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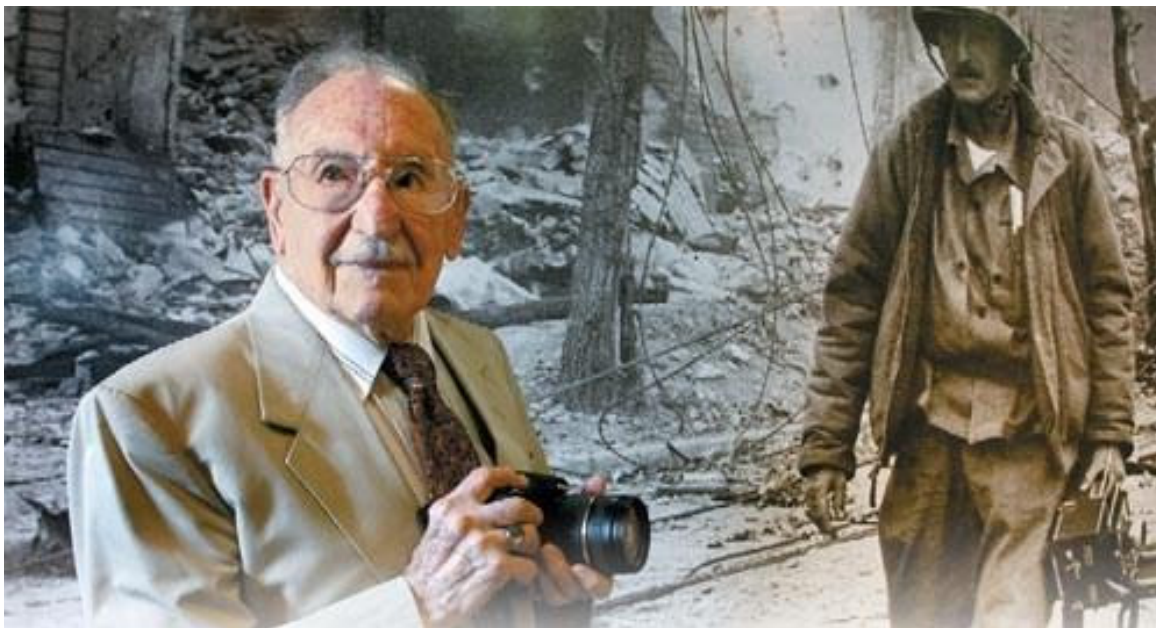
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# Remembering our colleagues



Max Desfor, in front of a picture taken of him during the Korean War.

Colleagues,

Good Monday morning.

In this final issue of 2018, Connecting remembers our colleagues who died during the past year.

Among them was the AP's oldest retiree, **Max Desfor**, a Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer who was 104 years old when he died on Feb. 19.

The most recent losses were **Mark Olchowy**, deputy director for support in the AP's Washington bureau, where he worked for 38 years, and **Desmond Boylan**, a photographer who died Saturday in Havana while on assignment for the AP. Obituary stories on both will be shared in Wednesday's issue of Connecting.

The names listed below were compiled from Connecting issues over the past year as well as the records of AP's Human Resources department. If there is an error or omission in this list, please let me know.

We mourn their deaths, but we remember the words of Dr. Seuss when we think about how they touched us and the world of journalism:

***"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."***

In a celebration of press freedom, the Huffington Post **reported** (and Connecting colleague Richard Chady shared), several prominent journalists will launch the

Times Square ball drop as New Yorkers ring in the New Year on Monday night.

In a Friday press release, the Times Square Alliance and Countdown Entertainment, both organizers of the bash, announced that "the group will appear on stage with the Committee to Protect Journalists just before midnight to push the crystal button that signals the lowering of the Waterford Crystal Times Square New Year's Eve Ball."

"The moment - seen by billions around the world - officially begins the 60-second countdown to the New Year."

Have a happy and safe New Year's Eve. And all the best to each of you - good health and happiness - in the coming year. Connecting will be back Wednesday morning.

Happy 2019!

Paul



**Samir Aboulsaad**

**Ed Andrieski**

**Tom Baldwin**

**Robert Barr**

**Harald Paul Bauer**

**Evelyn Olive Knierim Bausman**

**Milo Berg**

**Bruce Bigelow**

**Richard Blystone**

**Desmond Boylan**

**Rosemary Bowen**

**Alan Boyce**

**Scott Braut**

**Letty Bria**

**Patricia Buccigrossi**

**Richard and Marie Buzbee**

**Roger Champagne**

**Kim Chon-kil**

**James Church**

**Curtis Cook**

**Carl (Cal) Craft**

**Travis Day**

**Max Desfor**

**Alan Diaz**

**Irene Dingman**

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**Paul Freeman**

**Murray Fromson**

**Jean Gallagher**

**Gordon Glover**

**Hamilton Gregory**

**Peter Alan Harper**

**Ann Garcelon Hencken**

**Luise Johnson**

**Beverly Jones**

**Elna Koval Kammler**

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**Susan Seputas**



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**James Tomlinson**

**Marian Torchia**

**Virginia Walters**

**Bill Welch**

**Thomas Wilborn**

**Irwan Yulianto**

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## Today in History - December 31, 2018



**By The Associated Press**

Today is Monday, Dec. 31, the 365th and final day of 2018.

### **Today's Highlight in History:**

On Dec. 31, 1972, Major League baseball player Roberto Clemente, 38, was killed when a plane he chartered and was traveling on to bring relief supplies to earthquake-devastated Nicaragua crashed shortly after takeoff from Puerto Rico.

### **On this date:**

In 1759, Arthur Guinness founded his famous brewery at St. James's Gate in Dublin.

In 1775, during the Revolutionary War, the British repulsed an attack by Continental Army generals Richard Montgomery and Benedict Arnold at Quebec; Montgomery was killed.

In 1879, Thomas Edison first publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light by illuminating some 40 bulbs at his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey.

In 1904, New York's Times Square saw its first New Year's Eve celebration, with an estimated 200,000 people in attendance.

In 1946, President Harry S. Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities in World War II.

In 1951, the Marshall Plan expired after distributing more than \$12 billion in foreign aid.

In 1985, singer Rick Nelson, 45, and six other people were killed when fire broke out aboard a DC-3 that was taking the group to a New Year's Eve performance in Dallas.

In 1986, 97 people were killed when fire broke out in the Dupont Plaza Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico. (Three hotel workers later pleaded guilty in connection with the blaze.)

In 1987, Robert Mugabe (moo-GAH'-bay) was sworn in as Zimbabwe's first executive president.

In 1995, the syndicated comic strip "Calvin and Hobbes," created by Bill Watterson, came to an end after a 10-year run.

In 1997, Michael Kennedy, the 39-year-old son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was killed in a skiing accident on Aspen Mountain in Colorado. Pianist Floyd Cramer died in Nashville at age 64.

In 2001, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani spent his final day in office praising police, firefighters, and other city employees in the wake of 9/11, and said he had no regrets about returning to private life.

Ten years ago: The U.N. Security Council held an emergency meeting on an Arab request for a binding and enforceable resolution condemning Israel and halting its military attacks on Gaza. A man left four gift-wrapped bombs in downtown Aspen, Colo. in a bank-robbery attempt, turning New Year's Eve celebrations into a mass evacuation. (The man, identified as 72-year-old James Chester Blanning, shot and killed himself.)

Five years ago: Only hours before the law was to take effect, Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, acting on a request from an organization of Catholic nuns in Denver, blocked implementation of part of President Barack Obama's health care law that would have forced some religion-affiliated organizations to provide health

insurance for employees that included birth control. Character actor James Avery, who'd played the Honorable Philip Banks in "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," died in Glendale, California, at age 68.

One year ago: New Yorkers endured the second-coldest New Year's Eve celebration on record; the temperature in the city was 10 degrees Fahrenheit as a glittering crystal ball dropped with a burst of confetti and dazzling fireworks in Times Square. Bitterly cold temperatures spread across the Deep South; the dangerous temperatures would grip wide areas of the U.S. from Texas to New England for days. The Cleveland Browns joined the 2008 Detroit Lions as the only teams in NFL history to go 0-and-16, losing to the Pittsburgh Steelers 28-24. On the last day of the year, "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" surpassed "Beauty and the Beast" as the top-grossing film in North America in 2017.

Today's Birthdays: TV producer George Schlatter is 89. Actor Sir Anthony Hopkins is 81. Actor Tim Considine (TV: "My Three Sons") is 78. Actress Sarah Miles is 77. Rock musician Andy Summers is 76. Actor Sir Ben Kingsley is 75. Producer-director Taylor Hackford is 74. Fashion designer Diane von Furstenberg is 72. Actor Tim Matheson is 71. Pop singer Burton Cummings is 71. Actor Joe Dallesandro is 70. Rock musician Tom Hamilton (Aerosmith) is 67. Actor James Remar is 65. Actress Bebe Neuwirth is 60. Actor Val Kilmer is 59. Singer Paul Westerberg is 59. Actor Don Diamont is 56. Rock musician Ric Ivanisevich (Oleander) is 56. Rock musician Scott Ian (Anthrax) is 55. Actress Gong Li is 53. Author Nicholas Sparks is 53. Actor Lance Reddick is 49. Pop singer Joe McIntyre is 46. Rock musician Mikko Siren (Apocalyptica) is 43. Donald Trump Jr. is 41. Rapper PSY (Park Jae-sang) is 41. Rock musician Bob Bryar is 39. Rock musician Jason Sechrist (Portugal. The Man) is 39. Actor/singer Erich Bergen is 33. DJ/vocalist Drew Taggart (The Chainsmokers) is 29. Olympic gold medal gymnast Gabby Douglas is 23.

**Thought for Today: "Though the past haunt me as a spirit, I do not ask to forget." - Felicia Dorothea Browne Hemans, English poet (1793-1835).**

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