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Colleagues,

Good Monday morning on this the 2nd day of November 2020,

We're sorry to bring you news of the death of our colleague **Dennis Montgomery**, chief of bureau in Little Rock and Richmond during his 20-year Associated Press career. He died last Thursday (October 29) at the age of 73. Dennis was diagnosed with terminal cancer Sept. 29. He died at home with his wife **Robyn Eoff** at his side, listening to his favorite music.

Dennis wrote his own obituary and we bring it to you in today's Connecting. If you have a favorite memory of working with him, please send it along.

"We rely on the AP in large part because it has a track record of precision and caution."

That's a statement of trust from National Public Radio on the eve of Tuesday's long-awaited general election.

Today's issue brings you the NPR story and others relating to Tuesday.

We bring you an essay that ran on the AP wires by Milwaukee newswoman **Carrie Antfinger** that helps explain the impact of the coronavirus on everyone, starting with the reporter's own feelings at a vain attempt to save a little bird. **Jim Carlson**, who shared, noted it was "written with a lot of love, I know, having worked with Carrie for years at the Milwaukee bureau. And the photo collection reflects the close-to-home and worldwide scope of the pain during this pandemic."

In our Final Word, colleague **Cliff Schiappa** relates in a touching story a sad situation in the Kansas City bureau during the 2000 election – beyond the counting of votes - that few have encountered.

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy.

Paul

Dennis Elgan Montgomery

NOVEMBER 22, 1946 – OCTOBER 29, 2020



Journalist Dennis Montgomery of Williamsburg, Virginia died October 29, 2020. The only child of Herbert E. and Marjorie L. Montgomery, he was born November 22, 1946 into a Navy family at Norfolk, Virginia, and was reared in Chula Vista, California; Honolulu, Hawaii; Pawtucket, Rhode Island; Norfolk; and Millington, Tennessee.

Montgomery attended Matthew Fontaine Maury High School in Norfolk, was graduated from Millington Central High in 1964 and the University of Memphis in 1968, where as a summer relief newsman he began a long affiliation with The Associated Press and married Claudia Herrington. The couple joined Volunteers in Service to America, a War on Poverty program, and were community organizers in the Missouri Ozarks, based in Stone County. In 1970, he began a 20-year career with The AP, progressing from newsman in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Southern Illinois correspondent based in Centralia, to National Endowment for the Humanities Professional Journalism fellow at the University of Michigan law school in Ann Arbor, to Tennessee news editor at Nashville, to Ohio assistant chief of bureau at Columbus. Before divorcing in 1980, he fathered Charity Montgomery of Rocky Mount, North Carolina; Harmony Hunter of Toano, Virginia; and Honor McDonald of Richmond, Virginia.

Montgomery became Arkansas chief of bureau in Little Rock in 1981, and married Joyce Kirby of Bel Air, Maryland, in 1982. They had met 20 years before in Surry County, Virginia, where, as an Eagle Scout, he had been a waterfront counselor at Pipsico Boy Scout Reservation near Claremont. Before their divorce in 2000, they were parents to Carla Pillsbury of Richmond; and Grace Montgomery of New London, Connecticut.

During his AP years, he participated in the coverage of such events as the mass escape from Marion Federal Penitentiary, the Three Mile Island disaster, the death of Elvis Presley, the ouster of Tennessee Governor Ray Blanton, and the execution of Michael Marnell Smith. He was, however, best known for feature writing. He contributed to the college texts Excellence in Reporting, and Interpretive Reporting and was listed in Who's Who in America 1986-87, 1988-89; and Who's Who in American Media 1998-99. The AP promoted Montgomery to Virginia chief of bureau at Richmond in 1984, and he retired to Claremont in 1989 to free-lance, serving for a time as editor of and columnist for The Smithfield Times and later as managing editor of the Charlottesville Daily Progress. In that interlude he became a Claremont town councilman and vice mayor, and began research and writing for the unpublished Starving Times, among the first forthright accounts of the misery and cannibalism of Jamestown.

Read more [here](#).

Here's How NPR Reports Election Results

By ARNIE SEIPEL

There have been a lot of questions heading into Election Day 2020 about how much information will and will not be available on election night, as everyone waits to see who has won the presidential contest and other races.

NPR provides live coverage of the results on the radio and online, and we rely on The Associated Press for all vote counting and race calls.

That means we explicitly cite the AP when reporting results — there are no "NPR calls." We will display AP results of the presidential election and other contests on our website.

We will not report the results being tallied or projected by news outlets that are not The Associated Press. Yes, that means we could be in a position in which others have called a key state or the overall presidential race, whether on Nov. 3 or later, but NPR is not reporting that because the AP has not yet made a call.

We rely on the AP in large part because it has a track record of precision and caution.

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

The AP and other media players have changed their game for making election night calls

Seven questions for executive editor Sally Buzbee, and why The Associated Press is collaborating with Fox News

By Rick Edmonds, Poynter

The Associated Press has been calling presidential elections since the days of the Pony Express. (Lincoln won the last time horses were needed to get California's returns.)

It's a different set of challenges now — but a potential reversion looms of having only limited results being available election night.

Sally Buzbee, the AP's executive editor, has been on an interview blitz for the last several weeks, explaining how the wire service is planning to hold its place as the gold standard of accurate calls in the presidential race and others.

Buzbee has a lot of experience with the process. She was the AP's Washington bureau chief before assuming her current position. In an in-house AP promotional video, she described the election night drill as "the single most intimidating part of the job."

I caught up with Buzbee and posed seven basic questions. They appear below, followed by a brief summary of some other organizations' plans for election night (and beyond).

Rick Edmonds: Not to put words in your mouth, but is reporting election night results the single most important benefit for your U.S. clients? Critical to AP's business model?

Sally Buzbee: Providing accurate, fair, nonpartisan journalism of all sorts is the critically important thing that AP does each day. For example, the accountability reporting we did to break the news that President Donald Trump had been on oxygen while sick was critical for the world to know. That matters to a world desperate for factual information, and to customers who depend on us for that strong journalism.

Read more [here](#).

AP Definitive Source: U.S. Elections News Meeting



Nancy Nussbaum (Email) – On Thursday, Oct. 29 we hosted our final webinar in our series where AP Leaders discussed election plans for their area of responsibility via virtual roundtable. They will highlight leading Election Day coverage, as well as week out planning, storylines and more.

Speakers:

Sally Buzbee, executive editor

David Ake, director of photography

Derl McCrudden, deputy managing editor of visual and digital journalism

Brian Scanlon, director of elections

David Scott, deputy managing editor

Click [here](#) to view.

ESSAY: Contemplating death in a year when it feels closer



FILE - This March 18, 2020 file photo shows the funeral of Carrie Antlfinger's father that was affected by rules put in place due to the coronavirus outbreak in Milwaukee. (AP Photo/Carrie Antlfinger, File)



AP journalist Carrie Antlfinger and her mom, Diane Antlfinger pose for a photo in Milwaukee, Oct. 4, 2020. (AP Photo/Carrie Antlfinger)

By CARRIE ANTLFINGER

MILWAUKEE (AP) — One day, on a walk in the middle of a workday, I came across a gorgeous red finch on a sunny sidewalk that didn't fly off when I approached it. It barely put up a fight when I picked it up with a tissue.

I had hoped to take it to the nearby wildlife rehab people. Maybe they could save it. So I walked back to my house and put it in an open plastic tub on my shady porch with seed and water.

I called the rehab people. I knew from past injured wildlife encounters that I should call ahead. The line was busy. Every time I checked on him, I felt a greater urgency. His breathing had increased and he was shaking a little. Their line remained busy.

Less than two hours later, his breathing had stopped.

I cried. I just couldn't hold back.

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I'm struggling. And I have been for awhile.

A lot of us are. There's a pandemic going on, and we are all isolated from each other. There's a recession looming, maybe even a depression. And a divisive election, no matter which side you support.

But it feels like so much more. None of my emotions seem to want to hide anymore.

There's anger, irritation, sadness. Muting life with Netflix has an upside-down reaction for me: I'm crying at happy scenes and sobbing over suspenseful or stressful scenes. I wake at night with bouts of anxiety.

As a reporter, I've told the stories of countless tragedies over the last 20 years: mass murders, murder trials, tornadoes where people lost everything, any number of horrific crimes and dramatic hardships. Why does this feel so different?

Read more [here](#). Shared by Jim Carlson.

Connecting mailbox

The Constitution cannot stand alone

Norm Abelson (Email) - America is on life-support, her breathing shallow, her body wracked by division, hatred, confusion. Amnesia has blotted out memory of the brighter moments in her history. Hope has retreated into the dark places, replaced by hate-thy-neighbor anger, fear, class warfare and uncertainty.

All of this in the midst of a deadly pandemic that is most unlikely to be stopped in a nation (and a world) so divided. Not to speak of the poverty, homelessness and hunger raging in a nation dominated by billionaire tycoons and their lobbyists. And amid hellish greed and corruption.

All of this has not happened over the last four years. For more than a half-century the political edges have been pulling away from each other, until finally the center came apart and crashed. In a democracy how we practice our politics largely determines our fate. The Constitution cannot stand alone. It needs the support of the people, and its representatives, practicing its tenets with honesty, patriotism and good will toward each other. As we have sadly learned – on both sides – the opposite of honest debate followed by compromise is stasis.

As one of those who helps pay their substantial salaries and perks, I am darn tired of the do-nothing, blame game and yell-a-lot behavior coming from the White House and both sides of Congress. In the world of work I lived in, such behavior could well earn you a pink slip. There are many good and caring people in this country, as we see every day. They are entitled to a government that cares about them and the quality of

their lives – and does something about My .Dad taught me that when you have been knocked on your backside, you have two choices: Lie. there, or get up and get moving.

America, with all her downsides, was seen, in the biblical sense, as a “light unto the nations...” Well the light is growing dimmer – largely by our own doing- and the shadows are growing ever longer.

The hour is late, and even God and Mother Nature might not be endlessly forgiving.

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‘Unidentified man, date unknown’



Margy McCay (Email) - I recently visited my sister in Springfield, Ill, where the local paper (State-Journal Register) carries the AP's "Today in History" -- albeit frequently cut to within an inch of its life.

It often pairs the feature with a photo from the paper's archives of some person or event of local historical interest. But editors must have scraped the bottom of the barrel with this choice of an "unidentified man, date unknown."

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Amazed by Gateway Arch

Don Cooper ([Email](#)) - The story and photos of the Gateway Arch (in Friday's Connecting) are amazing. They brought back memories of childhood.

I was in 5th grade at Sacred Heart Catholic School in North St. Louis at the time. We were watching the ceremony on television and could look out the window and see it happening in the distance.

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Scenes from Halloween



Bob Dobkin ([Email](#)) - The wicked witch of Brooklyn, my granddaughter, Cassi, almost age 3. (Photo and costume by her mother, Lauren Dobkin)



Claude Erbsen (Email) - Moon setting over the Hudson and New Jersey Halloween morning. I understand that this is the last Halloween full moon until 2077!

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Fall, winter combined?



Tom Slaughter ([Email](#)) – A week ago today, Lawrence, Kansas, from my backyard.

Best of the Week

AP reveals that Barrett was trustee for schools with anti-gay policies



The records and writings of Supreme Court nominees are scrutinized for signs of how they may vote on important issues, but Amy Coney Barrett's jurisprudence told little about her views on gay rights.

Providence, Rhode Island, correspondent Michelle R. Smith and Washington-based investigative reporter Michael Biesecker knew that Barrett's ties to People of Praise, a religious group with anti-gay views, could be an important part of her confirmation process. Through dogged reporting they were able to show that Barrett was a trustee at a group of People of Praise-run schools that had anti-gay teachings. As part of their work, the pair spoke to people who said they experienced the institutions' discriminatory policies and conditions.

Smith and Biesecker had already encountered secrecy around Barrett's People of Praise connections. They previously won the Beat of the States prize for showing how the group had scrubbed mentions of Barrett from its websites.

Read more [here](#).

Best of the States

AP breaks news on the opioid epidemic and Purdue Pharma, with focus on victims



A drug user deposits used needles into a container at an exchange in Miami, May 6, 2019. AP PHOTO / LYNNE SLADKY

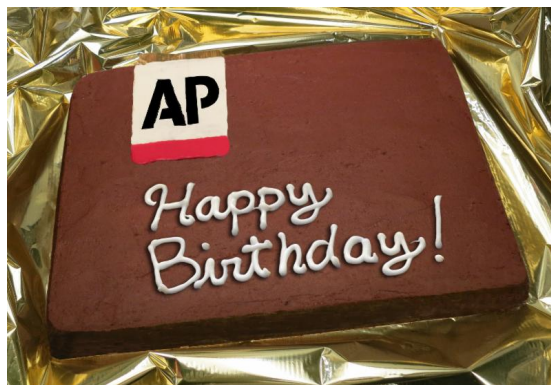
AP reporters from three different teams broke distinctive stories on the ongoing drug overdose crisis in the U.S., which has been overshadowed this year by coverage of the coronavirus pandemic.

Medical writer Mike Stobbe, working with reporter Adrian Sainz in Memphis, Tenn., used exclusive state-level reporting to show that overdose deaths are on pace to reach an all-time high this year, eclipsing the record 71,000 from 2019. The reporting allowed AP to be the first major news organization to show with hard data, as opposed to anecdotal reports, that overdoses had increased after the virus began spreading in the U.S.

Columbus, Ohio, Report for America Ohio statehouse reporter Farnoush Amiri, Washington data team editor Meghan Hoyer and New Jersey-based state government team reporter Geoff Mulvihill produced an accountability story about President Donald Trump's handling of the opioid crisis and showed how the issue has been overlooked in this year's presidential race.

Read more [here](#).

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

'A great friend of AP'
Veteran journalist and author Robert Fisk dies aged 74 (Irish Times)

By **Conor Pope**

Veteran foreign correspondent and author Robert Fisk has died after becoming unwell at his Dublin home on Friday.

It is understood the journalist was admitted to St Vincent's hospital where he died a short time later. He was 74.



Fisk was one of the most highly regarded and controversial British foreign correspondents of the modern era and was described by the New York Times in 2005 as "probably the most famous foreign correspondent in Britain".

He had a long relationship with Ireland dating back to 1972 when he moved to Belfast to work as Northern Ireland correspondent for the London Times at the height of the Troubles.

Read more here. Shared by **Terry Anderson**, who said, "He worked out of the AP office in Beirut, often traveled with me and other AP journalists as we covered the war together." Another colleague, **Robert Reid**, said, "He was a great friend of AP in Beirut and elsewhere in the Middle East. We shared information, rides, dinners and camaraderie for four decades."

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Coronavirus-Driven Downturn Hits Newspapers Hard as TV News Thrives (Pew)

BY MICHAEL BARTHEL, KATERINA EVA MATSA AND KIRSTEN WORDEN

The coronavirus outbreak has had a major impact on the U.S. economy, wiping out five years of growth in the second quarter of 2020.² The news media have responded to these financial pressures with new closings and layoffs, adding to those that have already occurred over the last several years – though the government’s paycheck protection loans program may have provided some relief. But not all sectors, or organizations, have been affected equally.

Newspaper companies have been hit especially hard. Among the six publicly traded newspaper companies studied – major chains that own over 300 daily papers – advertising revenue fell by a median of 42% year over year (i.e., comparing the second quarter of 2020 with the second quarter of 2019).³ By contrast, total ad revenue across the three major cable news networks was steady overall, but there were sharp differences between the networks: While ad revenue for MSNBC and CNN declined by double digits, Fox News Channel’s revenue rose by 41%.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Claude Erbsen.

The Final Word

An election night like no other



Craig Horst, Kansas City newsman and sports writer: "To this day, he is missed"

Cliff Schiappa ([Email](#)) - For many in the journalism industry, the 2000 General Election was a remarkable milepost in what transpired on election night and beyond. For those in the AP's Kansas City bureau, it was also a sad period for reasons not at all related to politics, vote counting, or hanging chads.

Just four months into my role as Assistant Chief of Bureau, it was my first election night without camera in hand. There was plenty to keep the staffers in Missouri and Kansas busy, including a dead man being elected to the U.S. Senate as described here in *Connecting* a few days ago by Scott Charton.

In the late afternoon of Election Day, Tuesday, November 7, 2000, a Kansas City staffer came into my office to say there were some issues with the daytime copy produced by a fellow staffer on the broadcast desk. Normally a strong reporter and writer and highly respected by his colleagues, his copy had errors and careless mistakes that were not his norm.

I looked out into the newsroom and was puzzled by what I saw. From the perspective of a former photographer, I thought the color balance was off. He appeared to be illuminated by tungsten light while everyone else was in the cooler shade of daylight. His skin was yellow and jaundiced.

He was nearing the end of his shift by then, so I invited him to my office for a private conversation. I told him there was concern about some of his copy and I asked if he was feeling okay. He apologized for any problems, and said he was not feeling great. Considering his appearance, I sensed it was more serious, so I spoke with Chief of Bureau Paul Stevens about what we should do. I then placed a call to a friend who is a physician and told her what I was observing and she said he was most likely suffering liver failure and he needed to go to the E.R. immediately.

When I suggested driving him to Saint Luke's Hospital, he objected, saying he had to get home to take care of his two Airedale Terriers. It also raised an issue of just how far I, as his supervisor, could go in terms of his personal health.

I made a call to the veterinarian he used for his pups, asked if she could stay open a little bit later so we could drop them off so I could take him to the hospital. She agreed, and while he wasn't thrilled about all the fuss I was making, he let me follow him home, load his dogs into my car, and then we all drove to the vet and then the hospital. Meanwhile, it was approaching 7pm when polls would close in Missouri and things would start getting busy in the newsroom.

The pace in a hospital emergency room sometimes appears to belie its name. So it seemed as I waited with my colleague as forms were filled out, tests were taken, while other emergencies took precedence. Meanwhile I'm thinking, "Don't they know it's election night and I need to get back to the office?" Fortunately I kept those thoughts to myself, peering in periodically to the curtained-off cubicle where a newsman was lying, surely wishing he was at home with his dogs, or even pulling a double shift in the newsroom.

Minutes became hours, I periodically checked in with the bureau, and of course all was going smoothly without me. Finally he suggested I go back to the office and he'd let me know if he needed a ride home or if he was admitted. I leave, knowing it would be the latter, and returned to the excitement of a newsroom on Election Night.

Local and statewide races were being called as we huddled around the terminals watching numbers that showed a dead man defeating John Ashcroft in the Missouri U.S. Senate race. I also took a call that our friend would be spending the night at Saint Luke's.

The next day I stopped by the hospital and while tired, he was in good spirits. We rehash the election results and looked forward to when the decision would be made about the presidential race between Al Gore and George W. Bush. Meanwhile, I ask if I should call his parents and he makes it clear he does not want them to know he's been hospitalized. Recently divorced, he's got no family at home and many of his friends are the ones with whom he spends one-half of his waking hours at the newsroom.

Again I'm conflicted. Do I let his parents know, or accept his request that I not notify them, while also having to play out the role as his work supervisor. I seek out Paul

Stevens and his wise counsel and we decided to find his ex-wife and let her know of the circumstances. Since the divorce, she had moved to a remote area, barely a berg or speck on the map in the Ozark mountains. After a few phone calls I tracked her down and gave her the news. Despite their separate lives, she was truly concerned and asked if his parents knew. I told her he does not want me to contact them, and as if on cue, she said "I'll call them right now."

His parents arrived from Wisconsin and began the steady process of twice-daily hospital visits where I met them for the first time. Wonderfully kind and caring, it became clear he was glad his parents were there. My former partner Brad and I had his parents over for a home cooked meal and we learned so much more about them and their son.

The Saturday after Thanksgiving, I received a call with the news that he, Craig Horst, only 46 years old, a talented, and beloved AP journalist, sportswriter, and friend, passed away that morning in the same hospital room he was in since I drove him there on election night, 18 days earlier.

Hanging chads were still being counted in Florida when we had a memorial service at the Kansas City Bureau with Craig's parents and dozens of staffers reminding us all of what truly matters in our lives. To this day, he is missed.

Today in History - November 02, 2020



By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Nov. 2, the 307th day of 2020. There are 59 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 2, 1976, former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter became the first candidate from the Deep South since the Civil War to be elected president as he defeated incumbent

Gerald R. Ford.

On this date:

In 1783, General George Washington issued his Farewell Address to the Army near Princeton, New Jersey.

In 1889, North Dakota and South Dakota became the 39th and 40th states with the signing of proclamations by President Benjamin Harrison.

In 1917, British Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour issued a declaration expressing support for a "national home" for the Jews in Palestine.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman surprised the experts by winning a narrow upset over Republican challenger Thomas E. Dewey.

In 1959, former game show contestant Charles Van Doren admitted to a House subcommittee that he'd been given questions and answers in advance when he appeared on the NBC's "Twenty-One."

In 1963, South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem (noh ding ZEE'-em) was assassinated in a military coup.

In 1986, kidnappers in Lebanon released American hospital administrator David Jacobsen after holding him for 17 months.

In 1994, a jury in Pensacola, Florida, convicted Paul Hill of murder for the shotgun slayings of an abortion provider and his escort; Hill was executed in September 2003.

In 2000, American astronaut Bill Shepherd and two Russian cosmonauts, Yuri Gidzenko (gihd-ZEENG'-koh) and Sergei Krikalev (SUR'-gay KREE'-kuh-lev), became the first residents of the international space station.

In 2003, in Iraq, insurgents shot down a Chinook helicopter carrying dozens of U.S. soldiers, killing 16. In Durham, New Hampshire, V. Gene Robinson was consecrated as the first openly gay bishop in the Episcopal Church.

In 2004, President George W. Bush was elected to a second term as Republicans strengthened their grip on Congress. Dutch filmmaker Theo van Gogh was slain in Amsterdam after receiving death threats over his movie "Submission," which criticized the treatment of women under Islam.

In 2016, ending a championship drought that had lasted since 1908, the Chicago Cubs won the World Series, defeating the Cleveland Indians 8-7 in extra innings at Progressive Field.

Ten years ago: Republicans won control of the House of Representatives, picking up 63 seats in midterm elections, while Democrats retained a majority in the Senate; Republican governors outnumbered Democrats after gaining six states. Californians rejected a ballot measure that would have made their state the first to legalize marijuana for recreational use. Surfing champion Andy Irons, 32, was found dead in a Dallas-area hotel room. (An autopsy found that Irons had died from sudden cardiac arrest due to severe blockage of a main artery.)

Five years ago: President Barack Obama toured a drug rehabilitation center and met with former inmates in Newark, New Jersey, where he called on the nation to ensure those regaining their freedom got a second chance instead of a return ticket to prison. NASA and its global partners celebrated the 15th anniversary of continuous residency at the International Space Station, where six U.S., Russian and Japanese crew members held a special dinner. Actor-writer Colin Welland, 81, who won an Academy Award for his screenplay for "Chariots of Fire," died in London. Country singer Tommy Overstreet, 78, died in Hillsboro, Oregon.

One year ago: Washington Nationals fans lined the streets of the nation's capital for a parade to celebrate the city's first World Series victory since 1924. The United Auto Workers announced that President Gary Jones was taking a paid leave of absence amid a federal investigation of corruption within the union. (Jones pleaded guilty to conspiring with others to embezzle union dues.) Character actor Brian Tarantina, most recently known for his role as the comedy club emcee on "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," died in his New York City home at the age of 60.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Jay Black (Jay and the Americans) is 82. Political commentator Patrick Buchanan is 82. Actor Stefanie Powers is 78. Country-rock singer-songwriter J.D. Souther is 75. Actor Kate Linder is 73. Rock musician Carter Beauford (The Dave Matthews Band) is 62. Actor Peter Mullan is 61. Singer-songwriter k.d. lang is 59. Rock musician Bobby Dall (Poison) is 57. Actor Jenny Robertson ("Bull Durham") is 57. Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Lynn Nottage is 56. Actor Lauren Velez is 56. Actor Sean Kanan is 54. Actor David Schwimmer is 54. Christian/jazz singer Alvin Chea (Take 6) is 53. Jazz singer Kurt Elling is 53. Former Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker is 53. Rock musician Fieldy is 51. Actor Meta Golding is 49. Rock singer-musician John Hampson (Nine Days) is 49. Actor Marisol Nichols is 49. Rhythm-and-

blues singer Timothy Christian Riley (Tony Toni Tone) is 46. Rapper Nelly is 46. Actor Danny Cooksey is 45. Rock musician Chris Walla is 45. Actor Reshma Shetty is 43. TV personality Karamo Brown ("Queer Eye," "Dancing With the Stars") is 40. Country singer Erika Jo is 34. Actor-singer Kendall Schmidt is 30.

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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