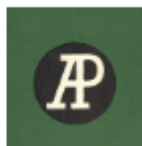
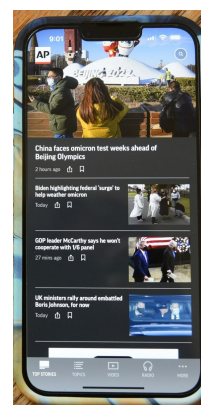


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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this Sept. 15, 2022,

Today is the date for the virtual 2022 25-Year Club Celebration, AP's salute to retirees, alumni and current staff with a minimum of 25 years of AP service. It will take place at 10 a.m. Eastern. The Zoom link is <https://ap.zoom.us/j/97252799369> - with a reminder that participation is limited to those who worked for AP for 25 or more years.

Congratulations to AP's newest vice president, **Ron Nixon**, who was promoted Wednesday to a new leadership role: Vice President for News, investigative, enterprise and grants and partnerships. Ron most recently led AP's global investigations team, spearheading numerous award-winning projects. The announcement of his promotion by Executive Editor **Julie Pace** leads today's issue.

The journalism world is saddened by the death of **George Irish**, vice president and Eastern director of the William Randolph Hearst Foundation of California and the

Hearst Foundation, Inc. of New York. He died of a heart attack Tuesday at his home in New Jersey. He was 78. Irish served on the AP board of directors from 1998-2007.

“I served with George on the boards of several journalism organizations,” **Tom Curley**, AP president and CEO from 2003-2012, told Connecting. “He was a role model who elevated any organization by focusing on paths that made people and organizations more likely to succeed. He often provided the spark that advanced ideas or programs and helped people with different views see a bigger picture. He truly was a good man, trustworthy partner and loyal friend. He made a significant impact and will be missed.”

In the Hearst story on his death in today’s issue, our colleague **Steve Swartz**, president and chief executive officer of Hearst and former AP board chairman, said: “I had the great fortune to work for and with George for more than 20 years. He was a wonderful man, a dedicated executive and a much-loved member of our Hearst community and of all the communities he served so well.”

Ye Olde Connecting Editor is pleased that many of you are willing to play the Connecting Name Game – using a tie to your own name or a famous AP one to a business or other enterprise. Hope you will submit your own entry.

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

## Ron Nixon named VP for investigative, enterprise, grants and partnerships



Senior Vice President and Executive Editor Julie Pace announced Wednesday that Global Investigations Editor Ron Nixon is now vice president, overseeing investigative, enterprise, and grants and partnerships.

Here is her memo to staff:

I'm thrilled to announce that Ron Nixon has been promoted to a new leadership role: Vice President for News, investigative, enterprise and grants and partnerships. Ron is one of our most innovative, competitive and compassionate news leaders and I'm so pleased that more journalists at AP will get the opportunity to work with him as he takes on his new position.

Ron has most recently led AP's global investigations team, spearheading numerous award-winning projects, including the investigation into abuses in the palm oil industry that was a Pulitzer Prize finalist in 2020. He's been a champion for innovation and digital storytelling, including helping AP branch into more visual investigations and sophisticated presentation work.

In his new role, Ron will expand his portfolio to include AP's enterprise team and our work in News on grants and partnerships. The latter will be an extension of the work Ron has long done to help generate new sources of funding for AP journalism and create more external opportunities to expand our reach and promote our brand.

Those of you who have had the opportunity to work with Ron know that he also cares deeply about the people behind our journalism. He's created a terrific culture of camaraderie and collaboration on the investigative team, and in 2021, he received the News Leader of the Year award from the News Leaders Association.

Ron joined the AP in 2019 after nearly 14 years at The New York Times. He is co-founder of the Ida B. Wells Society for Investigative Reporting, a news trade organization increasing the ranks, retention and profile of reporters and editors of color. Ron is also a Marine Corps infantry veteran who saw combat in the 1990 Persian Gulf War and was part of the Marine Corps security forces battalion, the security and counterterrorism unit.

Please join me in congratulating Ron!

## More on working the broadcast wire

[Jim Carlson](#) - Re the broadcast wire, I have another twist from my days in the Milwaukee AP bureau.

I think I probably was like many who toiled on broadcast at a time when monitoring local radio stations was required, especially on the night and overnight shifts when those stations actually had someone on the job doing hourly news updates (Hard to believe these days).

It was a treat when you tuned in for the latest update and heard one of your stories read word-for-word on the air.

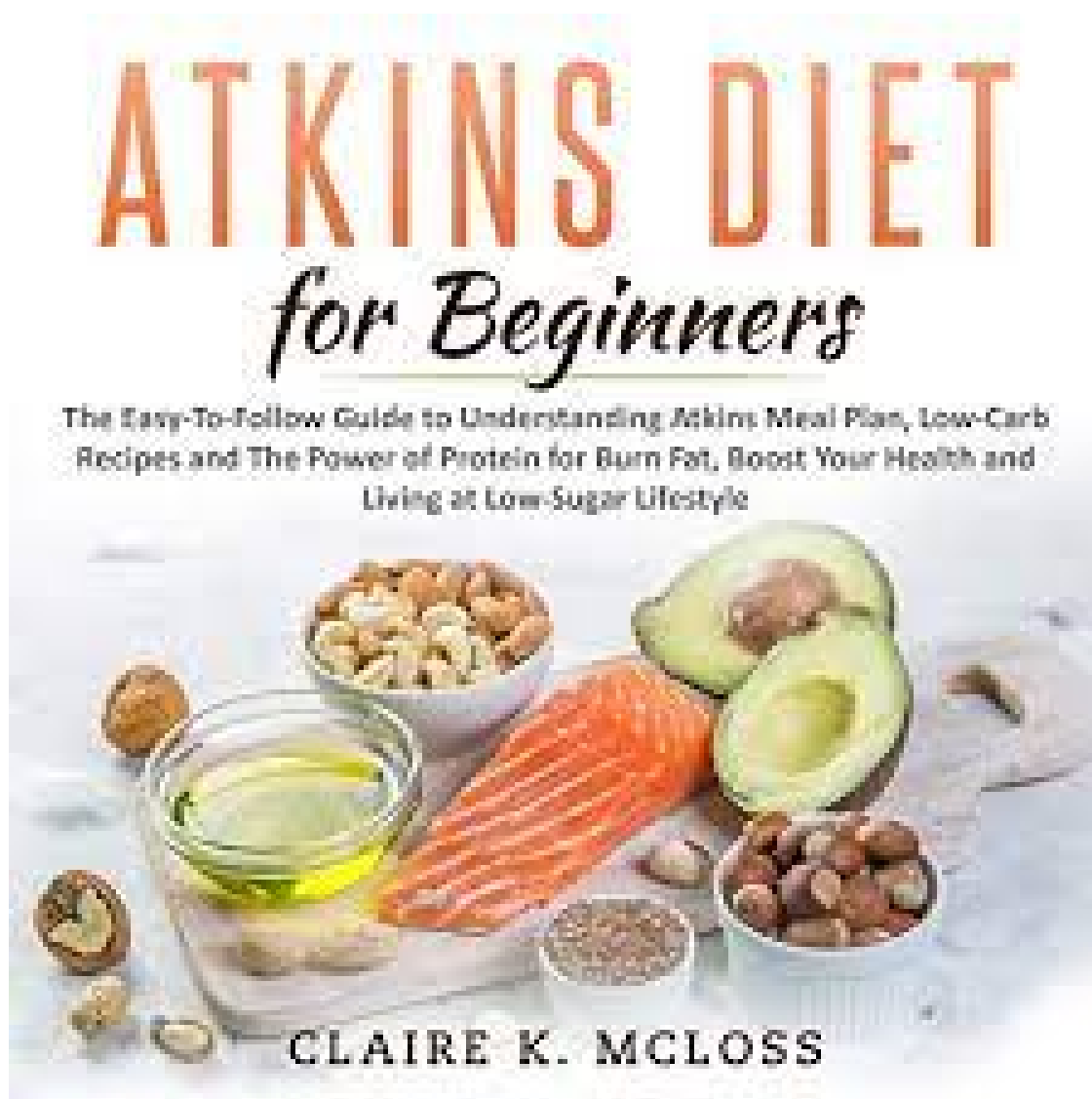
Even better, when you could call in a "voicer" during one of those lonely shifts and hear yourself reporting on a state story that was getting some national attention.

I recall one night when I chipped in with a call to the Broadcast Center and they welcomed my report for use in the AP's updates.

That was before the next staffer arrived to start the overnight shift. I had tuned in our monitor to listen to the AP Radio updates but waited until he got to his desk. Then I turned up the volume and he got a surprise, hearing me on the AP Radio with my report. "How'd you do that?" he said with a start.

As another twist, those of us who came from newspaper backgrounds sometimes might let their personal style show through in their broadcast reports. Every once in a while, my mother would hear a certain story on the radio and let me know later that she knew it was one of mine. And she usually was right.

## Connecting Name Game



Harry Atkins - As it turns out, I grew up on the Atkins diet. My mother's name was Jean. She grew up on a farm, and boy could she cook. Cheers!



Margaret Callahan - Summer trips to Sunset Beach, NC for sun and fun with the family always included a trip to Callahan's of Calabash, a Nautical & Christmas Gift Shop in Calabash, NC for my nieces and nephews, and later my grandnieces and grandnephew to shop for a treat from Aunt Margaret. Unfortunately, this Callahan is not related to that Callahan. And I must admit I do not travel as much as I would like, but when I do, I purchase a Christmas tree ornament themed for that location as a souvenir. So I got several beach-themed ornaments from Callahan's of Calabash as a remembrance of summer beach trips but really the souvenir for me is the simple branded brown paper bag.







[Rick Cooper](#) - Three names pop right up:

Wes Gallagher - Gallagher's steakhouse in New York City.

Keith Fuller - Who never heard of the FULLER BRUSH MAN.

Kent Cooper - Coopers & Lybrand accountants. (Like you and the moving company, no relation here.)



Tom Coyne – Three years ago my wife and I went to Ireland. Part of the reason for the trip was to visit the Aran Islands, where my grandmother was born and lived until she was 7. My grandfather, her husband, died at the of age 48 almost two decades before I was born and I don't know much about where he was from.

We started our trip in Dublin, meandering along the southern coast for a week as we made our way to the Aran Islands on the west coast. I had been told the Coyne name was fairly common, but during our week in Ireland didn't come across a single Coyne.

We were driving across the country headed to the airport for our trip home and randomly pulled off an interstate-type highway and stopped in a town called Kinnegad



for lunch. I found my people. The first thing we saw was a restaurant called Brian Coyne, where we had lunch. Then we saw a real estate business called John Coyne Estates. Then we saw side by side Denis Coyne Top House restaurant and a funeral home with Mark Coyne as funeral director. Then, as we left town, we saw Coyne Cycles. It was quite the Coyne collection.



Harry Dunphy - There's no formal connection. One member of our large Irish-Catholic family saw a bottle with our name on it. The label was soaked off and I believe several of us have it framed.



**Robert Ingle** - There is a grocery chain of about 200 stores in the Southeast called Ingles founded by Robert Ingle in Asheville, N.C.

My 5th great granddad Michael Ingle was an officer under Washington and after the Revolution moved from Lancaster, Pa., where my German ancestors settled in the early 1700s, to Asheville. They gave 'em free land.

The grocery founder Robert is a distant cousin. My great grandfather John moved to Georgia. If he had stayed put in N.C. I probably could be manager of a produce section by now.

As it is, I never was in an Ingles store. But the idea of giving them my credit card or check is intriguing.











**Bill Kaczor** - Attached are pictures of business enterprises in Poland that contain our family's name. Kaczor is Polish for Drake, or male duck. None are owned or operated by me or my family. The first photo shows my late father, Stanley, in front of the Kaczorek pizza parlor in 1995. The second is the Mc Kazor grocery store followed by a Kaczor Donald comic book.



**Jim Limbach** - Here it is, but it is not I. Limbach is an integrated building systems solution firm for mechanical, electrical and plumbing building systems.



[John Willis](#) - I know I have no ownership in Willis Tower, but cannot speak for Connectors Jim or Doug...

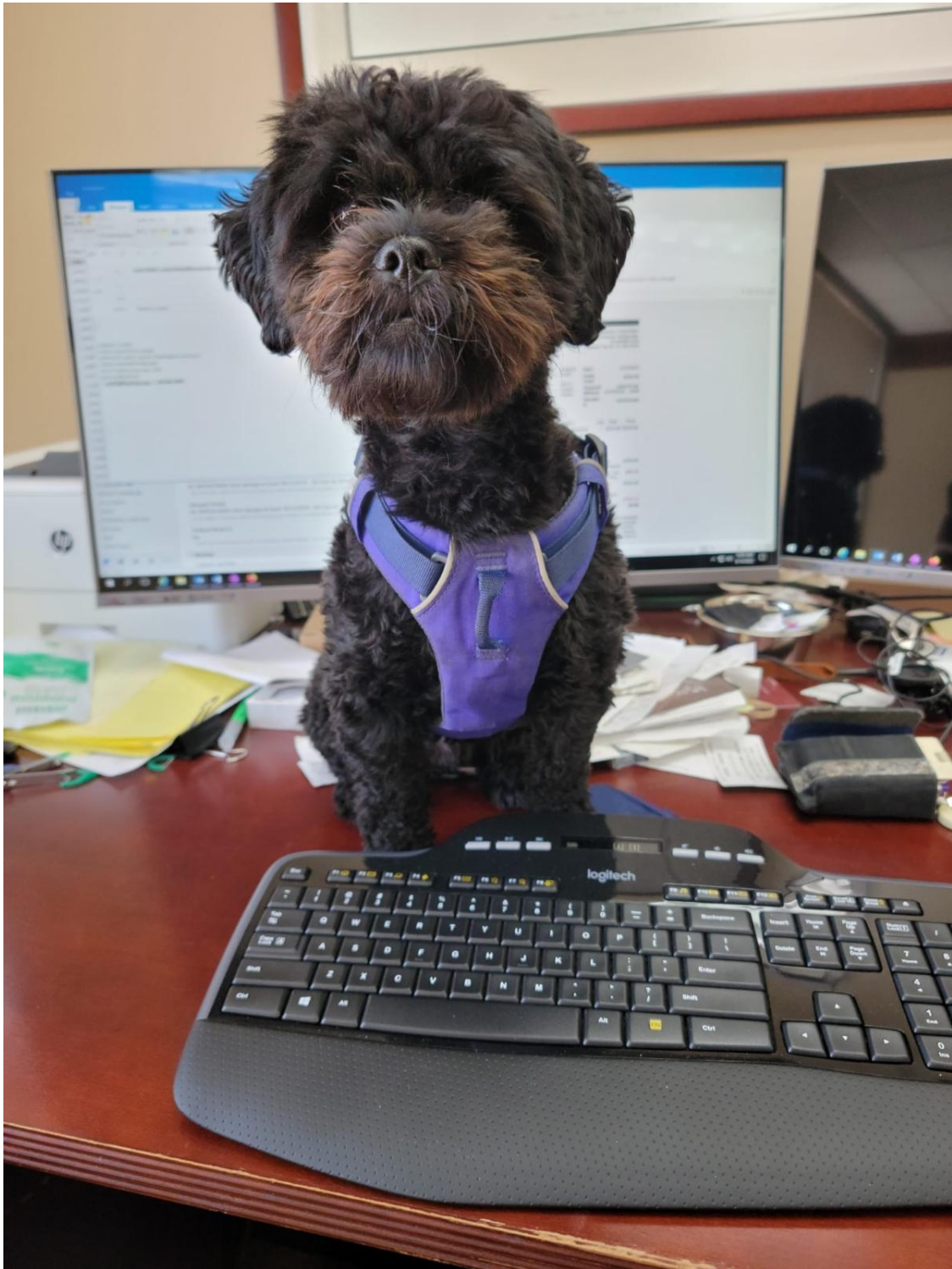
## Connecting pics

## *Representing newspapers*



**Geneva Overholser** - Representing newspapers at the recent Ms. Magazine 50th Anniversary party. David (Westphal, my husband) and I saw the skirt in the window of a small dress shop in Santa Monica when we moved there in 2008. You've got to have that, he said, and went in and bought it.

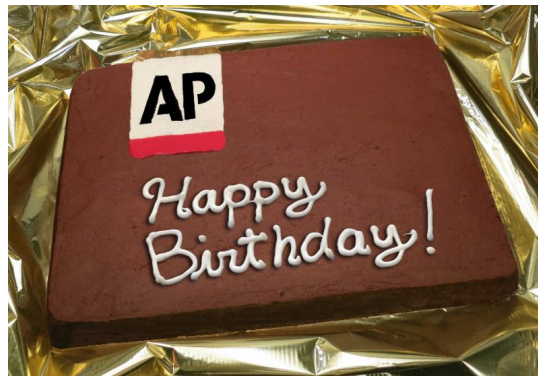




[Stephen C. Smith](#) – Wednesday work conditions, at my home office in McCall, Idaho. His name is Ash.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday





[Emily Bradbury](#)

[Connie Farrow](#)

[Andy Katell](#)

## Stories of interest

*Hearst Newspapers' George B. Irish dies at 78*



### Hearst Newspapers

George B. Irish, vice president and Eastern director of the William Randolph Hearst Foundation of California and the Hearst Foundation, Inc. of New York, died of a heart attack Tuesday at his home in New Jersey. He was 78.

After retiring from Hearst in 2008, Irish played an important role at the Hearst Foundations, leading its Eastern team along with Paul “Dino” Dinovitz, executive director and head of its Western operations. Separate from the corporation, the Hearst Foundations are national philanthropic resources for organizations working in the fields of culture, education, health and social services. In addition, the William

Randolph Hearst Foundation operates two programs, the United States Senate Youth Program and the Journalism Awards Program. Since its inception, the Foundations have made over 22,200 grants to 6,300 organizations, totaling more than \$1.4 billion in funds awarded.

“George was a member of our family,” said William Randolph Hearst III, chairman of the board of directors of Hearst, president of the William Randolph Hearst Foundation and a director of the Hearst Foundation, Inc. “We are deeply saddened by his passing but filled with gratitude for his many years of stewardship, professional wisdom and, especially, his friendship.”

Read more [here](#). Shared by Lindel Hutson.

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## ***Twitter shareholders vote overwhelmingly in favor of Elon Musk’s \$44 billion takeover deal*** (CNN)

By Rishi Iyengar, CNN Business

Elon Musk may be fighting tooth-and-nail to get out of his deal to buy Twitter, but the social media company’s shareholders plan to hold him to it.

The vast majority of Twitter (TWTR) shareholders on Tuesday voted in favor of Musk’s \$44 billion takeover deal, a value of \$54.20 per share. The company’s stock opened Tuesday at just under \$41 per share, nearly 25% below the deal price.

A preliminary count indicated that 98.6% of the votes cast on Tuesday were in favor of the deal, Twitter said in a statement.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Newsom signs controversial social media bill into California law*** (The Hill)

BY OLAFIMIHAN OSHIN

California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) has signed into law a social media transparency measure that he says protects residents from hate and disinformation posts spread through social media platforms.

A.B. 587 will require social media companies to publicly post their policies regarding hate speech, disinformation, harassment and extremism on their platforms and report data on their enforcement of the policies.

The newly signed legislation will also require platforms to file semiannual reports to the state's attorney general's office that will disclose their policies on hate speech, extremism and disinformation.

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

## Today in History – Sept. 15, 2022



Today is Thursday, Sept. 15, the 258th day of 2022. There are 107 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 15, 1963, four Black girls were killed when a bomb went off during Sunday services at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. (Three Ku Klux Klansmen were eventually convicted for their roles in the blast.)

### On this date:

In 1776, British forces occupied New York City during the American Revolution.

In 1789, the U.S. Department of Foreign Affairs was renamed the Department of State.

In 1857, William Howard Taft — who served as President of the United States and as U.S. chief justice — was born in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws deprived German Jews of their citizenship.

In 1940, during the World War II Battle of Britain, the tide turned as the Royal Air Force inflicted heavy losses upon the Luftwaffe.

In 1955, the novel "Lolita," by Vladimir Nabokov, was first published in Paris.

In 1959, Nikita Khrushchev became the first Soviet head of state to visit the United States as he arrived at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington.



In 1972, a federal grand jury in Washington indicted seven men in connection with the Watergate break-in.

In 1981, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted unanimously to approve the Supreme Court nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor.

In 1985, Nike began selling its "Air Jordan 1" sneaker.

In 2001, President George W. Bush ordered U.S. troops to get ready for war and braced Americans for a long, difficult assault against terrorists to avenge the Sept. 11 attack. Beleaguered Afghans streamed out of Kabul, fearing a U.S. military strike against Taliban rulers harboring Osama bin Laden.

In 2006, Ford Motor Co. took drastic steps to remold itself into a smaller, more competitive company, slashing thousands of jobs and shuttering two additional plants.

Ten years ago: Four days after the deadly attack on a U.S. diplomatic outpost in Benghazi, Libya, al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula called for more attacks on U.S. embassies. The State Department ordered non-essential government personnel and family members to leave its embassies in Sudan and Tunisia and warned U.S. citizens against traveling to the two countries. The National Hockey League locked out its players at 11:59 p.m. EDT; it was the league's fourth shutdown in a decade and one that would cost the league nearly half its season.

Five years ago: North Korea fired an intermediate-range missile over Japan into the northern Pacific, its longest-ever such flight. A bomb partially detonated on a London subway car, injuring 51 people. (An 18-year-old Iraqi asylum-seeker was convicted of attempted murder and sentenced to a minimum of 34 years in prison.) Harvard University reversed its decision to name as a visiting fellow Chelsea Manning, the former soldier who'd been convicted of leaking classified information. The Cleveland Indians saw their winning streak end at 22, an American League record, as they lost 4-3 to the Kansas City Royals. NASA's Cassini spacecraft disintegrated in the skies above Saturn after a journey of 20 years; it was the only spacecraft ever to orbit Saturn and sent back images of the planet, its rings and its moons. Character actor Harry Dean Stanton died at the age of 91.

One year ago: California Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom emphatically defeated a recall aimed at kicking him out of office. SpaceX's first private flight streaked into orbit for a three-day trip carrying two contest winners, a health care worker and their rich sponsor. Olympic gold medalist Simone Biles told a Senate panel that the FBI and gymnastics officials turned a "blind eye" to USA Gymnastics team doctor Larry Nassar's sexual abuse of her and hundreds of other women. President Joe Biden announced that the United States was forming a new Indo-Pacific security alliance with Britain and Australia.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall of Famer Gaylord Perry is 84. Actor Carmen Maura is 77. Writer-director Ron Shelton is 77. Actor Tommy Lee Jones is 76. Movie director Oliver Stone is 76. Rock musician Kelly Keagy (KAY'-gee) (Night Ranger) is 70. Actor Barry Shabaka Henley is 68. Director Pawel Pawlikowski is 65. Rock musician Mitch Dorge (Crash Test Dummies) is 62. Football Hall of Famer Dan Marino is 61. Actor Danny Nucci is 54. Rap DJ KayGee is 53. Actor Josh Charles is 51. Actor Tom Hardy is

45. Actor Marisa Ramirez is 45. Pop-rock musician Zach Filkins (OneRepublic) is 44. Actor Dave Annable is 43. Actor Amy Davidson is 43. Britain's Prince Harry is 38. TV personality Heidi Montag is 36. Actor Kate Mansi is 35.

## Got a story or photos to share?

Connecting is a daily newsletter published Monday through Friday that focuses on retired and former Associated Press employees, present-day employees, and news industry and journalism school colleagues. It began in 2013 and past issues can be found by clicking [Connecting Archive](#) in the masthead. Its author, Paul Stevens, retired from the AP in 2009 after a 36-year career as a newsman in Albany and St. Louis, correspondent in Wichita, chief of bureau in Albuquerque, Indianapolis and Kansas City, and Midwest vice president based in Kansas City.



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:

- **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.
- **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?
- **Most unusual place** a story assignment took you.

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