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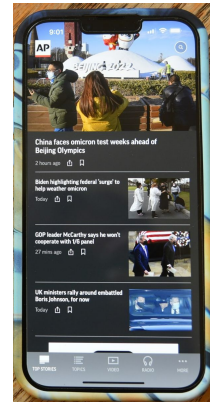
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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this June 15, 2023,

Connecting's 80s Club added two new members in recent days – [Mort Rosenblum](#) and [Jim Limbach](#). Congratulations to both colleagues.

You won't find it in today's AP Today in History, but...

On this date, 55 years ago, two 21-year-old kids said "I Do" in their wedding vows at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Fort Dodge, Iowa, and were off on a life's adventure that has brought them three children and four grandchildren, fulfilling careers in health care and journalism, and took them to 10 cities where they were lucky enough to make many good friends.



It's my pleasure to let my Connecting colleagues in on our little secret.

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

Paul and Linda Stevens

## Jason Horowitz' Rome journalism career began with AP

[Victor Simpson](#) – *retired AP Rome chief of bureau* - Sorry you didn't know that Jason's Rome journalism career began at AP's Rome office. He also met another intern there who later became his wife. Too many years ago! Jason is the NYT correspondent in Rome. Great guy, and his wife Claudia is lovely. They are a great couple. Two young kids and a dog.

You should see the list of esteemed graduates of Rome's intern program – Alessandra Galloni, head of Reuters, our own Colleen Barry, among many others.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Jason was the subject of a post in Wednesday's Connecting by Mike Feinsilber that noted:

On Monday the websites and on Tuesday the front pages of the printed editions of the Washington Post and the New York Times ran obituaries of Silvio Berlusconi, the former prime minister of Italy. And both obits carried the byline of Jason Horowitz.

## NYTimes.com: JOSEPH E. DYNAN, A.P. REPORTER, 62

[Harry Dunphy](#) - Mention of Joe Dynan in Wednesday's Connecting brought back memories.

I met him on a trip to Cairo in 1971 where he was COB and we shared our connections as Rockhurst College graduates and Kansas City Star staffers.

I came to Cairo from Beirut to cover the opening of the Aswan Dam, one of my first big stories from the Middle East. I dictated my story to Joe who phoned it to Moscow for relay to London.

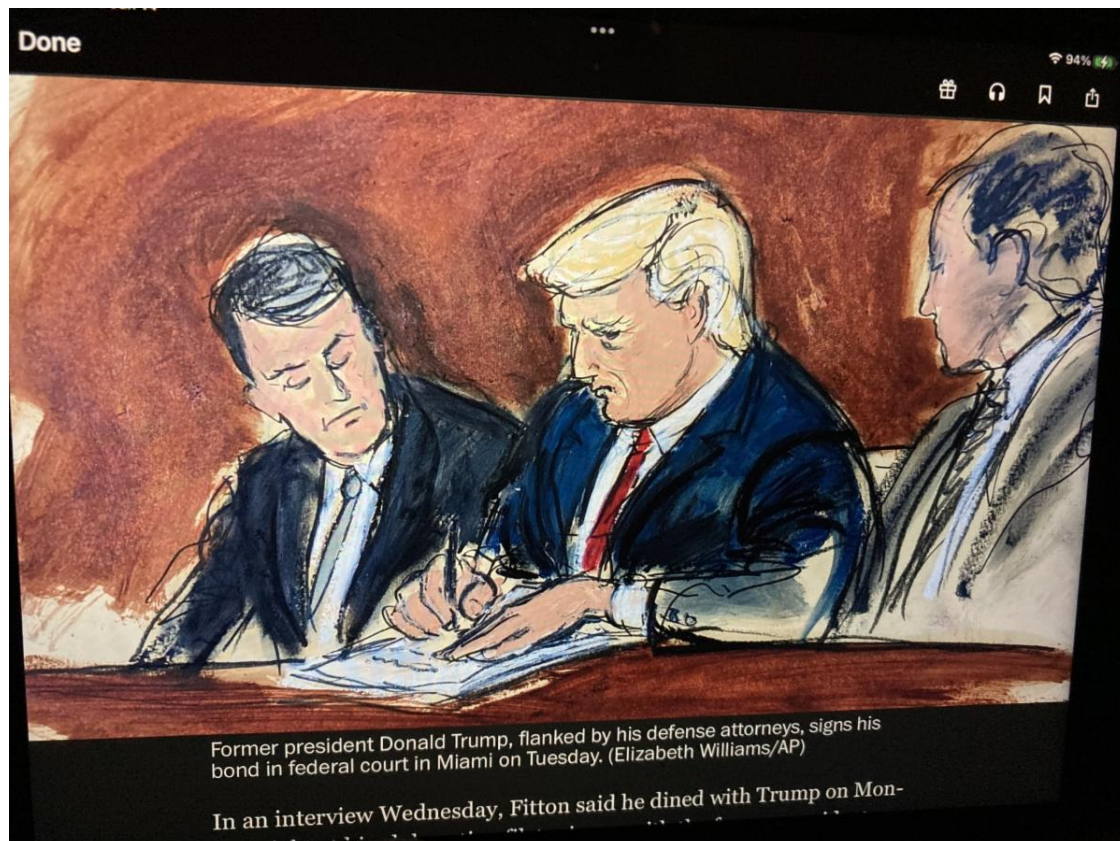
In those days communication from Cairo was difficult. From the copy it looks like he tried Paris first.

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[Here's his obit](#), from The New York Times. He's buried in the American Cemetery of Paris.

## AP artist depiction of Trump 'an early gift'?



[Dennis Conrad](#) - The Washington Post credited the AP for this courtroom artist's rendering of how Trump was in court Tuesday...specifically Elizabeth Williams. I would call this Boy Wonder Trump...an early gift for the former president who turned 77 on Wednesday/Flag Day.

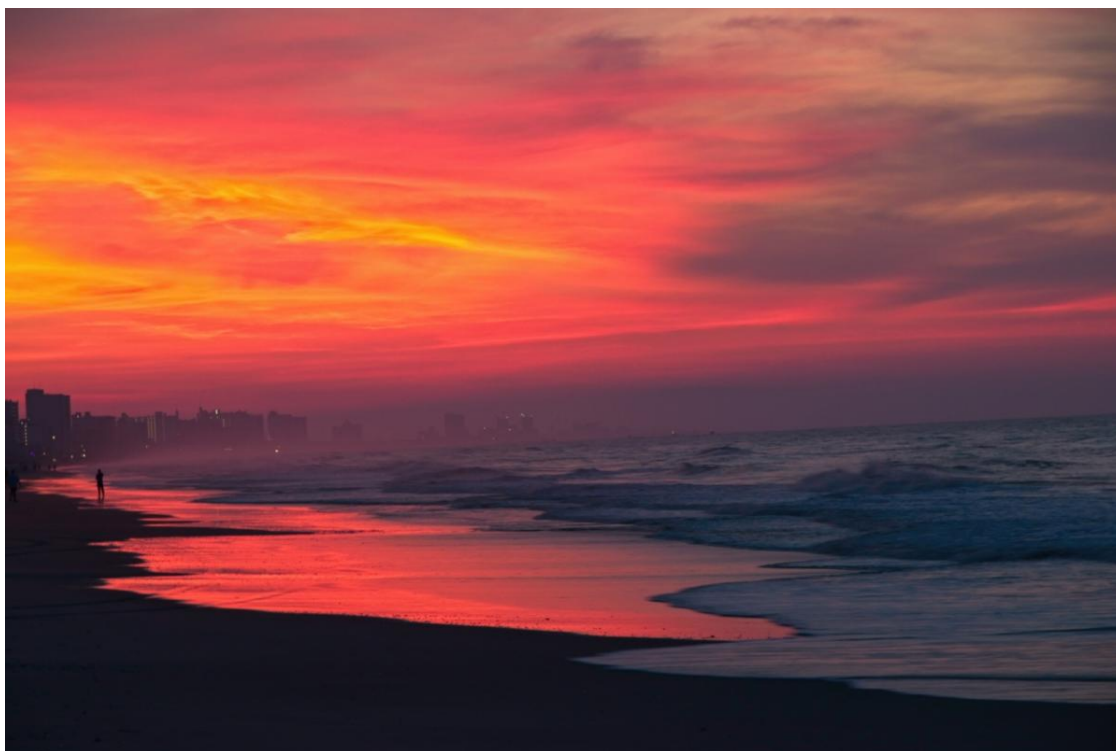
## Recalling longtime AP courts stringer Milt Sosin

[Dan Sewell](#) - [The CNN story](#) about using high school students to phone in info from the Trump federal hearing in Miami prompted me and fellow former Miami news editors Matt Bokor and Will Lester to remember the late longtime AP federal courts stringer Milt Sosin.

The retired Miami News reporter was extremely competitive, perfect for AP needs, and among his tricks was slapping an “Out of Order” sticker on the phone nearest the courtroom.

He was very well-connected, including with the judges, and sometimes dictated to AP from judges’ chambers.

## Connecting sky shots

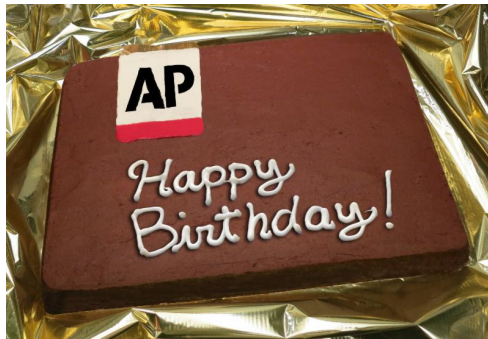


**Guy Palmiotto** - The sunrise photographed at Myrtle Beach, SC , yesterday ,Tuesday, June 13, 2023. My wife and I are on our annual vacation there and enjoy our dawn walks on the beach. This scene only adds to the health benefits of the walk.



[Lee Siegel](#) - Starfish Cove, north side of Yaquina Head, Oregon.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



[Tom Larimer](#)

## Welcome to Connecting



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## Stories of interest

*Fox News says it 'addressed' onscreen message that called Biden a 'wannabe dictator'* (AP)



By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox News appeared to express regret Wednesday for showing an onscreen message that called President Joe Biden a “wannabe dictator” who had his political rival arrested.

On the day he was arraigned on federal charges for hoarding classified documents, former President Donald Trump illustrated his continued role as a lightning rod for the media. PBS second-guessed one of its own messages about Trump, and his primetime speech showed a policy change at CNN following the ouster of its former leader.

The Fox News Channel chyron appeared beneath split-screen video boxes that showed Trump addressing supporters live in New Jersey, and Biden speaking at the White House earlier in the day.

The message read, “Wannabe dictator speaks at the White House after having his political rival arrested.”

Fox said in a statement Wednesday that “the chyron was taken down immediately and was addressed.” The website Mediaite reported that the message was onscreen for 27 seconds. It was also not removed when the telecast was rerun late at night.

Fox did not explain how the message made it onto the screen and how the matter was addressed.

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

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***A court in Guatemala has sentenced a prominent journalist to 6 years in jail*** (NPR)

**By Eyder Peralta**

One of Guatemala's most prominent journalists has been sentenced to six years in prison for money laundering, in a trial condemned by press freedom and human rights advocates.

José Rubén Zamora founded Guatemala's El Periódico newspaper in 1996. The paper went on to become one of the most respected investigative outfits in the country.

But last year, after it published reports uncovering corruption in government contracts, Zamora was arrested.

On Wednesday, a panel of judges found Zamora guilty of money laundering related to allegations over funds of nearly \$40,000.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Linda Deutsch.

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***'Get Out You Stupid B\*\*\*h': Donald Trump Crowd Turns On Journalist Over Question*** (HuffPost)**By Lee Moran**

A journalist for the British network Sky News was thrown out of the Versailles restaurant and bakery in Miami on Tuesday after asking Donald Trump a question.

International affairs producer Sophie Alexander was booed, grabbed by the arm and told to “get out you stupid bitch” after asking the former president if he was “ready to go to jail.”

Trump visited the Cuban eatery following his arrest and arraignment on a 37-count indictment in the classified documents case.

Alexander shared a video of the abuse on Twitter.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Linda Deutsch.

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***Robert Gottlieb, celebrated literary editor of Toni Morrison and Robert Caro, dies at 92*** (AP)**By HILLEL ITALIE**

NEW YORK (AP) — Robert Gottlieb, the inspired and eclectic literary editor whose brilliant career was launched with Joseph Heller’s “Catch-22” and continued for



decades with such Pulitzer Prize-winning classics as Toni Morrison's "Beloved" and Robert Caro's "The Power Broker," has died at age 92.

Gottlieb died Wednesday of natural causes at a New York hospital, Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group announced. Caro, who had worked for decades with Gottlieb on his Lyndon Johnson biographies and was featured with him last year in the documentary "Turn Every Page," said in a statement that he had never worked with an editor so attuned to the writing process.

"From the day 52 years ago that we first looked at my pages together, Bob understood what I was trying to do and made it possible for me to take the time, and do the work, I needed to do," Caro said in a statement. "People talk to me about some of the triumphant moments Bob and I shared, but today I remember other moments, tough ones, and I remember how Bob was always, always, for half a century, there for me. He was a great friend, and today I mourn my friend with all my heart."

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Newsroom of the future. Are traditional news sections obsolete?*** (Editor and Publisher)

**Dietmar Schantin | for Editor & Publisher**

Though digital is now fully the focus in most newsrooms, it has been challenging for media organizations to shed the traditional newsroom culture and organization that developed before the digital world changed everything. Even in newsrooms that have undergone extensive transformation, print is still the ghost in the digital machine.

This is especially true in how news is compiled and presented to audiences. Though newsrooms have been working steadily to transform to the needs of digital and the expectations of their audiences, organizational structures have been slow to change.

Go to any news website, and you will find the traditional sections — news, sports, business, culture, and others, as well as a central news feed, aggregated from the various sections where visitors land when they arrive.

Analytical tools that measure user behavior and more sophisticated marketing research may usher in a new era in which news is not passively presented in sections but created and curated for different target groups. These groups can be segmented by their various profiles based on data and research — habits, lifestyles, professional careers, political leanings, relationship with the product and more — with different content offerings for each audience.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Dan Rather looks back on his 70-year career: 'I didn't leave anything on the table'*** (USA TODAY)

By Patrick Ryan

If anyone deserves the documentary treatment, it's Dan Rather.

At 91, the Wharton, Texas, native is a journalism titan with more than 70 years in the industry, having covered landmark events including the JFK assassination, the Vietnam War and Watergate. He anchored "CBS Evening News" for more than two decades, leaving the network in 2005 after he reported on forged documents about George W. Bush's National Guard record that CBS failed to authenticate.

Frank Marshall's new documentary, "Rather," doesn't shy away from the controversy – and Rather wouldn't have it any other way.

"I wanted them to do an honest film," Rather says of the project, which is seeking distribution. Ultimately, "you can argue whether you like the way I did journalism, but if you look at the record – which this documentary does – you have to give me that I thought it mattered. I cared, I gave it everything I had, and I didn't leave anything on the table."

Ahead of the movie's premiere on Friday at New York's Tribeca Festival, Rather spoke to USA TODAY over Zoom about his career, legacy and the state of journalism.

Read more [here](#).

## **Today in History - June 15, 2023**



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, June 15, the 166th day of 2023. There are 199 days left in the year.

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY**

On June 15, 1775, the Second Continental Congress voted unanimously to appoint George Washington head of the Continental Army.

## ON THIS DATE

In 1215, England's King John put his seal to Magna Carta ("the Great Charter") at Runnymede.

In 1864, Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton signed an order establishing a military burial ground which became Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

In 1904, more than 1,000 people died when fire erupted aboard the steamboat General Slocum in New York's East River.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an act making the National Guard part of the U.S. Army in the event of war or national emergency.

In 1938, Johnny Vander Meer pitched his second consecutive no-hitter, leading the Cincinnati Reds to a 6-0 victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers in the first night game at Ebbets Field, four days after leaving the Boston Bees hitless by a score of 3-0.

In 1944, American forces began their successful invasion of Saipan (sy-PAN') during World War II. B-29 Superfortresses carried out their first raids on Japan.

In 1960, the Billy Wilder movie "The Apartment," starring Jack Lemmon and Shirley MaLaine, premiered in New York.

In 1985, the Shiite Muslim hijackers of a TWA Boeing 727 beat and shot one of their hostages, U.S. Navy diver Robert Stethem (STEE'-them), 23, throwing him out of the plane to die on the tarmac at Beirut airport.

In 1991, Mount Pinatubo in the northern Philippines exploded in one of the biggest volcanic eruptions of the 20th century, killing about 800 people.

In 1996, Ella Fitzgerald, the "first lady of song," died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 79.

In 2002, an asteroid with a diameter of between 50 and 120 yards narrowly missed the Earth by 75,000 miles — less than a third of the distance to the moon.

In 2020, the Supreme Court, in a 6-3 decision, ruled that a landmark civil rights law protects gay, lesbian and transgender people from discrimination in employment.

Ten years ago: Wild celebrations broke out in Tehran and other cities as reformist-backed Hassan Rowhani capped a stunning surge to claim Iran's presidency. Paul Soros, 87, a successful innovator in shipping, philanthropist and older brother of billionaire financier George Soros, died in New York.

Five years ago: Former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort was jailed to await two criminal trials; a federal judge revoked his house arrest over allegations of witness

tampering in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation. (Manafort would be sentenced to more than seven years in prison on federal charges.) President Donald Trump announced a 25 percent tariff on up to \$50 billion in Chinese imports, to take effect July 6. Rene Boucher, a neighbor of U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, was sentenced to 30 days in prison for tackling Paul while he was out doing yard work at his Kentucky home.

One year ago: The Federal Reserve raised its key interest rate by three-quarters of a point — its largest hike in nearly three decades in an effort to curb inflation. The U.S. said it would send an additional \$1 billion in military aid to Ukraine, as America and its allies worked to provide longer-range weapons they said could make a difference in a fight where Ukrainian forces were outnumbered and outgunned by Russian invaders. John Hinckley Jr., who shot and wounded President Ronald Reagan in 1981, was freed from court oversight, officially concluding decades of supervision by legal and mental health professionals.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS - R&B singer Ruby Nash Garnett (Ruby and the Romantics) is 89. Funk musician Leo Nocentelli (The Meters) is 77. Actor Simon Callow is 74. Singer Russell Hitchcock (Air Supply) is 74. Rock singer Steve Walsh is 72. Chinese President Xi Jinping (shee jihn-peeng) is 70. Actor-comedian Jim Belushi is 69. Country singer Terri Gibbs is 69. Actor Julie Hagerty is 68. Actor Polly Draper is 68. Rock musician Brad Gillis (Night Ranger) is 66. Baseball Hall of Famer Wade Boggs is 65. Actor Eileen Davidson is 64. Actor Helen Hunt is 60. Rock musician Scott Rockenfield (Queensryche) is 60. Actor Courteney Cox is 59. Country musician Michael Britt (Lonestar) is 57. Actor-rapper Ice Cube is 54. Actor Leah Remini is 53. Actor Jake Busey is 52. Actor Neil Patrick Harris is 50. Actor Greg Vaughan is 50. Actor Elizabeth Reaser is 48. Rock singer Dryden Mitchell (Alien Ant Farm) is 47. Former child actor Christopher Castile is 43. Rock musician Billy Martin (Good Charlotte) is 42. Actor Jordi Vilasuso is 42. Rock musician Wayne Sermon (Imagine Dragons) is 39. Actor Denzel Whitaker is 33. Olympic gold medal gymnast Madison Kocian is 26. Actor Sterling Jerins is 19.

## 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.

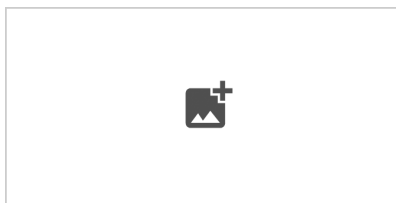
- **Volunteering** - benefit your colleagues by sharing volunteer stories - with ideas on such work they can do themselves.

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

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



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