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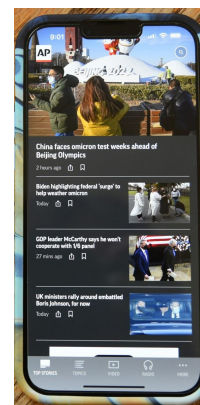
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Colleagues,

Good Monday morning on this Dec. 18, 2023,

**Larry Knutson**, one of the most-respected Associated Press journalists to cover Washington, died Saturday at the age of 87.

Today's Connecting brings you a story on our colleague by **Cal Woodward** in which he relates the career of the longtime AP writer whose deep knowledge of the presidency, Congress and American history made him an institution in his own right.

After his retirement, Knutson wrote a book about presidential vacations and retreats, "Away from the White House," published by the White House Historical Association. Connecting featured it at the time of its publication.

If you have memories of Larry to share, please send them along.

We bring you more suggestions from colleagues on nonprofit news organizations that could benefit from your donation.

In noting last Friday's edition and mention of donations to the AP as one giving option, our colleague [Kevin Costelloe](#), former Paris bureau chief, offers the following:

"I was surprised to see the AP is appealing for donations to keep moving forward financially. Let's hope that works as a way to support the great work of the current and future news teams. I was with the AP for 27 great years starting in 1978, and always wish for the best for such a proud and vital news organization."

Here's to a great week ahead – be safe, stay healthy, live each day to your fullest.



Paul

## AP's Lawrence Knutson, who covered Washington's transcendent events for nearly 4 decades, has died



**FILE - Washington Associated Press reporters Larry Knutson, left, and Frank Cormier interview President Jimmy Carter, right, at the White House, Jan. 25, 1977, in Washington Knutson, a longtime Associated Press writer whose deep knowledge of the presidency, Congress and American history made him an institution in his own right, has died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023. He was 87. (AP Photo, File, courtesy AP Corporate Archives)**

**BY CALVIN WOODWARD**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawrence L. Knutson, a longtime Associated Press writer whose deep knowledge of the presidency, Congress and American history made him an institution in his own right, has died. He was 87.

Knutson, who had prostate cancer and other health problems, died Saturday night in hospice care at a memory care facility in Washington, said his cousin, Katherine Knutson Garrett, who had recently been managing his affairs.

Knutson's AP career spanned 37 years and the terms of eight presidents before his retirement in 2003.

In that time, he established himself as an expert on Washington — “a city of inspiration and spite, of spring bloom and eternal ambition, a low-rise marble capital that tourists honor and critics malign,” he wrote. He seemed to carry the soul of the place with him, as soulless as that place could seem to be to some.

Born in Chicago, Lawrence Lauder Knutson was raised in Milwaukee and rural Wisconsin before he interrupted his university studies to enlist in the Army. He was sent to a U.S. base outside Bordeaux, France, where he produced the base newspaper and wondered “what journalism would be like if you did it for real.”

He worked for the City News Bureau of Chicago after the Army and university, then the Chicago Tribune before the AP hired him in 1965. The next year, he was mere feet away, covering an open-housing march led by Martin Luther King Jr., when a rock hurled from hostile bystanders struck King on the head, knocking him to one knee.

“He recovered, and surrounded by aides, led about 700 people through hostile crowds numbering in the thousands,” Knutson recalled. Knutson transferred to Washington in 1967.

Colleagues remember Knutson as an elegant writer on the transcendent events of his time. He was always quick to give acquaintances tours of Congress more intimate than the official tour guides put on. He also had his eccentricities.

“Sitting beside Larry in the Senate Press Gallery for many years, I always admired his quick grasp of a story, his writing and his love of Congress as an institution,” said former AP writer Jim Luther. “And who doesn’t take notes on a checkbook or use a paper clip to hold his glasses together?”

The story is legion of Knutson sleeping in late when in New York to cover a 1976 whistle-stop train tour by Jimmy Carter and presidential running mate Walter Mondale to New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Missing the train, Knutson took a succession of cabs from city to city, racking up a substantial bill only to find the train gone when he got to each stop.

In a line of work that is relentlessly focused on the moment, Knutson was also one to look back, reaching for lessons of history that informed the present.

“Larry was indeed deeply knowledgeable about Congress and Washington politics,” said Sandy Johnson, a former AP Washington bureau chief. “But what I remember most vividly is his interest in history, which translated into a column we called Washington Yesterday. His insightful and delightful writing about Washington history was an antidote to the gravity and infighting of the usual capital news -- and his columns always made me smile.”

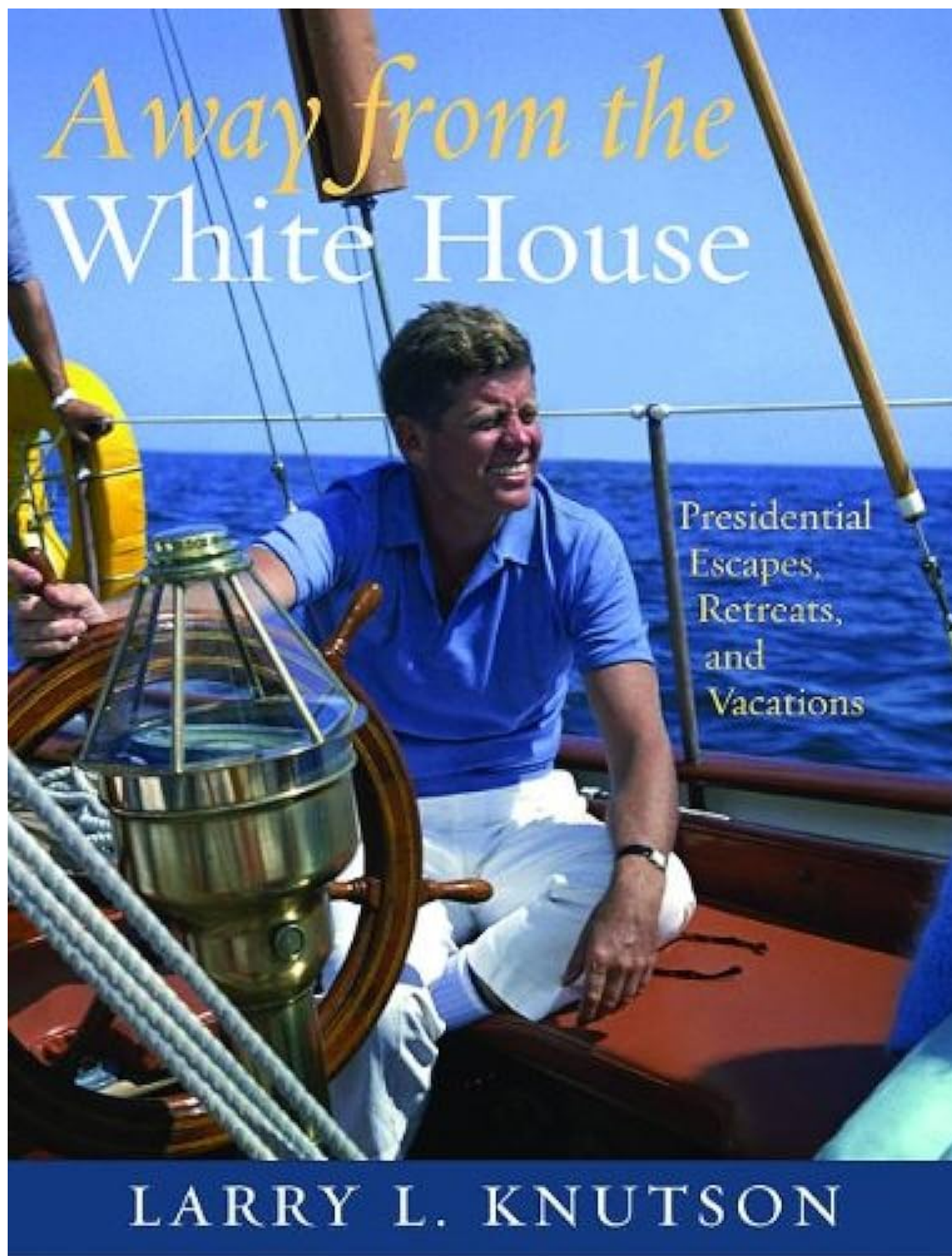
There was his story about presidential portraits: “George Washington came to the presidency under siege by artists who saw his character and their fortunes in the contours of his face. The American Revolution’s commander in chief found persistent artists more irritating than the crack of British muskets; the lengthy sittings portrait painters required were, he said, mind-numbing wastes of fleeting time.”

And this, in the age of Bill (“Slick Willie”) Clinton: “A nickname, says the proverb, is ‘the heaviest stone the devil can throw at a man.’ Some wound and leave scars. Some stick like burrs. Others fall away and are forgotten.

“American presidents have attracted and endured nicknames ever since George Washington was called the ‘Sword of the Revolution,’ Father of His Country,’ the ‘Sage



of Mount Vernon' and, interestingly, 'The Old Fox.'"



After his retirement, Knutson wrote a book about presidential vacations and retreats, "Away from the White House," published by the White House Historical Association.

Knutson will be buried in a small cemetery in City Point, Wisconsin, where many family members are interred, his cousin said. No details were immediately released on a memorial service or his survivors.

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Associated Press writer Matthew Daly contributed to [this report](#).

# Memories of Larry Knutson

**Larry Margasak** - Everyone who worked with him in Washington has a Larry Knutson story. Larry was as much a historian as he was a great reporter. I used to walk the halls of the Capitol with him and learned more about the building's past than any history book could tell me. I'm sure that many folks will weigh in with stories, including his campaign coverage. May his memory be a blessing.

## AP + News Media Guild Update

**In a note to U.S. AP managers Friday from David Scott, VP & Head of News Strategy and Operations:**

AP and the News Media Guild have reached a milestone tentative agreement on the use of generative artificial intelligence in our newsroom. This tentative agreement with the union representing U.S. employees in the News Division will allow our journalists to experiment with this emerging technology, while reiterating our shared commitment to AP's standards and the belief that human journalists will always play a role in the creation and editing of our news report.

"We are delighted to have successfully worked alongside the union at the bargaining table to reach a tentative agreement on how the AP will explore the use of generative AI in ways that meet our editorial standards, including our strong belief in the essential role of journalists in news gathering and news production," said Julie Pace, AP senior vice president and executive editor. "This tentative agreement will allow us to responsibly experiment and innovate as we search together for ways this new technology may benefit AP, our staff and our customers."

Additionally, AP and the Guild have reached a tentative agreement on an expanded set of benefits for new parents that will expand the amount of paid parental leave provided to News Media Guild-covered employees from the current four weeks to 14 weeks.

As part of this tentative agreement, AP will also provide union-covered employees in the U.S. who are adopting a child or children with four weeks of paid adoption leave to help them welcome home a new member of the family.

This is an exciting moment for AP and the union members who power our news report. We believe AP was already the best place for journalists to tell the world's stories and these new parental leave benefits, which are dependent on our reaching an overall agreement, will make our newsroom an even more attractive place for talented reporters, editors and producers to do so.

The tentative agreements on the use of generative AI and parental leave come alongside tentative agreements to grant new union-covered members of the News Division vacation and sick leave from their first day of employment at AP, as well as to add Juneteenth Day as an official holiday for members of the U.S. union.



These agreements are tentative and subject to AP and the News Media Guild reaching an overall agreement on a new contract. AP and the Guild will resume negotiations later today.

## AP December Birthday Friends



**Elaine Hooker (left) and Jane Anderson**

**Jane Anderson** - When I worked at UPI in Hartford in the 1970s, a man who delivered press releases for his state representative to both AP and UPI said to me, "Do you know Elaine Hooker?"

When I replied, "No," he said, "She does at the AP what you do here at UPI. You remind me of her, and she reminds me of you. I think you would be great friends."

From the moment we met after I left UPI and joined AP, Elaine and I have been close friends. Today, we live on opposite coasts: I in Connecticut and she in California, but across the miles, we share many things in common, including a passion for playing musical instruments. Elaine plays cello. I play viola.

As a child, I learned to play violin first and then viola. I set both instruments aside until 1999 when I took up viola again. In 2010 I resumed playing violin with the Connecticut - based Quiet Corner Fiddlers and the Old Fiddle Club of Rhode Island.

In 2012 I co-founded the Northeast Connecticut Community Orchestra which I feared would vanish forever because of the COVID-19 quarantine. To my surprise, the string orchestra now has 30 members from throughout eastern Connecticut and more collective energy than ever before.

Our concerts include music from all genres focusing on more serious repertoire for our winter concert and lighter fare for our spring concert. This winter, we performed the Bach Cantata No. 140 collaborating with 45 singers from the Concert Choir of Northeastern Connecticut.

Our regular concert venue is Clark Memorial Chapel on the beautiful campus of Pomfret School, Pomfret, Conn. Both my sons, Anders Vercelli and Lars Vercelli, graduated from Pomfret School before going to college where the boys earned Bachelor of Science in Music degrees.

Playing music is an especially rewarding activity during such a politically fractured time in our nation. When you're busy figuring out whether you're playing on pitch and what the rhythm is in a particular passage of music, the goals encourage teamwork, leaving no room for discussion about anything else.

I love playing music with friends and making friends through playing music. So does Elaine.

Elaine tells me that she and three fellow cello players, who call themselves les Anciennes, meet weekly to play for two hours, and that kept them going during the pandemic.

One of these days, I may travel to California with my viola as carry-on luggage and play music with my AP buddy, Elaine Hooker.

## More nonprofit news orgs that could use your support

## Monmouth Scholarship Fund – Linda Deutsch

**Linda Deutsch** - I appreciate the chance to alert our Connecting colleagues to a journalism scholarship fund I have created at my alma mater, Monmouth University. It has been in place for five years and has helped some wonderful young journalism students to complete their education. This year's scholarship recipient is the woman editor of the campus newspaper, "The Outlook," who recently published an impressive 90th anniversary edition which included a retrospective view of my own tenure at the paper in the 1960s. This is not a vast worldwide fund but it provides donors with a chance to support individual students with ambitions to make journalism their careers. And it's tax deductible.

Click [here](#) for the link to donate to my Monmouth Scholarship Fund.

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## Omaha Press Club Foundation

**Mike Holmes** - In addition to the many worthy news organizations, may I suggest a helping hand for the future of our profession?

I'm a trustee of the Omaha Press Club Foundation. We annually award between \$50,000 and \$60,000 in scholarships to journalism students at Nebraska colleges and universities. The scholarships go to juniors to help them complete their senior year. We also fund photojournalism grants for three schools and an internship in an Omaha television newsroom. This year, we were able to help students at five schools: The University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska-Omaha, University of Nebraska-Kearney, Creighton University and Wayne State College. All the details are [here](#).

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## Fort Worth Report

**John Lumpkin** - Launched in April 2021, the Fort Worth Report is a growing local news nonprofit that covers Fort Worth and surrounding Tarrant County in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. Like others in this field, it depends solely on donations, grants and sponsorships to underwrite its daily news coverage.

Following more than a year of research and planning, Fort Worth Report started with a newsroom of three, a CEO with award-winning editorial experience and a chief development officer with a journalism background. A seed grant from the local Burnett Foundation secured its survival for up to a year.

(Disclosure - I was a member of the five-member founding board of directors and now serve as the volunteer corporate Secretary.)



We enter 2024 with an editorial staff of 16, including a managing editor, content manager (functions like a city editor/copy desk chief), business editor, 10 full-time beat reporters and three year-round reporting Fellows from local college journalism programs.

Our daily newsletter is approaching 40,000 subscribers. We are in the early stages of a three-year \$1.5 million Community Journalism Fund campaign that will sustain the news operations, as we promised AJP.

Sounds great, doesn't it? Well, like other news nonprofits, larger or smaller, the coffers are never full enough to project much of a future beyond the next six months to a year. Like the others, we are participating in the various national matching campaigns this season.

We were helped initially by an organization called News Revenue Hub, the roots of which were in a pioneer news nonprofit - Voice of San Diego - and by Sue Cross' INN. Both were able to find inexpensive third parties for back-office functions and web management for our all-digital operations. A local company cleared out its storage rooms of old computer furniture and accessories.

Our motto is "Free, Fair and Local." We don't do editorials, have opinion bloggers or endorse candidates. All our original content is local or is based on local issues (e.g., our legislative coverage). Our mission statement used AP's tradition of objectivity and nonpartisanship as a starting point.

Click [here](#) to make a donation.

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## Center for Journalism Ethics at University of Wisconsin

**Owen Ullmann** - I would like to add the [Center for Journalism Ethics](#) at the University of Wisconsin's J-School. Its work is invaluable during these times of division over the proper role of journalism in the face of hyper-partisanship, fake news concerns and the role of AI.

I am on the CJE's board of advisers so I can attest personally to the center's commitment to the highest and most thoughtful standards in offering guidance to newsrooms and journalists.

The mission of the Center for Journalism Ethics is to encourage the highest standards in journalism ethics worldwide. We foster vigorous debate about ethical practices in journalism and provide a resource for producers, consumers and students of journalism. We honor the best in ethical journalistic practice and will not hesitate to call attention to journalistic failings.

Click [here](#) to make a donation.

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## Vicky Shek Zeitlin memorial scholarships

**Arnold Zeitlin** - For more than 20 years, our family has supported modest scholarships in memory of my late wife, Vicky Shek Zeitlin, at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and at the Journalism & Media Studies Centre at the University of Hong Kong. The scholarship at Columbia is for Asian students; the one at Hong Kong University for Chinese mainlanders.

I am taking advantage of the end-of-the-year holiday season to request contributions to the scholarship funds. I am marking my 92th year in 2024, so I am humbly suggesting donations of \$92 (or a multiple of that figure, \$920 or \$9.20?).

Click [here](#) to make a donation at Columbia. Make sure the Vicky scholarship fund is designated.

For donations to the scholarship fund at Hong Kong University, send checks payable to "Friends of Hong Kong university" to Mrs. Monica Yeung, Friends of Hong Kong University, 1321 Sydney Drive, Sunnyvale CA 94087. Make sure to designate contribution to the Vicky Shek Zeitlin memorial scholarship at the journalism center.

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## CT MIRROR

**Jane Anderson Vercelli** - For several years I have been contributing to [CT Mirror](#). This nonprofit online digital publication was brought to my attention by the late George Krinsky, a close friend since 1967 when we both worked at the Waterbury (Conn.) Republican-American newspaper. The CT MIRROR covers stories around the entire state, including rural places. The CT MIRROR describes itself as "Connecticut's trusted nonprofit source for in-depth journalism covering public policy, government and politics."

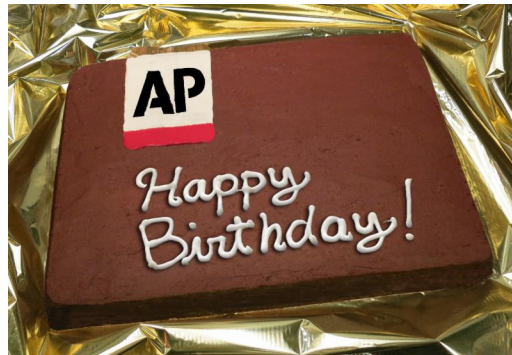
Click [here](#) to make a donation.

## Rangers World Series trophy



**Doug Kienitz** - The Texas Rangers World championship trophy was making a tour of its Triple-A farm team Dec. 14. That's when they brought the trophy to Dell Diamond, home of the Round Rock Express. This gave Express season ticket holders an option for a "photo op." Sandie and I took advantage of it.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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## Stories of interest

## ***As local sports coverage suffers, start-ups try (again) to fill the void*** (Washington Post)

By **BEN STRAUSS**

Inside the Baltimore Orioles' clubhouse after Game 2 of the American League Division Series this fall, reporters surrounded outfielder Austin Hays as he lamented his team's 0-2 deficit. A few lockers away, a different group listened to pitcher Grayson Rodriguez explain that afternoon's blowout loss.

It was a scene that has repeated itself in baseball clubhouses for decades. But there was something different about these scrums: Four of the dozen or so reporters patrolling the room that day were from something called the Baltimore Banner.

The Banner is a start-up nonprofit newsroom focused on local accountability and civic impact and funded by hotel magnate Stewart Bainum, who tried to buy the Baltimore Sun before it was sold to a hedge fund in 2021. The outlet has 11 sports reporters, including two for both the Orioles and Ravens beats. For Game 3 of the ALDS, it sent five people to Texas, an outlay that defies this age of media belt-tightening. (The Sun sent three.)

Read more [here](#).

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## ***The Coalition for Local News. Banding together to protect the future of local TV journalism*** (Editor and Publisher)

**Bob Miller | for Editor & Publisher**

Local broadcasting stations want a seat at the streamers' negotiating table. So, 600 local news stations have formed a coalition to push the government to give them more bargaining power. Local broadcast station groups formed the Coalition for Local News to protect the future of local television news.

The Coalition is lobbying for changes to Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations, so virtual multichannel video programming distributors (v-MVPD) will be required to negotiate independently with local news stations. The v-MVPDs include streaming platforms such as YouTube TV, Hulu Live, Fubo and Sling, among others. For nearly a decade, the larger affiliates have negotiated for all the local affiliates, leaving the local groups with take-it-or-leave-it terms.

"What we're asking is that the streaming services that are bundling, that they'd be regulated in the same way that cable and satellite are, which would allow us to

negotiate directly with those providers as stations,” said Mike Meara, past chair of the ABC affiliate board of governors, and a spokesperson representing ABC affiliates. “As more and more viewers shift from cable and satellite to streaming, it creates financial pressure on us in our ability to fund local news.”

Read more [here](#).

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## ***New York Times Staffers Form Journalistic ‘Independence Caucus’ Amid Concerns Over Union’s Actions*** (Wall Street Journal)

**By Alexandra Bruell**

Dozens of New York Times employees have formed a group to take a stand on journalistic independence as concerns grow that the labor union that represents the Times and other outlets has veered toward advocacy.

The Times faction, which includes high-profile journalists such as Megan Twohey, Julian Barnes and Emily Bazelon, has created what it calls an “independence caucus” within the NewsGuild-CWA, the parent of the Times’s newsroom union that represents some 1,500 people at the publication.

The creation of the new caucus, which is currently led by the Times employees but is open to staffers from rival publications, comes as tensions between the newsroom and the union—which also has advocacy groups among its members—have grown over the past year or so.

Most recently, some Times staffers chafed when the NewsGuild held a virtual meeting during which some members debated the merits of issuing a statement calling for a cease-fire in Gaza and an end to U.S. government aid to Israel, a move that they said would compromise their neutrality and put colleagues in war zones at risk.

NewsGuild President Jon Schleuss said the union hadn’t considered issuing such a statement, and that it held the meeting to listen to its hundreds of members who wanted the union to issue a statement, as well as to people who opposed it.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Arnold Zeitlin.

## **The Final Word**

***At 90, I am finally aging, or so everyone is telling me. I guess that's OK.*** (USA Today)





**Jim Autry poses for a portrait at his home on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2020, in Des Moines.  
Photo/Brian Powers, USA Today Network**

**By Jim Autry  
Opinion contributor**

At age 90, I finally realized that I qualify as "elderly" or, to be more positive, as "aging," or to be even more positive, as "mature." However, I don't ever want that irritatingly patronizing label of "senior citizen."

My advanced age seemed to come upon me all of a sudden, as if I hadn't transitioned into it little by little. To the contrary, it's as if I woke up one morning, looked in the mirror and asked, "Who in the world is that old jerk?"

How I look, however, is only part of facing reality and how I feel is only another part. No, the big factor is how other people treat me. This hit me rather dramatically as I was exiting a building the other day.

I was brought up to stand back to let women go first, even to hold the door for them. So as I started for the door, a young woman stepped ahead of me, which was OK and seemed normal, then she opened and held the door for me.

Damn, what a shock.

Read more [here](#).

## Today in History - Dec. 18, 2023



Today is Monday, Dec. 18, the 352nd day of 2023. There are 13 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 18, 2019, the U.S. House impeached President Donald Trump on two charges, sending his case to the Senate for trial; the articles of impeachment accused him of abusing the power of the presidency to investigate rival Joe Biden ahead of the 2020 election and then obstructing Congress' investigation. (It was the first of two Trump impeachment trials that would end in acquittal by the Senate.)

### On this date:

In 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect by Secretary of State William H. Seward.

In 1892, Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Nutcracker" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia; although now considered a classic, it received a generally negative reception from critics.

In 1917, Congress passed the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibiting "the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors" and sent it to the states for ratification.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler signed a secret directive ordering preparations for a Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union. (The invasion, known as Operation Barbarossa, was launched in June, 1941.)

In 1944, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the government's wartime detention of people of Japanese descent from the West Coast while at the same time ruling that "concededly loyal" Americans of Japanese ancestry could not continue to be detained.

In 1957, the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania, the first nuclear facility to generate electricity in the United States, went on line. (It was taken out of service in 1982.)

In 1958, the world's first communications satellite, SCORE (Signal Communication by Orbiting Relay Equipment), nicknamed "Chatterbox," was launched by the United States aboard an Atlas rocket.

In 1969, Britain's House of Lords joined the House of Commons in making permanent a 1965 ban on the death penalty for murder.

In 1992, Kim Young-sam was elected South Korea's first civilian president in three decades.

In 2003, two federal appeals courts ruled the U.S. military could not indefinitely hold prisoners without access to lawyers or American courts.

In 2011, the last convoy of heavily armored U.S. troops left Iraq, crossing into Kuwait in darkness in the final moments of a nine-year war.

In 2012, Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel became the first freshman to be voted The Associated Press Player of the Year in college football.

In 2020, the U.S. added a second COVID-19 vaccine to its arsenal, as the Food and Drug Administration authorized an emergency rollout of the shot developed by Moderna Inc. and the National Institutes of Health.

In 2022, Argentina beat France 4-2 in a penalty shootout to claim a third World Cup, the first for star Lionel Messi.

Today's Birthdays: Rock musician Keith Richards is 80. Writer-director Alan Rudolph is 80. Movie producer-director Steven Spielberg is 77. Blues artist Rod Piazza is 76. Movie director Gillian Armstrong is 73. Movie reviewer Leonard Maltin is 73. Rock musician Elliot Easton is 70. Comedian Ron White is 67. R&B singer Angie Stone is 62.

Actor Brad Pitt is 60. Professional wrestler-turned-actor "Stone Cold" Steve Austin is 59. Actor Shawn Christian is 58. Actor Rachel Griffiths is 55. Singer Alejandro Sanz is 55. Actor Casper Van Dien is 55. Country/rap singer Cowboy Troy is 53. International Tennis Hall of Famer Arantxa Sanchez Vicario is 52. DJ Lethal (Limp Bizkit) is 51. Pop singer Sia is 48. Country singer Randy Houser is 47. Actor Josh Dallas is 45. Actor Katie Holmes is 45. Actor Ravi Patel is 45. Singer Christina Aguilera is 43. Actor Ashley Benson is 34. NH ,K/L defenseman Victor Hedman is 33. Actor-singer Bridgit Mendler is 31. MLB outfielder Ronald Acuña Jr. is 26. Electro-pop singer Billie Eilish is 22. Actor Isabella Crovetti 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 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.

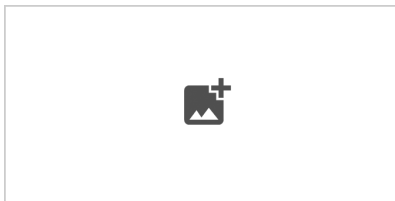
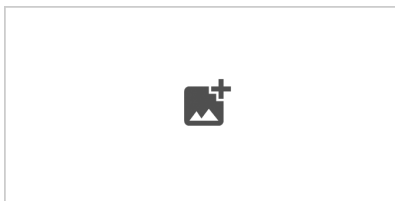
- **First job** - How did you get your first job in journalism?

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

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