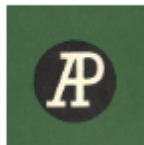


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AP Special Correspondent, Linda Deutsch, at the Los Angeles Hall of Justice, calls in a story to the bureau during the 1970-71 murder trial of Charles Manson. AP Photo.

Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning on this July 21, 2021,

Connecting has received sad news of the death of our colleague **Ron Thompson**, whose AP career included work in Texas and in New York Headquarters. In a note to **Bruce Richardson**, Ron's wife **Marie** said he died in Venice (Fla.) Hospital on Monday night after being admitted two weeks earlier with pneumonia.

"We worked together on many, many projects and in many departments together," Richardson said. "I know he came from Texas and covered many of the space shots before he headed to NYC for many administrative assignments including one of running the communications department. We worked on many, many contract negotiations during our time together in personnel dealing with the bureaus and staff. I'm sure others have many stories they could tell."

We will bring you more in Thursday's issue on his career - and would welcome your memories of Ron.

Today's Connecting brings you the latest installment of a concise visual history of The Associated Press, assembled by AP Corporate Archives as part of a celebration of the news cooperative's 175th birthday. Our thanks to **Valerie Komor**, director of Archives, who handled text and photo editing for this installment.

This installment, the sixth of eight, covers the period from 1961 to 1975 and includes such world-changing events as the space program, the civil rights movement, the Vietnam War, and the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, and the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

AP at 175, Part 6: One World, 1961-75



The last three staffers in The Associated Press' Saigon bureau, reporters Matt Franjola, left, Peter Arnett, rear, and George Esper, second from right, are joined by two North Vietnamese soldiers and a member of the Viet Cong on the day the government of South Vietnam surrendered, April 30, 1975. One of the soldiers is showing Esper the route of his final advance into the city. AP Photo/Sarah Errington. Esper served his visitors Coca Cola and pound cake and immediately filed a story. Later that night, he and Arnett composed the final installment of their "Vietnam Diary," writing: "Communications with our New York office are broken. It is raining heavily outside. You can't see a thing. Are the Viet Cong in town already? One wonders. Did they cut the power? The lights soon go on again, the soldiers go home to sleep it off, we file our night report and the first day without the Americans is over."



Reporter Kathryn Johnson (1926-2019), of the Atlanta bureau (left) accompanies Charlayne Hunter as she and Hamilton Homes seek to integrate the University of Georgia at Athens, Jan. 11, 1961. AP Photo.



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A SHORT GUIDE TO NEWS COVERAGE IN VIET NAM

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AP Short Guide to VN (Jan 1963)



By VALERIE KOMOR

The engineer who launched Wirephoto, Harold Carlson, retired in 1961, the year the silicon chip was invented. Edward Blanton Kimbell succeeded him, with the new title of head of research and development. Kimbell, a self-taught mechanical wizard, had joined AP after graduating from high school during the Depression.

“There was an effort to get high-speed on everything,” Kimbell recalled, “especially the stock market where time was very critical. Stock exchanges didn’t close until three o’clock in the afternoon. Most newspaper around the country had to get the closing stock lists by 3:30 and in 1961 the market transmission was a very slow

speed. Computers were just coming into use. Almost all were used only for business operations, accounting, that kind of thing. And it seemed obvious to us that they could do the kind of thing we needed for stock tables. So we went to several large computer manufacturers and finally settled on IBM. It took us about a year to get the preliminary programming done.”

In late 1962, Kimbell and his staff flew to Palo Alto for final testing of the IBM 1620. The new equipment arrived in New York in December and was installed in the required air-conditioned quarters on the fourth floor of 50 Rockefeller Plaza. There, on Feb. 6, 1963, the 1620 began receiving and tabulating the daily stock market report at the rate of 10,000 words per minute, with reports arriving in newspapers 25 minutes after market close. The machine replaced 50 human tabulators.

Within five years, IBM’s first mainframe computer, the 360, had superseded the 1620. At the time, AP was already working with the Digital Equipment Corporation on the PDP or Programmed Data Processor, DEC’s first minicomputer. The PDP-8 arrived in the Atlanta bureau in June of 1970, serving as the computer hub for a regional editing system that soon encompassed all bureaus. “Pete,” as the computer was known, could hyphenate, justify and automatically transmit AP stories.

In 1971, the first CRTs appeared--so-called because their monitors used cathode-ray tubes to project images onto a glass screen. “After this very short experience,” remarked Milwaukee bureau chief Dion Henderson, “we are still a little dazzled by the electronics...In just ten days we have all incorporated it into our professional lives.”

Although the word “digital” did not appear in the AP Stylebook until 1984, the digital revolution was off and running, with Kimbell handling text and Hal Buell, a generation younger, handling photos. AP General Manager Wes Gallagher, who as a young reporter had followed Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower from London to Nuremburg by way of North Africa and Normandy, pushed for these transformations while coordinating coverage of the era’s biggest stories: NASA’s Mercury, Gemini and Apollo missions, the civil rights movement, the Vietnam War, and the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, and the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Perhaps no one else was so prepared to do so.

Read more [here](#).

Robert Shaw: A role model for many

Kelly Kissel ([Email](#)) - When I met with Linda Sargent and Jamie Stengle over the last couple of weeks to discuss Robert Shaw’s obituary, we calculated that I was Robert’s longest-serving news editor, almost 10½ years. Our initial collaboration occurred well before he arrived in Little Rock, however. It’s explained below, in a letter I wrote for a book of memories prepared for Robert last winter when his fade began in earnest ...

Jan. 24, 2021

The influence Robert Shaw had on my journalism career, at The Associated Press and now beyond, is beyond measure – and it began with two moves he made before I ever directly worked for him. The respect I have for him has no bounds.

In 1987, sight unseen, he asked that I cover Oklahoma State's appearance in the Sun Bowl, reaching out to the West Virginia bureau chief and asking whether the sports writer covering the Mountaineers could also cover his team, which included a future Heisman Trophy winner and a future Cowboys coach.

I thought nothing more about it when the assignment was done.

In 1990, and unknown to me at the time, my name came up while Robert spoke to George Zucker in Philadelphia, while George was trying to hire a State College correspondent. A few days later I was on my way to Pennsylvania.

Robert and I finally met after Bill Clinton's re-election in 1996 and Robert's 1997 start as bureau chief in Little Rock, where I had been news editor since 1994. At our first official meeting, I offered to resign, move to the Little Rock staff, or transfer to another bureau so he could bring his own newsroom leader.

He asked me to stay, then shared his thoughts about my bowl coverage and his discussion with George seven years earlier. I knew nothing of what he had done for me.

Robert influenced my work and career for 20 years, even though we only worked together directly for 10. He was a role model for me, a mentor not only for news but also for how to treat human beings.

I tried to carry that through my remaining days at AP and attempt to maintain it now at The Advocate. Regardless of whether I'm successful, I am forever grateful.

Recalling that terrible night in Kansas City 40 years ago

Doug Tucker ([Email](#)) - I don't care what the records at the weather bureau might say.

It was cold in usually sweltering Kansas City on that terrible, terrible night in July.

Forty years ago last Saturday, my talented AP colleague Bob Macy avoided a media ban and slipped inside the once-splendid, suddenly bloody Hyatt Hotel. I in the meantime would spend the same overnight hours in a small, somber crowd across the street, gathering information on what stood, until 9/11, as the deadliest structural failure in American history.

Two skywalks had collapsed, raining glass and steel, injury and death, upon hundreds of horrified partygoers.

First word came to me when colleague Dan George called from the office and said something awful just happened at the Hyatt.

"So far we've confirmed 13," Dan said.

"Injured?"

"Dead."

I would later wish I'd thrown on a sweater before flying out of the house.

The final toll was 111 died and more than 200 injured. And such terrible injuries they were - paralysis, amputations - arms and legs removed by chain saws as rescuers frantically worked to free screaming victims trapped under tons of concrete before they bled to death.

Bob watched it all up close. A gifted writer with a fantastic eye for detail, he delivered that night what I believe was some of the best pure journalism AP's KC bureau ever produced.

Luckily, I had become friends with the Hyatt's young general manager, Tim Lindgren, who weeks earlier gave me a big sheaf of printed material on downtown KC's newest architectural prize. So I was able to get our coverage off and running with a quick story on almost every facet of the beautiful hotel's structure and design, including the innovative skywalks suspended over a spacious lobby.

Then I headed to the Hyatt and took up a lonesome vigil across the street, watching the activity through the huge busted-out glass front.

Around 2 a.m. I noticed a man and woman holding hands. They weren't talking. Hardly anyone was.

Visitors from St. Louis, they'd had dinner in the hotel and then decided to watch the festive tea dance. But first she wanted to go go upstairs and call the kids while he walked out to the parking garage to retrieve his pipe.

They agreed to meet on the skywalks.

But she was delayed because the kids were at the neighbors. And he was held up when he had trouble getting into the car.

Amazingly, the skywalks creaked, groaned and crashed onto the floor below just as he was starting through the lobby door... and just as her elevator was opening onto the skywalk level.

Blind, unexplainable fate had rescued them from almost certain death.

Sharing such a life-altering experience would draw a loving couple even closer, you might think. But it did not. I called them 10 years later. She told me they had divorced.

The memories seemed to change and haunt them, she said. So they sold their flower shop and decided they no longer wanted to be together.

It was a cold night in July.

Another AP Editors' Fixation

Bruce Handler (Email) - I was heartened to see so many fellow retirees' reactions to NY editors' (in the Bad Old Days) persistent insistence on often needless attribution. (This refers to the perhaps apocryphal tale I passed along a couple of weeks ago about never getting into trouble at the AP simply by ending every sentence with "...state police said Monday.")

Here's another one, which I believe mostly affected AP staffers overseas: "New York Times-itis."

Remember, this was in pre-internet days, when the overnight shift at the AP Foreign Desk would get the early edition of the Times from the 24-hour newsstand downstairs, see a foreign dateline and freak out. Inevitably, the shift editor, instead of actually checking the previous day's incoming files, would wake up the bureau chief at home.

The conversation would go like this -- and yes, I'm exaggerating to make a point:

NY: (Panicking) "Bruce, the Times says on Page 1 that a jet full of American tourists crashed into Sugar Loaf Mountain, blew up and killed everyone on board plus hundreds of Brazilian tourists and sightseers below. Where's ours?"

Bruce: "Um...we had that. And we sent a bunch of radiophotos."

NY: "Oh, really? When was that?"

Bruce: "Well, we sent our first urgent around 3:30 your time yesterday afternoon."

NY: "Lemme take a look. (Pause) Uhh...Yeah, here it is. Guess somebody spiked it."

Of course, the Times had some excellent prize-winning correspondents in Rio over the years who filed many wonderful original enterprise pieces we later had to try to match. But as far as breaking news went, we at one time had a total of seven (!) English-writing staffers in three AP bureaus in Brazil. It was almost impossible to get scooped by the lone Times reporter on that sort of stuff.

Curious to know if other AP colleagues who worked abroad also experienced this NY-centered fixation.

Merrick Garland bans subpoenas, warrants, etc.

Dodi Fromson (Email) - This wonderful news (in your "Connecting" Monday) is causing a lot of good buzz in the journalism community today. It was some 51 years ago when my late husband, Murray Fromson (onetime AP foreign correspondent, then CBS News) was covering the Chicago 7 (or 8) trial following the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. He had deep angst that then AG John Mitchell would

subpoena him and other reporters covering the trial for their notes, outtakes, film, etc., and he wanted no part of it. He told me more than once that he would go to jail before Mitchell got his hands on anything!

It was during that time when he called NYT Chicago bureau chief (the late) Anthony Lukas (whom we had known in New Delhi) to tell him of his deep concern. "Come over for brunch, Tony," Murray said, and they talked about this extensively. Lukas felt exactly the same way, and so within days, what became The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press was formed and launched.

51 years later, RCFP is doing such important work offering free legal advice to journalists who are in need of it. Regular contributions make this happen. Special funding from the Knight Foundation has enabled RCFP to open auxiliary offices in several states extending their reach and services.

My only regret is that Murray didn't live to see this day. He passed away June 9, 2018, of Alzheimer's Disease.

Son of Tim, Kathy Curran is entrepreneur behind Kansas City T-shirts on 'Ted Lasso'



ABOVE: Brendan Curran of Lenexa, a longtime friend of actor Jason Sudeikis, created many of the Kansas City T-shirts Sudeikis wears on "Ted Lasso." Kansas City Star/Tammy Ljungblad

RIGHT: Tim and Brendan.

(Brendan is the son of the late Tim Curran and his wife Kathy. Tim retired from the AP after 39 years. He died in May 2021.)

BY SKYLAR LAIRD
The Kansas City Star

In the hit Apple TV+ show “Ted Lasso,” the coach asks his soccer team: “Do you believe in miracles?”

For local designer and business owner Brendan Curran, seeing the T-shirts he created appear over and over on the show was no miracle. It was just a matter of friends looking out for each other.



Curran is old friends with the show’s creator and star, Jason Sudeikis, who grew up in Overland Park. Sudeikis plays an American football coach who’s hired to coach a British soccer club and fumbles repeatedly as he attempts to learn the game. Ted Lasso began as a character in promotional shorts for NBC Sports’ British Premier League soccer coverage, but Sudeikis expanded the concept into a fully formed character and series that has drawn large audiences and critical acclaim.

Read more [here](#).

Connecting Regional Reunion: September in Texas - Plus a bonus event!

You are invited to attend the Sept. 18-19, 2021, AP Connecting Regional Reunion in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Co-hosts are Mike Holmes of Omaha, Brent Kallestad of Tallahassee and Diana Heidgerd of Dallas. To register, email Diana at heidgerd@flash.net

Please register by Aug. 2. Pay your own way. All events are casual attire.

Registration list: (will be updated):

- Amanda Barnett
- Betsy Blaney
- Joei Bohr & Mark Woolsey
- Sally Carpenter Hale & Rick Hale
- Pam & Frank Collins
- Schuyler Dixon
- Stephen & Andrea Hawkins
- Diana & Paul Heidgerd
- Mike Holmes
- John & Eileen Lumpkin

- Brent Kallestad
- Charles & Barbara Richards
- Rod Richardson & Kia Breaux Richardson
- David & Ellen Sedeño
- Kelley Shannon
- Ed & Barbara Staats
- Jamie Stengle
- Terry Wallace & Liz Eaton

Group events include a Tex-Mex dinner Saturday night, Sept. 18, and going to the Texas Rangers vs. Chicago White Sox game on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 19, at retractable-roof Globe Life Field in Arlington. Baseball tickets are \$45 each and must be reserved in advance via Diana. Details on the registration form.

Bonus Reunion Event! Friday night, Sept. 17:

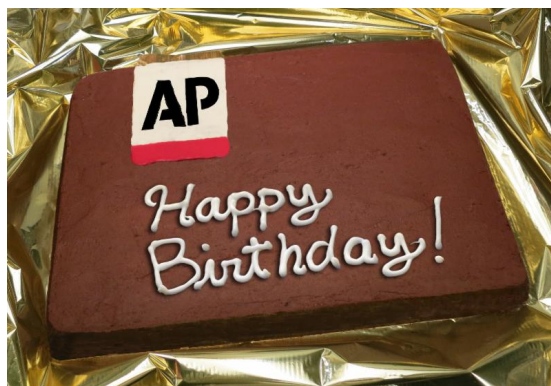
David and Ellen Sedeño of Dallas have graciously offered a suggestion (for reunion early arrivals or those who live in the Dallas-Fort Worth area) -- join them for dinner Friday night at their family's BBQ restaurant: Meat U Anywhere BBQ in nearby Grapevine. For more information: david@meatuanewhere.com

Group hotel:

SpringHill Suites Dallas DFW Airport South/CentrePort, rates \$109-\$114 per night, plus taxes & fees, AP reunion rate is available. Sept. 15-20. Additional hotel information is in the registration form: heidgerd@flash.net

See you in September!

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



John Eagan - johngator64@gmail.com

Stories of interest

The Press Just Got a Big Win. Let's Make It Permanent. (New York Times)

By Stephen J. Adler and Bruce D. Brown

Mr. Adler, who recently retired as editor in chief of Reuters, is chairman of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, where Mr. Brown is the executive director.

Press freedom in the United States just got its biggest boost in years with the Department of Justice's new policy limiting its own power to seize records and notes from journalists.

After decades in which federal prosecutors took steps to try to unmask confidential sources who speak to reporters, Attorney General Merrick Garland on Monday largely removed that threat and enhanced the free flow of information to the public. It's not an overstatement to say that the new rule will increase transparency about the government's own workings, rather than allow them to be cloaked in secrecy.

When sources fear that their confidences may be compromised by law enforcement — even if actual seizures of records are relatively rare — they may decline to come forward, leaving the public in the dark about vital issues. That's why the new rule, which replaced a policy that was more favorable to the purposes of law enforcement, is so important to the press and the public.

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

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David Hawpe was one of Kentucky's newspaper greats. Here are the reasons why (Courier Journal)

Keith L. Runyon, Opinion contributor

David Hawpe often declared that he “loved politics above all else.” During his many years at The Courier Journal, he often proved that to be so.

But he was a man with many loves, beginning with his family, then his city and state, his colleagues and friends, Kentucky history and his newspaper, which he decisively shaped for 40 years.

Certainly, he was one of the “big five” of Courier journalists over the newspaper's 153-year history. He belongs in a select group with founding editor Henry Watterson, whose pen was so sharp that he won the Pulitzer Prize in 1918 for a fiery editorial call-to-arms in World War I. And with Mark Ethridge, the Mississippi liberal who made the newspaper a beacon for civil rights and the New Deal in the 1930s-60s.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Hank Ackerman.



Celebrating AP's 175th

175th anniversary Polo shirts



AP is offering a variety of 175th anniversary merchandise, but one item that isn't available and that many staffers like is a Polo shirt. Adam Yeomans, AP's regional director for the South, has taken care of that. He recently ordered Polos for AP staffers in the South, a few members and retirees, other AP fans. Now you have the opportunity to order one of these limited-edition shirts emblazoned with the AP's 175th anniversary logo. The cost is \$30 per shirt, including shipping. Adult sizes are S, M, L, XL and XXL. The Navy Blue shirts are a 50/50 blend and tend to run a little large. If you'd like to order one, please email Adam Yeomans at adamyemans@yahoo.com with your name, phone number, home address, and the size(s) and quantity by July 30. Adam says he will collect payment once the shirts are ready for shipping. He's trying to cover his cost; if there's anything left, he says he will donate it to the AP Employee Relief Fund.

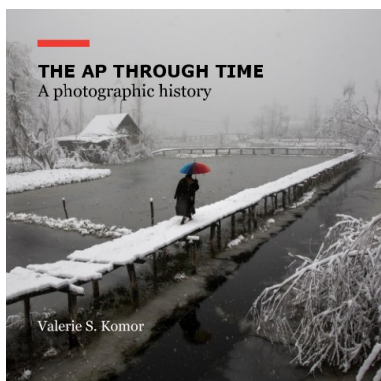
AP store for 175th, vintage merchandise



The AP has created a store with 175th anniversary merchandise available for purchase, as well as items branded with some of AP's most historic logos.

Click [here](#).

AP Through Time: A Photographic History



AP Through Time: A Photographic History” - created by Director of Corporate Archives, Valerie Komor, is a keepsake commemorating AP’s 175th year. Small in size (6 ¾ x 6 ¾ in.), it is organized chronologically in eight segments that trace the broad outlines of AP’s development from 1846 to the present: Beginnings, Evolution, New Century, Modernity, Expansion, One World, Speed, and Transformation. Click [here](#) to view and make an order.

AP at 175 video

This video celebrates the unique role AP has played since 1846.

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Today in History - July 21, 2021



By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 21, the 202nd day of 2021. There are 163 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 21, 1944, American forces landed on Guam during World War II, capturing it from the Japanese some three weeks later.

On this date:

In 1861, during the Civil War, the first Battle of Bull Run was fought at Manassas, Virginia, resulting in a Confederate victory.

In 1925, the so-called "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tennessee, with John T. Scopes found guilty of violating state law for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (The conviction was later overturned on a technicality.)

In 1954, the Geneva Conference concluded with accords dividing Vietnam into northern and southern entities.

In 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin blasted off from the moon aboard the ascent stage of the lunar module for docking with the command module.

In 1972, the Irish Republican Army carried out 22 bombings in Belfast, Northern Ireland, killing nine people and injuring 130 in what became known as "Bloody Friday."

In 1980, draft registration began in the United States for 19- and 20-year-old men.

In 1999, Navy divers found and recovered the bodies of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn, and sister-in-law, Lauren Bessette (bih-SEHT'), in the wreckage of Kennedy's plane in the Atlantic Ocean off Martha's Vineyard.

In 2000, Special Counsel John C. Danforth concluded "with 100 percent certainty" that the federal government was innocent of wrongdoing in the siege that killed 80

members of the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, in 1993.

In 2009, prosecutors in Cambridge, Massachusetts, dropped a disorderly conduct charge against prominent Black scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr., who was arrested by a white officer at his home near Harvard University after a report of a break-in.

In 2011, the 30-year-old space shuttle program ended as Atlantis landed at Cape Canaveral, Florida, after the 135th shuttle flight.

In 2008, former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic (RA'-doh-van KA'-ra-jich), one of the world's top war crimes fugitives, was arrested in a Belgrade suburb by Serbian security forces. (He was sentenced by a U.N. court in 2019 to life imprisonment after being convicted of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.)

In 2015, after a nearly decade-long steroids prosecution, former baseball star Barry Bonds emerged victorious when federal prosecutors dropped what was left of their criminal case against the career home runs leader.

Ten years ago: The 30-year-old space shuttle program ended as Atlantis landed at Cape Canaveral, Florida, after the 135th shuttle flight. Eurozone leaders agreed to a sweeping deal that would grant Greece a massive new bailout and radically reshape the currency union's rescue fund.

Five years ago: Donald Trump accepted the GOP presidential nomination with a speech in which he pledged to cheering Republicans and still-skeptical voters that as president, he would restore the safety they feared they were losing, strictly curb immigration and save the nation from what he said was Hillary Clinton's record of "death, destruction, terrorism and weakness." The NBA moved the 2017 All-Star Game out of Charlotte because of its objections to a North Carolina law that limited anti-discrimination protections for lesbian, gay and transgender people.

One year ago: Minnesota lawmakers approved a police accountability package including a ban on neck restraints like the one used on George Floyd before his death in Minneapolis. (Gov. Tim Walz signed the bill two days later.) After months of resisting wearing a mask in public, President Donald Trump told reporters that he was "getting used to" wearing one; as Trump returned from a three-month hiatus from daily virus briefings, he warned that the coronavirus would get worse in the United States before it got better. The Republican speaker of the Ohio House, Larry Householder, and four associates were arrested in a \$60 million federal bribery case connected to a taxpayer-funded bailout of Ohio's two nuclear power plants. (Householder, who has proclaimed his innocence, was expelled from the Ohio House by fellow lawmakers in June 2021.) Jazz singer and actor Annie Ross died at her New York home, four days before her 90th birthday.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Norman Jewison is 95. Actor Leigh Lawson is 78. Singer Yusuf Islam (also known as Cat Stevens) is 73. Cartoonist Garry Trudeau is 73. Actor Jamey Sheridan is 70. Rock singer-musician Eric Bazilian (The Hooters) is 68. Comedian Jon Lovitz is 64. Actor Lance Guest is 61. Actor Matt Mulhern is 61. Comedian Greg Behrendt is 58. Soccer player Brandi Chastain is 53. Rock singer Emerson Hart is 52. Rock-soul singer Michael Fitzpatrick (Fitz and the Tantrums) is 51. Actor Alysia Reiner is 51. Country singer Paul Brandt is 49. Christian rock musician

Korey Cooper (Skillet) is 49. Actor Ali Landry is 48. Actor-comedian Steve Byrne is 47. Rock musician Tato Melgar (Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real) is 44. Actor Justin Bartha is 43. Actor Josh Hartnett is 43. Contemporary Christian singer Brandon Heath is 43. Actor Sprague Grayden is 43. Reggae singer Damian Marley is 43. Country singer Brad Mates (Emerson Drive) is 43. Former MLB All-Star pitcher CC Sabathia (suh-BATH'-ee-uh) is 41. Singer Blake Lewis ("American Idol") is 40. Latin singer Romeo Santos is 40. Rock musician Johan Carlsson (Carolina Liar) is 37. Actor Vanessa Lengies (LEHN'-jeez) is 36. Actor Betty Gilpin is 35. Actor Rory Culkin is 32. Actor Jamie Waylett ("Harry Potter" films) is 32. Figure skater Rachael Flatt is 29.

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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