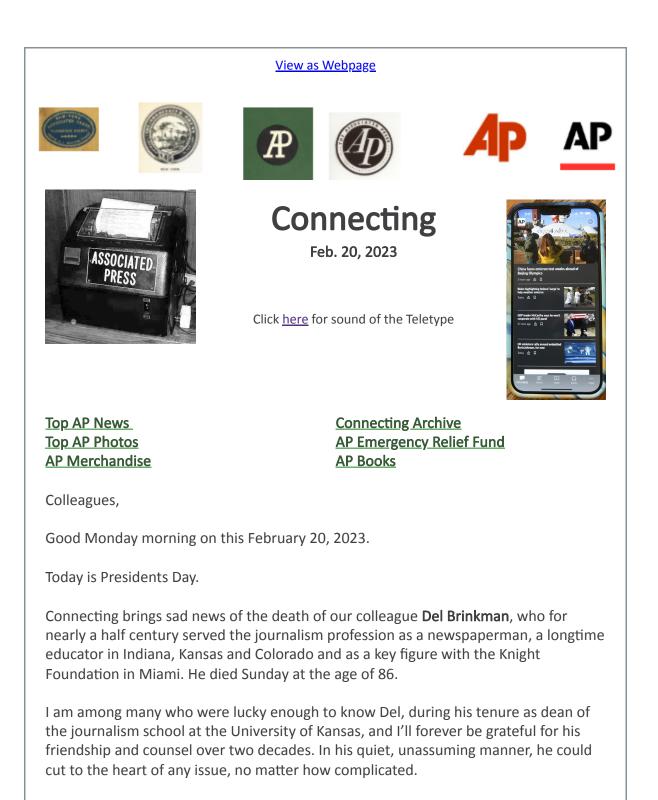
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If you have a favorite memory of working with him, please send it along.

Speaking of memories, former President Jimmy Carter has entered home hospice care and several of you shared favorite stories of covering Carter that we bring you in today's issue. If you have your own story, please share.

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**Two AP names 'dropped'**: In Friday's Name Drop, The New Yorker's Trivia Game, the first of six clues: "A 2022 biography of me, by Darlene Superville and Julie Pace, describes my work with adolescents at the Rockford Center psychiatric hospital, which I undertook while pursuing my master's degree at Villanova."

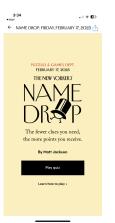
Need a clue as to who dropped the clue? OK, her first name is Jill.

Thanks to Sylvia Wingfield and Chris Connell for sharing.

Here's to a great week ahead – be safe, stay healthy!

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Del Brinkman, in the service of journalism for half century, dies at 86





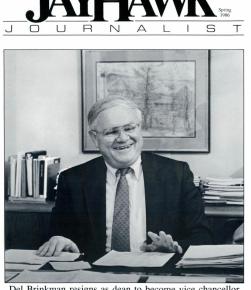
In this photo of the University Daily Kansan newsroom, from the 1970s (oh, the hair!!!), Del Brinkman (in suit and tie) poses with students. Two of them in the photo went on to AP careers – Dave Bartel, (to Del's left) who was Wichita correspondent, and Tom Slaughter, (behind and left of Del) who was an AP chief of bureau and vice president before a second career as executive director of the Inland Press Association.

Paul Delbert "Del" Brinkman, who began his career as a journalist for a newspaper once edited by William Allen White and retired 48 years later as a distinguished journalism educator and dean, died Sunday (Feb. 19). He was 86 and lived in Overland Park, Kan.

Del was born in Olpe, Kansas, to Paul and Delphine Brinkman, the oldest of five children who lived on the family's farm. It was there he first heard the St. Louis Cardinals on the radio, sparking a lifelong love of baseball and kindling an interest in journalism. He graduated from Olpe High School and attended Emporia State University, where he earned a degree in English and Social Science.

While in college, he worked for The Emporia Gazette and after graduation taught English and journalism at Leavenworth High School before pursuing graduate studies at Indiana University in Bloomington, where he earned a master's degree in journalism in 1963 and a doctorate in mass communication in 1971. He was on the journalism faculty at Kansas State University from 1965-1968 before joining the William Allen White School of Journalism at Kansas in 1970, where he worked until 1993. While at KU, Del led the journalism school as dean for 11 years before serving as vice chancellor for academic affairs for seven years. He was KU's faculty representative to the Big Eight Conference and NCAA for 15 years. He twice chaired the Big Eight Conference and led the search committee that hired Carl James as conference commissioner. He also served on numerous search committees at KU, including in 1988, when Roy Williams was named KU's seventh basketball coach.

Del left KU in 1993 to become Director of Journalism Programs at the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation in Miami, where he oversaw the foundation's journalism grant programs and new



Del Brinkman resigns as dean to become vice chancellos

education initiatives. In 2001, he left the Knight Foundation to become dean of the School of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Colorado-Boulder, where he retired in 2002. Throughout his career, he also was active in journalism education curriculum development and national accreditation. He was president of the accreditation committee of the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications. He received numerous awards, including recognition as a distinguished alumnus from Emporia State and Indiana University's Distinguished Alumni Service Award.

In retirement, Del remained active in numerous professional and civic organizations. He served on the Colorado Journalism and Mass Communications Advisory Board and was an Honorary Trustee of the William Allen White Foundation at KU. For 15 years, he served as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Knight International Press Fellowship and was a public member of the American Bar Association's Council on the Accreditation of Law Schools.

In a commencement address, Del once told journalism graduates at Colorado about the "six G's" of life: a person who is great and good, grateful and gracious, generous and glad is likely to live a happy, successful life. Friends, students and colleagues will remember Del for all of those qualities, and will miss his curious mind and kind spirit.

Del was a doting father and grandfather who loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Del was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Evie; second wife, Carolyn; and his sister, Rosie Pounder. He is survived by his sister Barbara Becker; brothers Ronnie and Marvin; son Scott; daughter Susan Moeser (Chris); stepchildren Cindy Cummings (Bill), Debra Baker and Jeff Backer; grandchildren Kelsey Brinkman, Jack and Claire Moeser; step-grandchildren Chris Baker, Kim Bergman (Dan) and Nicole Cummings; and five step-great grandchildren. He will be buried at Pioneer Cemetery at KU next to his wife, Evie, who died in 1988.

Memorial donations may be made to the Dean Del Brinkman Journalism Scholarship at KU Endowment, P.O. Box 928, Lawrence, KS 66044, or online at www.kuendowment.org/givenow.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Click here for link to this obituary. Shared by Susanne Shaw.

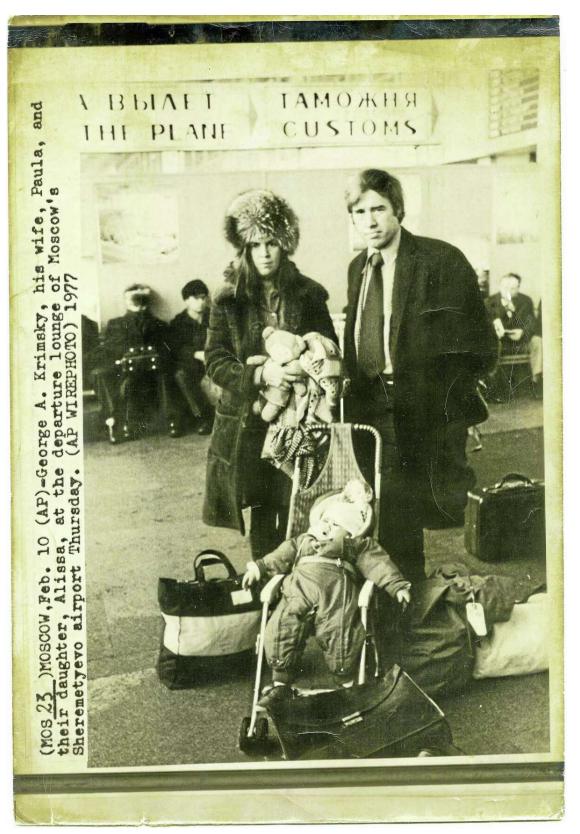
## Memory of Del Brinkman

**Bill Hancock** - Each university designates a faculty member as "Faculty Athletics Representative" to the conference, and to the NCAA. I was on the Big Eight Conference staff when the University of Kansas drafted (some might say "shanghaied") Del for this duty. We were delighted, because Del had a newspaperman's ability to relate to people, and to see the big picture. He was quite effective in the role, and we missed him when he stepped down. Del was a true gentleman.

# **Remembering Jimmy Carter**



President Jimmy Carter being questioned by Helen Thomas at his first press conference in the White House press room, February 8, 1977. Courtesy of Jimmy Carter Library.



<u>Jerry Cipriano</u> - Jimmy Carter was not known for his standup comedy, but he did get off a one-liner at his first news conference as President, on February 8, 1977.

Four days earlier, Associated Press Moscow correspondent George Krimsky had been expelled from the Soviet Union on trumped up espionage charges.

Commenting on this, Mr. Carter said:

"I was concerned the other day, for instance, when the AP reporter was expelled from Moscow. I had at first thought to retaliate by expelling the AP reporter from Washington. But I found out that was not the right approach to take."

The quip got a few laughs from the White House press corps, but the President went on to make clear he took the issue very seriously, saying, "I regret the fact that the Soviet Union saw fit to expel a newspaper reporter." And Mr. Carter's Secretary of State, Cyrus Vance, took the unusual step of summoning Soviet ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin to the State Department for a formal protest.

Krimsky had been reporting on Soviet dissidents. The New York Times called him "one of the most tenacious reporters in the Moscow press corps."

AP President Keith Fuller said, "From the facts before me, I can discern only that his sin was to be an aggressive reporter in the Soviet Union today where the rising voices of Soviet dissidents seem to be unnerving those responsible for his expulsion."

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Marc Wilson - As I read the sad news that former President Jimmy Carter was going into home hospice care, I remembered spending some three hours alone with him when he was still a long-shot presidential candidate.

He flew without staff into the Little Rock airport for a news conference in January 1976, shortly after his term as governor ended and about one month after he had declared his candidacy for president. He was one of 17 Democratic candidates hoping to challenge incumbent Gerry Ford. His name recognition nationally was less than 2 percent, and his opponents had nick-named him "Jimmy Who."

I was assigned by AP Little Rock news editor Harry King to cover Carter's 1 p.m. news conference at the airport. As I had started my shift at 6 a.m., King told me to go home after I called in a story.

The news conference was low-key (about five reporters and one local staff member). I doubt my story went beyond the Arkansas state wire. That would all change in the coming weeks when he won the lowa Caucus and the New Hampshire primary.

After I called in my story, I saw Carter sitting alone in the nearly deserted airport.

He told me he had to wait until about 5 p.m. for a return flight to Atlanta. So at his invitation I sat down and we chatted about politics, foreign affairs, his time at the U.S. Naval Academy, his service on in the Navy's submarine fleet (including the new atomic-powered subs), his experience running a peanut farm business, segregation, his wife Rosalynn and four children, and his church.

I admit I came away a fan. In a long journalism career, no other politician impressed me as much as Jimmy Carter. What a nice person Jimmy Who was.

Historians generally consider Carter's one-term presidency as less than stellar (despite such notable achievements as the Camp David Accords, the Salt II Treaty with the

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Soviet Union, and the Panama Canal Treaty). He didn't get along well with the Washington establishment (especially Sen. Teddy Kennedy, who tried to wrest the 1980 Democratic nomination away from the incumbent Democrat). Stagflation, an energy crisis, the Iran Hostage Crisis and other problems cost him popular support.

I tend to believe – sadly – that Jimmy Carter was too nice a person to be president. He wasn't tough enough to deal with the Washington establishment or the Ayatollahs of the world.

It's generally agreed that Carter's post-presidency legacy is perhaps the greatest of any ex-president.

I'm glad I spent several hours talking with him, and I hope we all have him in our thoughts and prayers.

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<u>Steve Graham</u> - Back in 1976, when I was working in Indianapolis, soon-to-benominated Jimmy Carter came to Indiana on a book signing/campaign trip.

He signed my copy and was gracious to all.

## More reportese

<u>Michael Weinfeld</u> - I'm "reeling" from Adolphe Bernotas' examples of phrases reporters use that no one would use in real life. And I have some of my own.

Why aren't people PREPARING for a storm, instead of "hunkering down."

Does anyone really have their "eyes on the skies?"

Please never call snow "white stuff" ever again.

And is anything ever "riddled with" inaccuracies?

I'm sure other Connecting members have even more examples.

# And more on referring to residents of state

<u>**Bill Kole</u>** - Another common usage mistake is Michigander. Unless we want to distinguish between Michiganders and Michigeese, they're all Michiganians!</u>

(My wife, former AP graphics staffer Terry DeYonker Kole, is a native Detroiter who vehemently disagrees with this — but, damn it, I'm right!)

# AP to develop 5 AI projects with local newsrooms

#### By Lauren Easton

As part of its ongoing efforts to help local newsrooms integrate automation and artificial intelligence technology, The Associated Press will tackle five AI projects stretching from Michigan to Puerto Rico.

The projects, which range from automated summaries of public meetings to the translation of news alerts, are aimed at expanding the application of AI in support of long-term business sustainability.

They include:

Automated writing of public safety incidents into the content management system of Minnesota newspaper Brainerd Dispatch.

Publication of Spanish-language news alerts using National Weather Service data in English by the newspaper El Vocero de Puerto Rico.

Automated transcription of recorded videos and summarizing the transcripts to create an article's initial framework at San Antonio, Texas, television station KSAT-TV.

Sorting of news tips and coverage pitches from the public and automatically populating them into the coverage planner of Allentown, Pennsylvania, television station WFMZ-TV.

Expanding the Minutes application, which creates transcripts of city council meetings, to include summarization, keyword identification and reporter alerts, for staff at Michigan Radio's WUOM-FM at the University of Michigan.

With the exception of the El Vocero de Puerto Rico initiative, the projects may harness GPT-3 technology.

Several dozen newsrooms pitched their ideas to AP and Northwestern University last year. These five projects were selected based on feasibility, ability to scale to the wider journalism industry, and whether they could be accomplished in a limited timeframe and within budget constraints.

Development support for the projects will come from students at the University of Missouri, Northwestern University and Stanford University. Students at Northwestern will also prepare case studies on each organization so other newsrooms can learn from these experiences. Code on four of the projects will be made open source.

This is the third phase of AP's Local News AI initiative, which started in 2021 with support from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

AP will host a webinar on how newsrooms can use AI technologies on March 1 at 12 p.m. ET. Register here: apne.ws/csAzdV5

Click here for link to this story.

# Register for May 19-21 AP Connecting Reunion in Texas

Please join us for the May 19-21, 2023, AP Connecting Reunion in the Dallas area. Cohosts are:

Joei Bohr of the Atlanta area <u>JoeiABohr@gmail.com</u> Mike Holmes of Omaha <u>imikeholmes@cox.net</u> Diana Heidgerd of Dallas <u>heidgerd@flash.net</u>

Please pay your own way to all events. A list of people planning to attend is at the end of this registration advisory (will be updated).

The reunion hotel is the Residence Inn DFW Airport North/Grapevine (details below), with free parking, free airport shuttle and free breakfast. This hotel also has a bar, restaurant and outdoor pool. Please reserve your hotel room by May 1. AP Reunion check-in will begin, with your co-hosts, on Friday afternoon, May 19, in the hotel lobby.

**SCHEDULE:** Casual events are being planned for Friday, Saturday & Sunday, May 19-20-21.

Friday May 19: Details pending. Would you like to help sponsor/pay for a welcome event/happy hour? Please contact Mike Holmes: <u>imikeholmes@cox.net</u>

Saturday night, May 20, a group dinner will be held (\$40 per person) at the hotel, Residence Inn DFW Airport North/Grapevine.

Sunday afternoon, May 21: Limited number of tickets (\$15 each) are available for the Texas Rangers vs. Colorado Rockies game at Globe Life Field in Arlington. <u>Globe Life Field</u> Join Diana & Paul Heidgerd at the game!

## **REGISTER for AP Reunion:**

Please register by May 1. Email the name(s) of those attending & a contact phone number to Diana Heidgerd: <u>heidgerd@flash.net</u>

How many for dinner Saturday night, May 20 (\$40 per person), at the reunion hotel? Includes Tex-Mex buffet, iced tea & dessert. Beer, wine & mixed drinks available for payment at the hotel bar. Note: We have to confirm the number of paid meals at the hotel, so if you commit to attending the group dinner please be prepared to pay for your spot, even if your plans change and you can't attend. More details later on paying.

How many Texas Rangers tickets for Sunday afternoon, May 21, at 1:35 p.m. vs Colorado Rockies? (limited number available at \$15 each). Diana has tickets for Sections 217 & 208. <u>Globe Life Field Seating Map | Texas Rangers (mlb.com)</u> **GROUP HOTEL:** Includes free shuttle to/from Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and within 5 miles of hotel.

Residence Inn DFW Airport North/Grapevine 2020 State Highway 26 Grapevine, TX 76051 972-539-8989 (call this hotel number to request the free airport shuttle) Use this link to book (by May 1) at the AP Reunion discounted rate: <u>Book your group rate for AP Reunion</u> Would you like an accessible/special needs room? Call the hotel directly & ask for the

Would you like an accessible/special needs room? Call the hotel directly & ask for the "AP Reunion" rate. 972-539-8989.

Some possible outings:

Main Street Fest in nearby Grapevine, all weekend. Free shuttle from hotel. Fort Worth cowboy history & museums, including Fort Worth Stockyards. History of 1963 JFK assassination. The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza in Dallas.

Current presidential history, on SMU campus in Dallas. The George W. Bush Presidential Center. Bush & his wife live

in Dallas.

Reminder: please register by May 1: heidgerd@flash.net

People planning to attend: (will be updated) Amanda Barnett Joei Bohr & Mark Woolsey Steve Graham Diana & Paul Heidgerd Mike Holmes

## **Connecting wishes Happy Birthday**



## Margery Beck

# **Stories of interest**

## Dominion voting case exposes post-election fear at Fox News(AP)

## By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — A court filing in a lawsuit against Fox News lays bare a panic at the network that it had alienated its viewers and damaged its brand by not lining up with President Donald Trump's false claims that he had won the 2020 presidential election.

That worry — a real one, judging by Fox's ratings in the election's aftermath — played a key role in Fox not setting the record straight about unfounded fraud claims, the network's accuser contends.

"It's remarkable how weak ratings make good journalists do bad things," the filing quotes Fox Washington news executive Bill Sammon as saying.

The details were included in a trove of private communications unearthed by lawyers and contained in a redacted brief filed Thursday by Dominion Voting Systems. Dominion claims in a \$1.6 billion lawsuit that Fox aired allegations that Dominion had doctored the vote against Trump, even as it knew that was untrue. Fox says it was doing its job as journalists by airing the accusations made by Trump and his allies.

Read more here.

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# A nationwide flood of complaints to C-SPAN wasn't what it seemed (Washington Post)

## By Paul Farhi

The official topics were the debt limit, energy policy and the end of federal covid-relief funding, but that's not what many people wanted to talk about on C-SPAN's morning call-in program this week.

They wanted to complain about C-SPAN — specifically, about one of its board members and his connection to a labor dispute at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, which was not exactly the stuff of national headlines.

"The callers keep missing the point," a woman introduced as Linda from Connecticut complained on Tuesday. "It's not about Joe Biden. It's not about Republicans in Congress. I don't know why so many of you are ignoring the fact that in Pittsburgh, C-SPAN board member Allan Block is trying to bust a newspaper union."

By Wednesday, word of Block's affairs seemed to have spread to Arkansas. "Rich people don't have your best interest in mind, they never do," said a caller introduced as Patricia. "Especially not union-buster Allan Block, who is on your board of directors and shouldn't be."

Read more here. Shared by John Willis.

# Today in History - Feb. 20, 2023



Today is Monday, Feb. 20, the 51st day of 2023. There are 314 days left in the year.

## Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 20, 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth as he flew aboard Project Mercury's Friendship 7 spacecraft, which circled the globe three times in a flight lasting 4 hours, 55 minutes and 23 seconds before splashing down safely in the Atlantic Ocean 800 miles southeast of Bermuda.

## On this date:

In 1792, President George Washington signed an act creating the United States Post Office Department.

In 1862, William Wallace Lincoln, the 11-year-old son of President Abraham Lincoln and first lady Mary Todd Lincoln, died at the White House, apparently of typhoid fever.

In 1905, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Jacobson v. Massachusetts, upheld, 7-2, compulsory vaccination laws intended to protect the public's health.

In 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt signed an immigration act which excluded "idiots, imbeciles, feebleminded persons, epileptics, insane persons" from being admitted to the United States.

In 1933, Congress proposed the 21st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to repeal Prohibition.

In 1938, Anthony Eden resigned as British foreign secretary following Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's decision to negotiate with Italian dictator Benito Mussolini.

In 1965, America's Ranger 8 spacecraft crashed on the moon, as planned, after sending back thousands of pictures of the lunar surface.

In 1987, a bomb left by Unabomber Ted Kaczynski exploded behind a computer store in Salt Lake City, seriously injuring store owner Gary Wright.

In 1998, Tara Lipinski of the U.S. won the ladies' figure skating gold medal at the Nagano (NAH'-guh-noh) Olympics; Michelle Kwan won the silver.

In 2003, a fire sparked by pyrotechnics broke out during a concert by the group Great White at The Station nightclub in West Warwick, Rhode Island, killing 100 people and injuring about 200 others.

In 2005, death claimed actor Sandra Dee at age 62; musical actor John Raitt at age 88; and counterculture writer Hunter S. Thompson at age 67.

In 2020, a poll by the Associated Press and the NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found more Americans expressing some concern about catching the flu than about catching the coronavirus.

Ten years ago: The Obama administration announced a broad new effort to fight the growing theft of American trade secrets following fresh evidence linking cyber-stealing to China's military. Former U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-III., entered a guilty plea in federal court to criminal charges that he'd engaged in a scheme to spend \$750,000 in campaign funds on personal items; his wife, Sandra Jackson, pleaded guilty to filing false joint federal income tax returns.

Five years ago: Students who survived a Parkland, Florida school shooting traveled to Tallahassee to urge state lawmakers to prevent another massacre, but procedural moves in the legislature effectively halted any effort to ban assault-style rifles like the one used in the attack. President Donald Trump directed the Justice Department to move to ban devices like the rapid-fire bump stocks used in the Las Vegas massacre. Canadians Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir became the most decorated figure skaters in history, capturing the gold medal in ice dancing on Day 11 of the Winter Olympics in South Korea.

One year ago: Russia extended military drills near Ukraine's northern borders after two days of sustained shelling along the contact line between Ukrainian soldiers and Russia-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine. Ukraine's president appealed for a cease-fire. (Russia would invade four days later.) The White House said President Joe Biden would nominate a Black woman with "impeccable experience" for a vacancy on the Supreme Court. (Biden would nominate Ketanji Brown Jackson for the seat on Feb. 25.) In his former home arena in Cleveland, LeBron James led his team to a 163-160 victory over a team led by Kevin Durant in the NBA All-Star Game.

Today's birthdays: Racing Hall of Famer Roger Penske is 86. Singer-songwriter Buffy Sainte-Marie is 82. Hockey Hall of Famer Phil Esposito is 81. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., is 81. Movie director Mike Leigh is 80. Actor Brenda Blethyn is 77. Actor Sandy Duncan is 77. Actor Peter Strauss is 76. Rock musician Billy Zoom (X) is 75. Former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown is 72. Actor John Voldstad is 72. Newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst is 69. Actor Anthony Head is 69. Country singer

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Leland Martin is 66. Actor James Wilby is 65. Rock musician Sebastian Steinberg is 64. Comedian Joel Hodgson is 63. Basketball Hall of Famer Charles Barkley is 60. Rock musician Ian Brown (Stone Roses) is 60. Actor French Stewart is 59. Actor Ron Eldard is 58. Model Cindy Crawford is 57. Actor Andrew Shue is 56. Actor Lili Taylor is 56. Actor Andrea Savage is 50. Singer Brian Littrell is 48. Actor Lauren Ambrose is 45. Actor Jay Hernandez is 45. Actor Chelsea Peretti is 45. Country musician Coy Bowles is 44. Actor Michael Zegen is 44. Actor Majandra Delfino is 42. Actor Jocko Sims is 42. Singer-musician Chris Thile is 42. Actor-singer Jessie Mueller is 40. MLB All-Star pitcher Justin Verlander is 40. Comedian Trevor Noah is 39. Actor Jake Richardson is 38. Actor Daniella Pineda is 36. Actor Miles Teller is 36. Singer Rihanna is 35. Actor Jack Falahee 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:

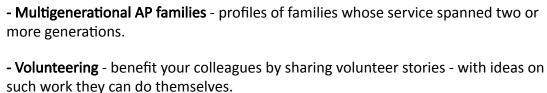
- Connecting "selfies" - a word and photo self-profile of you and your career, and what you are doing today. Both for new members and those who have been with us a while.

- **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.



- First job - How did you get your first job in journalism?

- Most unusual place a story assignment took you.

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