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Friend,

Half a century is a good run, right? OK.. journalists should be accurate. I'm only in my 47th continuous year of broadcasting. It will have to do. Announcer, producer, reporter, anchor, news director, general manager in Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama and beyond has been a journey and often joy beyond my eager imagination in 1977, moving to Oklahoma City where I knew not a soul. Our TV family and associates number hundreds now and the stories, strategies and surprises are beyond counting. Yes, I buried the lead. Perhaps I've earned that. I'm leaving my post(s) as President & GM of WFMY News 2 Greensboro and WZDX FOX54 Huntsville. I think they call it retirement. The thought wrestled with me for months. But off we go to better serve kids, grandkids and the most supportive wife ever, together every step of our nomadic travels. Jo would not want me to mention her by name.

Atop the long list of TV types I should thank.. the late, great Steve Ramsey who boosted my career twice in Houston. Likewise, my boss Paul Trelstad is equally analytical and encouraging.. not oft seen in the 24/7 pressure cooker of broadcasting. Thanks to TEGNA for an incredible livelihood. And then there's you. The folks I work with today are the reason I avoided AARP for so long. Thank you. I will launch a consulting business, <u>TruFlexMedia.com</u>, so let's consult some time.

Rather than some personal merit, by the literal grace of God have we enjoyed and survived parts of six crazy, exhilarating, exhausting decades of news, challenge and change. My very best wishes and sincere gratitude as you continue to press forward beyond my late April departure.

Larry

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