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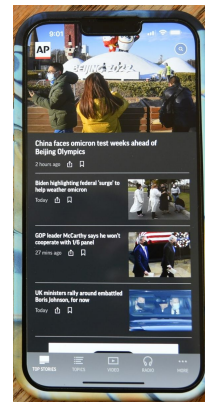
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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning on this Sept. 21, 2022,

Want to help a high school student by using your journalism skills for one of the most important moments of her or his life – without taking up too much of your time?

AP investigative reporter **Martha Mendoza** has just the ticket, whether you're retired or still in the work force.

In our lead item, Martha would love to hear from you if you're interested in being paired with a high school student in California to help them with their 650-word college application essay. She helps run an annual program that does just this, but this year, they have turned away 70 students because they don't have enough mentors. It takes about 3-5 hours over 3 zoom sessions and is a huge benefit as they work to get into college.

What a great way to give back.

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

Here's how to mentor high school senior for college essay



Mentoring in pre-COVID days...now all on Zoom

Every year AP Investigative Reporter [Martha Mendoza](#) tries to support her local high school seniors by mentoring them through their college essays. In most California public schools, there is no college counseling. About eight years ago she scaled up and teamed up with the County Office of Education. She started getting friends who are writers to mentor as well. (Some AP retirees began volunteering during the pandemic when the whole project moved to Zoom.)

This year she's had **way** too many kids sign up (I think pandemic meant they missed out on a lot of writing lessons) and not nearly enough mentors (because we all are also trying to get on with our lives) which is why she's asking for your help if you are able. At this point she's cut off signups for students but would like to reopen that opportunity if we get more mentors.

So here's the Big Ask from Martha:

We are gearing up for the 8th Annual College Application Essay Workshop and hoping you'll join us as an on-line mentor. If you know the drill and want to sign up, the link for registration is [here](#) as well as below.

What: High school seniors are scrambling this fall to conceive, write and edit their college essays. You can help. We are asking you to work one-on-one with a student assigned to you so they can have support in this process.

When: October 5 to October 21, 2022

Cost: FREE to students

Time: You and your student will arrange **four** Zoom meetings over 10 days, arranged one-on-one between you and the student.

- 1st meeting: brainstorm, leave with outline (1-2 hours)
- 2nd meeting 3 days later: bring in rough draft, read and edit – (under an hour)
- 3rd meeting, 2-3 days later: bring second draft, read and edit – (under an hour)
- 4th meeting, 2-3 days later: bring final draft, edit – (half hour)

How this works: A Zoom training on either Sat., Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. or Tues. Sept. 27 at 4 p.m. will be available for all new volunteers and anyone who wants a refresher. Then we introduce you to your student, and the work begins.

To sign up as a writing mentor, please register here:

[College Essay Mentor Workshop Registration Form](#)

And, **please forward this email to friends and family you think might be interested.** As always, thank you for contributing to the future success of our students! In these changing times they need generous adults. If you have questions, please email Martha at martha.mendoza1@gmail.com

Danica Kirka's first-person account reminder of attending RFK funeral Mass

Chris Connell - Danica Kirka's [beautiful story](#) from inside Westminster Abbey about hearing the piper she could not see playing his lament for the queen reminded me of own unlikely attendance at the funeral Mass for Robert F. Kennedy in St. Patrick's Cathedral on June 8, 1968.

I was 18 and in my first week as a summer intern for the Home News of New Brunswick, N.J. A kindly editor let me accompany a top reporter to write a color story since the only expense would be my subway ride from home in Brooklyn. The afternoon before, at the make-shift press room across the street in Rockefeller Center where police were issuing credentials to out-of-town reporters, when I got to the front of the line, a gruff sergeant eyed me, looked at my press card, and announced loud enough for all to hear, "The HOME NEWS is here!"

Nonetheless, the police badge-shaped credential admitted me to the cathedral the next morning where an usher escorted me to a pew on the side behind a pillar with no view of the rite whatsoever. I kept waiting for a tap on the shoulder and a voice instructing to give my place to a real reporter. For whatever reason, I didn't recognize the Massachusetts-accented voice of the eulogist and missed his saying he was speaking as a brother on behalf of the family. It took me a minute or two to figure it out as I scribbled furiously. But even before making the connection, I remember thinking, "Holy cow. This is a speech for the ages." Teddy Kennedy recited part of RFK's famous speech in a South African slum to the young people of South Africa, then closed with the George Bernard Shaw quote that was a favorite of his brother's: "Some men see things as they are and say why. I dream things that never were and say why not."

A footnote: Before the coffin was borne out, I bolted out to find a phone and dictate a story for the afternoon paper's last edition. A middle-aged cop on the cathedral steps asked me, "Is it true? They captured Martin Luther King's killer?" It was true but, again, I was astonished that he would think a greenhorn such as me would have access to the breaking news.

AP photos as works of art

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Two Bosnian Serb soldiers stood guard yesterday in Grbavica, a Serb-held section of Sarajevo. Their leader, Radovan Karadzic, warned that the Dayton peace agreement "has created a new Beirut in Europe."

Pentagon Confident, but Some Serbs 'Will Fight'

Military Now Says Bosnia Peace Plan Will Work In Sarajevo Suburbs, Talk of Resistance

By ERIC SCHMITT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26 — In the corridors of Congress and across the country, critics of United States involvement in NATO's plan to enforce a Bosnia peace accord have drawn comparisons with three other American missions: Vietnam, Lebanon and Somalia.

one-year time limit and the expressed cooperation of the rival factions.

"By the time this thing gets approved, it will be a highly refined operational plan that will be executable," said a senior Army planner who just a few months ago ex-

By CHRIS HEDGES

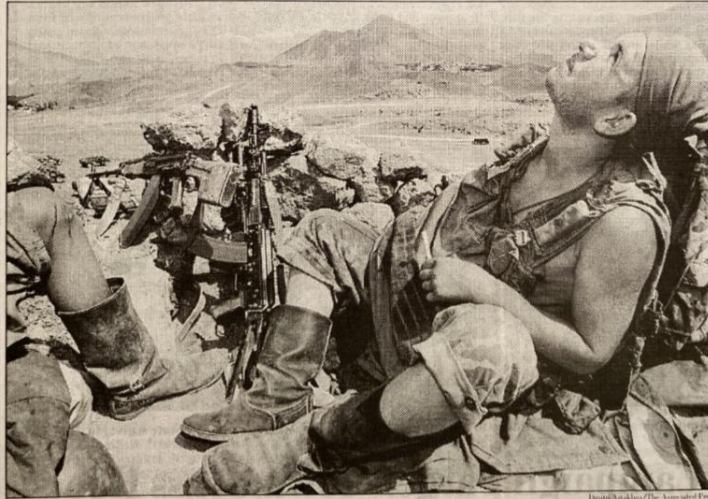
ILIDZA, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Nov. 26 — The redrawing of the boundaries of Sarajevo, clean and neat on the conference table, is the most contentious part of the Balkan peace agreement, one that threatens

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A Russian soldier relaxing at a remote mountain gun position in the southwestern Botlikh region of Dagestan.

Threats From (Gather Momer Military Is Thought to Be A Show of Force Toward

By Michael Laris and Steven Mufson
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Chinese embassy officials, visiting army officers and scholars have warned U.S. analysts and experts in Washington that China is considering a new show of military force in reaction to the recent assertion by President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan that Taiwan and China should be treated as equals.

Although the warnings could be psychological warfare, U.S. analysts and Clinton administration officials to whom the information has been passed expressed belief that China was genuinely weighing military options, including an amphibious assault on one of the tiny, sparsely populated Taiwan-controlled islands near the Chinese coast.

On Friday, the Chinese government added to the chorus of warnings in a newspaper based in Hong Kong which has close ties to Beijing. The Wen Wei Po paraphrased Yan Zhao, a senior re-

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British soldiers after their arrival Thursday at Skopje airport in Macedonia. The troops are part of NATO's Operation Essential Harvest mission to gather weapons from ethnic Albanian rebels in Macedonia.

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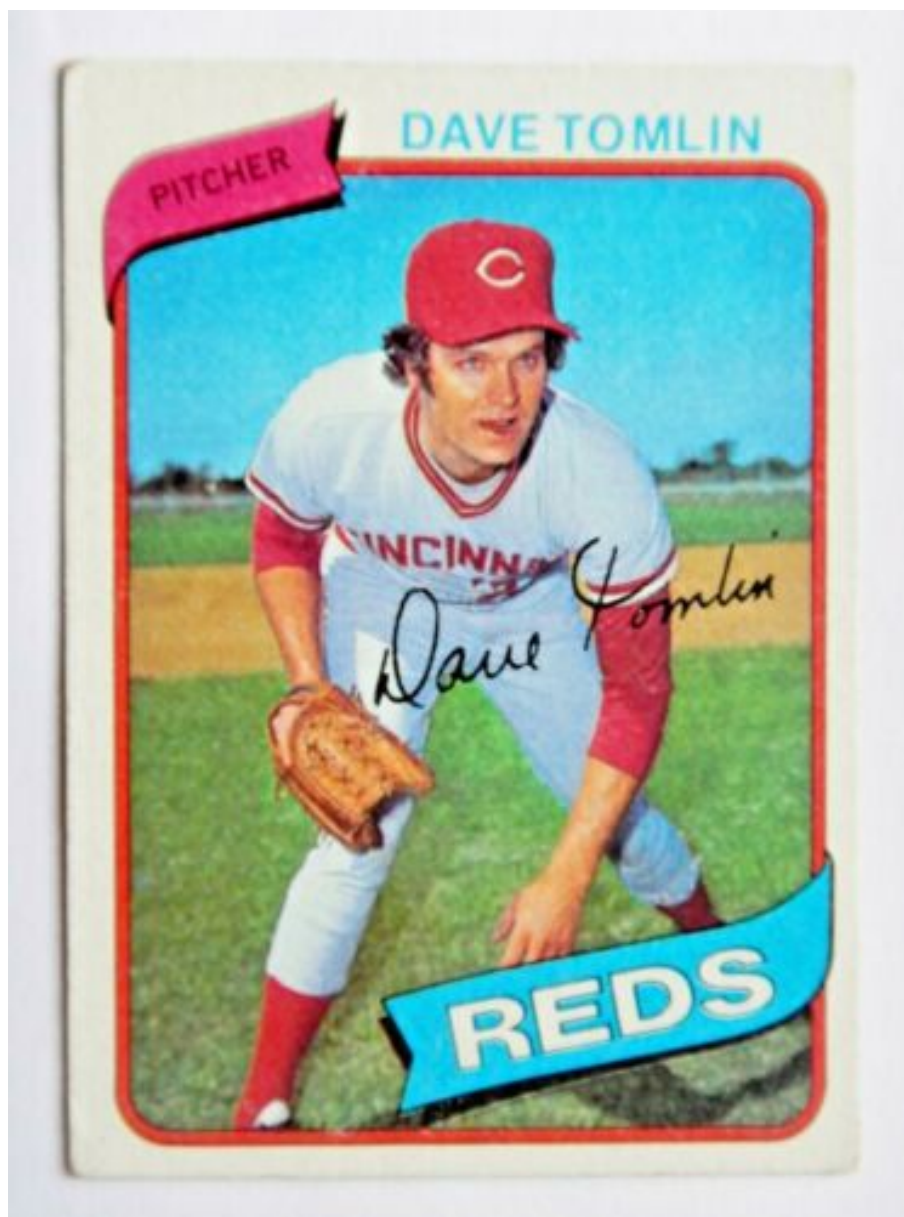


Malcolm Ritter - Five AP war photos from the 1990s are part of [a new exhibition](#) at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. In a huge installation of work by fine-art photographer Wolfgang Tillmans, the images appear in some of the massive enlargements he made of newspaper clippings. The newspaper credit lines identify four of the AP photographers: Dmitri Astakhov, Yuri Tutov, Srdjan Ilic and David Brauchli.

But a front-page 1995 photo in the New York Times of two Bosnian Serb soldiers, one with a walkie-talkie, is credited only to the AP. Perhaps a Connecting reader can identify the photographer.

An exhibit brochure says Tillmans noticed in the 1990s that newspapers prominently displayed pictures of young men in military uniforms engaged in leisure activity. It quotes Tillmans as saying the 1990s seemed peaceful to most people in Europe and North America, and yet "there was a war going on every day. We didn't want to acknowledge this. Perhaps these photos were there to raise the specter of threat and conflict, indeed to bring conflict into our lives, to let us have a taste of it." What say you, Connecting readers?

Connecting Name Game



Dave Tomlin - Back in the 70s there was an MLB pitcher named Dave Tomlin. I think he came up via the triple-A Indianapolis club to the Cincinnati Reds. When the Reds played the Pirates in the 1979 playoffs, I was Pittsburgh correspondent and somebody set up a grip and grin photo for AP World, but Tomlin was a no-show. The other Tomlin.

Newspapers in Art



Jim Willis - This oil painting by James Montgomery Flagg hung on my office wall when I was working at the Birmingham Post-Herald. It depicts editor Ed Leach, who served as editor of The Pittsburgh Press, The Birmingham Post and the Memphis Press.

The painting commemorates the occasion in Memphis when a judicial crony of Mayor E.H. "Boss" Crump ordered Leach to serve 10 days in jail for contempt as a result of reporting considered critical of Crump.

When Leach reported to jail on Aug. 4, 1919, he was followed by a brass band and a parade of supporters.

Flagg, a leading illustrator of the day, is best known for his "Uncle Sam Needs You" poster created for WWI recruiting efforts.

An injury in Norway covering Winter Olympics

Hal Bock - The winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway was one of 11 I covered in my AP career. It was one of the first with commercial sponsors like Visa credit cards, Coca-Cola, M&Ms candy etc.

When we arrived, the place was a sheet of ice, great for the skaters, not wonderful for me. I was a jack-of-all-trades on Olympics, track and field at Atlanta, basketball at Montreal and television in Lillehammer. CBS owned the right and I had to reach a

studio on the outskirts of the city. A car dropped us off and as I made my way up a slope to the door, I started to slip. I put my left hand out to break my fall and knew immediately that I had hurt myself.

We conducted our interviews and returned to the press center where, in considerable pain, I wrote my story. Then I went to the medical people who ordered me to the hospital for X-rays. I was not happy but off I went to the hospital where X-rays revealed a broken left wrist. I was in pain and very aggravated when, as I was getting ready to leave, the front desk attendant said "That will be 10,000 dinars (or whatever the currency was)."

I was furious at that point and said "I don't have 10,000 dinars."

The front desk lady said brightly, "Ah, but you have Visa."

Two days later I was on my way home.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



[Grey Montgomery](#)

[Karol Stonger](#)

Stories of interest

Opinion / CNN 'hewing toward the center' is not necessarily good for our democracy (Poynter)

By: Tom Jones

The Chicago Tribune's editorial board weighed in on the changes at CNN with "CNN is hewing toward the center? That's good for our democracy."

The board acknowledged the dangers of both sideism, but added, "Granted, not every issue has two sides, especially when it comes to the antics of former President Donald Trump, but most of them do."

The board went on to write that the country needs a news source that all Americans can trust.

Here's the problem: All Americans aren't reasonable enough or willing to accept what's true. And it isn't just a small minority of those who aren't willing to accept things such as the 2020 presidential election, the authenticity of our elections and other bedrocks of our democracy. For the editorial board to wrap up the issue by briefly mentioning the "antics of former President Donald Trump" seems overly dismissive and not nearly as comprehensive of what's truly at stake here.

Read more [here](#).

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Knight investment in INN will catalyze the growth of nonprofit news

Press Release | John S. and James L. Knight Foundation

The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation will invest \$4.75 million over the next three years to catalyze the growth of the INN Network of nonprofit news outlets, which provide journalism as a public service.

The Institute for Nonprofit News will use the funds to help the network expand from more than 400 newsrooms to at least 600 by 2026, and grow revenue from more than \$400 million to \$1 billion annually, in support of strong, independent reporting. The INN Network is already one of the largest reporting alliances in the country, measured by its collective number of journalists.

"This is an investment in the future of news," said Marcia Parker, chair of the INN board of directors and vice president, philanthropic partnerships at the New York Times. "Knight leads funders who know how important independent journalism is to their communities, and to our democracy,"

With the Knight investment, INN will aid members in building philanthropic and earned revenue, catalyzing their financial growth. INN also will help members expand their audiences, attract new business and editorial talent to the growing field and advance leaders of color.

Read more [here](#).

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Opinion | Did a podcast help vacate a murder conviction? (Poynter)

By: Tom Jones

Big news Monday as Adnan Syed, whose case was chronicled in the first season of the popular podcast “Serial,” had his murder conviction overturned.

For now, he is out of prison.

Did the podcast help him get released?

Syed spent more than two decades behind bars after being convicted for the 1999 murder of Hae Min Lee. Syed has maintained his innocence from the beginning. Syed and Lee were high school classmates near Baltimore and had an on-again, off-again relationship when she disappeared. Her strangled body was discovered a few weeks later in a wooded area. The theory of prosecutors at the time was Syed killed Lee because she started dating someone else.

Read more [here](#).

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‘People’s tribunal’ seeks justice over journalist killings (AP)

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — An unofficial tribunal organized by a group of media freedom organizations declared Mexico, Sri Lanka and Syria guilty of violating international humanitarian law for failing to protect journalists.

The People’s Tribunal on the Murder of Journalists, which has no legal authority, delivered a judgment Monday aimed at holding the governments accountable, while relatives holding photos of their loved ones watched from the pews of a 17th-century church in The Hague.

“In view of the overwhelming and compelling evidence ... the states of Mexico, Sri Lanka and Syria are guilty of all the human rights violations brought against them in the indictment,” said Eduardo Bertoni, a professor at Buenos Aires University School of Law and one of the tribunal’s nine self-appointed judges.

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

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Slain journalist to be inducted into Nevada Newspaper Hall of Fame (Fox5)

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (FOX5) - A Las Vegas reporter who was allegedly killed by a public official will be inducted into the Nevada Newspaper Hall of Fame this weekend.

The Nevada Press Association announced that Jeff German will be inducted posthumously during the Nevada Press Annual Convention on Saturday, Sept. 24. The group's Board of Trustees approved the entry last week.

German, 69, was found dead outside his home on Sept. 3. Las Vegas Metropolitan Police arrested Robert Telles, 45, in connection with his death. Telles currently serves as Clark County Public Administrator and was the subject of several stories by German before his death.

"Jeff's death is, indeed, horrific," Foundation Chairman Sherman Frederick said in a statement. "But it's not the end of the story. Jeff will become a symbol for hard-nosed reporting in Nevada. Journalists not born yet will work in Reno, Elko, Hawthorne, Ely, Pahrump, Mesquite and Las Vegas inspired by his work."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Linda Deutsch.

Today in History – Sept. 21, 2022



Today is Wednesday, Sept. 21, the 264th day of 2022. There are 101 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Sept. 21, 1981, the Senate unanimously confirmed the nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

On this date:

In 1792, the French National Convention voted to abolish the monarchy.

In 1937, "The Hobbit," by J.R.R. Tolkien, was first published by George Allen & Unwin, Ltd. of London.

In 1938, a hurricane struck parts of New York and New England, causing widespread damage and claiming some 700 lives.

In 1957, the legal mystery-drama "Perry Mason," starring Raymond Burr, premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1961, the first Boeing CH-47 Chinook military helicopter made its first hovering flight.

In 1973, the U.S. Senate confirmed Henry Kissinger to be Secretary of State.

In 1982, National Football League players began a 57-day strike, their first regular-season walkout ever.

In 1985, in North Korea and South Korea, family members who had been separated for decades were allowed to visit each other as both countries opened their borders in an unprecedented family-reunion program.

In 1989, Hurricane Hugo crashed into Charleston, South Carolina (the storm was blamed for 56 deaths in the Caribbean and 29 in the United States). Twenty-one students in Alton, Texas, died when their school bus, hit by a soft-drink delivery truck, careened into a water-filled pit.

In 1996, President Bill Clinton signed the Defense of Marriage Act denying federal recognition of same-sex marriages, a day after saying the law should not be used as an excuse for discrimination, violence or intimidation against gays and lesbians. (Although never formally repealed, DoMA was effectively overturned by U.S. Supreme Court decisions in 2013 and 2015.)

In 2001, Congress again opened the federal coffers to those harmed by terrorism, providing \$15 billion to the airline industry, which was suffering mounting economic losses since the Sept. 11 attacks.

In 2011, Josh Fattal and Shane Bauer, two Americans jailed in Iran as spies, left Tehran for the Gulf state of Oman, closing a high-profile drama that brought more than two years of hope and heartbreak for their families. The state of Texas executed Lawrence Russell Brewer for his role in the gruesome dragging death of James Byrd Jr.

Ten years ago: People lined up to buy Apple's iPhone5 as it went on sale in the United States and several other countries. A man was bitten multiple times after leaping from a monorail into a tiger exhibit at the Bronx Zoo in New York.

Five years ago: Millions on Puerto Rico faced the prospect of weeks or months without power in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe met on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly to discuss the ongoing crisis involving North Korea. Facebook said it would

provide congressional investigators with the contents of 3,000 ads that had been bought by a Russian agency; it had already released the ads to federal authorities investigating Russian interference in the U.S. presidential election.

One year ago: In his first address before the U.N. General Assembly, President Joe Biden urged the world's nations to address the global issues of the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change and human rights abuses. A coroner confirmed that human remains found in remote northern Wyoming were those of Gabby Petito, a 22-year-old who disappeared while on a cross-country road trip with a boyfriend, Brian Laundrie. (Laundrie's body would be found in a Florida swamp in October; the FBI later said he had admitted killing Petito in a notebook that was discovered near his body.) Melvin Van Peebles, a playwright, musician and movie director whose work ushered in the "blaxploitation" films of the 1970s, died at his New York home; he was 89.

Today's Birthdays: Author-comedian Fannie Flagg is 81. Producer Jerry Bruckheimer is 79. Former Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear is 78. Musician Don Felder is 75. Author Stephen King is 75. Basketball Hall of Famer Artis Gilmore is 73. Actor-comedian Bill Murray is 72. Former Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd is 65. Movie producer-writer Ethan Coen is 65. Actor-comedian Dave Coulier is 63. Actor David James Elliott is 62. Actor Serena Scott Thomas is 61. Actor Nancy Travis is 61. Actor Rob Morrow is 60. Actor Angus Macfadyen is 59. Retired MLB All-Star Cecil Fielder is 59. Actor Cheryl Hines is 57. Country singer Faith Hill is 55. Rock musician Tyler Stewart (Barenaked Ladies) is 55. Country singer Ronna Reeves is 54. Actor-talk show host Ricki Lake is 54. Rapper Dave (De La Soul) is 54. Actor Billy Porter is 53. Actor Rob Benedict is 52. Actor James Lesure is 51. Actor Alfonso Ribeiro (rih-BEHR'-oh) is 51. Actor Luke Wilson is 51. Actor Paulo Costanzo is 44. Actor Bradford Anderson is 43. Actor Autumn Reeser is 42. TV personality Nicole Richie is 41. Actor Maggie Grace is 39. Actor Joseph Mazzello is 39. Actor Ahna O'Reilly is 38. Rapper Wale (WAH'-lay) is 38. R&B singer Jason Derulo is 36. Actor Ryan Guzman is 35. Actor Nikolas Brino is 24.

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.

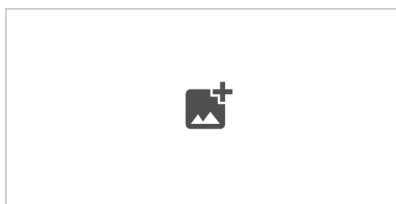


Share with your colleagues by sending to Ye Olde Connecting Editor. And don't forget to include photos!

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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