

SHARE:

[Join Our Email List](#)

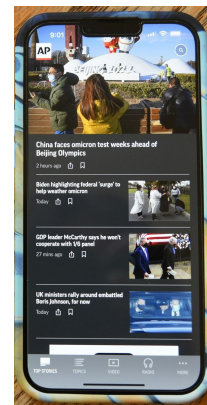
[View as Webpage](#)



Connecting

Oct. 6, 2023

Click [here](#) for sound of the Teletype



[Top AP News](#)
[Top AP Photos](#)
[AP Merchandise](#)

[Connecting Archive](#)
[AP Newsletters](#)
[AP Books](#)

Colleagues,

Good Friday morning on this Oct. 6, 2023,

Two of our Connecting colleagues reached the 80s milestone this week – **Linda Deutsch** of Los Angeles and **Barry Sweet** of Las Vegas.

Both had accomplished Associated Press careers – Linda as one of journalism’s finest trial reporters ever and Sweet as an award-winning Seattle photographer who covered some of the major events of our day.

Their stories relating to their birth milestones lead today’s issue.

As Linda mentions, age is an accomplishment - embrace it as a gift.

Here’s to a great weekend – be safe, stay healthy, live each day to your fullest.

Paul

My Elvis Birthday Bash





Linda Deutsch – When I realized that the Big 8-0 was about to overtake me, I thought of my late mother who always abided by Oscar Wilde’s maxim: “A woman who will tell you her age will tell you anything.” She would have kept this a big secret. But that was in another era before women were liberated enough to acknowledge age as an accomplishment. I decided to embrace it as a gift. And the only thing to do was throw a big party.

I had the perfect theme: the musical hero of my life, Elvis Presley. This came as no surprise to anyone who knows me and is familiar with my dedication to the King of Rock ‘n Roll. This was also another milestone -- the 68th anniversary of my founding of one of the first Elvis Presley fan clubs when I was just 12-years old. His music has been one of the enduring joys of my life that does not dim with age. Elvis has influenced many areas of my life. I consider my publication of an Elvis newsletter back then as the prelude to my newspaper career.

My childhood best friend, Florence Gell, flew in from New Jersey for the festivities. After all, she had been the co-founder of our fan club and traveled with me in 1957 with a parent chaperone to see Elvis in person in Philadelphia. We appeared on Dick Clark’s “American Bandstand” lobbying for an episode of the show with all Elvis music. Our wish was granted.

We are still best friends and our conversations often include memories of The King.

When guests arrived at the Skirball Cultural Center for the party, they were greeted with special Elvis name tags and two display tables filled with items from my vast collection of Elvis memorabilia. They also saw a huge picture collage of my life created by my friend Laurie Levenson including pictures of me with Priscilla Presley. Guests

were assigned to 10 tables with song names such as “Jailhouse Rock” (lawyers) and “Suspicious Minds” (journalists). The color scheme was pink and black, Elvis’ favorite color combo. There were black tablecloths with pink napkins, beautiful centerpieces of pink flowers in black vases and, of course, my outfit was pink and black. A playlist of Elvis songs was heard throughout lunch. Then there was entertainment including a comedian, former CBS producer Roberta Hollander. My neighborhood band, the Hollywood Dell Tones, outfitted in the theme colors, put on a musical show with popular singer Pamela Clay, also a neighbor. She began her set with the anthem of many girls born in my year, “Linda.”

An Elvis birthday cake was presented, and guests were served individual slices with a tiny Elvis figure on a toothpick in each one.



As you may guess, I needed help to accomplish this event. My right hand was Roberta Wax, former reporter and a crafts artist extraordinaire. She created the fancy Elvis name tags which included captions telling who everyone was and how they fit into my life. And she made glittering signs with the name of each table. Together we culled out items from my huge memorabilia collection and had them boxed up for transport. I had her phone number on speed dial and she said she was in charge of talking me off the ledge when I feared the whole thing wasn’t going to work. Roberta, known to all as Robi, has been in charge of organizing some 35 Society of Professional Journalists banquets over the years and was the producer of my retirement roast which featured an Elvis impersonator. She was my perfect accomplice.

The guest list was an eclectic mix of friends and family and friends who are like family. AP colleagues on hand included my AP “sister” Edie Lederer who flew in from New York; former AP photographer Deb Halberstadt and her husband Jon Hainer; my editing right hand on countless trials, John Antczak; AP’s director of productions, Cliff Decatrel and his wife Kim; former LA broadcast chief, Rachel Ambrose, who came to AP/LA shortly after I did, and legendary AP vet and “Mr. Las Vegas” columnist Norm

Clarke and his wife Cara. So many journalists connected with people they hadn't seen in decades. Relatives of my late great friend Theo Wilson were there along with my Deutsch family and friends from my various social groups.

I summed it up by telling everyone my future will continue to be guided by the lyrics to an Elvis song: "Got A Lot Of Living To Do."

Through the years, all 80 of them, with Barry Sweet



Barry Sweet with his wife Raleigh

Barry Sweet - born Oct. 1, 1943, to Gordon and Annette Sweet in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Moved to Miami, Florida and then to Madison, Wisconsin.

Attended West High School and worked on the school newspaper as their photographer. Used a 4 x 5 film Graphic camera.

I married Raleigh Fluhr in 1966 and have two children, Corrie Mann and Jason Sweet.

During high school I took a job as a copy boy at the Wisconsin State Journal while attending Whitewater State College. From there I went to Layton School of Art in

Milwaukee where I studied photography for two years under master photographer Gerhard Bakker.

While attending school I was encouraged to compete in the National NPPA Student Photo Competition by Journal photographers Ed Stein and Dick Sroda. I submitted five photographs and won four awards. One of the judges was Rich Clarkson of the Topeka Capital Journal.

Clarkson liked my work and offered me a job in Topeka, Kan., where I worked for about three years before being hired by The Associated Press to work in its Seattle bureau, where I was based for 34 years. I was the only AP photographer west of Denver and north of San Francisco from 1968 to 1977.

After retirement I moved to Las Vegas where I set up a small photography business and worked for three different wire organizations.

Highlights of my photography career include AP Kansas-Missouri Sweepstakes Winner for the Topeka, 1968. Twice nominated for the Pulitzer Prize.

In the early days of 1960, I covered Vietnam demonstrations in Madison, Wis., and Seattle. One of my photos hangs in the Smithsonian, Washington, D.C.

I was also AP prime photographer for the recovery of Apollo 8, Apollo 10, Apollo 11 where I photographed the return of the first mission to land a man on the moon including Neil Armstrong.

I did five space missions from 1969 to 1972.

In 1968 I made one of the last photos of U. S. Sen Robert Kennedy before he was killed in California. It showed him with his dog on a Oregon beach.





My photography in the 1970's included Boeing aircraft, Oil discovered in Alaska and the Seattle Seven riot.

My photography in the 1980's included Mount St Helen's eruption, Madonna first show and the Seattle Seahawks.

Jimi Hendrix funeral and total eclipse of sun.

My photography in the 1980's included Ken Griffey Jr. and the Seattle Mariners, and the WTO meeting in Seattle.

In the 1990's many photos of Microsoft CEO Bill Gates as he became a world figure.

I have made photo books on Bill Gates, the Boeing Company, Elizabeth Taylor, my book of 50 years of photography "Split Seconds."

I figure I made close to 100,000 images and traveled 60,000 miles a year. I covered Wounded Knee, national presidential campaigns, the Olympic Games, Super Bowls and NBA Championships and countless celebrities.

Brand X

Bruce Lowitt - Whether it's "X, formerly known as Twitter" or "Twitter, officially named X", it's wrong.

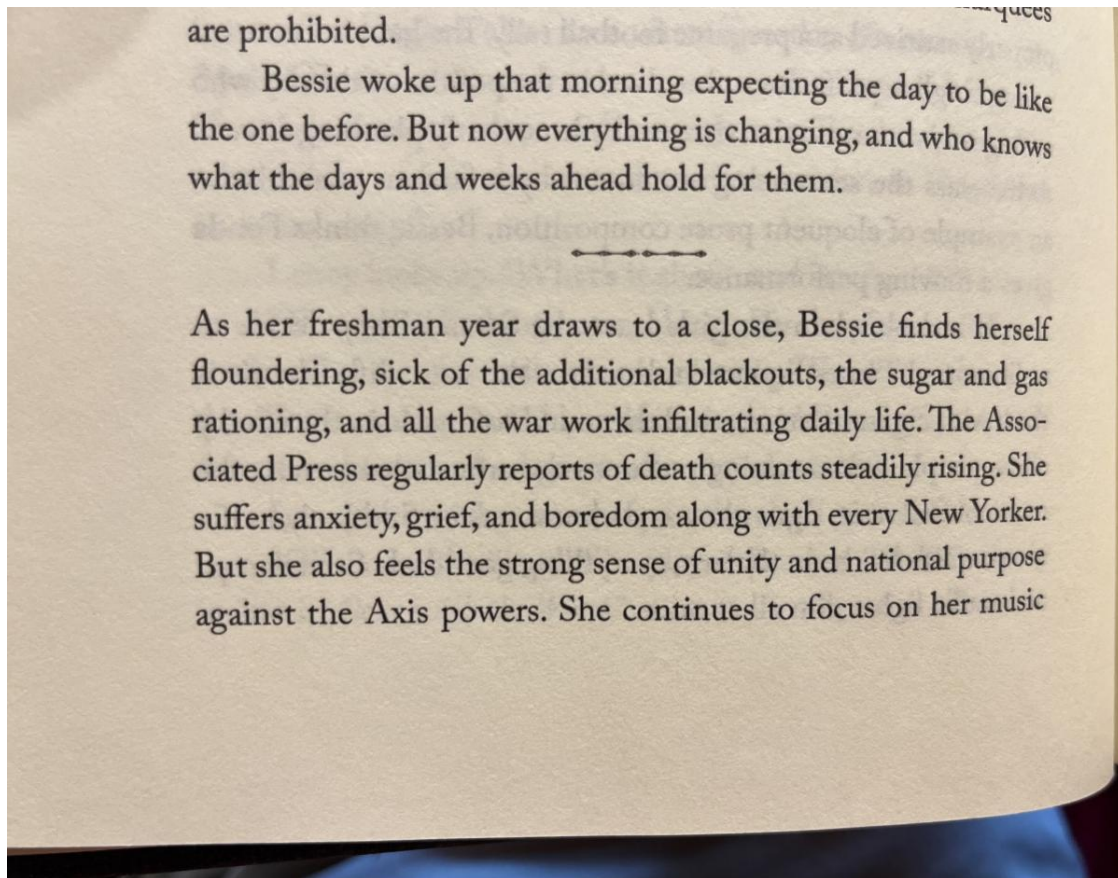
We don't say, "Sri Lanka, formerly known as Ceylon," or "Vin Diesel, formerly known as Mark Sinclair".

Just say X. We'll get used to it for as long, or as briefly, it's around.

Discount on Ray Long's book ends today

Today, Oct. 6, is the last of a two-day window to get a 50 percent discount on Chicago Tribune reporter [Ray Long](#)'s book, "The House That Madigan Built: The Record Run of Illinois' Velvet Hammer," which documents the rise and fall of America's longest-serving legislative leader. Long's coverage included a period when he served as AP's political writer and correspondent in Springfield, Ill., where Madigan ran the House for 36 years. Madigan was indicted in March 2022, the same month Long's book came out. Click [here](#) for link to the book. To get this deal, here is the special discount code -- CILH23

AP sighting



[Andrew Welsh-Huggins](#) - I found this AP reference today in a newly published novel I'm reading, *Bessie*, by Linda Kass. The book is a historical fiction account of Bess Myerson, the first Jewish woman to be crowned Miss America, in 1945.

Connecting sky shot – New Jersey



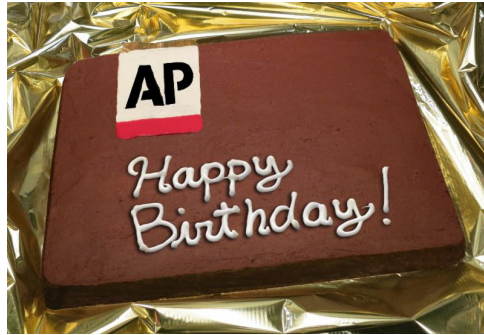
Brian Horton - A gull is silhouetted by the setting sun reflecting on Barnegat Bay off the bay beach in Ship Bottom on Long Beach Island, NJ, Monday, Oct. 2, 2023.

And New York New York



By Marty Thompson

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



[Marcia Budd](#)

[Gary Graham](#)

[Andrew Welsh-Huggins](#)

[Susan Ragan](#)

[Adriana Wiersma](#)

On Sunday to...

[Susanna Loof](#)

[Harry Moskos](#)

[Bud Weydert](#)

Stories of interest

All Trump, all the time? Former president's legal problems a boon to MSNBC^(AP)

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — During a recent “Morning Joe” discussion of another development in the four indictments of former President Donald Trump, NBC News reporter Ken Dilanian predicted, “we are in for a real show next year.”

MSNBC is not just counting on that to be true. The network is built around it.

The news outlet is hyper-focused on Trump’s legal jeopardy, with a team of experts ready to dissect every ruling, every filing, every comment. The approach has seen success — even with some Republicans — with potential for more and the obvious questions of what happens when the bubble bursts.

Read more [here](#).

-0-

Media entrepreneur unites young activists with power brokers for fight to make social media safe (AP)

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — A media entrepreneur is trying to connect young people disturbed by the impact of social media on mental health with older power players to fight for change in how tech companies do business.

The newly-formed Sustainable Media Center is intent on stopping companies from using algorithms to push damaging information to vulnerable youths, dark things like suicide methods. Venture capitalist and trustee Bradley Tusk has seen it personally; he believes his daughter’s eating disorder was made worse by what she saw online.

It’s a long way from initial hopes that the internet would connect the world for more positive uses, said founder Steven Rosenbaum, former producer of “MTV News: Unfiltered,” several documentaries and ex-leader of the NYC Media Lab.

Read more [here](#).

-0-

X removes article headlines in latest platform update, widening a rift with news media (AP)

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — X, formerly known as Twitter, has stopped showing headlines on articles shared on the platform. Now, X only displays an article’s lead image and a link to the story.

Plans for the change were first reported by Fortune in August, when owner Elon Musk confirmed in a post that he thought the change— which came from him “directly” — would “greatly improve the aesthetics” of posts.

Linked articles now appear as an image, and include text in the left-hand corner noting the domain of the link. Users must click on the image if they wish to visit the full article, which could lead to confusion.

Read more [here](#).

-0-

St. Louis County charges Hillsdale employee after Fox 2 photojournalist was run over (Post-Dispatch)

Taylor Tiamoyo Harris

CLAYTON — A longtime Hillsdale employee was charged Wednesday after a Fox 2 photojournalist was run over in August with a public works truck.

Earl D. Longmeyer, 57, was charged with driving in a careless and imprudent manner, causing an accident. The maximum sentence for the misdemeanor is a \$2,000 fine and a year in jail. The case is being prosecuted by St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office First Assistant Prosecutor Jessica Hathaway.

Longmeyer is accused of running over Fox 2 photojournalist Wade Smith on Aug. 11 with Hillsdale's top city official, Dorothy Moore, in the passenger seat.

After being run over in Hillsdale, Smith had serious injuries, including emergency surgery for a broken tibia bone. Fox 2 reported Wednesday the photojournalist planned to start physical therapy next month.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Scott Charton.

-0-

The Remaking of The Wall Street Journal (New York Times)

By Katie Robertson

Last month, Emma Tucker, the new editor in chief of The Wall Street Journal, gathered the newsroom to share a blunt message: The media industry had morphed “beyond recognition” and The Journal needed to adapt, or be left behind.

“We don’t want to be the German car industry of news publishing,” she joked to the hundreds of staff members listening.

Ms. Tucker, who took over as top editor in February, was addressing a group that had been, to a large degree, tentatively optimistic about their energetic new boss. But many were also unnerved by the speed of the changes she had already made to traditions some viewed as core to the character and success of The Journal, one of the world’s premier business publications.

At least 15 veteran editors and writers have left the paper in recent months. Long-held stylistic practices, such as the use of courtesy titles in articles, were disposed of overnight. The Journal's chief enterprise editor, who had veto power over which big investigative pieces were published and which were discarded, was pushed out.

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

The Final Word(s)



NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK

Shared by Peggy Walsh



DAVE GRANLUND © www.davegranlund.com

Non Sequitur by Wiley Miller



Shared by Len Iwanski

Today in History – Oct. 6, 2023



By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Oct. 6, the 279th day of 2023. There are 86 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 6, 1973, war erupted in the Middle East as Egypt and Syria launched a surprise attack on Israel during the Yom Kippur holiday, starting a nearly three-week conflict that would become known as the Yom Kippur War.

On this date:

In 1536, English theologian and scholar William Tyndale, who was the first to translate the Bible into Early Modern English, was executed for heresy.

In 1927, the era of talking pictures arrived with the opening of "The Jazz Singer" starring Al Jolson, a feature containing both silent and sound-synchronized sequences.

In 1928, Chiang Kai-shek became president of China.

In 1939, in a speech to the Reichstag, German Chancellor Adolf Hitler spoke of his plans to reorder the ethnic layout of Europe — a plan that would entail settling the "Jewish problem."

In 1976, President Gerald R. Ford, in his second presidential debate with Democrat Jimmy Carter, asserted that there was "no Soviet domination of eastern Europe."

In 1979, Pope John Paul II, on a week-long U.S. tour, became the first pontiff to visit the White House, where he was received by President Jimmy Carter.

In 1981, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was shot to death by extremists while reviewing a military parade.

In 2003, American Paul Lauterbur and Briton Peter Mansfield won the Nobel Prize for medicine for discoveries that led to magnetic resonance imaging.

In 2010, the social networking photo app Instagram was launched by Kevin Systrom and Mike Krieger.

In 2014, the Supreme Court unexpectedly cleared the way for a dramatic expansion of gay marriage in the United States as it rejected appeals from five states seeking to preserve their bans, effectively making such marriages legal in 30 states.

In 2017, the board of directors of The Weinstein Co. said movie mogul Harvey Weinstein was on indefinite leave from the company he founded amid an internal investigation into sexual misconduct allegations against him.

In 2018, in the narrowest Senate confirmation of a Supreme Court justice in nearly a century and a half, Brett Kavanaugh was confirmed by a 50-48 vote; he was sworn in hours later.

In 2020, President Donald Trump, recovering from COVID-19, tweeted his eagerness to return to the campaign trail and said he still planned to attend an upcoming debate with Democrat Joe Biden in Miami; Biden said there should be no debate as long as Trump remained COVID positive. (The debate would be canceled.)

In 2022, a former police officer facing a drug charge burst into a daycare center in Thailand, killing at 36 people, most of them preschoolers, in the deadliest rampage in the nation's history.

Today's Birthdays: Broadcaster and writer Melvyn Bragg is 84. Actor Britt Ekland is 81. The former leader of Sinn Fein (shin fayn), Gerry Adams, is 75. Singer-musician Thomas McClary is 74. Musician Sid McGinnis is 74. Rock singer Kevin Cronin (REO Speedwagon) is 72. Rock singer-musician David Hidalgo (Los Lobos) is 69. Pro Football Hall of Famer Tony Dungy is 68. Actor Elisabeth Shue is 60. Singer Matthew Sweet is 59. Actor Jacqueline Obradors is 57. Country singer Tim Rushlow is 57. Rock musician Tommy Stinson is 57. Actor Amy Jo Johnson is 53. Actor Emily Mortimer is 52. Actor Lamman (la-MAHN') Rucker is 52. Actor Ioan Gruffudd (YOH'-ihn GRIH'-fihth) is 50. Actor Jeremy Sisto is 49. Actor Brett Gelman is 47. R&B singer Melinda Doolittle is 46. Actor Wes Ramsey is 46. Actor Karimah Westbrook is 45. Singer-musician Will Butler is 41. Actor Stefanie Martini is 33.

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 Central Region 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.

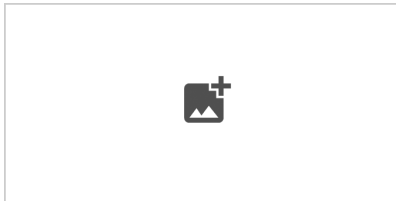
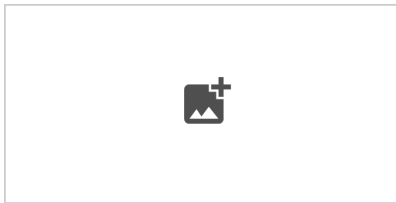
- **Volunteering** - benefit your colleagues by sharing volunteer stories - with ideas on such work they can do themselves.

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

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



Paul Stevens
Editor, Connecting newsletter
paulstevens46@gmail.com



Connecting newsletter | 14719 W 79th Ter, Lenexa, KS 66215

[Unsubscribe stevenspl@live.com](mailto:stevenspl@live.com)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by paulstevens46@gmail.com powered by



Try email marketing for free today!