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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning!

Tuesday was Kansas Day, commemorating the anniversary of the state's 1861 admission to the Union, and it was only appropriate that it was the day of the announcement that AP executive editor **Sally Buzbee** ([Email](#)) will be honored by her alma mater, the University of Kansas.

Consider her Kansas ties: Buzbee grew up in Olathe, Kansas, went to KU where she met her husband John (his parents lived in Kansas), got married in Kansas, and started her AP career in the Topeka bureau under Correspondent **Lew Ferguson**.

It was announced Tuesday that Buzbee, a graduate of the William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications, was selected to receive the 2019 William Allen White Foundation National Citation, which will be presented April 11 in Lawrence.



**Sally Buzbee addresses the Japan National Press Club in Tokyo in 2018.**  
AP Photo/Mari Yamaguchi

The list of past AP winners of the citation: GM **Wes Gallagher** (1967), GM **Keith Fuller** (1981), President and CEO **Lou Boccardi** (1992), and President and CEO **Tom Curley** (2009).

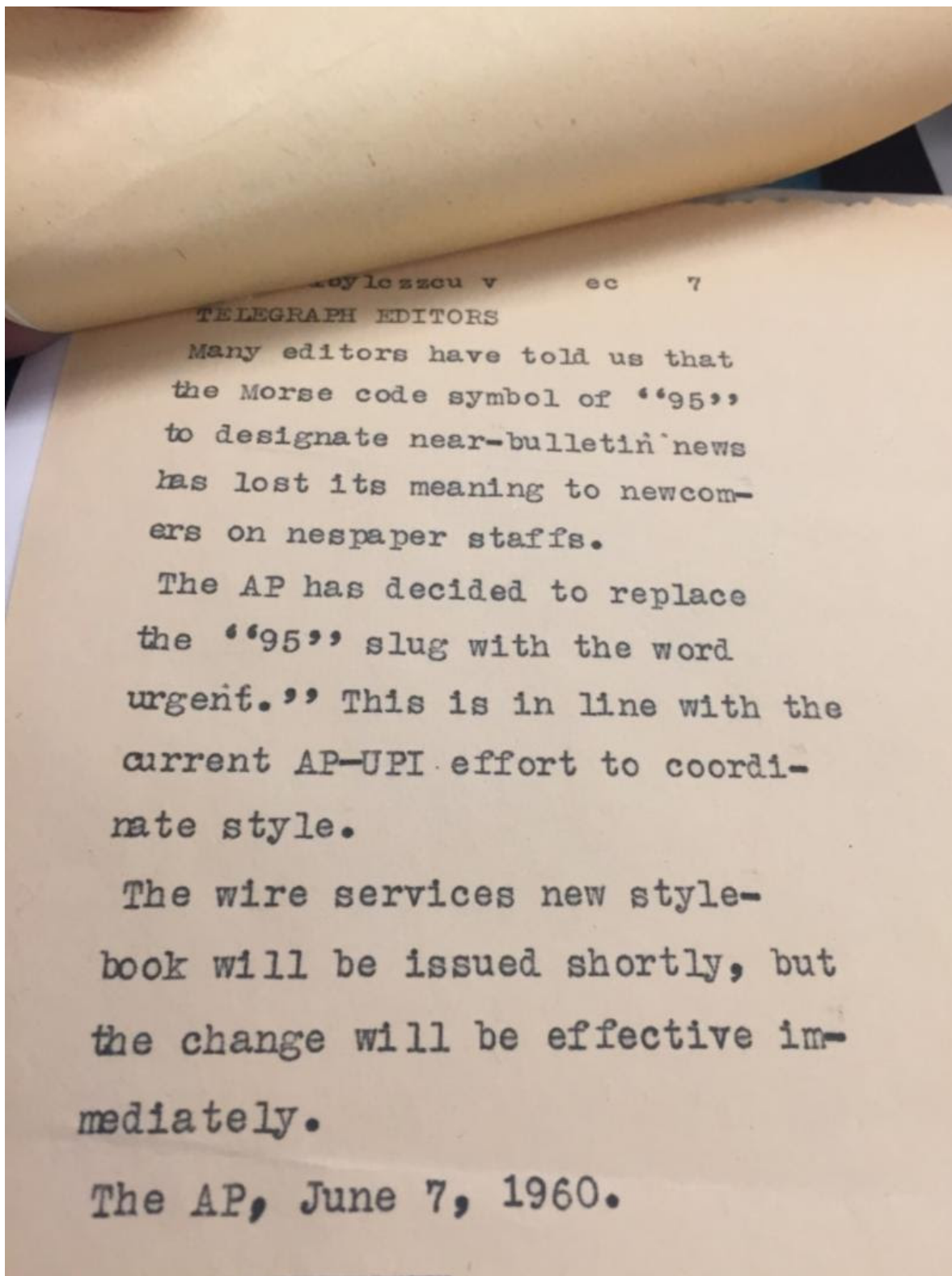
(Thanks to our colleague and my friend **Jeannie Eblen** for bringing up these ties. Jeannie and her late husband Tom were hosts/drivers to past events and introduced Tom and Marsha Curley to Sally's parents-in-law when they were on campus to receive his award.)

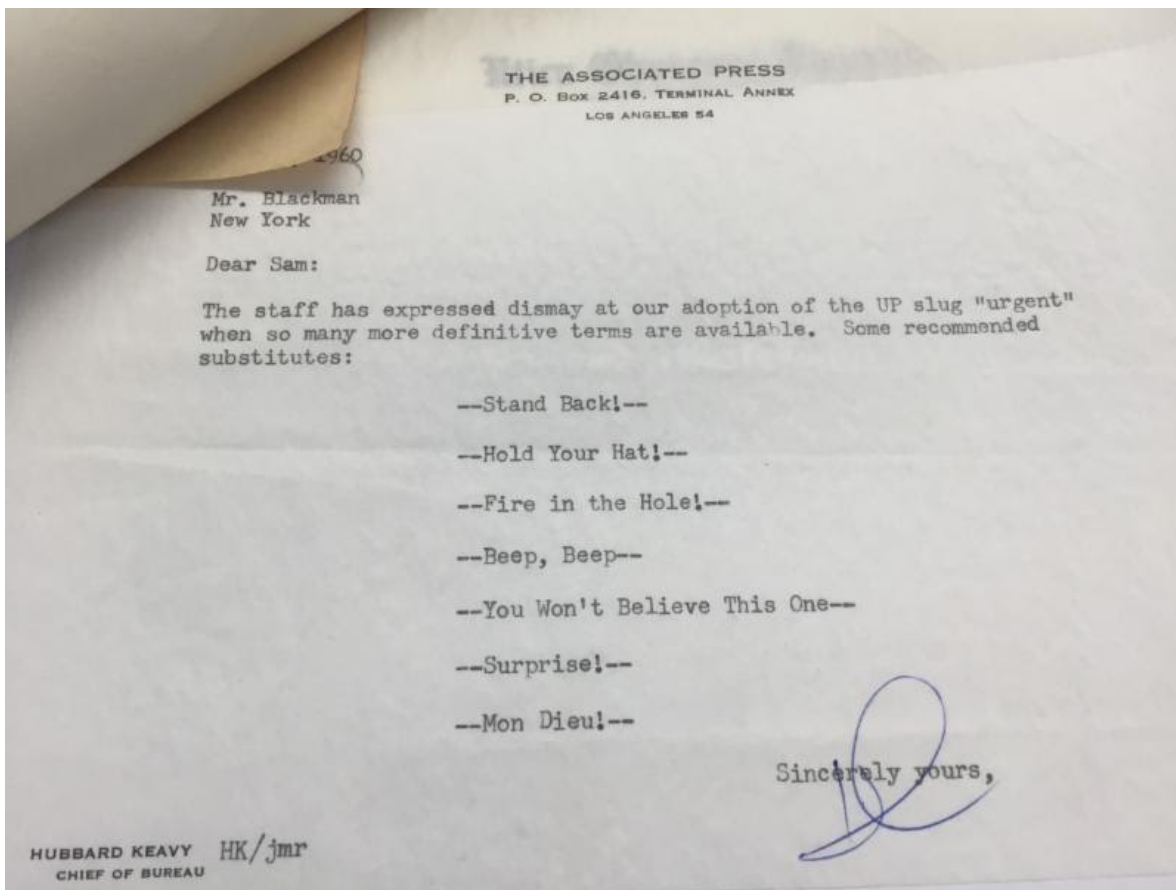
**In 1960 the AP replaced** the old Morse code symbol "95" to designate an important story with the "Urgent." The decision wasn't universally embraced and some staffers wrote with their own suggestions for replacing "95."

**Valerie Komor** and **Francesca Pitaro** of AP Corporate Archives share the the AP announcement and the response of then-Los Angeles CoB **Hub Keavy**.

Have a great day!

Paul





## Sally Buzbee, AP executive editor, to receive 2019 William Allen White National Citation



**By JULIE ADAM**

**University of Kansas**

LAWRENCE - Sally Buzbee, executive editor of The Associated Press news agency, has been selected to receive the 2019 William Allen White Foundation National Citation. The award, which recognizes individuals for outstanding journalistic service, comes from a vote of the trustees of the William Allen White Foundation, which is named in honor of White.

Buzbee, a 1988 graduate of the University of Kansas William Allen White School of Journalism & Mass Communications, will accept the award on William Allen White Day, which is April 11. Buzbee's speech, set for 3 p.m. in the Woodruff Auditorium in the Kansas Union, is free and open to the public.

As executive editor and senior vice president of the AP, Buzbee oversees the news service's global operation, which includes journalists in more than 254 locations in 100 countries.

"Sally Buzbee is an inspiration to journalists throughout the world, and her alma mater is particularly pleased with her selection as this year's recipient," said Ann Brill, dean

of the School of Journalism. "Her dedication to thorough and contextual information is a great example to our students, as is her support of local news media."

Buzbee, who graduated from high school in Olathe, joined the AP in 1988 as a reporter in Topeka, then worked as a correspondent in San Diego. In 1995, she moved to the Washington bureau and reported on education and politics. She eventually became assistant chief of bureau, overseeing foreign affairs and national security coverage.

In 2004, she became AP's Middle East editor, directing coverage across 16 countries including coverage of the Iraq War, Iran's nuclear ambitions, wars in Gaza and Lebanon, the Darfur crisis and tensions in the Gulf.

In early 2010, she was promoted to deputy managing editor in charge of expanding AP's Nerve Center in New York, created to collaborate on comprehensive coverage with regional and department leaders around the world. Later that year, she was named Washington bureau chief, where she oversaw coverage of the 2012 and 2016 presidential elections, the White House, Congress, the Pentagon, polling and the bureau's investigative team, which in 2012 won a Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting on the New York police department's surveillance of Muslims.

In addition to her journalism degree from KU, she has a Master of Business Administration degree from Georgetown University. She has two daughters. Her husband, John, who died in 2016, was also a graduate of the KU journalism school.

Other notable recipients of the William Allen White Foundation National Citation include Cokie Roberts, Leonard Pitts Jr., Paul Steiger, Gerald Seib, Candy Crowley, Seymour Hersh, John Carroll, Walter Cronkite, Arthur Sulzberger Jr., Helen Thomas, Charles Kuralt, Bernard Shaw, Bob Woodward, Molly Ivins, Gordon Parks, Bob Dotson and Frank Deford. A complete list of recipients is at [www.journalism.ku.edu](http://www.journalism.ku.edu).

The William Allen White Foundation was founded in 1945, one year after the Kansas Board of Regents established the William Allen White School of Journalism & Mass Communications at KU. The William Allen White Foundation has been recognizing outstanding journalists since 1950, but the first National Citation medallions were awarded in 1970.

Click [here](#) for a link to this story.

## Connecting mailbox

## ***A fan of Tom Raum***

**Joe Edwards** ([Email](#)) - I never met Tom Raum, but I read his stories on the wire during my 42-year career with AP.

I always admired his tight, punchy ledes.

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## ***AP Network News coverage of the Challenger disaster***

**Joseph Slife** ([Email](#)) - AP Radio staffer, 1984-86 - Monday was the 33-year anniversary of the Challenger space shuttle disaster. Here are two videos of interest:

Launch and explosion (about 3 minutes): Click [here](#)

Ongoing live coverage (about an hour long): Click [here](#)

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## ***A reminder of his own umpires story***

**Hal Bock** ([Email](#)) - Mike Harris' story of Nixon and the umpires (in Tuesday's Connecting) brought to mind my own umpires story.

In 1979, the Major League Umpires Association went on strike for seven weeks. I wrote about it almost daily and after seven weeks of bad replacements, it was clear that some resolution had to be reached.

In early May, the NY baseball writers held a birthday party for longtime Yankees publicist Bob Fishel who, by then, was working in the American League office for his

closest friend in baseball, AL president Lee MacPhail, who was the lead negotiator for baseball in the strike talks.

MacPhail was not at the party which struck me as strange because of how close he was with Fishel.

When I got back to the office, I started calling around and learned from a source that the two sides had talked all night and reached a settlement. This was a Tuesday and the umps would return by the weekend. Both sides denied the story. I took the story to sports editor Wick Temple and he asked if I trusted my source. I said I did and he said ``Let's go with it."

I can still remember the adrenaline as I typed ``The Associated Press learned ..." Now, though, I was out there on a limb, praying that I had not been wrong. Overnight, we asked for umpire reactions and almost all that we got were not supporting my story. Except for one. Jim Evans, an ump from Dallas, said, ``Yes, that's my understanding."

I was thrilled, never more so than when, on Friday, there was a press release from Major League Baseball announcing the settlement. The AP was three days ahead on the story.

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## ***Connecting sky shot - over Manhattan***





Photo by colleague Tricia English ([Email](#))

## New-member profile: Mike Johnson

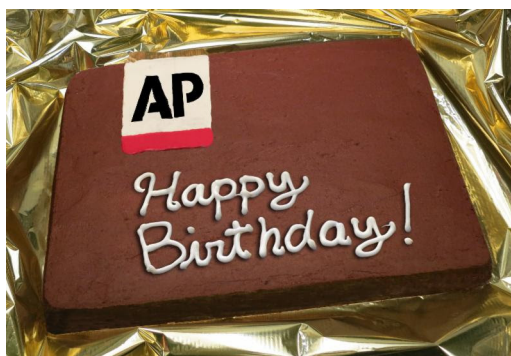
**Mike Johnson (Email)** - I chose to major in journalism at San Jose State College and my life lit up when I discovered the AP teleprinter at the Spartan Daily student newspaper. It was the clean AP prose and the sure grasp of world events that impressed me. I wanted to be part of that.



San Francisco Bureau chief Bob Eunson said I needed two years on a daily, then we could talk. And as promised, after two years on the Hayward Daily Review we made a deal. I remember his phone call, "Mike, you're in." In those days, \$130 a week sounded pretty good to me. Bob couldn't use me locally but found me a slot in Charleston, West Virginia, under Bob Wells. Two years later I was in New York on the World Desk working for Stan Swinton. I had studied Russian and French at San Jose and was parked there while Stan and Foreign Editor Ben Bassett looked me over.

When the Moscow Bureau opened up, I was dispatched with my young wife and six-week-old daughter to be met at Sheremetyevo Airport by Bureau Chief Henry Bradsher. It was the start of three years of Cold War reportage that kept me on front pages. Nine years in the AP gave me a solid foundation for accuracy and stripped-down writing that I have retained to this day. Now I live in Bordeaux where I have recycled myself as a music critic and portrait artist. Life is good.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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## Welcome to Connecting



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## Stories of interest

### *Some journalists wonder if their profession is tweet-crazy*

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) - If Twitter is the town square for journalists, some are ready to step away.

That's happening this week at the online news site Insider - by order of the boss. Reporters have been told to take a week off from tweeting at work and to keep TweetDeck off their computer screens. The idea of disengaging is to kick away a crutch for the journalists and escape from the echo chamber, said Julie Zeveloff West, Insider's editor-in-chief for the U.S.

Addiction to always-rolling Twitter feeds and the temptation to join in has led to soul-searching in newsrooms. Some of it is inspired by the reaction to the Jan. 19 demonstration in Washington involving students from a Covington, Kentucky, high school, which gained traction as a story primarily because of social media outrage only to become more complicated as different details and perspectives emerged.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Richard Chady.

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## ***Plunkett: Don't sit back and let the Aldens of the world commit great evil*** (Colorado Sun)

*Editor's note: Chuck Plunkett, former editorial page editor of The Denver Post who now teaches at the University of Colorado, delivered this speech Saturday at the Graduate Teacher Program. Plunkett left The Post in May, a month after leading an editorial-page rebellion calling for the newspaper's owners to sell, an action he describes as the "News matters" Perspective section. The speech has been edited for length.*

**By CHUCK PLUNKETT**

When I was in graduate school, one of the big concepts that thrilled those of us in the Creative Writing courses, especially the workshops, was that good fiction, while not true in the literal sense, was a higher form of truth-telling. In fact, we thought of it as the highest form of truth-telling. That while the work came from the imagination, and while it could even feature completely unrealistic characters, settings or plots, the stories connected in a way that few other forms of communication can.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Paul Albright.

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## ***Pam Fine Is Named Editor of The Chronicle***

**The Chronicle of Higher Education**

Pam Fine, a national journalism leader, tenured professor, and veteran of three newsroom-leadership posts, was named on Monday as the eighth editor of The Chronicle of Higher Education. As editor, she will lead the nation's largest newsroom covering colleges and universities.

Fine was most recently the John S. and James L. Knight Chair for News, Leadership, and Community, and a professor of journalism, at the University of Kansas, where she collaborated on media and transformation projects with professional news



organizations and taught reporting, ethics, and multimedia journalism, among other subjects. She is a nationally influential voice in journalism, serving as president of the American Society of News Editors in 2016-17 and as a Pulitzer Prize juror four times.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Susanne Shaw.

## Today in History - January 30, 2019



**By The Associated Press**

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 2019. There are 335 days left in the year.

### **Today's Highlight in History:**

On Jan. 30, 1948, Indian political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi, 78, was shot and killed in New Delhi by Nathuram Godse (neh-too-RAHM' gahd-SAY'), a Hindu extremist. (Godse and a co-conspirator were later executed.)

### **On this date:**

In 1649, England's King Charles I was executed for high treason.

In 1933, Adolf Hitler became chancellor of [Germany](#). The first episode of the "Lone Ranger" radio program was broadcast on station WXYZ in Detroit.

In 1945, during World War II, a Soviet submarine torpedoed the German ship MV Wilhelm Gustloff in the Baltic Sea with the loss of more than 9,000 lives, most of them war [refugees](#); roughly 1,000 people survived. Adolf Hitler marked the 12th anniversary of his appointment as Germany's chancellor with his last public speech in which he called on Germans to keep resisting until victory.

In 1948, aviation pioneer Orville Wright, 76, died in Dayton, Ohio.

In 1962, two members of "The Flying Wallendas" high-wire act were killed when their seven-person pyramid collapsed during a performance at the State Fair Coliseum in Detroit.

In 1968, the Tet Offensive began during the Vietnam War as Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese towns and cities; although the Communists were beaten back, the offensive was seen as a major setback for the U.S. and its allies.

In 1969, The Beatles staged an impromptu concert atop Apple headquarters in London; it was the group's last public performance.

In 1972, 13 Roman Catholic civil rights marchers were shot to death by British soldiers in Northern Ireland on what became known as "Bloody Sunday."

In 1973, the rock group KISS performed its first show at a club in Queens, N.Y.

In 1981, an estimated 2 million New Yorkers turned out for a ticker-tape parade honoring the American hostages freed from Iran.

In 1993, Los Angeles inaugurated its Metro Red Line, the city's first modern subway.

In 2006, Coretta Scott King, widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., died in Rosarito Beach, Mexico, at age 78.

Ten years ago: Michael Steele was elected the first black chairman of the Republican National Committee. President Barack Obama signed a series of executive orders that he said should "level the playing field" for labor unions in their struggles with management. Ingemar Johansson, who stunned the boxing world by knocking out Floyd Patterson to win the heavyweight title in 1959, died in Kungsbäcka, Sweden. Former Alabama Gov. Guy Hunt died in Birmingham at age 75.

Five years ago: An appeals court in Florence, Italy, reinstated the guilty verdict against U.S. student Amanda Knox and her ex-boyfriend for the 2007 murder of her British roommate, Meredith Kercher. (Knox was exonerated by the Italian Supreme Court in 2015.) Federal prosecutors announced they would seek the death penalty against Dzhokhar Tsarnaev (joh-HAHR' tsahr-NEYE'-ehv) in the Boston Marathon bombing. (Tsarnaev was convicted and sentenced to death; his attorneys have appealed.)

One year ago: In his first State of the Union address, President Donald Trump called on Congress to make good on long-standing promises to fix a fractured [immigration](#) system and issued ominous warnings about deadly gangs, the scourge of drugs and violent immigrants living in the country illegally; the speech also included calls for optimism amid a growing economy. In the Democratic response, Massachusetts Rep. Joe Kennedy III said soaring stock prices had boosted investor portfolios and corporate profits but had not eased the anxieties of middle-class families. The body of 35-year-old actor Mark Salling, a former cast member on the TV show "Glee," was found in a riverbed area of Los Angeles in what a coroner determined was suicide by hanging; Salling's death came a few weeks after he pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography.

Today's Birthdays: Producer-director Harold Prince is 91. Actor Gene Hackman is 89. Actress Vanessa Redgrave is 82. Country singer Jeanne Pruett is 82. Chess grandmaster Boris Spassky is 82. Country singer Norma Jean is 81. Former Vice President Dick Cheney is 78. Rhythm-and-blues musician William King (The Commodores) is 70. Singer Phil Collins is 68. Actor Charles S. Dutton is 68. World Golf Hall of Famer Curtis Strange is 64. Actress Ann Dowd is 63. Actress-comedian Brett Butler is 61. Singer Jody Watley is 60. Actor-filmmaker Dexter Scott King is 58. The King of Jordan, Abdullah II, is 57. Actor Wayne Wilderson (TV: "Veep") is 53. Actor Norbert Leo Butz is 52. The King of Spain, Felipe VI, is 51. Country singer Tammy Cochran is 47. Actor Christian Bale is 45. Rock musician Carl Broemel (My Morning Jacket) is 45. Actress Olivia Colman is 45. Actress-singer Lena Hall is 39. Pop-country singer-songwriter Josh Kelley is 39. Actor Wilmer Valderrama is 39. Actress Mary Hollis Imboden is 33. Actress Kylie Bunbury is 30. Actor Jake Thomas is 29. Actress Danielle Campbell is 24.

**Thought for Today: "Only when we are no longer afraid do we begin to live." - Dorothy Thompson, American author, journalist and radio commentator (born 1893, died this date in 1961).**

## 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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