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Legendary AP courts reporter Linda Deutsch speaks during the unveiling of the student journalism center that now bears her name at Monmouth University. GUSTAVO MARTÍNEZ CONTRERAS

Colleagues,

Good Friday morning on this the 15th day of November 2019,

Today's issue brings you a great account of the honors bestowed on our colleague **Linda Deutsch** at her alma mater, Monmouth University, which was the recipient of a \$1 million gift from Linda to support scholarships for aspiring journalism students. Our thanks to **Valerie Komor**, director of AP Corporate Archives, for sharing the story.

Read a .PDF of the Asbury Park Press story [here](#).

The 10-year anniversary of layoffs at The Associated Press is sadly recalled by our colleague **Kelly Kissel**, metro editor of The Advocate in Baton Rouge after a 34-year AP career.

Faced with plunging revenue, particularly from the newspaper industry in the throes of losing major revenue blocks to the Internet, the AP committed the year before to

lower payroll costs by 10 percent by the end of 2009. Before the layoffs, it offered voluntary buyouts - taken by many of us - and imposed a hiring freeze.

Got a memory of that time in our history and how it impacted you? Send it along.

Have a great weekend!

Paul

Monmouth University Honors Alumna Linda Deutsch, Class of '65



Linda Deutsch, in front of Convention Hall in Asbury Park, Nov. 12, 2019. AP Photo/Valerie Komor

By Valerie Komor ([Email](#))

On Nov. 11, retired AP Special Correspondent Linda Deutsch received the heartfelt honors of her alma mater, Monmouth University, in West Long Branch, NJ. Joined by University President Patrick F. Leahy, faculty, students, staff, and friends celebrated her remarkable five-decade career, inducted her into the Alumni Academy, and thanked her for her recent planned gift of \$1 million to support scholarships for aspiring Monmouth journalism students. During an afternoon reception, the offices of The Outlook, the student newspaper for which Deutsch had served as features editor, were officially renamed as the "Linda Deutsch '65 Student Journalism Center."

Dinner followed in Woodrow Wilson Hall, the mansion formerly known as Shadow Lawn, built in 1929 for F. W. Woolworth Company president Hubert Templeton Parson. Its grandeur still astounds. Addressing the gathering under gilded coffered ceilings, Deutsch said, "In memory, it is as if the portals to my career and my future opened on the day I first stepped into Wilson Hall, catching my breath at the beauty of the place and instantly finding kindred souls who shared my love of literature and journalism. For four transformative years I savored the joy of learning and interacting with brilliant minds who joined me in the search for meaning in the world around us."



Linda Deutsch (left) and Valerie Komor

Opportunities abounded for this girl from Bradley Beach. Deutsch became Features Editor of The Outlook and editor of Monmouth Letters, the literary magazine. She thought poetry might be her calling. As a sophomore, however, she got the chance to work the night shift at the Perth Amboy Evening News and found she enjoyed "doing everything" and the independence offered by the wee hours. When the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom led by the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. was announced for Aug. 28, 1963, Deutsch asked to cover it. "You can go," her boss told her, "but it can't cost us anything." She got there on the bus of the local NAACP chapter. Deutsch's front-page story ran with her byline. It was her first.

After graduating from Monmouth in 1965, Deutsch took a job at the Asbury Park Press, where she covered entertainment and crime. When the Columbia University School of Journalism turned down her application, explaining that their quota for female students had been met, she boarded a plane to California. Her intention was to land a reporting job in Hollywood. Instead, she found herself in Rialto in San Bernardino County, the very place Joan Didion describes in her 1968 book, *Slouching Towards Bethlehem*, where women kill their husbands out of boredom.

Deutsch was not yet bored, but she was ready for some luck. Driving around in her red VW looking for news, she noticed a field of rotting grapes and tracked down its

owner. After her story about striking farmworkers landed on Page 1 of the local paper, AP scooped her up. Named as the back-up reporter for the Charles Manson trial in June 1970 at age 25, she soon had that beat to herself. The senior reporter from New York, Art Everett, suddenly decided it was time to take a vacation. Apparently, one day in the same room with the defendant was more than enough for him. For Linda, it was not nearly enough. Not nearly.

Click [here](#) for a photo gallery in the Asbury Park Press, titled, "Legendary AP reporter Linda Deutsch in her beginning at the Press".

Linda Deutsch's email - lcdeutsch@yahoo.com

Marking a sad anniversary - AP staff layoffs 10 years ago

Kelly Kissel ([Email](#)) - We're approaching a sad anniversary next week - and the role in it for a handful of AP news editors actually started 10 years ago Thursday when many of us had to compete with longtime friends and colleagues to keep our jobs.

After I had let much of the staff take Nov. 13, 2009, off after a late verdict in a high-profile criminal case in Little Rock (Anne Pressly murder, I believe), my boss came in from out of town and said he had to meet with me precisely at 10 a.m., which was the same time as the sentencing in Texarkana in another case (pretty sure it was child molester Tony Alamo) we were handling in Little Rock.

I tried to push the meeting back, to no avail, and finally asked, "What's this about? Are you going to make me apply for my job again?" (A colleague in another state had been required to do so a few months earlier.)

The reply: "I cannot deny that."

AP set up interviews for the next Monday and told us we shouldn't speak to the ones we were competing against (like that was going to happen.)

The day after those interviews, AP laid off a number of fine journalists. I kept my job and took over Oklahoma City, as well, even though I had never set foot in the state before. I found out I was keeping my job ahead of time when I counted noses and realized no one was traveling into Little Rock to let me go.

These layoffs led to a lot of hard feelings and remarks that AP had thrown away much of its institutional knowledge. We termed it "right-sizing" or something like that, though that really show up in force until years later.

The bean-counters will say we had to do it, though the amount of money I spent on airplane tickets and hotels makes me wonder. I still travel on some of Marriott points.

I think, in hindsight, that it simply made later decisions easier. If we can cover Oklahoma with five people instead of 12, why can't we use only four? In Arkansas, it's why not use two instead of 11?

It's a horrible memory, but I still loved every day of my 34+ years at AP, even the days that I hated at the time. I can assure everyone it's made me a better manager of people.

Click [here](#) for a 2009 New York Times story on the layoffs.

(Kelly Kissel is metro editor of The Advocate in Baton Rouge, La. He earlier worked 34 years for the AP, 24 of them as news editor.)

We made some mistakes but never apologized for telling the truth

Bill Kaczor ([Email](#)) - I had to cringe when I read about Northwestern's student newspaper publishing an apology for doing good journalism. I earned a graduate degree from Northwestern's esteemed Medill School of Journalism but was not involved with the student newspaper during my time there. I did, however, spend all of my high school and undergraduate years as a student journalist - when I wasn't working for a couple local dailies - including stints as editor and managing editor.

While an undergraduate at Eastern Illinois University from 1964 through 1968, I tried to live up to the motto of the weekly and later semi-weekly Eastern News (Now Daily Eastern News), which is "Tell the truth, and don't be afraid." That meant we were not engaged in a popularity contest. In our effort to tell the truth we made some people mad and sometimes suffered the consequences. Unlike Northwestern, our student newspaper was, and still is, part of the Journalism Department and, therefore,

ultimately controlled by the university administration, which created an additional element of tension.

A few months before I enrolled at EIU, the university president fired the student editor in a dispute over an unpublished story that alleged irregularities in the then-booming campus construction program. The paper's adviser had literally stopped the presses to prevent the story from being published because he considered it to be potentially libelous. The adviser also asked the Student Publications Board to fire the editor, which it refused to do because the panel had not been allowed to examine the disputed story. The adviser then resigned and the university president stepped in and fired the editor. I covered subsequent investigations ordered by the governor and Legislature of the allegations, which also had been circulated by anonymous letters sent to state officials. Those investigations turned up "false economies" but no criminal wrongdoing in the building program.

Our campus was relatively conservative and did not experience some of the turmoil that engulfed other universities at the time. We were kind of stuck in the 1950s, when fraternities and sororities controlled student government. The Eastern News in 1966 endorsed an independent for student body president for the first time in anyone's memory. That edition of the paper mysteriously disappeared from free distribution points around campus shortly after being delivered that night. We quickly got wind of what had happened and made sure the printer did not recycle the lead type. The next morning we went to the print shop, added a short story about the missing papers and then reprinted and redistributed the paper. A subsequent investigation turned up the charred remains of the missing papers in a sorority house incinerator. It also found that the leader of the theft ring had been a sorority member who also happened to be the editor of the yearbook. She was someone we knew quite well because I and several other newspaper staffers also worked on the yearbook.

During my time with the Eastern News we also exposed blatant violations of off-campus housing standards even though one of the worst violators had been an elderly woman who we also liked (her place was affectionately known as "Minnie's Roach Ranch"). And, we successfully crusaded to reduce onerous foreign language requirements (more stringent than Harvard, we pointed out) that were steering students away from straight subject degrees toward teaching degrees, which had lesser requirements. We made our share of mistakes to be sure, but one thing we never did was apologize for telling the truth.

Connecting mailbox

About that search for cleft sticks

Chris Sullivan ([Email](#)) - Per Marcus Eliason's request on Wednesday for help in locating cleft sticks for sale: Great news! Walmart has them (of course). That is, it offers "dowsing rods," perfect for magically locating underground water - for just \$42.75 (plus \$11.85 for delivery). Also spotted an article, "Finding Water with a Forked Stick May Not Be a Hoax", that discusses the efficacy of these tools, though it does not touch on whether they are essential equipment for foreign correspondents: Click [here](#). More seriously, I will always be grateful to Marcus for first steering me to "Scoop," which, as his excerpt hints, is surely the funniest send-up of journalism ever.

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Gene Herrick's memory - 'Need I say more?'

Gene Herrick ([Email](#)) - This is in response to Robert Dobkin's comment re my memory in Thursday's Connecting.

I just remembered to respond to Robert Dobkin's comment regarding my memory that appeared in Thursday's Connecting.

I thank the ONE every day for my memory, and the things I have done in my life. I do, however, remember one time I didn't remember.

I forgot my wife's birthday!

Need I say more?

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Ben's book still on my bookshelf

Bob Kimball ([Email](#)) - Sorry to see that Ben Olan has died. I had the pleasure of meeting him in NY Sports in 1987 and telling him I read Big-Time Baseball as a youngster. The book remains on my bookshelf.

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Connecting snow shot - Michigan



Hank Ackerman ([Email](#)) - tart of a new season.... our patio and dogwood tree lights after the Monday/Tuesday storm (that affected many "Connectors") and 10" of snow east of Detroit.

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D-Day Hero Flies Again-75 Years Later



David Hamilton - the 97-year-old surviving Pathfinder pilot from the D-Day invasion of Normandy - is holding a "Challenge Coin" he carries for good luck. Apparently it works. Photo/Ray Newton

Ray Newton ([Email](#)) - In the spirit of Veterans Day...I wrote this for a local magazine here in Prescott, Ariz.:

PRESCOTT -- Lt. Col. David Hamilton of the U.S. Army Air Force was barely 22-years-old when he took the controls of a Douglas C-47 loaded with paratroopers. He flew 50-feet above the English Channel as part of the first contingent to take troops to Normandy, France, June 6, 1944.

Now known as D-Day, it commemorates the date the defeat of the Nazis began in Europe.

Hamilton, who lives in Prescott Valley, is the last living Pathfinder pilot who flew on D-Day. Pathfinder pilots were among elite volunteers from the 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions.

Hamilton was the "Guest of Honor" for the annual Wings Out West Air Show in Prescott. The Oct. 5 event was a part of the OctoberWest Homecoming activities sponsored by Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU).

An air show highlight was a tribute to the 75th anniversary of D-Day. An historic C-53, built in 1943, flew and dropped paratroopers into the clear blue sky. They landed near the Prescott Regional Airport runway.

It's hard to believe that same C-53-called the D-Day Doll- 75 years earlier had dropped fully armed American soldiers into Nazi-occupied France. The D-Day Doll later flew dozens of missions following World War II into Germany as part of the Berlin Airlift operation.

Hamilton was piloting a C-47 that same day, and he too dropped troops into France.

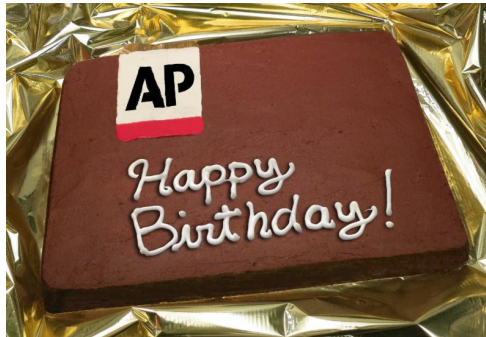
During OctoberWest, he dressed in his full military uniform, and greeted the paratroopers as they marched back. Medals pinned to his uniform jacket included four Air Medals, nine stars on the ETO campaign ribbon, two Presidential Unit Citations, the Order of William from Holland, and the French Legion of Honor Medal.

Hamilton, who smiles readily and is yet quite agile and spry other than using a cane to help maintain his balance, chuckled when responding to a question-"...to what do you attribute your old age?" He grinned, "Good genes-and lousy aim of German anti-aircraft weapons."

This past June, because of his distinguished record, Hamilton was invited by the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) to return to Lincolnshire, England. That was the base where he and his fellow pilots trained for their missions over Europe. Hamilton says they trained in secrecy.

Hank Coats, president and CEO of the CAF, said of Hamilton, "He is a true American hero. He and his fellow Pathfinders flew a dangerous and vital mission in advance of the main D-Day invasion. We were thrilled to have the opportunity to back this trip for Dave, to give him a chance to return to his old British airfield and to share his story with the residents of North and South Witham in Lincolnshire."

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Welcome to Connecting



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Stories of interest

After Its Merger, Gannett Will Be the Largest Newspaper Publisher in the U.S. (New York Times)

By Marc Tracy

Roughly one in four newspapers in the United States has closed since 2004, and many that managed to survive have been cut to the bone. Now, more than 260 dailies will be controlled by the same company.

Shareholders voted on Thursday to approve a deal that would join the two largest newspaper chains in the United States, all but guaranteeing the creation of a newspaper colossus that is likely to result in thousands of layoffs.

The combination of GateHouse Media and Gannett - already the two largest newspaper owners in the country, by both number of papers and print circulation, according to researchers at the University of North Carolina - means that more than 550 newspapers, 300 of them weeklies, will have the same owner.

The merger is expected to reach formal completion on Tuesday, the companies said in a statement on Thursday. Shareholders with stakes in both companies voted in favor.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Sibby Christensen, Dennis Conrad.

AND...

Newsonomics: With its merger approved, the new Gannett readies the cost-cutting knife

(Nieman)

By KEN DOCTOR

You think \$300 million in costs cut is a big number? Try \$400 million. Or more than \$400 million.

Those are the internal numbers in the air as America's two largest newspaper chains, Gannett and GateHouse, try to land their megamerger, first announced in August.

Follow the money: When I first wrote about this potential union back in July, the estimated annual cost savings - "synergy" - to be derived from a merger was "something like \$200 million." By August, it was "\$200 to 300 million." Then it was "\$275-300 million." Now, talk has gone to \$400 million and beyond, into the range of nearly half a billion dollars.

What does that mean? Almost certainly, even more reduction in headcount than had been anticipated. (Executives declined to comment on the amount the synergies they're now eyeing.)

How much? In any room of eight people at a current GateHouse or Gannett operation, one is likely to see her job gone in 2020. One in eight would add up to 3,450 of the combined companies' 27,600 jobs. Some observers expect that the final total to be higher than that. And the company won't wait for the first of the year to begin layoffs: With immediate savings a priority, expect those anxiety-inducing conversations to begin right after Thanksgiving.

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

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Local journalism in crisis: Why America must revive its local newsrooms (Brookings)

By CLARA HENDRICKSON

Thousands of local newspapers have closed in recent years. Their disappearance has left millions of Americans without a vital source of local news and deprived communities of an institution essential for exposing wrongdoing and encouraging civic engagement. Of those still surviving, many have laid off reporters, reduced coverage, and pulled back circulation.

Over 65 million Americans live in counties with only one local newspaper-or none at all.[1]

The traditional business model that once supported local newspapers-relying on print subscribers and advertising to generate revenue-has become difficult to sustain as the audience for local news continues to shrink and advertising dollars disappear.

Few Americans today hold print subscriptions, and newspapers have struggled to amass digital subscribers. Meanwhile, news consumers have become less inclined to follow local sources of news, instead preferring to read, listen, and watch content from outlets focused on national news coverage. And, as the digital age has facilitated the emergence of a greater number of national news sources and highly specialized outlets, the reach of local news has diminished.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Marty Thompson.

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The Press Should Name the Whistleblower

(Politico)

By JACK SHAFER

Ever since the whistleblower dropped a dime on President Donald Trump's Ukrainian "drug deal," the establishment press has tied itself in knots over whether we should publish the whistleblower's name. While insisting that it is protecting the informant by withholding details that would put him at risk, the press has danced a sloppy burlesque, stripping off a feathered boa here, a slip skirt there to reveal most if not all of the whistleblower's bare skin to careful readers.

Shortly after news of the whistleblower's complaint to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community surfaced in late September, the New York Times didn't name the informer but instead sketched his identity in extremely fine strokes. At least three people confirmed to the paper that the whistleblower was a male CIA officer who had been detailed to the White House but had since gone back to the agency. Furthermore, the context of his complaint indicated that he was savvy about the law, Ukrainian politics and European foreign policy. With identifying details like these, the Times might as well have printed the whistleblower's face on a commemorative postage stamp and sold it over the counter. The Washington Post and the Associated Press quickly matched the Times' reporting on the whistleblower's general outline.

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

The Final Word

Two Journalists Walk Into a Reunion (New York Times)



Photo/Isabel Roeder

By Vincent M. Mallozzi

Patricia Ann O'Brien and William Hodding Carter III were married Nov. 9 at the Walter Lippmann House in Cambridge, Mass. Ellen Goodman, a friend of the couple and a minister with Life Ministry, officiated.

The bride, 83, was a reporter in the Washington bureau of Knight Ridder and a reporter for The Chicago Sun-Times before retiring. She covered the political campaigns of Geraldine Ferraro and Gary Hart. She graduated from the University of Oregon and was a Freedom Forum fellow at Columbia.

Ms. O'Brien is the author of 12 books, including "The Dressmaker" (Anchor, 2013), which she wrote under the pseudonym Kate Alcott, and "I Know Just What You Mean" (Simon & Schuster, 2000), which she wrote with Ms. Goodman, the officiant.

She is a daughter of the late Anna G. O'Brien and the late Martin H. O'Brien who lived in Los Angeles. Her father owned O'Bie of California, a textile company in Los Angeles. Her mother was a stay-at-home parent.

The groom, 84, who goes by Hodding, was the spokesman and the assistant secretary of state for public affairs in the Carter administration from 1977 to 1980. He served as the Knight professor of public affairs journalism at the University of Maryland and president of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation in Miami. At various times during his career, he served as a reporter, anchor, political commentator and panelist for ABC, BBC, CBC, CNN, NBC and PBS, and he received four individual Emmy Awards for television documentaries on civil rights and foreign policy. He retired from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, as professor of leadership and public policy. He graduated summa cum laude from Princeton. He also served in the Marines, from 1957 to 1959, and was last stationed at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, N.C., having achieved the rank of first lieutenant. While he was there, his first book, "The South Strikes Back," was published by Doubleday.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Pat Milton.

Today in History - November 15, 2019



By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Nov. 15, the 319th day of 2019. There are 46 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 15, 1942, the naval Battle of Guadalcanal ended during World War II with a decisive U.S. victory over Japanese forces.

On this date:

In 1777, the Second Continental Congress approved the Articles of Confederation.

In 1806, explorer Zebulon Pike sighted the mountaintop now known as Pikes (cq) Peak in present-day Colorado.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman began their "March to the Sea" from Atlanta; the campaign ended with the capture of Savannah on Dec. 21.

In 1935, the Commonwealth of the Philippines was established as its new president, Manuel L. Quezon (KAY'-zahn), took office.

In 1937, at the U.S. Capitol, members of the House and Senate met in air-conditioned chambers for the first time.

In 1958, actor Tyrone Power, 44, died in Madrid, Spain, while filming "Solomon and Sheba." (Power's part was recast with Yul Brynner.)

In 1959, four members of the Clutter family of Holcomb, Kansas, were found murdered in their home. (Ex-convicts Richard Hickock and Perry Smith were later convicted of the killings and hanged in a case made famous by the Truman Capote book "In Cold Blood.")

In 1961, former Argentine President Juan Peron, living in exile in Spain, married his third wife, Isabel.

In 1966, the flight of Gemini 12, the final mission of the Gemini program, ended successfully as astronauts James A. Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. splashed down safely in the Atlantic after spending four days in orbit.

In 1984, Stephanie Fae Beauclair, the infant publicly known as "Baby Fae" who had received a baboon's heart to replace her own congenitally deformed one, died at Loma Linda University Medical Center in California three weeks after the transplant.

In 1987, 28 of 82 people aboard a Continental Airlines DC-9, including the pilots, were killed when the jetliner crashed seconds after taking off from Denver's Stapleton International Airport.

In 2003, two Black Hawk helicopters collided and crashed in Iraq; 17 U.S. troops were killed.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama concluded a two-day summit with Asia-Pacific leaders in Singapore, where they pledged to persist with stimulus spending until a global recovery was assured. Kosovo's first independent elections ended peacefully, with Prime Minister Hashim Thaci (HAH'-shihm THAH'-chee) claiming victory for his party. Michelle Wie (wee) earned her first win on the LPGA Tour, closing with a 3-under 69 to finish two strokes ahead of Paula Creamer in the Lorena Ochoa (lohr-AY'-nah oh-CHOH'-uh) Invitational.

Five years ago: Closing out his Asia-Pacific tour in Brisbane, Australia, President Barack Obama called on Asian nations to join the United States in confronting the globe's biggest challenges, from climate change and poverty to violent extremism. Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, arrived in Iraq on a previously unannounced visit, his first since a U.S.-led coalition began launching airstrikes against the extremist Islamic State group. Pope Francis denounced the right to die movement, telling the Association of Italian Catholic Doctors it was a "false sense of compassion" to consider euthanasia an act of dignity when it was in fact a sin against God and creation.

One year ago: The number of confirmed dead from the wildfire that had virtually destroyed the Northern California town of Paradise reached 63, and authorities said they had 631 names on a missing persons list. (The death toll eventually reached 85.) Buses carrying Central American asylum seekers reached the U.S. border as the Mexican city of Tijuana converted a municipal gymnasium into a temporary shelter; U.S. border inspectors at the main crossing into San Diego were processing only about 100 asylum claims a day. Christian Yelich of the Milwaukee Brewers and Mookie Betts of the Boston Red Sox were named winners of baseball's Most Valuable Player awards. Country star Roy Clark, a guitar virtuoso and singer who headlined the TV show "Hee Haw" for nearly a quarter century, died in Oklahoma at the age of 85.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Ed Asner is 90. Singer Petula Clark is 87. Comedian Jack Burns is 86. Actress Joanna Barnes is 85. Actor Yaphet Kotto is 80. Actor Sam

Waterston is 79. Classical conductor Daniel Barenboim is 77. Pop singer Frida (ABBA) is 74. Actor Bob Gunton is 74. Former New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson is 72. Actress Beverly D'Angelo is 68. Director-actor James Widdoes is 66. Rock singer-producer Mitch Easter is 65. News correspondent John Roberts is 63. Former "Jay Leno Show" bandleader Kevin Eubanks is 62. Comedian Judy Gold is 57. Actress Rachel True is 53. Rapper E-40 is 52. Country singer Jack Ingram is 49. Actor Jay Harrington is 48. Actor Jonny Lee Miller is 47. Actress Sydney Tamiia (tuh-MY'-yuh) Poitier-Heartsong is 46. Christian rock musician David Carr (Third Day) is 45. Rock singer-musician Chad Kroeger is 45. Rock musician Jesse Sandoval is 45. Actress Virginie Ledoyen is 43. Actor Sean Murray is 42. Pop singer Ace Young (TV: "American Idol") is 39. Golfer Lorena Ochoa (loh-AY'-nah oh-CHOH'-uh) is 38. Hip-hop artist B.o.B is 31. Actress Shailene Woodley is 28. Actress-dancer Emma Dumont is 25.

Thought for Today: "To oppose something is to maintain it." [-] Ursula K. LeGuin, American writer (1929-2018).

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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