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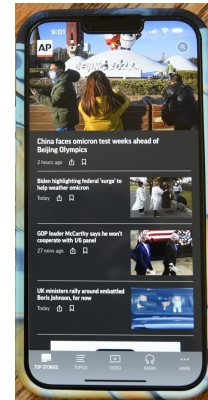
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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning on this Aug. 3, 2022,

It would take a lot to get [Kristin Gazlay](#) out of her beloved New York City.

It would take a lot to get [Charles Hill](#) out of his beloved Detroit.

But it has happened for our two Connecting colleagues, highly respected journalists with long and successful AP careers, but even greater people to the many of us lucky enough to know them. Their Love Story leads today's issue.

"We are pleased to share our good news," Hill said. "It has been heartwarming to see how our happiness is echoed by those who seem very happy for us when they learn of the news. We're very lucky people, in so many ways."

Here's to Kristin and Charles – and here's to a great day ahead for you.

Paul

From New York City and Detroit, they're starting a new life's chapter in Texas



Kristin and Charles in Belgium.

Kristin Gazlay recently posted on Facebook that she is leaving New York after having lived there a total of 27 years and is moving with Charles Hill to the Dallas-Fort Worth suburbs, where they have bought a house. They hope to be settled in their home by early September.

This comes more than 40 years after they first met as Dallas AP staffers in 1981. Charles became Houston correspondent in 1982 and Kristin headed to San Antonio as correspondent the next year. Charles returned to Dallas as assistant chief of bureau in 1983 and Kristin, who had been named Texas news editor, succeeded him as ACOB in 1984 when he became bureau chief for Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

After their Texas AP days, they stayed in touch through the decades, including as fellow bureau chiefs after Kristin became Little Rock COB and then later as she made her way to New York as assistant managing editor for enterprise, then to London as news editor and then back to New York, and as Charles moved to Detroit as Michigan AP chief of bureau, where he was COB for more than 21 years. That was his eighth and final AP location after having worked previously in North Carolina, Connecticut

and Washington, D.C. Charles was married for more than 40 years to Sylvia Rector, who passed away in 2016.

Kristin retired in January as senior editor at large after an AP career that included serving at New York headquarters in a variety of posts, including vice president and managing editor for financial news, global training and state news and deputy managing editor for national news.

They both say they appreciate the sweet surprises that life can provide.



Charles and Kristin at the 1989 bureau chiefs meeting in New York; in case their youthful appearances make them unrecognizable, they are to (President and CEO) Lou Boccardi's immediate left.

From Kristin's Facebook post:

If I'm anything, I'm a New Yorker. I've lived in and deeply loved this wondrous city for a total of 27 years and reveled in all the endless riches it has to offer. And now, dear reader, I am leaving for a new life and a new adventure. Next week, as many of you know, I will set out for the environs of Dallas, where most of my remaining immediate family lives and where I went to college and still have many wonderful friends. And I'll be embarking on this new chapter with Charles Hill, who I first met in the 1980s when we both worked in the AP's Dallas bureau. Life is, as they say, strange. And mysterious. And serendipitous. And pretty darn marvelous.

A bad time in America

[Norm Abelson](#) - Many thanks to Francesca Pitaro of AP Archives for the excellent Tuesday Connecting story and photos of the 1932 Bonus Army march on D.C.

My late Dad, an eight-year Navy vet, and one of the youngest men to have served in action during World War I, participated in that event. (I can recall no specific memories of him talking about it.)

As most others in that Depression, my under-employed Dad, my Mom and two-year-old me were having a hard time – squeezed in a tiny three-room apartment in a poverty-ridden neighborhood. The bonus sure would have helped. Things changed for the better when Dad finally secured a full-time job as a shoveler on a coal-delivery truck.

What a shameful moment in American history. Shame on Douglas MacArthur, Dwight Eisenhower, George Patton and the others who led the assault on our veterans. The roundups, the firing of guns on Americans, the burning of huts and tents. No doubt there were incidents of the marchers acting badly. Still, what an unforgivable assault on the Constitutional rights of those American citizens/soldiers.

Taxes can be strange

[Henry Bradsher](#) - As my wife and I paddlewheel up the scenic Mississippi from New Orleans to St. Paul on a 185-passenger boat (but the paddlewheel on the back is purely ornamental), I get to thinking about things past. For instance:

Taxes can be strange, not just in trying to work through the forms at filing time.

Soviet correspondents based in the United States in the 1960s had to pay U.S. taxes on their declared income, although it was not clear how true those declarations were. Those based in New York paid both federal and state taxes. And then New York

City began billing them also for a city tax, that I believe was 1 or 2 percent. They protested and fought this city tax in the courts. They lost.

Soon after they lost, we correspondents in Moscow for New York-based news organizations were informed that we had to pay a Moscow city tax. A Moscow city tax? No one had heard of it. No non-New York-based journalists had been assessed it. But we had to pay it in addition to the other taxes that the Soviets laid on us. (How true were our declarations to the Soviets of our incomes is a subject that I'll not get into here.)

Another curious tax situation existed in India when I was there before Moscow. AP's Delhi bureau was, during my time from 1959 to 1964, responsible for all of South Asia. That meant a lot of travel from Afghanistan to East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) and from Nepal to Ceylon (now Sri Lanka).

India only taxed foreigners for the time they were actually in the country. In order to leave it, one had to prove being up to date on paying taxes. So every three months we would go to the Inland Revenue office and pay advance taxes on our declared income (again, I'll not discuss how true that was, or whether we told them about such things as housing allowances). That got us certificates that allowed us to clear customs at airports. Then, the next time we went to Inland Revenue, we'd show by passport stamps how much time we'd been out of India. The next advance would be reduced by that untaxed time away.

In those days, Americans who had been abroad more than 18 months did not have to pay U. S. federal income taxes on anything below \$75,000 a year. In those days, ordinary journalists' basic salary was rarely even a tenth that much. So we became subject only to Indian taxes, and only while in the country. During my home leave in 1962, I was tax-free all the way – a cause of some jealousy if it came up with friends at home.

Statehouses can be most interesting places to work



[Chris Carola](#) - Any reporter who has spent any time covering a statehouse knows that the buildings themselves can be one of the most interesting places to work as journalists.

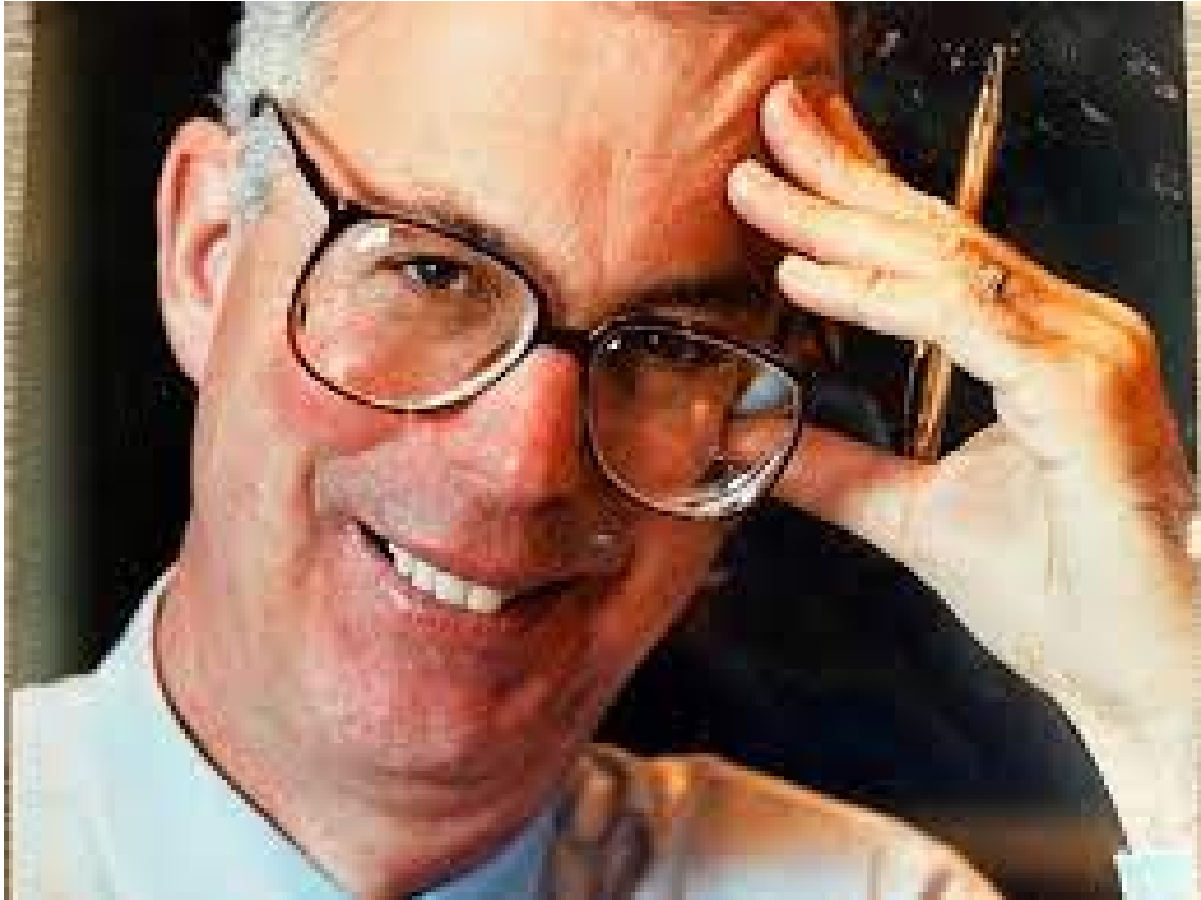
Such is the case with the New York State Capitol in downtown Albany. Built over a three-decade span ending in 1899, the structure's mishmash of post-Civil War architectural styles reflects the work of the five different architects who had a hand in the project. Inside and out, the State Capitol is a marvel to look at – and to explore.

I had plenty of opportunities to do both during my 31 years with AP in Albany. While most of that time was spent working out of the main upstate bureau in the Times Union building in suburban Colonie, I had occasional assignments to the AP's Capitol office to cover the legislative session, the governor's state of the state address, government agencies, etc.

During one of those last stints, in the spring of 2018, I was walking around outside the building on a sunny day, looking at various architectural details and carved granite flourishes for a story on the building's complicated history and the intriguing sculptures occupying various nooks and crannies.

That's when I noticed, for the first time, two sculptures tucked between three elaborate peaked dormers on the roof of the fifth floor. My lingering curiosity over this brace of bas reliefs eventually led to [this freelance story](#) recently published on the front page of the Times Union – and to the apparent solving of at least one mystery surrounding carved stonework honoring two historic figures from New York's past.

How the Reno Gazette Journal covered his death **Jerry Ceppos, former dean of UNR journalism school, dead at 75**



Siobhan McAndrew
Reno Gazette Journal

The last byline of Jerry Ceppos wasn't on a Pulitzer Prize-worthy investigation, although those were on the longtime newspaperman's resume.

The last story the former dean of the University of Nevada, Reno Reynolds School of Journalism wrote was the obituary of Miss Mary Lee Ruddle.

"To this day, none of us dares call her anything other than 'Miss Ruddle,'" Ceppos wrote, calling her an "unrelenting coach who demanded high standards but, importantly, assured us that we could meet even her requirements. Her confidence was important for a geeky high-school boy."

Ceppos, who led UNR's journalism school from 2008 to 2011, died Friday in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, of sepsis following an infection, his wife told The Mercury News in San Jose, Calif. He was 75.

It was just weeks ago on July 8 that Ceppos penned the simple obituary on Ruddle.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Warren Lerude.

Miami – January 2002

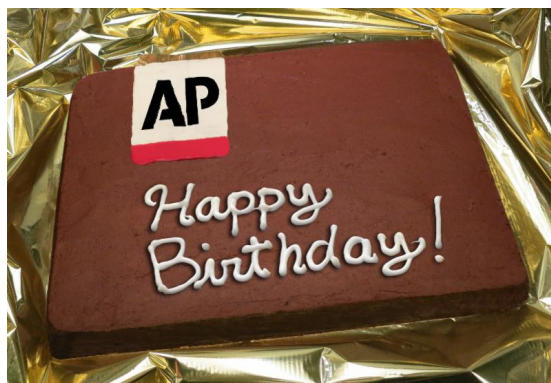


Larry Hobbs - While cleaning out old files I found this foto of some Miami editorial staffers helping COC Charles Bruce celebrate his retirement. Florida was fully staffed then, with seven bureaus. CWB made sure we stayed connected and our members were fed.

Front row, from left: Patrick Reyna, Freida Frisaro, Charles Bruce, Catherine Wilson, Confidential Secretary Rosemary Mileto, Shift Supervisor Larry Hobbs. Top row, from left: Sports Writer Steve Wine, COB Kevin Walsh, AP Broadcast-Florida staffer Tony Winton.

Frieda Frisaro alone remains on active duty, as a breaking news staffer in Miami.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



[Ben Curtis](#)

[Jim Hood](#)

Connecting '80s/'90s Club

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Connecting publishes this list at the beginning of each month. If you are qualified for one of the age groups and would like to be listed, drop me a note. Please let me know of any errors.)

90s:

**Norm Abelson
Henry Bradsher
Hal Buell
Albert Habhab
George Hanna
Hoyt Harwell
Gene Herrick
Joe McGowan
Sam Montello
Charlie Monzella
Jack Pace
Bob Petsche
Arlon Southall
Sal Veder
Doris Webster
Arnold Zeitlin**

80s:

**Paul Albright
Peter Arnett
Harry Atkins**

**Malcolm Barr
Myron Belkind
Ed Bell
Dan Berger
Adolphe Bernotas
Brian Bland
Lou Boccardi
Hal Bock
William Roy Bolch Jr.
Ben Brown
Charles Bruce
Ford Burkhart
Harry Cabluck
Sibby Christensen
Shirley Christian
Don Dashiell
Bob Daugherty
Don Deibler
Mike Doan
Bob Dobkin
Otto Doelling
Phil Dopoulos
John Eagan
Claude Erbsen
Mike Feinsilber
Dodi Fromson
Joe Galu
Bill Gillen
Steve Graham
Bob Greene
Chick Harrity
Lee Jones
Doug Kienitz
Dean Lee
Pierce Lehmbeck
Warren Lerude
Gene LaHammer
Carl Leubsdorf**

**Bruce Lowitt
David Liu
Jim Luther
John Marlow
Dave Mazzarella
Chuck McFadden
Yvette Mercourt
Reid Miller
Harry Moskos
Ray Newton
Greg Nokes
Lyle Price
Charles Richards
Bruce Richardson
Denis Searles
Richard Shafer
Mike Short
Rick Spratling
Ed Staats
Karol Stonger
Marty Thompson
Hilmi Toros
Kernan Turner
Jack Walker
Mike Waller
Bob Walsh
Dean Wariner
Jeff Williams
Johnny Yost
Kent Zimmerman**

Stories of interest

PEOPLE Reporter Plays Catch with a Grieving Dad: 'I Was Crying Before We Even Started'

By JEFF TRUESDELL

The reporter is not supposed to be the story.

But as I reported on Dan Bryan, a Missouri dad working through the shattering loss of his son Ethan, a 16-year-old high school baseball player, by playing a game of catch with a different person every day for a year, my need was clear: I had to know how it felt to be on the receiving end of his throw.

"I would love to have a catch with you sir!" Dan, 46, replied in an email.

By then we'd already spoken on the phone for an emotional 90 minutes. Dan choked up. I choked up. But I didn't then uncork the personal well of emotions that steered me to share his story and its inspirational theme about the healing power of human connection.

Read more [here](#).

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Vin Scully, Dodgers broadcaster for 67 years, dies at 94 (AP)

By BETH HARRIS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hall of Fame broadcaster Vin Scully, whose dulcet tones provided the soundtrack of summer while entertaining and informing Dodgers fans in Brooklyn and Los Angeles for 67 years, died Tuesday night, the team said. He was 94.

Scully died at his home in the Hidden Hills section of Los Angeles, according to the team, which spoke to family members.

As the longest tenured broadcaster with a single team in pro sports history, Scully saw it all and called it all. He began in the 1950s era of Pee Wee Reese and Jackie Robinson, on to the 1960s with Don Drysdale and Sandy Koufax, into the 1970s with Steve Garvey and Don Sutton, and through the 1980s with Orel Hershiser and Fernando Valenzuela. In the 1990s, it was Mike Piazza and Hideo Nomo, followed by Clayton Kershaw, Manny Ramirez and Yasiel Puig in the 21st century.

The Dodgers changed players, managers, executives, owners — and even coasts — but Scully and his soothing, insightful style remained a constant for the fans.

Read more [here](#).

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Fearless female press photographer shares work from the White House (Digital Camera World)

By Beth Nicholls

Christy Bowe has been a member of the White House Press Corps since 1995, having covered two-term Presidents Clinton and George W. Bush as well as President Barack Obama.

Her career as a female press photographer has placed her at the center stage of severe historical happenings, including the horrors of 9/11, and photographing three historical impeachments as well.

Christy is also the founder of ImageCatcher News Services, covering the Washington DC area for 30 years, and her work can be found in many prominent publications. Now Christy aims her Nikon lenses at the 46th US President, Joe Biden.

We had a chance to interview Nikon-shooter Christy Bowe all about her fascinating career as a female member of the official White House Press Corps (opens in new tab). As explained in her latest photo book, *Eyes That Speak: One Woman News Photographer's Journey with History Makers*, Christy documents her experiences photographing American Leaders, and political tensions, from January 1993 through to January 2021.

Having photographed eight US presidential inaugurations and photographing royalty such as Princess Diana, it's safe to say that Christy has had one of the most thrilling careers that a photographer could ever hope to achieve. She has a distinct passion for being where the action is and recording history as it happens.

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

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Can local news be saved? (Poynter)

By: Elizabeth Djinis

How many headlines have we seen offering a grim pronouncement on the local news industry? They all feature some variation of the cliché: "Local news is dying."

It's certainly true that the local news industry as a whole has suffered. More than 360 U.S. newspapers closed between late 2019 and May 2022, according to an updated report by local news guru and Northwestern University professor Penny Abernathy, and 40 of the 100 largest dailies don't publish a print edition seven days a week. In 2006, there were an estimated 75,000 journalists working in newsrooms. As of last year, that number had dwindled to less than 30,000.

But the fact is that local news is not so much dying as reinventing itself. This is happening with local newspapers, which are turning more and more to membership, community engagement and outside funding to further their missions. But it's also happening with a slew of new products adding yet another option to the local news landscape.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Mike Holmes.

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Bill Russell's Words Were Worth the Wait (New York Times)

By Harvey Araton

Rare was the working person around N.B.A. arenas these past few decades who never had an encounter with the majestic Bill Russell. On occasion, mostly a special one, he was an intimidating presence walking tall and transcendent, in the manner of a man who had invented the game.

In the dynastic measure by which we often relate to basketball, from Boston to Los Angeles to Chicago to Golden State, he actually did.

Russell's death at 88 on Sunday predictably evoked relished memories of meeting the most prolific instigator of championships in the history of American team sports. It is an indisputable fact that time with Russell was not generously dispensed. When it was, only the most hardheaded among us wasn't better for it.

I was a terrified young reporter for The New York Post in the late 1970s when my editor ordered me to "get Russell" for an assigned story. I found him in the media dining area at the old Spectrum arena in Philadelphia on a Sunday afternoon before a game he was working as network analyst.

Read more [here](#).

The Final Word



Shared by Bruce Lowitt

Today in History – Aug. 3, 2022



By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 3, the 215th day of 2022. There are 150 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 3, 2019, a gunman opened fire at a Walmart store in El Paso, Texas, leaving 22 people dead; prosecutors said Patrick Crusius targeted Mexicans in hopes of scaring Latinos into leaving the U.S., and that he had outlined the plot in a screed published online shortly before the attack. (A man who was wounded in the shooting died in April 2020 after months in the hospital, raising the death toll to 23. Crusius has pleaded not guilty to state murder charges; he also faces federal hate crime and gun charges.)

On this date:

In 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, on a voyage that took him to the present-day Americas.

In 1916, Irish-born British diplomat Roger Casement, a strong advocate of independence for Ireland, was hanged for treason.

In 1936, Jesse Owens of the United States won the first of his four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics as he took the 100-meter sprint.

In 1949, the National Basketball Association was formed as a merger of the Basketball Association of America and the National Basketball League.

In 1966, comedian Lenny Bruce, whose raunchy brand of satire and dark humor landed him in trouble with the law, was found dead in his Los Angeles home; he was 40.

In 1972, the U.S. Senate ratified the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union. (The U.S. unilaterally withdrew from the treaty in 2002.)

In 1981, U.S. air traffic controllers went on strike, despite a warning from President Ronald Reagan they would be fired, which they were.

In 1993, the Senate voted 96-to-three to confirm Supreme Court nominee Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

In 1994, Arkansas carried out the nation's first triple execution in 32 years. Stephen G. Breyer was sworn in as the Supreme Court's newest justice in a private ceremony at Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist's Vermont summer home.

In 2005, fourteen Marines from a Reserve unit in Ohio were killed in a roadside bombing in Iraq.

In 2014, Israel withdrew most of its ground troops from the Gaza Strip in an apparent winding down of a nearly monthlong operation against Hamas that had left more than 1,800 Palestinians and more than 60 Israelis dead.

In 2018, Las Vegas police said they were closing their investigation into the Oct. 1, 2017, shooting that left 58 people dead at a country music festival without a definitive answer for why Stephen Paddock unleashed gunfire from a hotel suite onto the concert crowd.

Ten years ago: The U.N. General Assembly overwhelmingly denounced Syria's crackdown on dissent in a symbolic effort meant to push the deadlocked Security Council and the world at large into action on stopping the country's civil war. Michael Phelps rallied to win the 100-meter butterfly for his third gold of the London Games and No. 17 of his career. Missy Franklin set a world record in the 200 backstroke for the 17-year-old's third gold in London.

Five years ago: Senators introduced two bipartisan bills aimed at protecting Special Counsel Robert Mueller from being fired by President Donald Trump. (Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said the effort was unnecessary, and that he wouldn't let the legislation reach the floor.) West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice said he was switching parties to join the Republicans, a move that came as President Donald Trump visited his increasingly conservative state.

One year ago: New York's state attorney general said an investigation into Gov. Andrew Cuomo found that he had sexually harassed multiple current and former state government employees; the report brought increased pressure on Cuomo to resign, including pressure from President Joe Biden and other Democrats. (Cuomo resigned a week later.) New York became the nation's first big city to announce it would require proof of COVID-19 vaccination at restaurants, shows and gyms. The Taliban pressed ahead with their advances in southern Afghanistan, capturing most of the Helmand provincial capital. After taking herself out of several competitions at the Tokyo Games to focus on her mental health, U.S. gymnast Simone Biles returned to win a bronze medal in the balance beam.

Today's Birthdays: Football Hall of Fame coach Marv Levy is 97. Singer Tony Bennett is 96. Actor Martin Sheen is 82. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Lance Alworth is 82. Lifestyle guru Martha Stewart is 81. Singer Beverly Lee (The Shirelles) is 81. Movie director John Landis is 72. Actor JoMarie Payton is 72. Actor Jay North (TV: "Dennis the Menace") is 71. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Marcel Dionne is 71. Actor Philip Casnoff is 68. Actor John C. McGinley is 63. Rock singer-musician Lee Rocker (The Stray Cats) is

61. Actor Lisa Ann Walter is 61. Rock singer James Hetfield (Metallica) is 59. Rock singer-musician Ed Roland (Collective Soul) is 59. Actor Isaiah Washington is 59. Country musician Dean Sams (Lonestar) is 56. Rock musician Stephen Carpenter (Deftones) is 52. Hip-hop artist Spinderella (Salt-N-Pepa) is 51. Actor Brigid Brannagh is 50. Actor Michael Ealy is 49. Country musician Jimmy De Martini (Zac Brown Band) is 46. NFL quarterback Tom Brady is 45. Actor Evangeline (ee-VAN'-gel-een) Lilly is 43. Actor Mamie Gummer is 39. Olympic gold medal swimmer Ryan Lochte is 38. Country singer Whitney Duncan is 38. Actor Jon Foster is 38. Actor Georgina Haig is 37. Pop-rock musician Brent Kutzle (OneRepublic) is 37. Rapper Shelley FKA DRAM is 34.

Got a story or photos to share?

Connecting is a daily newsletter published Monday through Friday that focuses on retired and former Associated Press employees, present-day employees, and news industry and journalism school colleagues. It began in 2013 and past issues can be found by clicking Connecting Archive in the masthead. Its author, Paul Stevens, retired from the AP in 2009 after a 36-year career as a newsman in Albany and St. Louis, correspondent in Wichita, chief of bureau in Albuquerque, Indianapolis and Kansas City, and Midwest vice president based in Kansas City.



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:

- **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.
- **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?

- **Most unusual** place a story assignment took you.

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