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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning on this Jan. 4, 2023,

Today's issue brings you the new year's first listing of the 100s/90s/80s Connecting club, which we present to you monthly. For the first time in several years, we have a member of the 100s Club - veteran AP Pentagon correspondent **Fred Hoffman**, who hit the century mark last week.

Do you qualify for one of these august clubs and are not listed? Don't be shy, let me know if you'd like to be listed - for many, it's a badge of honor.

Connecting would like to hear your thoughts on the news media's coverage of the story everyone's talking about: the collapse of Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin during Monday night's NFL game. At last report, he was listed in critical condition at a Cincinnati hospital. See our two lead items in Stories of Interest.

Look forward to your contributions on this or anything else on your mind.

Have a good day – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

A memory of LA's Ken Conway



A photo from the late 1980s, showing, from left: Ken Conway, Rich De Atley, Felix Gutierrez, John Antczak and Paul Simon.

Paul Simon - My memories of working with Ken Conway in Los Angeles in the 1980s largely echo those of Linda Deutsch's. He probably intimidated me a little when I joined the bureau in 1979; he didn't seem to say a lot, but he was very direct when he questioned a fact in a story or asked for a missing element. As a reporter, fellow desk editor of Ken's, then ACOB, I always recognized his professionalism and steadiness. I hadn't known of his passing, nor of several others on the recent memorial list with whom I worked over the years. While saddened, I offer my utmost respect to their memories and commitment to the AP.

Thank you, Pele



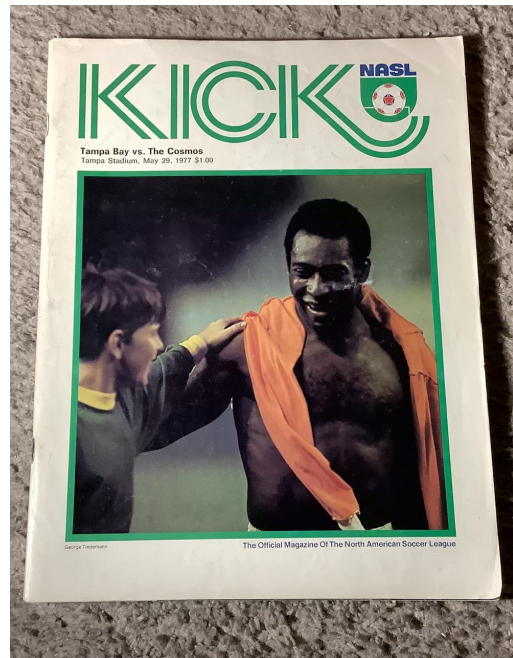
Pelé, playing for the New York Cosmos, flips through the air after a scissors kick against the Tampa Bay Rowdies in 1977. (Jim Bourdier/AP)

Dennis Conrad - When I saw news break that soccer great Pele had died, I immediately recalled the time I saw him play for the New York Cosmos against the Tampa Bay Rowdies in a North American Soccer League match at Tampa Stadium.

Pele was in his third and final season in the USA before he would retire. Also, on that day, May 29, 1977, German superstar Franz Beckenbauer made his Cosmos debut in a surprising team loss.

But what has stuck with me from that match ...the first I would ever attend in America after seeing some in Poland on an exchange program years earlier was the magnificent moment when the 36-year-old Pele attempted to score with an acrobatic kick.

He failed but what a beautiful failure it was. I don't ever recall seeing a picture of that action until after I reviewed web sites after his death to see reports on his career. And then there it was: a photo credited to Jim Bourdier of The Associated Press who identified it as a scissors kick. From my vantage point, I had the impression it was a bicycle kick. But it happened so fast, so I will trust the AP for accuracy - and they have the photo. From that match, I also still have a NASL program I bought for \$1 that includes a smiling Pele on its cover. Somewhere, I also have a photo of match action taken that day by a Gainesville Sun (my then employer) photographer that the newspaper's Sunday magazine editor gave to me. In doing the layout for a photo essay, he had noticed something he was sure I would like: my wife and I sitting in the



packed stands looking on attentively. I would become a big-time Rowdies fan and easily attended over 100 matches in the coming years while making 280-mile round-trip journeys from Gainesville. Once I even traveled with my wife to Giants Stadium in New Jersey to see the Rowdies play in the 1979 Soccer Bowl against the Vancouver Whitecaps. Retired Pele came out in a bright white suit to wave to the crowd and I captured that on my movie camera. My last view of The King of Soccer in person. Then, two years later, I saw him in Sly Stallone's 1981 movie "Victory" about Nazi-held POW soccer stars playing the German team. Kazimierz Deyna, a star with Poland's 1974 World Cup team that had defeated a Pele-less Brazil for the third-place medal, made a cameo appearance. Months later, when he was a new member of the NASL's San Diego Sockers, I would chat with Kaz in Polish during warmups before a Rowdies match. The former captain of the Polish National Team graciously signed my Polish copy of the "History of Polish Football" with "Kaz Deyna #10."

Seven years earlier, in 1974, I had seen him at my very first soccer match ever (while on a date with my future wife) defeat Finland 3-0 in Poznan, Poland, in a qualifier for a European tournament. Love the soccer memories! Thank you, Pele, most of all!!

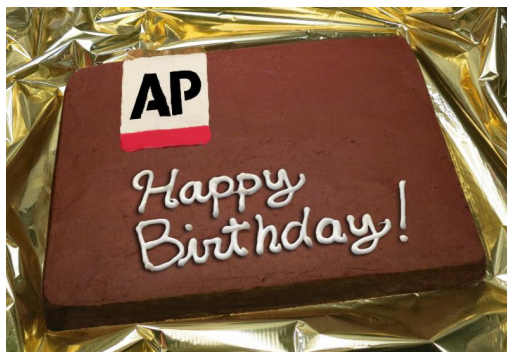
X marks the spot



Peter Leabo - X marks the spot in the sky above Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge in northwest Missouri as migrating snow geese pass high overhead. The seemingly endless ever-changing formations of geese formed a myriad of mesmerizing patterns in motion. The refuge is known as a winter stop for snow geese and bald eagles; however, the drought has left little water in the expansive marshlands. There was only

a handful of eagles and trumpeter swans, and the snow geese just passed overhead en route to Texas.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



[Dan George](#)

[Eddie Frerks](#)

[Noreen Gillespie](#)

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.)

100s:

Fred Hoffman

90s:

**Norm Abelson
Henry Bradsher
Hal Buell
Albert Habhab
George Hanna**

**Hoyt Harwell
Gene Herrick
Joe McGowan
Sam Montello
Charlie Monzella
Bob Petsche
Arlon Southall
Sal Veder
Doris Webster
Arnold Zeitlin**

80s:

**Paul Albright
Peter Arnett
Harry Atkins
Frank Aukofer
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
Norm Clarke
Steve Crowley
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
Paul Harrington
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
Jay Perkins
Lyle Price
Charles Richards
Bruce Richardson
Denis Searles

Richard Shafer
Mike Short
Rick Spratling
Ed Staats
Karol Stonger
Marty Thompson
Hilmi Toros
Kernan Turner
Jeffrey Ulbrich
Jack Walker
Mike Waller
Bob Walsh
Dean Wariner
Don Waters
Jeff Williams
Johnny Yost
Kent Zimmerman

Stories of interest

N.F.L. Player's Collapse Put ESPN at the Center of the News (New York Times)

By John Koblin

It was 8:55 p.m., the early stages of a hotly anticipated National Football League game, when it seemed as though a run-of-the-mill injury had interrupted the game.

"Another Bills player down," said Joe Buck, the ESPN "Monday Night Football" announcer, not quite sure yet who was on the ground.

Mr. Buck soon realized the situation was far more dire. A replay showed that the Buffalo player, Damar Hamlin, had briefly stood up after the tackle and then collapsed, his body going motionless.

"We've all seen players go down," Mr. Buck said in an interview on Tuesday. "We've seen players get up and then go down. But it was jarring to see the way he fell after he stood up."

Read more [here](#).

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When Buffalo safety Damar Hamlin collapses during “Monday Night Football,” media responds (Poynter)

By: Tom Jones and Al Tompkins

The scene was as horrific as it was unprecedented. In the first quarter of Monday night’s NFL game between the Buffalo Bills and Cincinnati Bengals, Bills safety Damar Hamlin collapsed after making a tackle.

Seeing a player laying on the field, unfortunately, is not unfamiliar to football. But this time was different. This time you could immediately tell it was more serious. You could tell by how quickly medical personnel scrambled to attend to Hamlin. You could tell by watching the shocked and scared faces of the players on the field.

Then came the grim and almost unbelievable news that Hamlin was given CPR for nearly nine minutes on the field before he was transferred by ambulance to the hospital. Reports late Monday night were that Hamlin was in critical condition at a Cincinnati hospital.

Read more [here](#).

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Irving H. Phillips Jr., The Baltimore Sun’s first black news photographer, dies (Local Today)

Irving Henry Webster Phillips Jr., The Baltimore Sun’s first black news photographer, who photographed Cal Ripken’s first home run and Johnny Unitas’ last game, and the 1968 riots, died December 22 at Loch Raven VA Medical of end-stage kidney failure. He was 79.

Born in Baltimore, he was the son of I. Henry Phillips Sr., a newspaper photographer at The Baltimore Afro-American, and Laura Mackay Phillips, a homemaker and later the newspaper’s librarian.

When Mr. Phillips was 7, his parents used the GI bill to move their family from Gilmore Homes to a new townhouse on Whitmore Avenue in the Rosemont neighborhood.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Betty Pizac.

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Emmy award-winning broadcaster born without legs is helping others with disabilities find media careers. Meet Dave Stevens. (Editor and Publisher)

An "E&P Reports" Vodcast with Mike Blinder

Dave Stevens is an athlete, a seven-time Emmy Award-winning sports broadcasting professional, and the only person to ever play college football and minor league baseball without legs.

Stevens, a congenital amputee, always had a passion for sports. In high school, he was a three-sport athlete playing football, baseball, and wrestling. Later, he tried out for the Dallas Cowboys, the Cincinnati Reds, and the Minnesota Twins. Stevens even played outfield with former Major League players Barry Bonds and Oddibie McDowell.

Stevens entered media as an Assignment Desk Manager at ESPN, then as the Coverage and Content editor. He worked at ESPN for 20 years, covering 11 Super Bowls, 3 World Series, 3 NCAA Final Fours, and various other historic sports events.

Today he is a reporter for the Disability Channel, where he interviews some of the biggest names in sports and entertainment history. He co-hosts a Celebrity Amputee Golf tournament and is a professional in residence at the School of Communications at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut, where he has founded Ability Media, a program that addresses the lack of representation of people with different abilities across all forms of media.

Read more [here](#).

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He's edited Caro, le Carré and 'Catch-22,' but doesn't mind if you don't know his name (NPR)

By TERRY GROSS

At 91, Robert Gottlieb is perhaps the most acclaimed book editor of his time. He started out in 1955 and has been working in publishing ever since — serving as editor-in-chief at Simon & Schuster, Alfred A. Knopf and The New Yorker. The list of authors he's edited include Joseph Heller, Toni Morrison, John le Carré, Katharine Graham, Bill Clinton, Nora Ephron and Michael Crichton.

"He's edited and published so many of the great writers of the last 70 years — and he's still at it," Robert Gottlieb's daughter, documentary filmmaker Lizzie Gottlieb, says.

Lizzie Gottlieb's latest film, Turn Every Page, centers on her father's decades-long editing relationship with Pulitzer Prize-winning author Robert Caro. Caro's 1974 bestseller The Power Broker was an exhaustive investigation into how urban planner Robert Moses reshaped New York City and how he used and abused power.

Robert Gottlieb says he knew after reading just 15 pages of Caro's manuscript for The Power Broker that he was holding a masterpiece. Still, it took him a year to edit the

book, not because Caro had written poorly, but because Caro had written enough to fill two volumes.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Latrice Davis.

Today in History - Jan. 4, 2023



Today is Wednesday, Jan. 4, the fourth day of 2023. There are 361 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 4, 2007, Nancy Pelosi was elected the first female speaker of the House as Democrats took control of Congress.

On this date:

In 1821, the first native-born American saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, died in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his State of the Union address, called for legislation to provide assistance for the jobless, elderly, impoverished children and the disabled.

In 1948, Burma (now called Myanmar) became independent of British rule.

In 1964, Pope Paul VI began a visit to the Holy Land, the first papal pilgrimage of its kind

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson delivered his State of the Union address in which he outlined the goals of his "Great Society."

In 1974, President Richard Nixon refused to hand over tape recordings and documents subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee.

In 1987, 16 people were killed when an Amtrak train bound from Washington, D.C., to Boston collided with Conrail locomotives that had crossed into its path from a side

track in Chase, Maryland.

In 1990, Charles Stuart, who'd claimed that he'd been wounded and his pregnant wife fatally shot by a robber, leapt to his death off a Boston bridge after he himself became a suspect.

In 1999, Europe's new currency, the euro, got off to a strong start on its first trading day, rising against the dollar on world currency markets. Former professional wrestler Jesse Ventura took the oath of office as Minnesota's governor.

In 2002, Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Ross Chapman, a U.S. Army Special Forces soldier, was killed by small-arms fire during an ambush in eastern Afghanistan; he was the first American military death from enemy fire in the war against terrorism.

In 2006, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suffered a significant stroke; his official powers were transferred to his deputy, Ehud Olmert (EH'-hood OHL'-murt). (Sharon remained in a coma until his death in January 2014.)

In 2015, Pope Francis named 156 new cardinals, selecting them from 14 countries, including far-flung corners of the world, to reflect the diversity of the Roman Catholic church and its growth in places like Asia and Africa.

Ten years ago: The new Congress passed a \$9.7 billion bill to help pay flood insurance claims to homeowners, renters and businesses damaged by Superstorm Sandy. No. 10 Texas A&M beat No. 12 Oklahoma, 41-13, in the Cotton Bowl.

Five years ago: The Trump administration moved to vastly expand offshore drilling from the Atlantic to the Arctic oceans with a five-year plan that would open up federal waters off of California for the first time in decades and possibly open new areas of oil and gas exploration along the East Coast. A massive winter storm roared into the East Coast, dumping as much as 17 inches of snow in some areas. The Dow Jones Industrial Average burst through the 25,000 mark, closing at 25,075.13 just five weeks after its first close above 24,000. Ray Thomas, a founding member of the British rock group the Moody Blues, died at his home south of London at the age of 76, months before the band would be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

One year ago: Nearly a year after the deadly insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, a poll by The Associated Press and the NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that only about 4 in 10 Republicans recalled the attack by supporters of Donald Trump as violent or extremely violent; just 22% of Republicans said Trump bore significant responsibility for the riot. The government reported that a record 4.5 million Americans had quit their jobs in November, more evidence that the U.S. job market was bouncing back strongly from the coronavirus recession.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Barbara Rush is 96. Opera singer Grace Bumbry is 86. Actor Dyan Cannon is 84. Author-historian Doris Kearns Goodwin is 80. Country singer Kathy Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 69. Actor Ann Magnuson is 68. Rock musician Bernard Sumner (New Order, Joy Division) is 68. Country singer Patty Loveless is 66. Actor Julian Sands is 65. Rock singer Michael Stipe is 63. Actor Patrick Cassidy is 61. Actor Dave Foley is 60. Actor Dot Jones is 59. Actor Rick Hearst is 58. Singer-musician Cait O'Riordan is 58. Actor Julia Ormond is 58. Former tennis player Guy Forget (ghee

fahr-ZHAY') is 58. Country singer Deana Carter is 57. Rock musician Benjamin Darvill (Crash Test Dummies) is 56. Actor Josh Stamberg is 53. Actor Damon Gupton is 50. Actor-singer Jill Marie Jones is 48. Actor D'Arcy Carden is 43. Christian rock singer Spencer Chamberlain (Underoath) is 40. Actor Lenora Crichlow is 38. Comedian-actor Charlyne Yi is 37. MLB All-Star Kris Bryant is 30. Actor-singer Coco Jones is 25.

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.

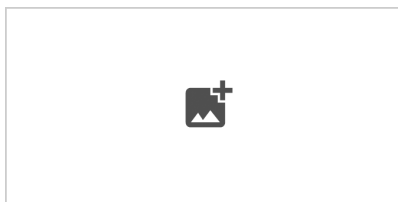
- **First job** - How did you get your first job in journalism?

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

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