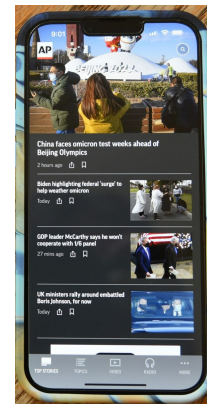


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# Connecting

May 23, 2023

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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning on this May 23, 2023,

Thanks to a heads-up from our colleague **John Wylie**, Connecting is able to bring you a wonderful piece that had been written for Mother's Day – and while that holiday was 10 days ago, we missed seeing it, and what **Tracee Herbaugh** wrote needs to be included in the newsletter. Truly a case of better late than never.

Tracee, a Connecting colleague, wrote for the AP wire: "Daughters without moms find support in each other's grief." She was 13 when her mother **Sharon Herbaugh**, a South Asia-based foreign correspondent for the AP, died in a helicopter crash in 1993. Sharon is forever remembered on the AP Wall of Honor.

We bring you more photos from the Connecting Texas reunion last weekend.

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy, live the day to your fullest.

Paul

## Daughters without moms find support in each other's grief

**John Wylie** - A superb job by AP 's Tracee Herbaugh whose Mother's Day story was just posted a week later for those who local AP subscribers hadn't used it. As one who lost his father so young that we never had a real Father's Day due to his health. I had no father figure until my wife Faith's father decided I was a keeper and filled the role superbly until lung cancer took him far too early. Tracee used her real-life experience to find proper interviewees, ask them the right question, weave the interviews into a smooth narrative that includes what new services have evolved over the past two generations for half-orphans. Thought it might be worth spotlighting as a good way to treat holidays that bring joy to most but melancholy to many.

The story to which he refers, written by our colleague **Tracee Herbaugh**:



This image provided by Tracee Herbaugh, shows the author with her mother, Sharon Herbaugh, a South Asia-based foreign correspondent for the Associated Press who died in a helicopter crash in 1993. There are many kinds of support today for children who have lost their parents. (Tracee Herbaugh via AP)

By TRACEE M. HERBAUGH  
May 14, 2023

When my mother died suddenly 30 years ago, I was 13. I'd spend the next 20 years attempting to understand what it means not to have a mother.

And I did this basically alone.

Mostly, this was because my mother's parents, who raised me, were old-fashioned folks who lived through the Dust Bowl. They didn't discuss feelings, good or bad. I never once saw my grandfather shed a tear after his daughter died. Plus, our town was in the rural plains of Colorado, hours away from any city with services like a grief therapist, even if my grandparents had been open to that.

But the silence around grief also was a product of the times. I am encouraged to see that now a mom's death is generally not handled the same way it was in 1993.

There are many kinds of support today, from the organized to the grassroots. Grief can be talked about and shared more publicly, experts say, and is acknowledged to last a long time.

Read more [here](#).

## *And from the AP's Wall of Honor, on Tracee's mother*

Islamabad bureau chief Sharon Herbaugh (1954-93) was killed with two other journalists and 12 Afghans on April 16, 1993, in a helicopter crash in the central mountains of Afghanistan, 100 miles north of Kabul. She was en route to the headquarters of a provincial governor to gather information about land mines that had maimed Afghans for years. She was 39 years old and the first AP newswoman and bureau chief to die on assignment.

At her death, Herbaugh had spent three years covering the Afghan civil war and its aftermath. "One of Sharon's editors once said, She's always looking for the next hurricane," AP President and CEO Louis D. Boccardi commented after her death. "That search ended in a field in Afghanistan but Sharon leaves a legacy of brave, insightful work that helped us all understand a distant, bitter conflict." Writing for the AP Log just weeks before her death, Herbaugh was clear about the risks she faced. "Afghans have a new name for their capital, Kabul. They call it 'Jhannum,' the Arabic word meaning Hell." A native of Lamar, Colo., Herbaugh joined the AP in Denver in 1978 and worked in Dallas, Houston and New York before transferring to New Delhi in 1988,





where she was named news editor the following year. She became chief of bureau in Islamabad in 1990.

## Retirement/What to call ourselves?



Sheila Norman-Culp '80 in Edison, N.J. Mark DiOrio

[Sheila Norman-Culp](#) - My alumni magazine, the Colgate Scene, had a nice writeup this month on my retirement (in late 2022) from AP. [Here](#) is the link.

The lead:

The Associated Press (AP) probably publishes a story a day on topics related to retirement: Do this, do that, whatever you do, avoid doing XYZ. But Bob Dylan knows the right question to ask: "How does it feel, to be on your own?"

I can't say I know yet. Thirty-nine years of working with colleagues — as we try to make sense of wars, plane crashes, Olympics, elections, genocide, royal weddings, royal funerals, and even the 9/11 terror attacks — has bonded me like superglue to these folks at AP.

It will take a while to decompress.

The response has been so positive that the Colgate Class of 1973 (50th reunion class) has asked me to be on a panel June 2 about the state of news today with Bob Woodruff of ABC News, among others.

On other topics: I prefer the term 'journalist' because it covers everything we do: report, investigate, write, edit, produce photographs, video, audio, social media etc.

The term “foreign correspondent” has a pompous whiff of colonialism or the Cold War about it — (“I’m coming from the US or Britain to tell the world about the country you peasants live in”) and I think the term reporter is way too limited and denotes a “he/she said Friday” transcriptive mentality that today’s journalists are hopefully long past.

## The Roosevelt

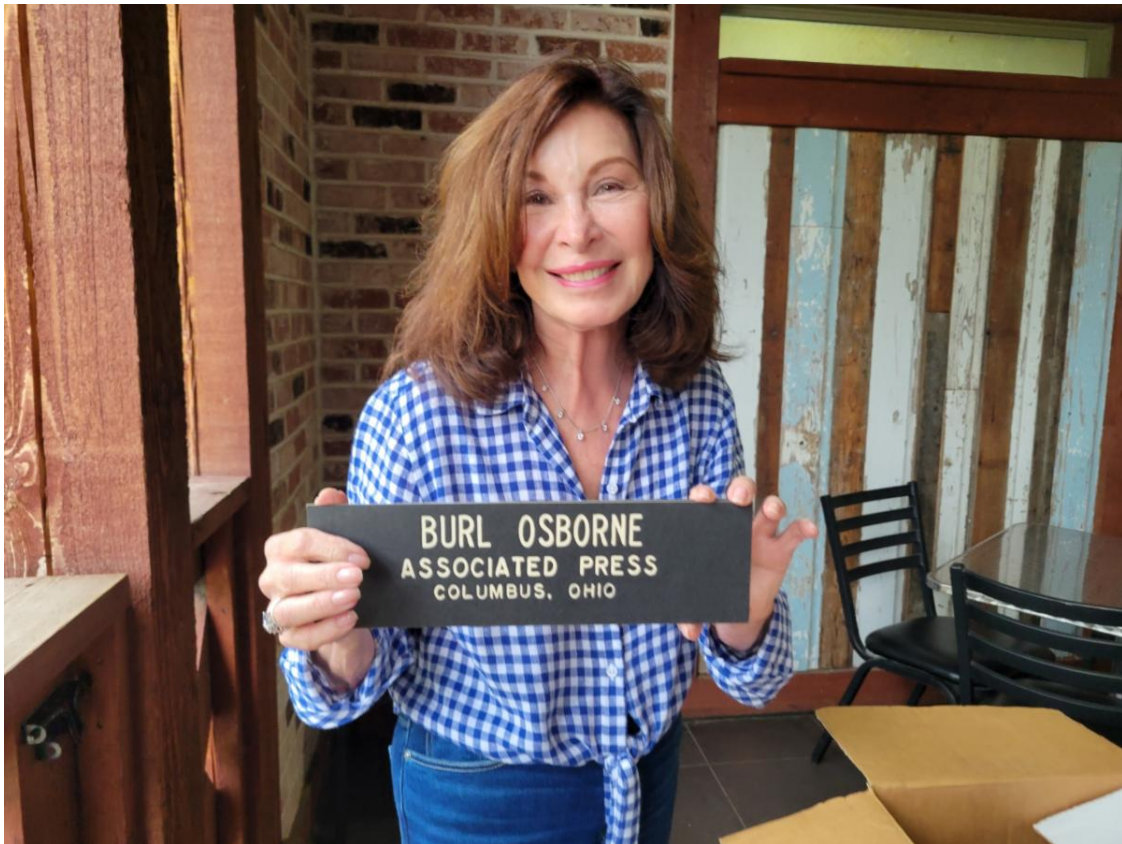
Frank Russell - I stayed at the Roosevelt years ago when the AP had the out of town staffers staying there at one of the political conventions at the Garden (not sure which one) but the hotel was a great place to bunk.

## More from the Texas AP reunion



Everybody loves a pirate with a parrot, especially a colorful flighty one named Zeo. Several AP Connecting reunion attendees headed to the Gaylord Texan resort & entertainment complex in Grapevine for lunch on Saturday, May 20, 2023, including Ed Staats, Judy Freeman, Diana Heidgerd, the friendly pirate, Steve Graham & Barbara Staats.





Betty Osborne shared numerous AP-themed personal items, received by her husband over his years with AP and as an executive with Belo Corp., with reunion attendees. Burl Osborne, who died in 2012, formerly worked for AP at locations including Ohio, Kentucky, Washington, DC, and New York where he was AP managing editor. He was chairman of the AP board from 2002 to 2007.



Recent Associated Press/Texas retirees **Pam Collins** and **Terry Wallace** were recognized Saturday night, May 20, 2023, during the AP Connecting reunion in the Dallas area.

Photo by Amanda Barnett.

## Tim Curran would be smiling

[Kathy Curran](#) - We are all loving that Brendan got this shoutout in the NYT, but we can't stop talking about what a kick Tim would have got out of it. (Brendan Curran is the son of Kathy and her late husband Tim Curran, longtime AP journalist.

The lead:

### Why Ted Lasso's Shoe Game Is So Strong

By Sarah Bahr  
New York Times

There's a reason that Ted Lasso, the fictional, sunny, mustachioed American hired to manage an English football club in the Apple TV+ series of the same name, is a sneakerhead.

"It was rooted in my own enthusiasm for sneakers and sneaker culture," said Jason Sudeikis, who has sported more than a dozen pairs of blue, orange and even red paisley Air Jordans as the show's titular coach.

In a recent call from London, Mr. Sudeikis said that Ted's affinity for footwear was also inspired, in part, by his longtime friend Brendan Curran, a fellow sneaker enthusiast and high school basketball coach in Lenexa, Kan., who connected with his students over this shared interest.

"It was this bit of unspoken respect and camaraderie among him and his players and his students," Mr. Sudeikis, 47, said of Mr. Curran and his team.

Read more [here](#).

## Jeopardy clue

**THE "AUTHORITATIVE  
JOURNALISM  
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ORG.'S STYLEBOOK  
CAUGHT FLAK IN 2023  
FOR A TWEET ABOUT  
"THE FRENCH"**

This was a \$400 clue in Monday's first "Jeopardy Masters" semifinal. Category: Perils of Journalism, for \$400. Contestant James Holzhauer has the correct answer -- I mean question: "What is AP?" (Shared by Chris Connell, Diana Heidgerd.)

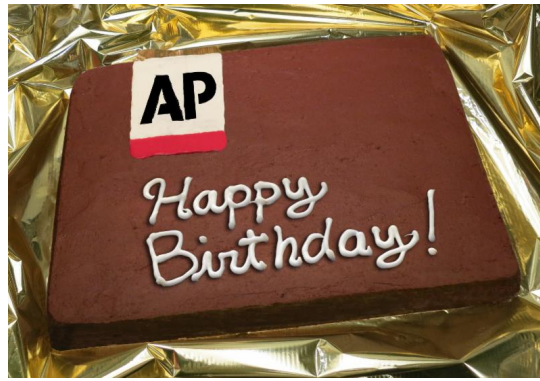
## **AP Press Pass**





**Linda Sargent** – My husband Ed (former deputy copy chief, The Dallas Morning News) spotted this tonight “AP Press Pass” while we were watching MLB.

**Connecting wishes Happy Birthday**



[Bob Egelko](#)

[Chris Leonard](#)

[Dave Tomlin](#)

[Jack Walker](#)

## Stories of interest

***Meta fined record \$1.3 billion and ordered to stop sending European user data to US*** (AP)

By KELVIN CHAN

LONDON (AP) — The European Union slapped Meta with a record \$1.3 billion privacy fine Monday and ordered it to stop transferring users' personal information across the Atlantic by October, the latest salvo in a decadelong case sparked by U.S. cybersnooping fears.

The penalty of 1.2 billion euros is the biggest since the EU's strict data privacy regime took effect five years ago, surpassing Amazon's 746 million euro fine in 2021 for data protection violations.

Meta, which had previously warned that services for its users in Europe could be cut off, vowed to appeal and ask courts to immediately put the decision on hold.

The company said "there is no immediate disruption to Facebook in Europe." The decision applies to user data like names, email and IP addresses, messages, viewing history, geolocation data and other information that Meta — and other tech giants like Google — use for targeted online ads.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Imagine if the Press Covered the Supreme Court Like Congress*** (Slate)

BY DAHLIA LITHWICK

*This is a part of Disorder in the Court, a weeklong series on the legal press and the most explosive Supreme Court in generations: how we cover it, how we've failed, and how we can do better.*

You can write that the Supreme Court is delegitimizing itself only so many times before you've made yourself ridiculous. If the high court is not in fact behaving in a fashion that makes its decisions respected, the real question is: Why are we all zealously watching and reporting on its decisions as though they are immutable legal truths? Why are we scientifically analyzing every case that comes down as if it holds value? The obvious answer is that these decisions have real consequences—something the past year has shown us far too graphically. But if the Supreme Court is no longer functioning as a real “court,” why are we mostly still treating its output as if it were simply the “law”?

In some sense, the answer is that the Supreme Court's power and prominence is mediated by the journalists that report on the institution, and we as journalists rely on the court for legitimacy and prominence in return. Someone has to translate legalese to the public. But the way journalists report on the institution—mostly by explaining the “law”—has set incredibly circumscribed boundaries around how the court's political activities are viewed. The Supreme Court press corps has been largely institutionalized to treat anything the court produces as the law, and to push everything else—matters of judicial conduct, how justices are chosen and seated, ethical lapses—off to be handled by the political press. That ephemera is commentary; the cases remain the real story.

This critique of the professorial Supreme Court press corps, articulated perhaps most pointedly by David Margolick, writing in 2007 in the New York Times, is that those of us who cover the high court mostly just sit around taking dictation, reporting on the justices' questions at oral arguments as if it's news; reporting neutrally about the contents of their opinions; and reporting the facts of the cases as presented to us by the Supreme Court:

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

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## ***Opinion My neighbor lived to be 109. This is what I learned from him.*** (Washington Post)

By David Von Drehle



## Deputy opinion editor and columnist

Early one August morning during a heat wave in Kansas City, Mo., I stepped outside to fetch the Sunday newspaper — and something stopped me in my tracks.

My new neighbor was washing a car. In my memory (this detail is a matter of some disagreement around the neighborhood), it was a shiny new Chrysler PT Cruiser, the color of grape soda pop. It belonged to my neighbor's girlfriend, and I couldn't help noting that the vehicle in question was parked in the same spot where she had left it the night before. I deduced that a Saturday night date with the glamorous driver had developed into the sort of sleepover that makes a man feel like being especially nice the next morning.

My neighbor was bare-chested, dressed only in a pair of old swim trunks. With a garden hose in one hand and a soapy sponge in the other, he flexed his muscular chest with each splash and swirl, his wavy hair flopping rakishly over one eye.

This was Dr. Charlie White. Age 102.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Peggy Walsh.

## Today in History - May 23, 2023



Today is Tuesday, May 23, the 143rd day of 2023. There are 222 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On May 23, 1984, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop issued a report saying there was "very solid" evidence linking cigarette smoke to lung disease in non-smokers.

### On this date:

In 1430, Joan of Arc was captured by the Burgundians, who sold her to the English.

In 1533, the marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Catherine of Aragon was declared null and void by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer.

In 1915, Italy declared war on Austria-Hungary during World War I.

In 1934, bank robbers Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker were shot to death in a police ambush in Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

In 1937, industrialist and philanthropist John D. Rockefeller, founder of the Standard Oil Co. and the Rockefeller Foundation, died in Ormond Beach, Florida, at age 97.

In 1939, the Navy submarine USS Squalus sank during a test dive off the New England coast. Thirty-two crew members and one civilian were rescued, but 26 others died; the sub was salvaged and recommissioned the USS Sailfish.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces bogged down in Anzio began a major breakout offensive.

In 1945, Nazi official Heinrich Himmler committed suicide by biting into a cyanide capsule while in British custody in Luneburg, Germany.

In 1967, Egypt closed the Straits of Tiran to Israeli shipping, an action that helped precipitate war between Israel and its Arab neighbors the following month.

In 1975, comedian Jackie "Moms" Mabley, 81, died in White Plains, New York.

In 2007, President George W. Bush, speaking at the U.S. Coast Guard commencement, portrayed the Iraq war as a battle between the U.S. and al-Qaida and said Osama bin Laden was setting up a terrorist cell in Iraq to strike targets in America.

In 2016, Prosecutors failed for the second time in their bid to hold Baltimore police accountable for the arrest and death of Freddie Gray, as an officer was acquitted in the racially charged case that triggered riots a year earlier.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama, in a speech to the National Defense University, defended America's controversial drone attacks as legal, effective and a necessary linchpin in an evolving U.S. counterterrorism policy, but acknowledged the targeted strikes were no "cure-all" and said he was haunted by the civilians who were unintentionally killed. The Boy Scouts of America threw open its ranks to gay Scouts but not to gay Scout leaders. LeBron James was a unanimous pick for the All-NBA team and Kobe Bryant earned his record-tying 11th first-team selection.

Five years ago: NFL owners approved a new policy allowing players to protest during the national anthem by staying in the locker room, but forbidding players from sitting or taking a knee if they're on the field. A federal judge ruled that President Donald Trump violates the First Amendment when he blocks critics on Twitter because of their political views. For the first time in the 36 seasons of TV's "Survivor," the season finale ended in a deadlock, and a tiebreaker was needed to crown Wendell Holland as the champ.

One year ago: President Joe Biden said the U.S. would intervene militarily if China were to invade Taiwan. It was one of the most forceful presidential statements in support of Taiwan's self-governing in decades. Biden also launched a trade deal with 12 Indo-Pacific nations aimed at strengthening their economies as he warned Americans worried about high inflation that it is "going to be a haul" before they feel relief. A Russian soldier who pleaded guilty to killing a civilian was sentenced by a Ukrainian court to life in prison. A Kremlin diplomat resigned, saying he had never been "so ashamed of my country."

Today's Birthdays: Actor Barbara Barrie is 92. Actor Joan Collins is 90. International Tennis Hall of Famer John Newcombe is 79. Actor Lauren Chapin is 78. Country singer Judy Rodman is 72. Chess grandmaster Anatoly Karpov is 72. Singer Luka Bloom is 68. New York Mets manager Buck Showalter is 67. Actor-comedian-game show host Drew Carey is 65. Actor Lea DeLaria is 65. Country singer Shelly West is 65. Author Mitch Albom is 65. Actor Linden Ashby is 63. Actor-model Karen Duffy is 62. Actor Melissa McBride is 58. Rock musician Phil Selway (Radiohead) is 56. Actor Laurel Holloman is 55. Rock musician Matt Flynn (Maroon 5) is 53. Country singer Brian McComas is 51. Actor John Pollono is 51. Singer Maxwell is 50. Singer Jewel is 49. "Jeopardy!" contestant and host Ken Jennings is 49. Actor LaMonica Garrett is 48. Actor D.J. Cotrona is 43. Actor Lane Garrison is 43. Actor-comedian Tim Robinson is 42. Actor Adam Wylie is 39. Movie writer-director Ryan Coogler is 37. Golfer Morgan Pressel is 35. Actor Alberto Frezza is 34. Folk/pop singer/songwriter Sarah Jarosz (juh-ROHZ') is 32.

## Got a story or photos to share?

Connecting is a daily newsletter published Monday through Friday that reaches more than 1,800 retired and former Associated Press employees, present-day employees, and news industry and journalism school colleagues. It began in 2013. 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

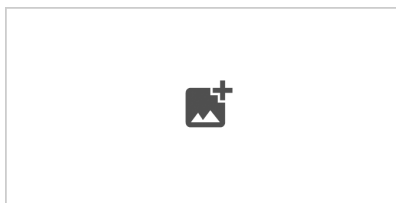




while.

- **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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