Hockey Association.

In 1933, a judge in New York ruled the James Joyce book "Ulysses" was not obscene and could be published in the United States.

In 1943, during World War II, the HMT Rohna, a British transport ship carrying American soldiers, was hit by a German missile off Algeria; 1,138 men were killed.

In 1950, China entered the Korean War, launching a counteroffensive against soldiers from the United Nations, the U.S. and South Korea.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon's personal secretary, Rose Mary Woods, told a federal court that she'd accidentally caused part of the 18-1/2-minute gap in a key Watergate tape.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan appointed a commission headed by former Sen. John Tower to investigate his National Security Council staff in the wake of the Iran-Contra affair.

In 1990, Japanese business giant Matsushita (mat-soosh-tah) Electric Industrial Co. agreed to acquire MCA Corp., owner of Universal Studios, for \$6.6 billion.

In 2000, Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris certified George W. Bush the winner over Al Gore in the state's presidential balloting by a 537-vote margin.

In 2008, teams of heavily armed Pakistani gunmen stormed luxury hotels, a popular tourist attraction and a crowded train station in Mumbai, India, leaving at least 166 people dead in a rampage lasting some 60 hours.

Ten years ago: In a friendly-fire incident that further strained relations between the United States and Pakistan, U.S. forces launched airstrikes that mistakenly killed 24 Pakistani troops at two posts along the Afghan border. NASA's Curiosity rover blasted off from the Kennedy Space Center on an 8 1/2-month, 354 million-mile journey to Mars (it arrived in August 2012). NBA players and owners reached a tentative agreement to end a 149-day lockout.

Five years ago: Cuba said it would observe nine days of mourning for Fidel Castro, including a three-day journey by his ashes along the route taken by the rebel army he'd led on a victorious march across the island in 1959. Tony Award-winning character actor Fritz Weaver died in New York at age 90.

One year ago: Taking questions from reporters for the first time since the election, President Donald Trump acknowledged that he would leave the White House if Democrat Joe Biden's win was affirmed by the Electoral College; Trump also unleashed another round of complaints about the vote. Americans marked the Thanksgiving holiday amid the coronavirus pandemic, with many celebrations canceled or reduced; Zoom and FaceTime calls connected some families with those who didn't want to travel. With public health officials begging Americans not to travel, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was scaled back and aimed at a television audience instead of live crowds.

Today's Birthdays: Impressionist Rich Little is 83. Singer Tina Turner is 82. Singer Jean Terrell is 77. Pop musician John McVie is 76. Actor Marianne Muellerleile is 73. Actor Scott Jacoby is 65. Actor Jamie Rose is 62. Country singer Linda Davis is 59. Actor Scott Adsit is 56. Blues singer-musician Bernard Allison is 56. Country singer-musician Steve Grisaffe is 56. Actor Kristin Bauer is 55. Actor Peter Facinelli is 48. Actor Tammy Lynn Michaels Etheridge is 47. DJ/record label executive DJ Khaled (KAL'-ehd) is 46. Actor Maia (MY'-ah) Campbell is 45. Country singer Joe Nichols is 45. Contemporary Christian musicians Anthony and Randy Armstrong (Red) are 43. Actor Jessica Bowman is 41. Pop singer Natasha Bedingfield is 40. Actor Jessica Camacho is 39. Rock musician Ben Wysocki (The Fray) is 37. Singer Lil Fizz is 36. MLB All-Star Matt Carpenter is 36. Actor-singer-TV personality Rita Ora is 31. Actor/singer Aubrey Peeples is 28.

# 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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