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Colleagues,

Good Monday morning on this Jan. 9, 2023,

Connecting brings you the sad news of the death of our colleague **Charlie Price**, longtime Associated Press chief of communications in Seattle, who died at 94.

A story on his life leads today's issue. It was written by **Dave Herron**, retired AP senior technician in Seattle, who wrote a story for Connecting on Charlie at the time he celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. (That's the two of them in photo at right.)

If you have a favorite memory to share, please send it along.

Charlie was among three colleagues who left our world over the past week.

**Mike "Buck" Tharp**, veteran newspaper editor and correspondent (Wall Street Journal, Merced (Calif.) Sun-Star, U.S. News & World Report, journalism instructor) who shared

with Connecting several stories on his brave battle with cancer, has died of the disease. An obituary is being prepared and will be shared when available.

**Sam Montello**, a longtime ob/gyn physician in Kansas City and a good tennis friend of Ye Olde Connecting Editor, died Dec. 31 – a month short of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Click [here](#) to read the obituary of this remarkable man, son of immigrants, who delivered thousands of babies in the Kansas City area. Sam played tennis up until age 95.

Treasure each day, hug the ones you love.

Here's to a great week ahead.

Paul



## Charlie Price – AP communications leader respected by staff, members – dies at 94



Charlie Price in Seattle bureau, 2014.

**Dave Herron** – *retired AP senior technician, Seattle* - Of personal sad news and sharing, over the weekend I learned that former Seattle Chief of Communications,

Charlie Price passed. Per his daughter Cindy, "Charlie passed away peacefully in his sleep in the early morning hours of January 7, 2023."

A diplomat and a leader, it was Charlie's diligence and commitment to AP's customers that kept him passing through airports throughout Alaska. He always worked hard to improve the delivery reliability of AP's content to even the most remote villages in Alaska's bush country. In short, if any customer in Washington or Alaska had a problem, Charlie didn't hesitate to dispatch a technician. Many times, we were on the next flight up to Alaska to make repairs and get the customer back in service.

From the big companies to the independents, Charlie's commitment in maintaining AP's service was evident and he gained the respect of many in the publishing and broadcast industry throughout the region. In many ways, without Charlie's careful hands-on efforts, the AP's customer base in Washington and Alaska certainly would not have been what it was.

Charlie Price was born in Washington, DC on Dec. 31, 1928, and he attended public schooling in Mamaroneck, Darien, Stamford, North Stamford and Albany.

After high school, Price worked for Pitney-Bowes until the U.S. Air Force took him during the Korean War. There, he was trained on teleprinters and he was made Maintenance Chief at its Teletype Operators School in Cheyenne, WY.

At first, Charlie had no thought of remaining in teleprinter work. After leaving the Air Force, he tried a couple of other jobs but never felt at home in them - he missed all the clickety-clack to which he had become accustomed. So, he inquired at several places about a printer maintenance job. C.H. McDonald, AP Chief of Maintenance, didn't have a job to offer, but he hired him as a packing clerk until one opened.

Charlie and his wife, the former Mary Louise Moravek of Fairfield, Conn., have a daughter, Cynthia Ann, born in New Orleans.



● **Charles A. Price Jr. is AP communications chief at Seattle. He's responsible for wire operations and equipment in one of AP's very largest territories. He was assigned to Seattle after service in Albany and Newark, and in his new post he has become a boating bug like most everyone else. On weekends he's likely to be found cruising Puget Sound.**

- 1952    Joined AP in Newark, NJ as Communications Technician
- 1954    New Orleans as Technician, Maintenance operations
- 1961    Albany as Maintenance operations
- 1964    Newark Traffic Chief
- 1965    Seattle Traffic Chief

It was during his work in the south that he ran into the soon-to-be television husband of Laura Petri on 'The Dick Van Dyke Show'. Charlie said that he was working at a radio

station where Dick Van Dyke was employed and he said that Dick was very gracious when Charlie got their AP equipment back online.

After a few stops along the way, in 1965, Charlie packed up the family and moved west to become Traffic Chief in Seattle where he spearheaded the technical operations across Washington state and Alaska. This involved not only getting the news report to AP's customers and maintaining an expansive landline network that stretched to adjacent states, but it also required maintaining and scheduling upgrades on a LOT of equipment at AP's news Bureaus and customer's facilities throughout the region. Needless to say, THIS required a lot of technical know-how and an abundance of creative thinking on the fly to keep the news moving on all levels.

While there weren't awards given for what Charlie did, he did gain the respect from his peers and superiors across the country. An achievement that only a handful in his league could obtain.



**In the photo above is the "Charlie's Angels" crew standing in front of what was one of the first C-Band satellite antennas brought online as part of AP's migration into satellite transmission of all AP content. From left: ACoC Roy Hays, Senior Technician Doug Remmem, COC Charlie Price, and technicians Jim Corder and Roger Roden.**

In retirement, Charlie enjoyed a relaxed life in a community just north of Seattle and over the summer, the staff at the facility wanted to honor Charlie for being such a terrific resident and a good friend of everyone. Word is that he was quite popular!

SO, the staff there wanted to do a '**This Is YOUR Life**' celebration for Charlie and there was a wonderful turnout of local friends, past coworkers and family members. Wine, food and other beverages were provided and put on display were photos of Charlie from his early days with AP to some more recent photos.

Though, while Charlie was thrilled, he didn't quite grasp what the event was ALL about! He kept asking, "What's all this for?" Well, they finally got him to understand that THIS was 'Charlie's Day' and he was being honored. Many thanks go out to Francesca Pitaro in 'AP Archives' and the HR team for providing the complete back history, for without which, none of that would have been possible.

Charlie's daughter Cindy and a good friend of ours, Everett (Oly) Olson, provided a some recent photos of Charlie and some of his celebration event over the summer. Oly said that they covered most of the high points of his career and his life and some of Charlie's corruption (admittedly, while with Oly).

Everett was the Systems Admin over at the Seattle Times for 25 years before retiring. Both Charlie and I worked closely with "Oly" on equipment upgrades and any issues that needed resolved and being that the AP Bureau was just across the street from the Times, Oly would often stop by and harass us.

Over the past many years, Oly and Charlie would get together every month or so for lunch at Gianni's Italian Ristorante in Everett, WA. where Charlie enjoyed Minestrone soup and a plate of Ravioli. Afterward, they'd relax over a cold beer and discuss current events - or - some wonderful past events.

## ***Remembering Charlie Price***



Charlie visiting an old friend in the Seattle bureau, 2014.

**John Brewer** - Charlie's smile, calmness and talents were ever-present no matter what the technical crisis.

He could fix anything. He could get you out of any predicament whether it had to do with printers, satellite dishes, autos, buildings, boats, radios, plumbing, electrical issues or computers.

I was Seattle COB, responsible for Washington state. Charlie as Seattle COC was responsible not only for Washington but also a hunk of Idaho and the huge and rugged world of Alaska.

His legacy includes the design, coordination and installation of the AP's first satellite dish system that served radio/TV and newspaper members in the 49th state beginning in the early 1980s.

I remember a photo of Charlie standing triumphantly in a parka in a far-away Alaskan snowfield, with an AP dish behind him.

He had flown in by bush plane to install the dish at a radio station. It was a gorgeous blue-sky day, and he looked as if he was on top of the world.

He wrote a wry caption at the bottom of the photo: "It's a tough job, but someone has to do it."

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[Steve Graham](#) - Charlie was a good friend and a great guy.

We met when I was news editor in Portland in the late '70s and Portland fed everything through Seattle. On one occasion, Charlie came to Portland, when then-communications chief Bob Colburn was laid up.

Charlie not only tolerated my occasional tinkering with communications, but encouraged it.

One of Charlie's tasks was to oversee the installation of a satellite dish at a radio station in Nome, Alaska. At 64.5 degrees north latitude, a scant two degrees south of the Arctic Circle and the furthest north of any AP satellite dish it had to be placed on the top of the building to "see" the satellite 22,500 miles over the Equator.

The dish was installed in the winter and one of Charlie's favorite stories concerned a phone call from New York asking him for a photo of the installation. Charlie said he replied that he could probably get a photo in a couple of months or so and when queried as to why he couldn't do it right away, Charlie replied that it was still nighttime around the clock up there and the sun wouldn't be available for a while.

We shared an interest in aviation. I had an FAA flight instructor's certificate and Charlie had taken up flying. On his secondment to Portland, I had the privilege of signing him off to make his first solo flight, which he executed perfectly down at the McMinnville airport.

Charlie also was a volunteer at the Boeing aircraft restoration facility in Everett, north of Seattle. I met him there on one trip coming down from Canada and he gave me a tour of the hangar where vintage military and civilian aircraft were undergoing restoration for Boeing's museum.

He not only got me the tour, but he set me up to "fly" a Link Trainer, the WWII-era flight simulator that taught pilots how to fly under instrument conditions.

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[Marty Thompson](#) – Shortly after joining the AP in Seattle in 1966 Charlie Price opened his "classroom." He taught me how stuff worked, things a newsman could do without breaking union rules while working with the tech staff to make things run smoothly.

That helped a guy who came to AP from being news director in a small radio station in Central Washington where there were no rules about who could do what.

Charlie was a warm-hearted guy with a good sense of humor.

When I was selected to be Reno correspondent in 1968, I learned there were no Teletype operators in small bureaus. No problem, said Charlie, "I'll teach you."

He did. At the end of my news shifts, Charlie set up Teletype equipment where he taught me to punch copy. It took patience.



There was much to learn about the Nevada AP. Four fulltime staffers covered the state --two in Reno and one each in Carson City and Las Vegas. We all punched our own copy, on an all-caps wire that provided state news to some members, including the Reno newspaper. That was how copy destined for national wires got to Los Angeles, where it was edited and handed to operators to get to New York.

I arrived in Reno able to keyboard copy eventually fast enough to get ahead of the transmitter. We called it "getting tape on the floor." It meant I could focus on news rather than how to get stories out of town.

Over the years I have often reflected how much I owed Charlie for the time he spent in Seattle teaching me the technical stuff so I could concentrate on the rest of the job - the news.

## When TCU meets Georgia tonight, the Lumpkins will be cheering on the Frogs



This is the Lumpkin's modest Horned Frog collection. John notes: "As you may know, there isn't any such thing as a horned frog in zoology. It is the horned lizard, a reptile - the official Texas state reptile." The flag in the corner flew over the Capitol in Austin.

[John Lumpkin](#) - Recalling I worked at TCU after retiring from AP, an editor for Texas Highways magazine asked if I had maintained enough interest in the Horned Frog

football team to write a story from a fan's perspective about its unlikely appearance in Monday night's national college football championship. Little did she know.

Our older son John and his mom Eileen are among 11 members of Eileen's family who attended TCU, including her late parents. The first TCU game I attended was in 1970 with her and her parents after we were married at University Christian Church next to the campus in Fort Worth.

Unfortunately, it was a blowout at the hands of the Arkansas Razorbacks. Adding to the unpleasantness, we sat in front of an Arkansas contingent in their red garb, repeatedly yelling "Wooo, Pig, Sooiie!" One of them was smoking a cigar, flicking ashes. They burned a hole in my only pair of dress slacks.

Things got worse for TCU football in that decade, better for a brief time in the 1980s and really returned to prominence in this century. We were mostly there through the worst and now the best. After joining AP in 1971 in Dallas, I covered home games of Baylor and Texas A&M, but not the Horned Frogs. That was the province of the late Fort Worth Correspondent Mike Cochran, a fixture in the TCU press box and post-game sportswriter hospitality.

Even so, it was a treat to pursue the Texas Highways request, the result of which is [here](#).

And one more thing...when Kristin Gazlay saw this post, she noted that her sister was the TCU mascot, then called Addie the Frog and now SuperFrog. Kristin is a graduate of SMU, where current TCU coach Sonny Dykes was before crossing the DFW Metroplex to join the Horned Frogs.

## George Stanley's farewell essay to Journal Sentinel readers

[Jim Carlson](#) – Our colleague George Stanley used the Journal Sentinel "Ideas Lab" section Sunday for [a goodbye essay](#) that included his reflections on what's happened to newspapers and other news outlets over the past four decades.

He traces the decline back to the days when radio stations started cutting their news crews in favor of opinion shows that gradually took over.

It's something we all witnessed but I felt it was a good review to put out there for everyone to read.

He also notes some of the investigations his newspaper took on, and the positive changes they caused.

It prompted me to write this letter to the editor of the Journal Sentinel:

Thanks to retiring Milwaukee Journal Sentinel editor George Stanley for his illuminating essay (Ideas Lab, Jan. 8) explaining how public trust in our newspapers and other fact-based "mainstream media" has declined in the past four decades.

It hits home to me because I spent my whole career in the media industry that now has become a target for those who would rather trust social media outlets-- the very outlets that have helped kill off so many newspapers. As those outlets have continued to syphon off advertising revenue and cut into subscriber support for newspapers, there have been the continuing staffing cuts and consolidation making it that much harder for traditional news media to operate.

(It doesn't help when certain political figures make a career out of slamming the mainstream media and demeaning its work as a way of furthering their own ends.)

We're at a crossroads now, as we consider how to get unbiased news we need about everything from local government board meetings to Congress.

Under Stanley's leadership, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel has been making the most of journalism partnerships to help bolster its coverage.

And its investigations are having a lasting impact, thanks to talented staffers and editors like George Stanley.

(Shoutout to Lee Hughes for sharing Stanley column.)

## More tales of lost luggage

[Doug Goodrich](#) - I had a very unlikely luggage occurrence many years ago (following on Charlie Hanley's luggage tale in Friday's Connecting).

I traveled to New York for an extended business trip in the mid-80s and checked a hard-sided Samsonite suitcase. Picked it up from the luggage carousel, caught a taxi and headed for my hotel in Midtown Manhattan. As I tried to unpack, I could not open the lock latch. Tried and tried and was about to try to force it open when I flipped the luggage tag over and discovered that I had picked up someone else's identical suitcase. I called the number on the tag and reached the owner's wife who immediately called her husband. He had just checked in—to a hotel directly across the street from mine! And he hadn't begun to unpack and didn't realize he had also grabbed the wrong identical suitcase.

We exchanged bags on the street corner minutes later. What are the odds???

## 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for MadhuCoach



From left, Margy McCay, Madhu Krishnappa Maron, Melissa Rayworth and Ted Anthony.

Former AP HR exec and special projects director Madhu Krishnappa Maron celebrated the 20th anniversary of her leadership and career coaching company, [MadhuCoach](#), with a brunch in North Bergen, NJ, on Saturday. Here she's pictured with (to her right) retired AP Personnel Director Margy McCay and (to her left) former New York Sports office manager and current executive editor of Kidsburgh.org Melissa Rayworth; and current AP Director of New Storytelling and Newsroom Innovation Ted Anthony.

### ***BEST OF THE WEEK — FIRST WINNER***

## **Police seize on COVID-19 tech to expand surveillance**



**A worshipper stands in the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the Old City of Jerusalem, Jan. 29, 2022, and holds his mobile phone showing a threatening message. The May 2021 text, signed "Israeli intelligence," reads: "Hello! You have been spotted as having participated in acts of violence in Al-Aqsa Mosque, and we will hold you accountable." AP PHOTO/MAHMOUD ILLEAN**

Fresh off a fellowship studying artificial intelligence at Stanford University, reporter Garance Burke returned to AP's investigative team with an idea for a gripping global project: Could AP staff track how policing worldwide had changed since the pandemic began?

More than a year later, Burke and the cross-format, cross-border team she led produced a sweeping investigation revealing how law enforcement across the globe mobilized new mass surveillance tools during the pandemic for purposes entirely unrelated to COVID-19. With bylines from Burke in San Francisco, California, Josef Federman in Israel, Huizhong Wu in Taiwan, Krutika Pathi and Rishabh Jain in India and Rod McGuirk in Australia, the team delivered four powerful government accountability stories that showcased the power of AP's global reach.

The stories, video, graphics and photographs centered the voices of people who were directly impacted, showing how diverse pandemic tools were instead used to halt activists' travel, amass private data and investigate crimes. The massive, global effort drew from the talents of more than 35 AP staffers across regions and departments, and received support from the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, the Starling Lab for Digital Integrity, and partners University of California Berkeley's Human Rights Center Investigations Lab.

Read more [here](#).

**BEST OF THE WEEK — SECOND WINNER**

# AP team documents Norway's melting glaciers in stunning climate change package



Aviator and adventurer Garrett Fisher flies his plane above the Folgefonna glacier in Norway, on Aug. 10, 2022. AP PHOTO/BRAM JANSEN

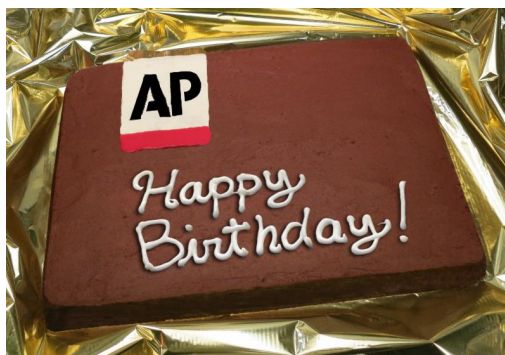
Garrett Fisher, a 41-year-old photographer and pilot, had been on a largely solo quest to document the majestic beauty of the world's glaciers before they melt away entirely. That is, until AP Global Enterprise Visual Journalist Bram Janssen and Digital Storytelling Producer Natalie Castaneda convinced Fisher to allow them aboard his restored 1965 single-engine Piper Super Cub plane to accompany him in the air and tell his story.

For the first time in the years Fisher has spent documenting glaciers across the globe, he gave Janssen and Castaneda a view vastly more detailed than the images typically captured by satellites. While satellite images have provided decades of data for scientists, Fisher said they're too two-dimensional.

So, he flies low and slow over the glaciers with the AP reporting team, allowing them to record what he calls nature's "crown jewels." Fisher spent years documenting glaciers in North America and Europe, and he recently shifted his focus to Scandinavia, spending this past summer in the skies above Norway.

Read more [here](#).

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



## [Kevin Walsh](#)

# Stories of interest

## ***Bernard Kalb, Veteran Foreign Correspondent, Is Dead at 100*** (New York Times)

By Dennis Hevesi

Bernard Kalb, a veteran correspondent for CBS, NBC and The New York Times who also made a brief and unhappy foray into government as a State Department spokesman, died on Sunday at his home in North Bethesda, Md. He was 100.

His death was confirmed by his daughter Claudia Kalb, who said his health had declined after a fall on Jan. 2.

In his many years on television, Mr. Kalb's sonorous voice, thick eyebrows and command of detail became familiar to millions of viewers. He covered wars, revolutions and the diplomatic breakthroughs that presaged the end of the Cold War.

He reported for The Times from 1946 to 1962, for CBS during the next 18 years (during which he joined his brother, Marvin, on the diplomatic beat) and as NBC's State Department correspondent from 1980 to 1985. Then, for nearly two years, he served in the Reagan administration's State Department — a stint that ended contentiously.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Arnold Zeitlin, Richard Chady.

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## ***W.Va. journalist let go after reporting on abuse allegations*** (AP)

By LEAH WILLINGHAM

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — A West Virginia journalist lost her job last month after she reported about alleged abuse of people with disabilities within the state agency that runs West Virginia’s foster care and psychiatric facilities.

Amelia Ferrell Knisely, a reporter at West Virginia Public Broadcasting, said she was told to stop reporting on the Department of Health and Human Resources after leaders of the embattled agency “threatened to discredit” the publicly funded television and radio network. She later learned her part-time position was being eliminated.

In a statement, Knisely said her news director told her the order came from WVPB Executive Director Butch Antolini, former communications director for Republican Gov. Jim Justice. Antolini has served as executive director since 2021, when his predecessor was ousted after Justice overhauled the agency’s governing board.

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

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## *The Gadgets We Bring on Every Trip* (New York Times)

By Haley Perry

We've tested hundreds of gadgets, packed (and overpacked) for dozens of trips, flown hundreds of thousands of miles, and worked remotely from all over the world. But you don't have to be a digital nomad or a tech expert to travel like one. Here are a few gadgets and accessories to make travel as painless as possible via plane, train, or automobile, as well as at your destination.

Read more [here](#).

## Today in History - Jan. 9, 2023



Today is Monday, Jan. 9, the ninth day of 2023. There are 356 days left in the year.



**Today's Highlight in History:**

On Jan. 9, 2015, French security forces shot and killed two al-Qaida-linked brothers suspected of carrying out the rampage at the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo that had claimed 12 lives.

**On this date:**

In 1788, Connecticut became the fifth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1793, Frenchman Jean Pierre Blanchard, using a hot-air balloon, flew from Philadelphia to Woodbury, New Jersey.

In 1861, Mississippi became the second state to secede from the Union, the same day the Star of the West, a merchant vessel bringing reinforcements and supplies to Federal troops at Fort Sumter, South Carolina, retreated because of artillery fire.

In 1913, Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, was born in Yorba Linda, California.

In 1914, the County of Los Angeles opened the country's first public defender's office.

In 1916, the World War I Battle of Gallipoli ended after eight months with an Ottoman Empire victory as Allied forces withdrew.

In 1945, during World War II, American forces began landing on the shores of Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines as the Battle of Luzon got underway, resulting in an Allied victory over Imperial Japanese forces.

In 1951, the United Nations headquarters in New York officially opened.

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, in his State of the Union address to Congress, warned of the threat of Communist imperialism.

In 1972, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes, speaking by telephone from the Bahamas to reporters in Hollywood, said a purported autobiography of him, as told to writer Clifford Irving, was a fake.

In 1987, the White House released a January 1986 memorandum prepared for President Ronald Reagan by Lt. Col. Oliver L. North showing a link between U.S. arms sales to Iran and the release of American hostages in Lebanon.

In 2003, U.N. weapons inspectors said there was no "smoking gun" to prove Iraq had nuclear, chemical or biological weapons but they demanded that Baghdad provide private access to scientists and fresh evidence to back its claim that it had destroyed its weapons of mass destruction.

In 2005, Mahmoud Abbas, the No. 2 man in the Palestinian hierarchy during Yasser Arafat's rule, was elected president of the Palestinian Authority by a landslide.

In 2020, Chinese state media said a preliminary investigation into recent cases of viral pneumonia had identified the probable cause as a new type of coronavirus.

Ten years ago: Vice President Joe Biden heard personal stories of gun violence from representatives of victims groups and gun-safety organizations at the White House as he undertook to draft the Obama administration's response to the shooting at a Connecticut elementary school. The Seastreak Wall Street, a commuter ferry, made a hard landing into a Manhattan pier, injuring 85 people. No one was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame; for the second time in four decades.

Five years ago: Downpours sent mud and boulders roaring down Southern California hillsides that had been stripped of vegetation by a gigantic wildfire; more than 20 people died and hundreds of homes were damaged or destroyed. Breitbart News Network announced that Steve Bannon was stepping down as chairman after his public break with President Donald Trump.

One year ago: Seventeen people, including eight children, died after a fire sparked by a malfunctioning space heater filled a high-rise apartment building with smoke in the New York City borough of the Bronx; it was the city's deadliest blaze in three decades. Comedian and actor Bob Saget, best known for his role on the sitcom "Full House," was found dead in a hotel room in Orlando, Florida. (A medical examiner later determined that Saget died from an accidental blow to the head, likely from a backward fall.) Dwayne Hickman, an actor and TV executive remembered for his role as TV's Dobie Gillis from 1959 to 1963, died of complications from Parkinson's at his Los Angeles home; he was 87.

Today's birthdays: Actor K Callan is 87. Folk singer Joan Baez is 82. Rock musician Jimmy Page (Led Zeppelin) is 79. Actor John Doman is 78. Singer David Johansen (aka Buster Poindexter) is 73. Singer Crystal Gayle is 72. Actor J.K. Simmons is 68. Actor Imelda Staunton is 67. Nobel Peace laureate Rigoberta Menchú is 64. Rock musician Eric Erlandson is 60. Actor Joely Richardson is 58. Rock musician Carl Bell (Fuel) is 56. Actor David Costabile ("Breaking Bad" is 56. Rock singer Steve Harwell (Smash Mouth) is 56. Rock singer-musician Dave Matthews is 56. Actor-director Joey Lauren Adams is 55. Comedian/actor Deon Cole is 52. Actor Angela Bettis is 50. Actor Omari Hardwick is 49. Roots singer-songwriter Hayes Carll is 47. Singer A.J. McLean (Backstreet Boys) is 45. Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, is 41. Pop-rock musician Drew Brown (OneRepublic) is 39. Rock-soul singer Paolo Nutini is 36. Actor Nina Dobrev is 34. Actor Basil Eidenbenz is 30. Actor Kerris Dorsey is 25. Actor Tyree Brown is 19.

## 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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