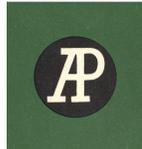


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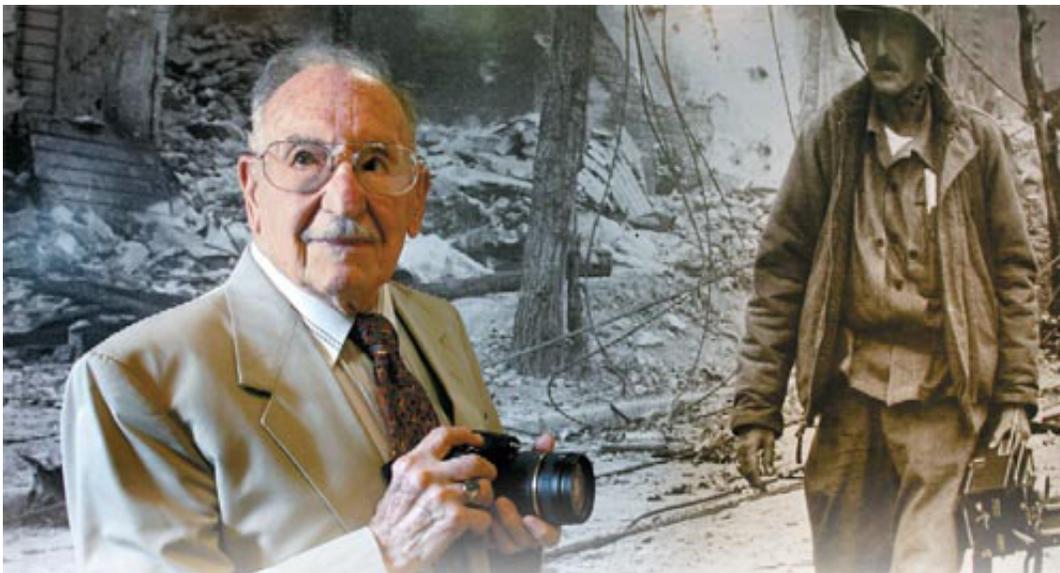
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Happy 101st, Max!



Colleagues,

All of us in Connecting join our colleagues around the world in wishing **Max Desfor** a very Happy Birthday.

Max turned 101 years young today. He is the oldest retiree of The Associated Press.

I thought you would enjoy reading this account of his life, done a year ago on the occasion of his 100th, in the New York Times Lens Blog feature. Click [here](#) for a most enjoyable and informative account of his life and career as an AP photographer.

The photo above was taken several years ago and shows Max in front of an image taken of him covering the Korean War.

Max, we salute you!

If you'd like to send him a note, email me and I will get it to him.

A reminder - Connecting will honor members of our newsletter who are veterans of military service on Veterans Day next Tuesday. More than 40 of you have sent along your service details and remembrances, and if you have not, I hope you will join them by sending your offering to me at - stevenspl@live.com

Paul

From Elvis to O.J.: **The career of court reporter Linda Deutsch**

A love affair with Elvis Presley got **Linda Deutsch** her start in journalism.

Deutsch fell madly in love with Presley when she was a 12-year-old in New Jersey. Officials at Elvis headquarters gave her a list of potential fan club members members, and Deutsch began one of the first Elvis fan clubs in the United States. She used her Smith Corona typewriter to write a club newspaper, charging \$1 in membership dues in the U.S. and \$2 overseas.



"This was so much a prediction of what my career would become in a way," Deutsch said at the Journalism and Women Symposium annual Conference and Mentoring Project (CAMP).

Deutsch and her longtime friend and fellow Associated Press alumna **Edie Lederer** discussed Deutsch's four-decade career as a top courts reporter during CAMP's annual Fran Lewine Interview. The interview series was named for **Fran Lewine**, a

leading female journalist and a JAWS founder.

Click [here](#) to read more. *(Shared by Carol Riha)*

Connecting mailbox

The stentorian tones of Larry Heinzerling

George Krimsky ([Email](#)) - Let me add my kudos/kydos from **Mort Rosenblum** to you and your stalwart colleagues. I don't know how you do it day in and day out!

Yesterday's recap of the fall of the Berlin Wall was just such an example. It caught the suddenness, drama, glory and joy of the moment beautifully. It seems we have AP's **Valerie Komor** to thank, too. (I also detected **Larry Heinzerling's** stentorian tones on the excellent video).

I served in Berlin with the U.S. Army in 1964-65, and believe me, that wall seemed as if it would stand forever. I'm sorry I wasn't there to report its demise or at least to help take it down.

(When asked if the voice in the video was his, Larry confirmed and said some have told him he should have gone into broadcasting.)

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Paul Shane's brother - a zein master!

Paul Shane ([Email](#)) - A Shane was featured in this recent story in The Register-Mail of Galesburg, Illinois - **Philip Shane**, the younger brother of our Connecting colleague **Paul Shane**.

The story begins:

The sight of construction equipment perhaps sparks chatter among those who pass the ethanol plant in Galva.

The activity proves worth conversation. This corn-growing region of Illinois will claim home to a first-of-its-kind technology to extract zein, a highly valuable corn protein that will be used for food and pharmaceutical products.



"We're just now coming out from underneath the radar," says Philip Shane, director of zein operations and marketing for Big River Prairie Gold LLC. "We've been very quiet and

secretive about it."

Click [here](#) to read more.

Paul reports that "brother Philip is 63 and the eighth child of 13 and the fifth son. I am the oldest. He graduated from Illinois State University with a bachelor's degree in Ag Economics in 1973 and from the University of Illinois in 1996 with a Master's degree in Ag Econ and a minor in business. In the years between degrees, Philip farmed 2200 acres with his brother, Bill, and our father, Leonard. He worked with the Illinois Corn Growers Association (ICGA) 15 years before starting the Prairie Gold, Inc. company. The ICGA sponsored the U of I research that developed the zein extraction process and Philip holds the exclusive license to use that technology. Philip has been chasing this dream for 21 years.

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Connecting sky shot - Mexico City



Michelle Morgante ([Email](#)) of AP's Mexico City bureau shares this photo, taken Oct. 23 by Roger Hutchison, that shows her on the Pyramid of the Moon at the Teotihuacan archeological site north of Mexico City. That happened to be the same day as the partial solar eclipse, although this photo was taken a few hours before.

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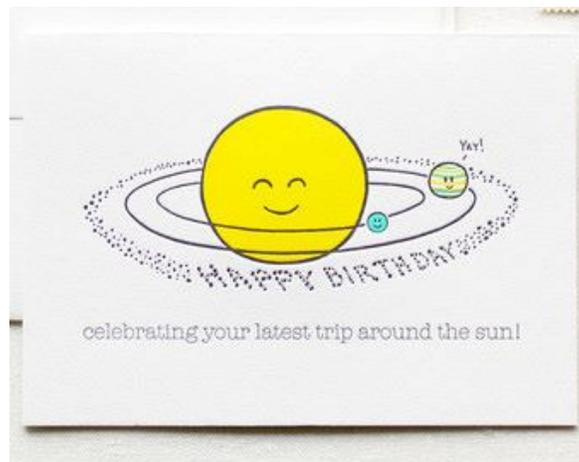
Nixon: 'You are all forgiven'

Joe McKnight [Email](#) - The "Today In History" you ran Nov. 7 noted it was the date in 1962 when Richard Nixon lost the California governor's race and famously told reporters "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore."

Nixon campaigned for Barry Goldwater in 1964 and among his whistle stops in late summer was at Pratt, Kansas. As AP Wichita correspondent, I drove to Pratt to see what he had to say. A number of reporters met his plane and his press aide directed us to the court house court room for a news conference. Nixon walked to the front of the judicial bench, twitched his eye brows, gave his "V" sign with both hands, and before he could say anything, a reporter reminded him of the quote and asked if it was still true.

Nixon frowned, looked over the gathering from left to right, and said: "You are all forgiven."

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



To

Max Desfor

Mike Gugliotto [\(Email\)](#)

Stories of interest

[The enduring appeal of Bob Schieffer](#)



In addition to the dozens of photos and mementos on Bob Schieffer's office wall, there's one he's kept unframed and ready to pull out for visitors.

In it, the late Walter Cronkite, the great CBS News anchor, clings to his position at a bar, surrounded by the Rat Pack of broadcast journalism's halcyon years - Tom Brokaw, Peter Jennings, Dan Rather and Schieffer, the host of CBS News' Sunday morning talk show, Face the Nation.

The other anchors had called Cronkite over to pose for the photo, Schieffer says, but he refused to give up his prime position at the bar and made them come over instead - thus the booze bottles in the background.

"Walter had it all figured out," says Schieffer, guffawing at his Washington, D.C., office that once belonged to another esteemed CBS journalist, Eric Sevareid. "Walter Cronkite was my hero. I wanted to be like Walter Cronkite. I still want to be like Walter Cronkite."

The fleeting walk down memory lane is a testament to Schieffer's enduring appeal in an age of new competitors, emerging technology and frantic efforts to attract a young audience. The 77-year-old has been in the business since the mid-1960s and has held every major job at CBS News, including White House correspondent and weekday evening news anchor.

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[White House background briefings: Good journalism or anonymous government spin?](#)

Every so often, a group of handpicked journalists gets the equivalent of a tap on the shoulder from a White House functionary. They're invited to a background briefing, one of Washington's most common, and little examined, rituals for the transmission of official spin, talking points and, occasionally, actual news.

For an hour or more, the assembled reporters will listen to and question White House advisers and aides - "senior administration officials" in the inevitable stories that follow - on topics of the officials' choosing.

All of it will be hush-hush. No TV cameras will roll. No names will be revealed. There will be no direct quotes (hence, the ubiquitous "senior administration officials") and sometimes no quotes at all. Readers and viewers will never learn exactly who said what. Take our word, or theirs, for it.

Is this any way to report the news?

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[The state of paid content: For free, for a fee, or somewhere in between](#)

The great digital content debate wages on.

Passionate "information wants to be free" apostles are pitted squarely against the pragmatic "we must charge for content in order to survive" proponents. Others straddle the fence with one leg on either side of the paywall, advocating that some digital content should be free while other types of content should be paid for.

This being an election month, we decided to go straight to the populace and listen to the voices in our community. What are newspapers doing today when it comes to charging for online content?

We polled 45 global newspaper companies - ranging from local community publishers to metro dailies - and asked their opinions on the polarising topic of paid versus free content.

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[Family suspects foul play in death of US journalist in Turkey](#) (Joe McGowan)

The mother of an Lebanese-American journalist killed in Turkey while working for an Iranian news agency suspects foul play in the death of her daughter, who perished in what Turkish officials say was a traffic accident.



Serena Shim, a U.S. citizen from Michigan and mother of two, was working for Iran's state-owned network Press TV when she was killed after the rental car she was riding in collided with a cement mixer Oct. 26 in the Turkish town of Suruc, near the Turkish-Syrian border. The accident came just days after Shim said she had been threatened by Turkish intelligence services, who accused her of being a spy.

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[Voices: Time for news outlets to kick polling habit](#)

My name is Singer and I'm a poll-aholic.

If the first step to recovery is admitting you have a problem, it is time for us in the news business to admit we have one.

We are addicted to polls.

We love polls for a simple reason: They give us a guaranteed news story in the midst of a long campaign in which not much really happens, beyond people talking about why their opponent is worse. Campaign chatter is just that - spin and posturing. Polls are FACTS, real news - "XX percent of likely voters say they are fed up with Jones."

And so we do our own polls, and cite everybody else's polls

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[HuffPost defends disciplinary actions against reporters, editors](#)

The Huffington Post's newsroom is on edge following recent incidents in which several employees were disciplined and a major story was put on pause.

Two of the incidents involved journalists who were suspended after publishing sensitive articles. The other pertains to a deeply reported investigative piece that was being prepped for publication when the site's co-founder and editor-in-chief, Arianna Huffington, stepped in with objections to certain aspects of the reporting, sources familiar with the matter told Capital.

These events have unfolded as The Huffington Post is adjusting to a new team of senior newsroom leaders that's been putting its stamp on the nine-year-old website, which delivers a mix of high-volume aggregation and original reporting. The Huffington Post, which is owned by AOL, has been chasing profitability in 2014 following several years of major investment.

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[If Will McAvoy were real, would he get fired for his tweets?](#)



Somewhere in Texas, in the office of an airline, in a cubicle, on a cellphone, Will McAvoy is tweeting. His name is not really Will McAvoy, but it is really Will, which is all he is going to reveal. Because how else could he keep his 76,300 followers?

"If I am just some guy, pretending to be some guy, that would just make it all sound silly," says the "some guy" running @WillMcAvoyACN, a fictional account of a fictional character in HBO's "The Newsroom," which returns for its third and final season Sunday.

Played by Jeff Daniels, the show's Will McAvoy is a blunt, preachy news anchor on a quest for moral high ground in the 24-hour cable news cycle.

Played by a 30-year-old named Will in Texas, Twitter's Will McAvoy is an extra-blunt, extra-preachy social media personality with a habit for cursing, picking fights and, the way Texas Will, sees it, "completely destroying arguments by screaming facts" - at least

what his character sees as facts.

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[Reuters Editor's note: Reader comments in the age of social media](#)

During the past few years, much has changed about how readers interact with news. They find coverage in diverse places and in new ways. They watch video, use graphics and calculators and relate to content far differently than in the past.

Considering these dynamics, Reuters.com is ending user comments on news stories. Much of the well-informed and articulate discussion around news, as well as criticism or praise for stories, has moved to social media and online forums. Those communities offer vibrant conversation and, importantly, are self-policed by participants to keep on the fringes those who would abuse the privilege of commenting.

The Final Word

Valerie Komor shares this page from The Morning News in Dallas from April 19, 1980, and comments, "From the days when members published accounts of Board meetings!"

REPORT TO AMERICA'S NEWSPAPER READERS

Can you imagine a world without The Associated Press?

Soviet troops rolled into Afghanistan. Mountain tribes rose in rebellion. The Associated Press assigned Barry Schachter and Michel Lipchitz to the story.

They were in Islamabad, Pakistan. Wintery steppes, mountains and gorges lay between them and the action in Kabul. There were no flights, no buses.

A rented car got the AP men as far as Peshawar on the Afghan border. From there they rattled through the Khyber Pass in an ancient pickup truck painted with psychedelic orange flowers. At Jalalabad they hired a decrepit taxi to carry them through Kabul Gorge into the over-run city.

On their perilous journey, Schachter and Lipchitz worked. From tribesmen, Afghan soldiers, invading Soviet troops, they collected notes. They made pictures.

By the time they reached Kabul they were ready to send their first story.

Meanwhile, S.D. made news, too

Halfway around the world, Eric Newhouse, the AP correspondent in Pierre, S.D., had been hearing rumors about an illegal gambling casino in Winner, a little town near the capital. He decided to see for himself.

About midnight, it walked two men — the attorney general and the treasurer of South Dakota.

Both started gambling.

Newhouse watched the attorney

The Board of Directors of The Associated Press recently made its annual report to the newspapers which are members of the AP. It is appropriate to share that report with the readers of those newspapers.

Thousands of stringers and tens of thousands of reporters and photographers for both domestic members and foreign subscribers contribute to the AP report.

Newspaper membership in the cooperative that began in 1848 as an association of six New York newspapers reached a high point in 1979 with 1,372. Radio and television membership reached 3,646, also a high.

Ahead, more than one billion persons a day in 115 countries are estimated to have access to Associated Press news through more than 10,000 newspapers and broadcast stations.

All of the AP's revenue goes back into producing the news and picture reports. The budget was \$121 million in 1979. It is \$136 million in 1980.

It must pay for the coverage of war, rebellion, national politics, foreign intrigue, disaster, crime, religion, sports, business, the economy, the arts and all the other myriad events — sad and happy, moving and mysterious, simple and complex and

November came. The United States embassy was taken. American newsmen were invited back. The Iranians welcomed coverage of that story — at first.

Under another new bureau chief, Alexander Higgins, the AP again covered all of the story, not only the plight of the American hostages and the militants' demands for return of the Shah.

Anti-Khomeini shouts reported

In December, Alex Ely of the AP reported that anti-Khomeini mobs in Teheran shouted "Death to Khomeini" during a demonstration. He had tape-recorded the shouts in Farsi — "Mag bar Khomeini" — but officials at the Ministry of National Guidance said they could not understand the words. Ely was thrown out.

Finally, as the year changed and the persistent coverage continued, all American news organizations were expelled for failure, as the ministry of guidance put it, "to understand their humanitarian responsibility and real mission."

The AP resumed coverage through reciprocal agreements with other free-world news organizations, direct telephone calls, radio listening posts.

The Three Mile Island story

War and rebellion and coup — stories told on the world.

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Mexico, blessing the multitude from the pitcher's mound in Yankee Stadium.

Technology already had taken the AP and its members from

Mexico, blessing the multitude from the pitcher's mound in Yankee Stadium.

The Presidential election campaign

music bureaus were opened in El Paso, Texas; Hinton, Va.; Evansville, Ind.; Morgantown, W. Va.; and Iowa City, Iowa. A temporary bureau was opened at Lake Placid

In this AP photo, militants burn American flag outside U.S. embassy in Tehran after American hostages were taken.

[Read the full membership report here.](#)

Today in History
By The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Nov. 8, the 312th day of 2014. There are 53 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 8, 1864, President Abraham Lincoln won re-election as he defeated Democratic challenger George B. McClellan. (Lincoln had seriously doubted he would prevail, but the fall of Atlanta to Union forces in September helped ensure his victory.)

On this date:

In 1793, the Louvre began admitting the public, even though the French museum had been officially open since August. Madame Roland, 39, an influential figure of the French Revolution, was convicted of treason during the Reign of Terror and sent to the guillotine (her last words: "O Liberty, what crimes are committed in thy name!").

In 1889, Montana became the 41st state.

In 1923, Adolf Hitler launched his first attempt at seizing power in Germany with a failed coup in Munich that came to be known as the "Beer-Hall Putsch."

In 1932, New York Democratic Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt defeated incumbent Republican Herbert Hoover for the presidency.

In 1939, the play "Life with Father," based on the stories of Clarence Day, opened on Broadway.

In 1942, Operation Torch, resulting in an Allied victory, began during World War II as U.S. and British forces landed in French North Africa.

In 1950, during the Korean War, the first jet-plane battle took place as U.S. Air Force Lt. Russell J. Brown shot down a North Korean MiG-15.

In 1960, Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy defeated Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the presidency.

In 1974, a federal judge in Cleveland dismissed charges against eight Ohio National Guardsmen accused of violating the civil rights of students who were killed or wounded in the 1970 Kent State shootings.

In 1987, 11 people were killed when an Irish Republican Army bomb exploded as crowds gathered in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, for a ceremony honoring Britain's war dead.

In 1988, Vice President George H.W. Bush won the presidential election, defeating the Democratic nominee, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis.

In 1994, midterm elections resulted in Republicans winning a majority in the Senate while at the same time gaining control of the House for the first time in 40 years.

California voters approved Proposition 187, designed to deny education and social services and non-emergency health care to illegal immigrants. (Proposition 187 was never implemented after courts found it unconstitutional.)

Ten years ago: Thousands of U.S. troops attacked the toughest strongholds of Sunni insurgents in Fallujah, Iraq, launching a long-awaited offensive aimed at putting an end to guerrilla control of the city. After a decade, the U.S. dollar was eliminated from circulation in Cuba. Jason Bay became the first Pittsburgh Pirates player to win the NL Rookie of the Year award, while Oakland shortstop Bobby Crosby took the AL honor.

Five years ago: The embattled president of Afghanistan, Hamid Karzai, pledged there would be no place for corrupt officials in his new administration, as demanded by the U.S and its international partners.

One year ago: Typhoon Haiyan, one of the strongest storms on record, slammed into the central Philippines, leaving at least 6,300 people dead and more than 1,000 missing.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Norman Lloyd is 100. CBS newsman Morley Safer is 83. Actor Alain Delon is 79. Actress Virna Lisi is 78. Singer-actress Bonnie Bramlett is 70. Singer Bonnie Raitt is 65. TV personality Mary Hart is 64. Former Playboy Enterprises chairman and chief executive Christie Hefner is 62. Actress Alfre Woodard is 62. Singer-songwriter Rickie Lee Jones is 60. Author Kazuo Ishiguro is 60. Rock musician Porl Thompson (The Cure) is 57. Singer-actor Leif Garrett is 53. Chef and TV personality Gordon Ramsay is 48. Actress Courtney Thorne-Smith is 47. Actress Parker Posey is 46. Rock musician Jimmy Chaney is 45. Actress Roxana Zal is 45. Singer Diana King is 44. Actor Gonzalo Menendez is 43. Rock musician Scott Devendorf (The National) is 42. Actress Gretchen Mol is 41. ABC News anchor David Muir is 41. Actor Matthew Rhys is 40. Actress Tara Reid is 39. Country singer Bucky Covington is 37. Actress Dania Ramirez is 35. Actress Azura Skye is 33. Actor Chris Rankin is 31. TV personality Jack Osbourne is 29. Actress Jessica Lowndes is 26. Country singer Lauren Alaina is 20.

Thought for Today: "I think we look for the differences in people because it makes us less lonely." Carson McCullers, American author (1917-1967).

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