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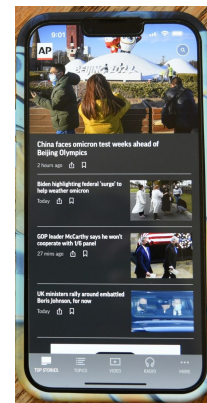
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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning on this Sept. 16, 2022,

One of the best days any year for The Associated Press is the 25-Year Club Celebration, the company's annual salute to retirees, alumni and current staff with a minimum of 25 years of service.

Such was the case Thursday when hundreds of current and past employees worldwide gathered online via Zoom to recognize the latest to achieve the 25-year mark – 69 of them in all – and to cite 69 more who reached 30-, 35-, 40- and 45-year milestones.

“We are really delighted to celebrate each and every one of you who have given 25 years and more of service to the AP,” said AP President and CEO **Daisy Veerasingham** in opening the celebration, her first as AP's top leader. “This event represents what the AP is in 2022, which is a truly global organization with wonderful employees across our world who have contributed to the success of The Associated Press.”

One of my favorite moments of the call came after the formal ceremony when participants had the chance to talk among themselves. A newly installed member of the 25-Year Club told how friends marveled that he had stayed for so long with one company – in an era when such longevity is so rare. What's the biggest reason he stays? The people.

Colleague **Myron Belkind** shared: "I was most impressed that AP president Daisy Veerasingham took the time to give very poignant welcome remarks and that she knew by name many of the participants who had not met her before and was familiar with their AP experience."

I am bringing you a recap of the event in today's issue – with a thanks to **Lauren Easton**, AP vice president for corporate communications and emcee for Thursday's event, and **Sunny Hammar**, AP's internal communications manager, for their assistance.

Have a great weekend – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul



# 25-YEAR CLUB CELEBRATION

September 15, 2022

Lauren Easton – We are so happy to celebrate our colleagues who are being inducted into this great club this year.

69 of our colleagues are joining the club, and we have 138 total honorees. You will see all of their names on the screen, along with photos from the year they joined AP, and – as we did last year -- I will give a flavor of what was happening both at AP and around the world in that year.

We'll begin with those who this year mark 25 years with the AP.

Their names are on the screen.

## 25-YEAR HONOREES

J. David Ake, News

Abed Arnaut, News

Peter Solomon Banda, News

Nino Bantic, News

Cesar Barreto Paredes, News

Gregory Beacham, News

Paul Bean, Technology

Elena Becatoros, News

Thomas Berman, News

Kia Breaux Randle, Revenue

Jeremy Brown, Technology

Jessica Bruce, Human Resources

William Burke, Revenue

Victor Caivano, News

Pam Collins, Revenue

Michael Conroy, News

Alvin Dela Cruz, Technology

Dan Derella, News

Joshua Dubow, News

Moshe Edri, News

Muhammad Farooq, News

Brendan Farrington, News

## 25-YEAR HONOREES

Michael Fitzpatrick, News  
Rita Foley, News  
Catherine Gaschka, News  
Jocelyn Gecker, News  
Dino Hazell, News  
Robert Hirsch, Corporate Finance  
Scott Hoffman, Technology  
Masayo Imamura, News  
Clark Ishler, Technology  
Aaron Jackson, News  
Robert Jakuc, Technology  
Andi Jatmiko, News

Michael Jones, Technology  
Laurie A. Kellman Blazar, News  
Riaz Khan, News  
Naoko Komatsu, Revenue  
Katarina Kratovac, News  
Rachel La Corte, News  
Rishi Lekhi, News  
Hanna Li, Corporate Finance  
Zhaobin Li, News  
Dario Lopez, News  
Katia Martinez, News

## 25-YEAR HONOREES

Margie Mason, News  
Stanley Mutisya, News  
Nasser Nasser, News  
Charlie Edmund Neibergall, News  
Des Owers, Revenue  
Richard Pedroncelli, News  
Natalie Peters, Corporate Finance  
Mario Ranieri, Corporate Finance  
Deborah Reader, Corporate Finance  
Ricardo Reif, News  
Jeffrey Mark Schaeffer, News

Kerri Schultz, Corporate Finance  
Benjamin Snyder, News  
Faheem Soherwardy, Technology  
Rogelio Solis, News  
Keith Srakocic, News  
Mark Steers, Technology  
Mark Stevenson, News  
Domenico Stinellis, News  
Mark Terrill, News  
Laurence Veerasamy, Corporate Finance  
Darko Vojinovic, News

Matthew York, News  
David Zalubowski, News





Now to what was happening in 1997... the year they joined AP.

In AP history – Alexander (Sasha) Zemlianichenko won the Pulitzer Prize for Feature Photography for his photo of Russian Federation President Boris Yeltsin dancing at a rock concert the previous year, during his campaign for re-election.

Frank Daniels Junior -- longtime Raleigh News and Observer publisher -- retired as the Chairman of the AP Board of Directors. He had been on the board since 1983 and chairman since 1992. In his farewell remarks, Daniels commented: “I believe that AP is in the forefront of innovation – assisting our members without in any way conflicting with them.”

Also in 1997, AP introduced the newsroom software ENPS, which stands for Electronic News Production System, linking story planning, collaboration, and composition with story production, delivering content on-air, online and on mobile devices.

The death of Diana, Princess of Wales, in a car crash on August 31, 1997, in Paris, dominated the domestic and international news for the year. Her death was mourned around the world and her funeral was watched by an estimated 2.5 billion people.

Relatedly, the year’s best-selling single was “Candle in the Wind” by Elton John.

These are a selection of photos from 1997.

**Now to those colleagues who are celebrating 30 years of service.**

## 30-YEAR HONOREES

Ted Anthony, News

Lucia Bernasconi, Corporate Finance

Randall Chase, News

Patrick Derosa, Technology

Damian Dovarganes, News

David Ferry, News

Michael Giarrusso, News

Debra Gotti-Greenwald, Corporate Finance

Kerry Huggard, Revenue

Jennifer Garske, News

Ritsuko Kumamoto, News

Wilfredo Lee, News

Bassem Mroue, News

Nancy Nussbaum, Revenue

Jan Olsen, News

Rich O'Neill, Technology

Fabio Polimeni, News

Wilson Ring, News

Veronica Rodríguez Aguilar, Corporate Finance

Monika Scisłowska-Sakowicz, News

John Seewer, News

Lisa Adams Wagner, News

Nicole Winfield, News

Yuji Yorimitsu, Technology

David Zelio, News



In the year they joined AP...1992...it was another Pulitzer year for the AP.

AP's photo team won the Pulitzer Prize for Spot News Photography for coverage of the coup attempt in August the previous year by hardline communists against the Soviet president, Mikhail Gorbachev, which led to the collapse of the communist regime and ascent of Boris Yeltsin, who we just talked about, as president of the newly independent Russian state.

In 1992, AP completed the installation of PhotoStream and the AP Leaf Picture Desks and its more than 1,000 photo members, replacing the last of the old LaserPhoto machines.

This was also an election year. Bill Clinton was elected president, defeating incumbent Republican president George H.W. Bush and Ross Perot. Clinton, the first of the Baby Boomer generation to be elected, served two full terms, the first Democrat to do so since Franklin Delano Roosevelt.



The year's best selling single was "End of the Road" by Boyz II Men... and the highest grossing movie was Terminator Two Judgment Day.

You're looking at a selection of photos from 1992.

The names of the colleagues who are this year marking 35 years at the AP, are on your screen.

## 35-YEAR HONOREES

<p>Nancy Bade, Revenue</p> <p>Colleen Barry, News</p> <p>David Bauder, News</p> <p>Bennie Bonnett, Technology</p> <p>Beth Campbell, News</p> <p>Lynette Conard, Corporate Finance</p> <p>Michel Euler, News</p> <p>Denis Farrell, News</p> <p>Douglas Ferguson, News</p> <p>Jimmy Golen, News</p> <p>Jim Harrington, Technology</p> <p>Beth Harris, News</p>	<p>Michael Hill, News</p> <p>Elaine Kurtenbach, News</p> <p>Edward Morsett, Technology</p> <p>Jocelyn Noveck, News</p> <p>Christopher O'Meara, News</p> <p>Anne Peterson, News</p> <p>Julia Rubin, News</p> <p>Khalil Senosi, News</p> <p>Thomas Strong, News</p> <p>Richard Tavener, Technology</p> <p>David Tschantz, Technology</p> <p>Patrick Turley, Technology</p>	<p>Dusan Vranic, News</p> <p>Charles Zoeller, Revenue</p>
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1987 was the year these staffers joined the AP.

Also this year – AP gained a new board chair: William J. Keating, a former judge, congressman and Cincinnati news executive. He served as chair until 1992. Under Keating, AP launched global video news service APTV, and in 1998 formed APTN, with the acquisition of Worldwide Television News, a critical executive decision.

On October 19, 1987, now infamous as Black Monday, the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 22.6 percent in a single trading session, a loss that remains the largest one-day stock market decline in history.

The year’s best-selling single was Bad by Michael Jackson...

The top movie at the box office was Beverly Hills Cop Two.

The photos on your screen were all taken in 1987.

We have a number of colleagues who are celebrating 40 years with the AP.

**40-YEAR HONOREES**

<p>Timothy Donnelly, News</p> <p>Nicholas Geranios, News</p> <p>Mike Gracia, News</p> <p>Mark Humphrey, News</p> <p>Leanne Italie, News</p> <p>Robert Jablon, News</p> <p>Daniel Juric, Technology</p> <p>Bob Keller, Technology</p>	<p>William Lester, News</p> <p>Lawrence Neumeister, News</p> <p>Louis Pagan, Technology</p> <p>Louis A Procida, Technology</p> <p>Eric L Risberg, News</p> <p>Zeynep Tinaz Redmont, Revenue</p> <p>James Nicholas Turner, News</p>
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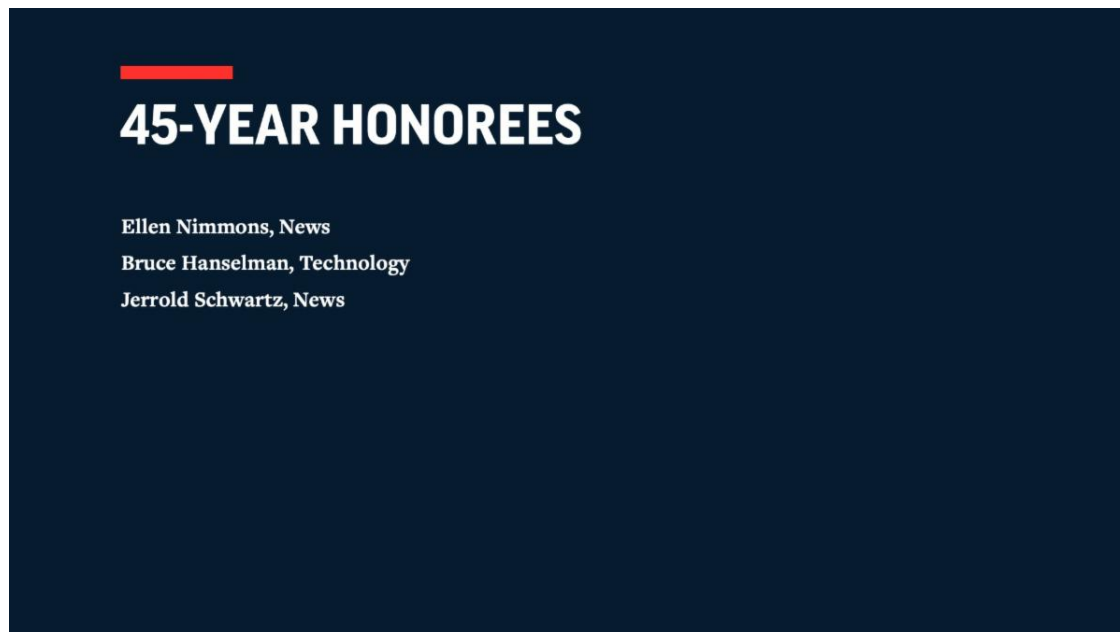
They joined AP in 1982... the year Michael Jackson’s “Billie Jean” topped the chart... and everyone flocked to see ET, the Extra Terrestrial.



This was the year AP established the first satellite color photo network with Laser Photo Two. The service improved the quality of AP photos and began the phasing out of the analog transmission over telephone lines, the technology that in 1935 created Wirephoto.

A key event from 1982 was the announcement by NASA that American astronaut Sally Ride would be part of the next mission of the Space Shuttle Challenger as mission specialist, operating the shuttle's mechanical arm. She became the first woman in space on June 18, 1983.

And we have three colleagues who are marking an incredible 45 years with the AP: Ellen Nimmons, Bruce Hanselman and Jerry Schwartz.



They joined AP in 1977.

On August 16 of that year, Elvis Presley died at his Memphis, Tennessee home, Graceland, at the age of 42.

In AP history, we this year were the first news organization to introduce an electronic darkroom, a computer that not only transmitted photos but also handled many tasks of the conventional chemical darkroom, such as cropping and adjusting brightness and contrast.

The year's best-selling single was by Rod Stewart: "Tonight's the Night." And the highest grossing movie was Star Wars.

These are a few photos from 1977.

## Didn't feel like the kid in the room, like I have at past meetings

[Kelly Kissel](#) - An observation from the 25-year meeting: It obviously didn't strike me when I went into the 25-Year Club in 2009, but looking in today I saw a number of people who I had a role in hiring. I usually don't feel that old but today I definitely didn't feel like the kid in the room, like I have at past meetings.

Two jumped out when I made a quick scan of the room:

Ted Anthony, who was my stringer when I was in State College, had warned me a couple weeks ago that he was coming up on 30 years – though it was still a shock to see him in the room.

The other was Jefferson City's David Lieb, who had a key role in our Whitewater coverage. It doesn't help that he still looks like he's 25 and has no business being in a room with a bunch of old-timers.

And of course, it was awful to see Robert Shaw's name in the In Memoriam ... he was more of a friend than a bureau chief. Without my even knowing about it, he helped me land my State College gig even though the only work I had done for him was filing extra copy for his state report when Oklahoma State played West Virginia in a bowl game. My not pursuing a COB post is probably my lone AP regret; I had a handful of role models.

## Sharing their experiences with MS



[Ed Tobias](#) - Talk-show / podcast host Montel Williams and I sat down a couple of weeks ago to chat about our experiences with multiple sclerosis. Montel was diagnosed with MS about 25 years ago. He's very active in all things MS, particularly using medical marijuana as an MS therapy. We talk about that as well as some of the experiences I've written about in *The Multiple Sclerosis Toolbox*, my little book for MS "newbies."

Montel's Free Thinking Montel podcast with me (video and audio) can be viewed [here](#) on his own website.

I hope you'll take a look, or listen.

## Mourning loss of Hearst's George Irish

[Hank Ackerman](#) – I was saddened by the news of George Irish's death. Respected by all, he worked diligently with AP when a member of the Board of Directors. He was especially important in helping AP in its transition to its digital platforms and services, given his appreciation of AP's cooperative structure. A real newspaperman who oversaw Hearst's widespread holdings from Albany to Midland to San Antonio and beyond both digital and print and then honored by colleagues to head the NAA.

## Connecting's Name Game





**Jim Carrier** - Recently, I was on the phone with a guy in the Philippines – Roku’s nighttime service bureau, apparently – and he mentioned that he recognized my name from the air conditioner in his office.

Yes, indeed. Willis Carrier designed the modern air conditioning system in 1902, and founded the company based in Syracuse.



The company bio mentions that Willis’s ancestor Thomas Carrier was born in Wales in 1626, but does not mention that Thomas Carrier’s wife, Martha, was one of the women hanged as a witch in Salem in 1692. They had four children who were made to testify against Martha. Police tied a rope between the neck and heels of the two older boys, 15 and 18, and stretched/arched them backward until blood came out of their noses. They said their mother had flown them on a broom, had baptized them in the name of the devil, and had told them she wanted to be queen of hell. She was hanged Aug. 10, 1692.

The hanging site has been memorialized, but none of the 19 graves have been found. Her words of defiance live on in the trial record taken by the Rev. Parris, the guy whose daughters started the hysteria. In her trial, girls testified against her. She denied it:

“It is false. You lie. I am wronged. It is a shameful thing that you should mind these folks that are out of their wits.”

The girls went into a paroxysm of crying and writhing.

“The examination of Martha Carrier must have been one of the most striking scenes of the whole drama of the witchcraft proceedings,” wrote witch trial historian Charles

Upham. "Then and there, they were witnessing the great struggle between the kingdoms of God and of the Evil One."

Martha was a strong-willed woman. She quarreled with their neighbors. She had her first child out of wedlock with Thomas who was 20 years older. She was accused of spreading smallpox.

Thomas, a 7-foot-4 giant who lived to be 109, moved to Colchester, Connecticut with the children. The family's oral history indicates that Thomas was one of the Welch guards who beheaded Charles I.

I descend through 10 generations from son Richard. Willis Carrier descended from son Andrew. So I was left out of the air conditioning money...Nor am I able to sue Massachusetts for reparations. In the 1950s, the legislature passed a blanket amnesty.

In 1992, on the 300th anniversary, Massachusetts constructed a memorial to the witches – a low rectangular stone wall with 19 individual stones inscribed with the names.

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**Dennis Conrad** - Some 30 years ago my family traveled out West from our home in the Land of Lincoln. When we were in Montana, we noticed on the state map that there was a town of a couple of thousand in a fairly isolated part of the state, a county seat, no less, by the name of Conrad. Out of curiosity, we took a side trip there and I made a hilarious "home" movie with my 9-year-old daughter, Julia. As far as I know, I have no family ties to the town. My paternal grandparents and great grandparents are

buried at Cottageville, West Virginia, near what was their 120-acre farm off Conrad Hill (in follow up email).

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[John Rogers](#) - I sent this photo to my friend and AP colleague Stephanie Nano several years ago. When I saw today's Connecting, I thought it would make a good candidate for the Name Game.



The Nano Cafe, located in Temple City, CA, is one of those great old-time coffee shops that's been around forever. When the original owners sold it a few years ago the new owner kept the staff and the same comfort food menu. Open for lunch and dinner only, and unless you get there shortly before closing or soon after opening, you can figure on a long wait for a table or place at the counter. But it's worth it.

## David Cohen joins Top Stories Hub team, based in Bangkok

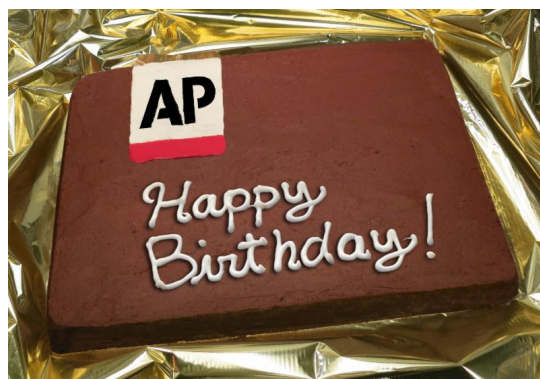
[Maria Sanminiatelli](#) – *director, AP Top Stories Hub* - I am thrilled to welcome David Cohen, an editor working in China, to the Top Stories Hub team. David will be based in Bangkok and work during the day in Asia, editing stories from all over the world as needed, much as Sarah DiLorenzo has been doing from London.

His hiring marks an important expansion for TSH. First in terms of timing, because it means we will be staffed about 22 hours a day and able to keep stories for much longer cycles. But also because it allows us to work more closely with our colleagues in Asia and the Middle East, getting involved at the genesis of stories and taking part in discussions about spot news coverage and short-term enterprise.

David, who is from Los Angeles, has covered China as a reporter and editor since 2011 at outlets including the Diplomat, the Jamestown Foundation, TechNode, and Sixth Tone. He says he's always available to talk through a half-baked story idea or workshop a lead.

David is tentatively scheduled to start working in New York in early November, while we wait for his Thai visa to come through. Please join me in welcoming him to the AP fold.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



*On Saturday to...*

[Rod Richardson](#)

[Suzanne Vlamis](#)

*On Sunday to...*

[Erin Madigan](#)

## Welcome to Connecting



[Ron Nixon](#)

## Stories of interest

*A newspaper editor cries for help, in a surprisingly frank way, and gets it; his embarrassed publisher is glad he did*

By Al Cross

Director and Professor, Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues,  
University of Kentucky

Rural newspapers have become more willing to share the threats to their existence with readers, but perhaps none so frankly as the Meade County Messenger in Brandenburg, Ky., did last month.

Under a headline reading, "Will you cheer the death of an institution or come to its aid?" Editor Chad Hobbs told how the paper was suffering from social media, a boycott by some advertisers upset about an editorial stance, his personal travails in covering recent stories, and, of course, Covid-19: "The pandemic and ensuing

shutdowns wrecked our advertising lifeline to the point the owner of this paper hasn't taken a cent from the business in over two years."

Whoa. That revelation about how much money a paper is making, or not making, is exceedingly rare in the newspaper business. And it surprised the publisher of the paper, Rena Singleton, who has other sources of income. "I didn't know he was going to put that editorial in," much less reveal the paper's finances, Singleton told me. "It embarrassed me." But it's working out for them. Here's the rest of story:

Read more [here](#).

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## ***CNN revamping morning show with Lemon, Harlow and Collins*** (AP)

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — CNN is shaking up its morning lineup, saying Thursday that Don Lemon, Poppy Harlow and Kaitlan Collins will team up as hosts of a “reimagined” program that debuts later this year.

They will replace the current team of John Berman and Brianna Keilar at “New Day,” which airs on the news network from 6 to 9 a.m. Eastern.

It's the first major programming move announced by new CNN Chairman Chris Licht, who has an extensive background in morning television. He helped develop “Morning Joe” at MSNBC and also produced “CBS This Morning” in the early 2010s.

“There is no stronger combination of talent than Don, Poppy and Kaitlan to deliver on our promise of a game-changing morning news program,” Licht said in a statement. “They are each uniquely intelligent, reliable and compelling. Together they have a rare and palpable chemistry.”

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Colorado man is one of the country's last linotype newspaper publishers*** (10 News, San Diego)

By Dan Grossman

Dean Coombs, a 70-year-old living in the rural Colorado town of Saguache, wasn't able to work remotely during the pandemic.

Every day, for the last two decades, Coombs has woken up with the sun and gone into a small, cluttered office on Saguache's main street. He sits among thousands of metal



parts as one of the country's last linotype newspaper publishers.

"Oh yeah, my grandmother, I think she bled ink," Coombs joked. "Out of my great grandfather's five sons, four were printers. And my great-grandfather's brother, my grandfather's father-in-law, and so it's pretty ingrained."

In 1917, Coombs' family purchased the Saguache Crescent, a newspaper that has been around since the 1870s. It serves the sprawling, yet intimate rural county of Saguache, Colorado.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Henry Fuhrmann, Times editor and 'word nerd' who fought for fairness in grammar, dies*** (Los Angeles Times)

BY THOMAS CURWEN

No one had really paid too much attention to the hyphen. In matters of race and heritage — as in "African-Americans" or "Italian-Americans" — it was easily overlooked, an innocuous piece of punctuation that seemed to make sense.

Henry Fuhrmann thought otherwise. Journalist and self-described word nerd, Fuhrmann saw in the simple construction an unnecessary and derogative diminution of American identities and understood that no battle was too small in the fight for clarity, precision and fairness.

"Those hyphens," he wrote in a 2019 essay, "serve to divide even as they are meant to connect. Their use in racial and ethnic identities can connote an otherness, a sense that people of color are somehow not full citizens or fully American."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Melissa Jordan.

## **The Final Word**

## IN MEMORIAM

Eldon Cort	Stanford Benjamin	John Besch
Mary Pennybacker	Maurice Billups	William Caddell
Robert Shaw	Edward Bitto Jr.	Leonard J Ignelzi
Ronald Thompson	James Puckett	James Gaines
Joseph Somma	Michael Corder	Gary W Clark
Gene Meissner	Mike Cochran	Francis X Quinn
Larry Heinzerling	Terry Stover	Robert Rowand
Carolyn Andrews	Leo Berger	Thomas Harrigan
Grant Lamos III	Frederick Jewell	Carlton Simonsen
Ronald Jenkins	Gregory Small	Phillip R Badger
Paul Webster	Walter Mosby	Rodney W Angove
Mercer Bailey	Robert Child	Bernd Helling
Thomas Jory	Harold Waters	Marcus Eliason

This graphic was displayed in Thursday's 25-Year Club event.

## Today in History – Sept. 16, 2022



Today is Friday, Sept. 16, the 259th day of 2022. There are 106 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlights in History:

On Sept. 16, 2001, President George W. Bush, speaking on the South Lawn of the White House, said there was “no question” Osama bin Laden and his followers were the prime suspects in the Sept. 11 attacks; Bush pledged the government would “find them, get them running and hunt them down.”

### On this date:

In 1630, the Massachusetts village of Shawmut changed its name to Boston.

In 1810, Mexico began its revolt against Spanish rule.

In 1908, General Motors was founded in Flint, Michigan, by William C. Durant.

In 1940, Samuel T. Rayburn of Texas was elected Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1966, the Metropolitan Opera officially opened its new opera house at New York's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts with the world premiere of Samuel Barber's "Antony and Cleopatra."

In 1972, "The Bob Newhart Show" premiered on CBS.

In 1974, President Gerald R. Ford announced a conditional amnesty program for Vietnam war deserters and draft-evaders.

In 1982, the massacre of between 1,200 and 1,400 Palestinian men, women and children at the hands of Israeli-allied Christian Phalange militiamen began in west Beirut's Sabra and Shatila refugee camps.

In 1987, two dozen countries signed the Montreal Protocol, a treaty designed to save the Earth's ozone layer by calling on nations to reduce emissions of harmful chemicals by the year 2000.

In 2007, contractors for the U.S. security firm Blackwater USA guarding a U.S. State Department convoy in Baghdad opened fire on civilian vehicles, mistakenly believing they were under attack; 14 Iraqis died. O.J. Simpson was arrested in the alleged armed robbery of sports memorabilia collectors in Las Vegas. (Simpson was later convicted of kidnapping and armed robbery and sentenced to nine to 33 years in prison; he was released in 2017.)

In 2013, Aaron Alexis, a former U.S. Navy reservist, went on a shooting rampage inside the Washington Navy Yard, killing 12 people before being shot dead by police.

In 2016, after five years of promoting a false conspiracy theory about Barack Obama's birthplace, Republican Donald Trump abruptly reversed course, acknowledging that the president was born in America, but then claiming the "birther movement" was begun by his Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton. (While the question of Obama's birthplace was raised by some backers of Clinton's primary campaign against Obama eight years earlier, Clinton had long denounced it as a "racist lie.")

Ten years ago: In appearances on Sunday news shows, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Susan Rice, said there was no evidence that the attack on the U.S. diplomatic outpost in Benghazi, Libya, was premeditated. But Libya's interim president, Mohammed el-Megarif, told CBS he had no doubt attackers spent months planning the assault and purposely chose the date, September 11.

Five years ago: Tropical Storm Maria, which would batter the Caribbean as a powerful hurricane, formed in the Atlantic. California lawmakers voted to move the state's presidential primary up by about three months to March, a move that would force candidates to mount expensive campaigns earlier.



One year ago: Health officials said the state of Florida had surpassed 50,000 coronavirus deaths since the start of the pandemic. A new study released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention linked the COVID-19 pandemic to an “alarming” increase in obesity in U.S. children and teenagers. A report published in JAMA Ophthalmology suggested that vision problems increased among Chinese schoolchildren during pandemic restrictions and online learning. Jane Powell, a star of Hollywood’s golden age musicals, died at her Connecticut home at 92.

Today’s Birthdays: Actor Janis Paige is 100. Actor George Chakiris is 90. Bluesman Billy Boy Arnold is 87. Movie director Jim McBride is 81. Actor Linda Miller is 80. R&B singer Betty Kelley (Martha & the Vandellas) is 78. Musician Kenney Jones (Small Faces; Faces; The Who) is 74. Actor Susan Ruttan is 74. Rock musician Ron Blair (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers; Mudcrutch) is 74. Actor Ed Begley Jr. is 73. Country singer David Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 72. Actor Mickey Rourke is 70. Actor-comedian Lenny Clarke is 69. Actor Kurt Fuller is 69. Jazz musician Earl Klugh is 69. Actor Christopher Rich is 69. TV personality Mark McEwen is 68. Baseball Hall of Famer Robin Yount is 67. Magician David Copperfield is 66. Country singer-songwriter Terry McBride is 64. Actor Jennifer Tilly is 64. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Orel Hershiser is 64. Baseball Hall of Famer Tim Lincecum is 63. Actor Jayne Brook is 62. Singer Richard Marx is 59. Comedian Molly Shannon is 58. Singer Marc Anthony is 54. News anchor/talk show host Tamron Hall is 52. Comedian-actor Amy Poehler is 51. Actor Toks Olagundoye (tohks oh-lah-GOON’-doh-yay) is 47. Country singer Matt Stillwell is 47. Singer Musiq (MYOO’-sihk) is 45. Actor Michael Mosley is 44. Rapper Flo Rida is 43. Actor Alexis Bledel is 41. Actor Sabrina Bryan is 38. Actor Madeline Zima is 37. Actor Ian Harding is 36. Actor Kyla Pratt is 36. Actor Daren Kagasoff is 35. Rock singer Teddy Geiger is 34. Actor-dancer Bailey De Young is 33. Rock singer-musician Nick Jonas (The Jonas Brothers) is 30. Actor Elena Kampouris is 25.

## 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.

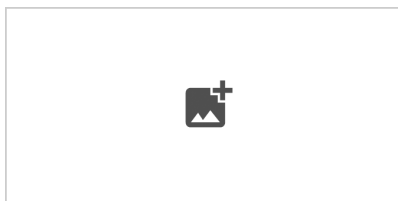
Got a story to share? A favorite memory of your AP days? Don't keep them to yourself. Share with your colleagues by sending to Ye Olde Connecting Editor. And don't forget to include photos!



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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