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Good Thursday morning on this the 8th day of October 2020,

Frank Eltman may have thought he had fulfilled his last AP assignment when he retired two weeks ago from The Associated Press after a 32-year career. But along came Ye Olde Connecting Editor with one more request: A profile of that career. And Frank, an avid fan of the Yankees and Mets, delivered with a baseball analogy:

"I have been asked if I would do it all over again and I say absolutely," he said. "I have told the story many times before, but I always thought of my career as that of a professional baseball player. I started in Single-A ball as news editor at a weekly in Amityville, N.Y., went on to Double-A as a sports editor and managing editor of a small daily in upstate Oneida, N.Y., and spent a short stint at Triple A at a larger daily in Pottstown, Pa., just outside of Philadelphia.

"In the summer of 1988, I got the call to join the Major Leagues: The Associated Press, working at the world headquarters in New York City. I would say my dream had come true, but I honestly never dared to dream so big."

Today's issue brings you reaction to our colleague **Adolphe Bernotas'** delightful Contrarian Grammarian story in Wednesday's edition. If you didn't get a chance to read it, I recommend that you go back and do so.

And see today's Final Word for your latest Connecting assignment on the Fly That Came in from The Cold at last night's vice presidential debate and has caused a social media stir. I hope to hear from you.

Here's to a great day – be safe, stay healthy.

Paul

New-retiree profile
Frank Eltman



Frank Eltman and his wife Eileen when Frank was inducted into the Long Island Journalism Hall of Fame in 2016.

I retired from the AP on Sept. 18, 2020, after a 32-year career. I am basically kicking back and relaxing at the moment and enjoying the first few weeks of being idle. My only immediate activity has been to volunteer once a week at a local food bank here in Phoenix. As we all know the pandemic has created an urgent need for many people who had never previously had to rely on services such as food banks to survive.

I joined the AP on Aug. 15, 1988, working in the Special Services Department. I took the AP test about a year earlier in the Albany, N.Y., bureau. I had been managing editor of the Oneida N.Y. Daily Dispatch and had gotten to know Albany Bureau Chief Lew Wheaton and News Editor Mike Hendricks through the Dispatch's affiliation with

the AP. Lew was visiting Oneida on one of his regular member visits and I inquired about working for the AP. He quickly arranged for me to go to the Albany bureau and take the AP writing and editing test that was used at the time to pre-qualify applicants for employment.

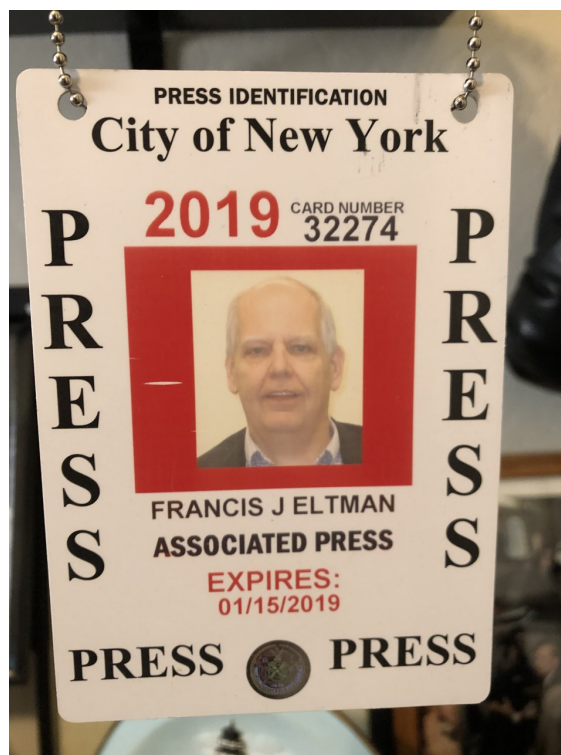
In the early summer of 1988, having successfully passed the test and being placed on the list of qualified applicants, I received a call from Joe Persek in AP Special Services about coming to New York headquarters and working as a desk editor in that department. My first night on the job was the evening President Ronald Reagan gave his farewell address at the Republican National Convention.

Special Services was at the forefront of the computerized information business, editing AP copy down to 350 words for services like Prodigy, CompuServe and AOL News. Stories had to be 350 words or less, otherwise they would crash computers. We were on the cutting edge of the technology and information age that would change the world.

After a few years in Special Services, I had a couple of temporary stints working in New York Sports, ostensibly as a relief replacement when most of the New York crew left to cover the Olympics.

In 1995 I began covering Long Island stories for the AP New York City bureau as a general assignment reporter. I assisted a huge team led by then Long Island correspondent Pat Milton with coverage of the TWA Flight 800 crash in 1996, and numerous other Long Island stories in the ensuing years.

Dividing time between Long Island (when Pat took a sabbatical to write a book about the TWA crash) and New York City gave me the chance to work on a variety of stories on the city desk under the leadership of Bureau Chief Sam Boyle. The bureau in the late 90s featured an unparalleled group of legendary journalists, including Richard Pyle, Larry McShane, Larry Neumeister, Tom Hays, Jim Fitzgerald, Kiley Armstrong, Ula Ilnytzky, Sam Maull, Karen Matthews, Verena Dobnik and Beth Harpaz, just to name a few.





A group of AP NYC Bureau members past and present get together about once a year for a dinner at a NYC steakhouse. This one is from several years ago, but is quite important to me because it includes the late Jim Fitzgerald. From left: Sam Maull, the late Jim Fitzgerald, Diego Iburguen, Lukas Alpert, Larry McShane, Frank Eltman, Dino Hazell.

What were your most memorable assignments?

Without a doubt, one of the most memorable assignments of my career came in 2000, when I was named the primary reporter covering Long Island Congressman Rick Lazio's U.S. Senate race against Hillary Clinton. Starting around Memorial Day, soon after Rudy Giuliani dropped out the race to fight prostate cancer, I was a member of a cadre of reporters from all the major New York, and later national, news outlets to chronicle the daily developments involving Lazio and Clinton.

Although I was primarily responsible for being on the Lazio campaign, my colleague Beth Harpaz and I would switch off and cover the other candidate from time to time. We referred to it as our effort to avoid suffering from Stockholm syndrome, hearing the same stump speeches by either candidate over and over. Albany political editor Marc Humbert also played a key role in covering the campaign and providing guidance and expertise at many turns.

We often said during those long bus rides from Niagara Falls to Montauk Point that we were aware we were covering a Senate race that was more akin to a presidential race because of the historic presence of a first lady in the campaign.

After the campaign, I returned to general assignment duties and was part of the bureau team that spearheaded the AP's coverage of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

In 2006 I was named the AP's Long Island correspondent. During that time, I covered every major story in the New York suburb of 3 million people.

The assignment brought the opportunity to cover a spectrum of stories, including the sensational tabloid murder trial of Danny Pelosi in the killing of Hamptons millionaire Ted Ammon, the killing of Ecuadorean immigrant Marcelo Lucero, which crystallized the national discussion of tensions involving newly arrived immigrants; the still-unsolved Long Island serial killer mystery, Superstorm Sandy, and the arrest and guilty plea of former Suffolk County Police Chief James Burke in the beating of a prisoner who had broken into his police vehicle and stolen personal items, including sex toys.

Who played a key role in your career?

It is difficult to pinpoint the person who played the most significant role in my career. I had wonderful journalism professors at the State University of New York at Morrisville. My publisher and editor at my first newspaper, The Amityville Record (Ira Cahn and Monte Temple, respectively), taught me so many lessons.

At the AP, many people provided me with amazing opportunities. I would be remiss not to mention my gratitude to Joe Persek for hiring me in the first place, former Sports Editor Terry Taylor for giving me a chance to spread my wings in sports, and most especially Sam Boyle for hiring me to work in the New York City bureau, and later NYC Bureau Chief Howard Goldberg and News Editor Josh Hoffner for trusting me with the Long Island correspondent post.

Josh also had a pivotal role in my last stop in Phoenix at the AP West Desk, where I worked from 2018 until my retirement. He put in more than a good word with West Desk bosses Anna Johnson and Anna Jo Bratton, clearing my way to transfer out of New York.

A proud moment in my career

In 2016, I was honored to be inducted into the Press Club of Long Island's Journalism Hall of Fame. Other inductees that year were the late Les Payne, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who spent most of his career as an editor and columnist at Newsday and was the founder of the National Association of Black Journalists. Also inducted was Marie Colvin, an Oyster Bay, N.Y., native who served as a war correspondent for The Sunday Times in London and died in the siege of Homs in Syria in 2012.

I actually wrote the local reaction story for the AP when Colvin was killed and her mother's quote was one of the most memorable of my career:

"The reason I've been talking to all you guys is that I don't want my daughter's legacy to be 'no comment,'" Rosemarie Colvin said, fighting back tears. "Because she wasn't a 'no comment' person. Her legacy is: Be passionate and be involved in what you believe in. And do it as thoroughly and honestly and fearlessly as you can."

What's ahead in retirement?

As I begin retirement I am hoping to delve more into some of my favorite activities, which include enjoying live music and sports (once the pandemic is over, of course). I am an avid NY Mets and NY Giants fan, I have been to several hundred live rock concerts (starting with a high school job at the Nassau Coliseum on Long Island where I saw everyone from the Allman Brothers Band to Led Zeppelin to Elvis Presley). I also have recently taken up paint by numbers projects and am likely to pursue that further.

The best vacation trips I have ever taken have been to Ireland, where my late mother was born. I first went when I was 9 years old in 1968 and spent a month visiting my grandfather, aunts, uncles and cousins. Perhaps the most memorable visit was just a year ago, when I brought my sweetheart Eileen and introduced her to the family.

Besides Eileen, I am blessed to be a step-dad to Emma and Kevin. Emma is an amazing businesswoman who works for a firm in Bozeman, Montana, that organizes business gatherings. Kevin recently left a tech job in San Francisco and has begun studying to go to medical school, where we have no doubt he will someday be an amazing physician.

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Your thoughts on the Contrarian Grammarian

Jerry Cipriano ([Email](#)) - A friend has asked me to talk to his journalism students about writing and there are enough great tips for an entire class. It is SO good. In my years editing copy, I compiled a similar list. At the top of it is: Don't say in the hospital when you can say hospitalized.

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Frank Daniels Jr. ([Email](#)) - That's a hell of a lot of advice on what not to say.

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Bob Daugherty ([Email](#)) – Wednesday's Connecting article was over the top, excuse me, I meant kickass.

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Marcus Eliason ([Email](#)) - Adolphe's lovely essay on Journalese inspired me to raid the New York Times archive for this 1971 Observer column from the late and much-

missed Russell Baker. I have never forgotten it. It's titled The Pickled News.

By RUSSELL BAKER
The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17—The 1971 all-purpose, any-day, any-week news roundup:

Gunfire erupted today along the troubled Middle East as riots broke out in major cities on four continents, leaving a wake of death and destruction. The cost of living, meanwhile, rose to new zeniths, matching the tonnage of all the bombs dropped on the Ho Chi Minh Trail since World War II. Government officials hinted.

Winds of hurricane force slashed across, leaving thousands stalled in record traffic jams leading to all beaches and mountain resorts for the first time since the Paris peace talks get nowhere again today in response to the President's call to the young people of America.

At a prayer breakfast the Rev. Billy Graham.

Interdiction, meanwhile, continued throughout the coming rainy season, as ominous signs of an enemy build up continued to continue. Saigon said, Whitehall wondered tonight, Paris decreed, Cairo threatened again and Moscow continued to show signs.

Meanwhile, in Washington, the powerful and influential Wilbur Mills indicated along the Potomac.

Raging out of control for more than ten years, a lethal blanket of oily black secret intelligence estimates coming across the President's desk has been met by Government economists with optimism about the prospects for the second quarter.

Latin-American revolutionaries bombed.

The bodies were found trussed with ropes, a pool of blood lying in a nickel plated revolver. Interviewed today on his one-hundredth birthday, the centenarian reminisced, despite a cost overrun of nearly \$2.5 billion on the Air Force's long-awaited new visor cap.

Casualties were the lightest, for which most veteran observers credit President Nixon's policy of casualization.

Premier Kosygin met for nearly three hours.

In response to questions, Ronald Ziegler declined.

Cries of "Off the pigs" swept through the fierce Meo tribesmen as firebase Mayor Lindsay, looking self conscious in a hard hat, walked 86 floors to his office after the latest power failure had left traffic paralyzed for more than all the machine-gun bullets fired in France during the First and Second World Wars, regardless whether the industry agreed to meet union demands before the midnight deadline in defiance of President Nixon's call to the young people of America.

Angry, fist-shaking black militants declared.

A new study suggests that enjoying yourself is a leading cause of cancer.

Rocks brought back from the moon evoked scientific debate today. Hanoi charged as the State Department dismissed without comment. The judge said the severity of the sentence was justified by the youth's repeated refusals to have his hair cut. Additional soldiers were found not guilty of massacre at Mylai.

Senator Edward Kennedy.

The sluggishness of the stock market is attributed by some analysts to emergent nations, underdeveloped peoples, disadvantaged elements, the inner city, senior citizens, culturally disadvantaged children, the slow growth rate of Latin-American economies, Tupamaro kidnapers, Timothy Leary, the boycott of lettuce and Congressional concern with excessive violence on television.

Vacationing at San Clemente. Alarming rise in heroin addiction. Berlin. Geneva conference. Mission control at Houston reports nominal gunfire along the Suez Canal and rising interest on college campuses.

That Japanese rail disaster's death toll is still rising tonight. Governor Rockefeller flew to Washington, President Nixon to Key Biscayne and two hijacked airliners to Havana. Highly placed Government sources revealed, suggested, indicated, said they believed, expected, denied, were reluctant to comment for publication, awaited and were pleased, despite reports.

Physicians now believe that happiness may be a leading cause of heart attacks, in spite of the President's plea for the silent majority to back his program for revenue sharing which captured documents indicate may be the objective of the anticipated Red offensive.

Rain, sleet and intolerable heat battered thousands of square miles today. Meanwhile, record-breaking pornography.

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Steve Graham ([Email](#)) - Don't use center when you can use epicenter (even if there's not a lot of shakin' going on).

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Jim Limbach ([Email](#)) - One of my favorites: Don't say future when you can say going forward. (why doesn't this apply to past versus going backward?)

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Charles McFadden ([Email](#)) - Some minor additions for Adolphe Bernotas's marvelous and exhaustive list of bad word use:

Don't say "now" when you can say "At the present time."

Don't say "I think" when you can say "I would think." (Or maybe you wouldn't.)

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Dennis Whitehead ([Email](#)) - Adolphe Bernotas's Contrarian Grammar Hints reminded me of my favorite thud-inducing word – woke.

First up, AP's John Leicster on October 5, 2020 reporting on the French Open, "...when he woke at 7 a.m. for a match..."

October 4 Washington Post report from Iraq, "Young Iraqis who had been camped out in protest tents woke hazily..."

Finally (that's enough!), a May 2020 Washington Post headline, "He woke from a coma..."

What happened to awoke and awakened? Guess I need to awaken to the new woke grammar.

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Ray Newton ([Email](#)) - Wow. The "Final Contrarian Word" was terrific. I printed it for future reference. Wonder how many will read and retain its wisdom and wit.

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Jim Reindl ([Email](#)) - One of Adolphe Bernotas's fine contrarian grammarian hints poses a "thorny problem": What do with this one – "rescuers combed the wooded area on foot for the boy who went missing"? Should they be admonished to stop their forest maintenance in favor of looking more intensely for the boy who went missing? Or, should they be encouraged to continue multi-tasking in the hopes that if they can't find the boy who went missing, they can at least help prevent forest fires as our national leadership has suggested?

Connecting photo box

Hello, Skylar!!!



Michael Putzel ([Email](#)) - Former AP chief White House correspondent and Moscow COB Michael Putzel meets Skylar, his first grand-dog. An 11-week-old Golden Retriever, Skylar recently joined the family of Blackman and Putzel's daughter, Leila Fitzpatrick, her husband Ben Fitzpatrick, and their 10-year-old twin daughters, Abby and Emma. The Fitzpatricks also live in Washington. Photo by Ann Blackman.

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Connecting sky shot – Myrtle Beach



Guy Palmiotto ([Email](#)) - Captured this morning, October 7, 2020, at Myrtle Beach. My wife and I are vacationing there this week. Enjoy the early morning walks on the beach.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Trump doesn't need Russian trolls to spread disinformation. The mainstream media does it for him. (Washington Post)

By Margaret Sullivan
Media columnist

Voting fraud, according to study after study, is rare. Mail-in ballots are, with a few exceptions, a safe way to vote.

But millions of Americans have come to believe something radically different: They think the Nov. 3 election could very well end up being stolen. That the outcome — especially if it relies on counting the votes that come in later than in a normal election year — might well be illegitimate.

Where would they get such an idea?

Conventional wisdom might say it comes from false stories and memes spread on social media, originating from foreign troublemakers trying to influence the election results — most likely in favor of President Trump, who is behind in public opinion polls and stands to benefit most from doubt sown about the reliability of mail-in ballots.

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

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US charges British IS members in deaths of American hostages

By ERIC TUCKER and MATTHEW BARAKAT

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Islamic State militants from Britain were brought to the United States on Wednesday to face charges in a gruesome campaign of torture, beheadings and other acts of violence against four Americans and others captured and held hostage in Syria.

El Shafee Elsheikh and Alexanda Kotey are two of four men who were dubbed “the Beatles” by the hostages because of the captors’ British accents. The two men made their first appearance Wednesday in federal court in Alexandria, Virginia, where a federal grand jury issued an eight-count indictment that accuses them of being “leading participants in a brutal hostage-taking scheme” that resulted in the deaths of Western hostages, including American journalist James Foley.

The charges are a milestone in a yearslong effort by U.S. authorities to bring to justice members of the group known for beheadings and barbaric treatment of aid workers, journalists and other hostages in Syria. Startling for their unflinching depictions of cruelty and violence, recordings of the murders were released online in the form of propaganda for a group that at its peak controlled vast swaths of Syria and Iraq.

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

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Alan Fisco elected president of America's Newspapers; six directors elected to board (America's Newspapers)

Alan Fisco, president of The Seattle Times Company, was elected president of America's Newspapers today (Wednesday).

Members elected officers for 2020-21 on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 7, during this year's virtual conference (PIVOT 2020).

In addition to Fisco, the following officers were elected:

Immediate Past President: Chris Reen, president, The Gazette, Colorado Springs, Colorado, and publisher, The Denver Gazette, Denver, Colorado.

Vice President: Nat Lea, president and CEO, WEHCO Media, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Treasurer: Cameron Nutting Williams, regional publisher, Ogden Newspapers, Frederick, Maryland.

Read more [here](#).

The Final Word

What's your lead on the fly in the debate ointment?



There was a fly in the ointment of last night's debate between vice presidential candidates Mike Pence and his Democratic challenger Kamala Harris (sorry for the fly cliché, but the devil made me do it!).

Not socially distanced and not wearing a mask, the fly rested in the white mane of



Pence for several minutes of the debate and caused more of a stir on social media than anything the candidates had to say.

Spotted on Facebook: "OK, print journalists, you're assigned the fly sidebar, what's your lead?"

If it happened back in the days of the Boys on the Bus, the cry would be, "What's the lead, Walter?" - referring to our colleague and iconic AP political writer Walter Mears.

Connecting looks forward to your own cutline or lead. Send it along.

Meanwhile, the Biden campaign is already making use of it - "Pitch in \$5 to make this campaign fly." (See illustration above.) No truth to the rumor that the fly has found a booking agent.

We're not making this up.

Today in History - October 08, 2020



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Oct. 8, the 282nd day of 2020. There are 84 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 8, 1871, the Great Chicago Fire erupted; fires also broke out in Peshtigo, Wisconsin, and in several communities in Michigan.

On this date:

In 1890, American aviation hero Eddie Rickenbacker was born in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was indicted by a grand jury in New Jersey for murder in the death of the kidnapped son of Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman told a press conference in Tiptonville, Tennessee, that the secret scientific knowledge behind the atomic bomb would be shared only with Britain and Canada.

In 1981, at the White House, President Ronald Reagan greeted former Presidents Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford and Richard Nixon, who were preparing to travel to Egypt for the funeral of Anwar Sadat.

In 1985, the hijackers of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro (ah-KEE'-leh LOW'-roh) killed American passenger Leon Klinghoffer, who was in a wheelchair, and threw his body overboard.

In 1997, Scientists reported the Mars Pathfinder had yielded what could be the strongest evidence yet that Mars might once have been hospitable to life.

In 1998, the House triggered an open-ended impeachment inquiry against President Bill Clinton in a momentous 258-176 vote; 31 Democrats joined majority Republicans in opening the way for nationally televised impeachment hearings.

In 2002, A federal judge approved President George W. Bush's request to reopen West Coast ports, ending a 10-day labor lockout that was costing the U.S. economy an estimated \$1 to \$2 billion a day.

In 2005, a magnitude 7.6 earthquake flattened villages on the Pakistan-India border, killing an estimated 86,000 people.

In 2014, Thomas Eric Duncan, a Liberian man who was the first person diagnosed with Ebola in the United States, died at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas 10 days after being admitted.

In 2017, Harvey Weinstein was fired from The Weinstein Company amid allegations that he was responsible for decades of sexual harassment. Vice President Mike Pence left the 49ers-Colts game in Indianapolis after about a dozen San Francisco players took a knee during the national anthem.

In 2018, New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees became the NFL's all-time leader in yards passing during a 43-19 win over Washington.

Ten years ago: Imprisoned Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo (lee-OO' show-BOH') won the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize, prompting a furious response from China. British aid worker Linda Norgrove, who'd been taken captive in Afghanistan, was killed during a U.S. special forces rescue attempt, apparently by a U.S. grenade. Gen. James Jones announced he was quitting as President Barack Obama's national security adviser.

Albertina Walker, the Grammy-winning singer from Chicago known as the “Queen of Gospel,” died at age 81.

Five years ago: Volkswagen’s top U.S. executive, Michael Horn, offered deep apologies yet sought to distance himself from the emissions scandal enveloping the world’s largest automaker, asserting before a congressional subcommittee that top corporate officials had no knowledge of the cheating software installed in 11 million diesel cars. Svetlana Alexievich, a Belarusian journalist and prose writer, won the Nobel Prize in literature. Chef Paul Prudhomme, 75, who’d sparked a nationwide interest in Cajun food, died in New Orleans.

One year ago: White House Counsel Pat Cipollone sent a letter to House leaders declaring that President Donald Trump would not cooperate with what the letter called an “illegitimate” impeachment investigation; Democrats responded that the letter was a clear reason to write an article of impeachment charging Trump with obstruction. Home in Vermont while recovering from a heart attack a week earlier, Bernie Sanders said he had no plans to abandon his Democratic presidential campaign, but that he might slow down from a frenetic pace that could have contributed to his health problems. Democrat Joe Biden unveiled an education plan that would make community and technical college free, and federal college loan programs more generous. Business executive Gregory Abbott and his wife Marcia were each sentenced to a month in prison for paying \$125,000 to rig their daughter’s college entrance exams.

Today’s Birthdays: Entertainment reporter Rona Barrett is 84. Actor Paul Hogan is 81. Rhythm-and-blues singer Fred Cash (The Impressions) is 80. Civil rights activist Rev. Jesse Jackson is 79. Comedian Chevy Chase is 77. Author R.L. Stine is 77. Actor Dale Dye is 76. Country singer Susan Raye is 76. TV personality Sarah Purcell is 72. Rhythm-and-blues singer Airrion Love (The Stylistics) is 71. Actor Sigourney Weaver is 71. Rhythm-and-blues singer Robert “Kool” Bell (Kool & the Gang) is 70. Producer-director Edward Zwick is 68. Country singer-musician Ricky Lee Phelps is 67. Actor Michael Dudikoff is 66. Comedian Darrell Hammond is 65. Actor Stephanie Zimbalist is 64. Rock musician Mitch Marine is 59. Actor Kim Wayans is 59. Rock singer Steve Perry (Cherry Poppin’ Daddies) is 57. Actor Ian Hart is 56. Gospel/rhythm-and-blues singer CeCe Winans is 56. Rock musician C.J. Ramone (The Ramones) is 55. Actor-producer Karyn Parsons is 54. Singer-producer Teddy Riley is 54. Actor Emily Procter is 52. Actor Dylan Neal is 51. Actor-screenwriter Matt Damon is 50. Actor-comedian Robert Kelly is 50. The mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, is 50. Actor Martin Henderson is 46. Actor Kristanna Loken is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Byron Reeder (Mista) is 41. Rock-soul singer-musician Noelle Scaggs (Fitz and the Tantrums) is 41. Actor Nick Cannon is 40. Actor J.R. Ramirez is 40. Actor Max Crumm is 35. Singer-songwriter-producer Bruno Mars is 35. Actor Angus T. Jones is 27. Actor Molly Quinn is 27. Actor/singer Bella Thorne is 23.

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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