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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this the 23rd day of April 2020,

Congratulations to former AP executive editor **Kathleen Carroll**, who was honored by the Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School.

She was the recipient of the Goldsmith Career Award for Excellence in Journalism. The 2020 awards ceremony scheduled for Wednesday had to be canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but the Center issued a video tribute to honor Kathleen's accomplishments and contributions to journalism, and to celebrate her extraordinary career. We bring you that video in today's issue.



Colleague **Doug Pizac** ([Email](#)) shares [this Poynter story](#) about how photojournalists have to do their jobs in-person with the public and the COVID dangers involved. It begins:

Covering the coronavirus is scary.

Journalists can make phone calls and send emails and FaceTime sources, but at some point, they have to do what reporters have done forever — get out of the office and go where the story is.

But that's also where the danger is.

And no one exposes themselves to that danger more than photojournalists.

“This reminds me of a guideline compiled by a group of newspapers and other media for reporters covering the Contras fighting Nicaragua’s Sandinista government in the early 1980s,” he said. “The list included things like never travel alone, have a trusted interpreter with you, let your editor know where you’re going and do not deviate to a side trip, have an expected return time and stick to it, etc. -- all common sense advise. But one stood out to me. It said no story is worth being harmed or killed for. Leave it to the photographers to go and you can interview them when they get back.”

Connecting would welcome your thoughts on the story and your own experiences.



AP GROUND GAME : It took a pandemic for the U.S. Supreme Court to agree to arguments over the telephone, with live audio available to the world for the first time. In this episode of “Ground Game: Inside the Outbreak,” host Ralph Russo talks to AP Supreme Court reporters Jessica Gresko and Mark Sherman about what this tech development means for the court.

Listen [here](#) .

Be safe, be healthy and have a good day!

Paul

Uplifting thoughts in these trying times

History repeats itself. Came across this poem written in 1869, reprinted during 1919 Pandemic.

This is Timeless....

And people stayed at home
And read books
And listened
And they rested
And did exercises
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped and listened
More deeply
Someone meditated, someone prayed
Someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently
And people healed.
And in the absence of people who
Lived in ignorant ways
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
The earth also began to heal
And when the danger ended and
People found themselves
They grieved for the dead
And made new choices
And dreamed of new visions
And created new ways of living
And completely healed the earth
Just as they were healed.



Sean Thompson ([Email](#)) – Marty (Thompson) sent me these but the poem especially made me think of Connecting.

**Kathleen Carroll: 2020 Goldsmith
Career Award for Excellence in
Journalism**



Executive Associated Press Editor Kathleen Carroll, left, applauds as Associated Press reporter Adam Goldman, center, is hugged after winning the Pulitzer Prize for Investigative Reporting with three colleagues, Monday, April 16, 2012 in New York. They revealed a secret New York Police Department program that spied on Muslim neighborhoods. (AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

From the Shorenstein Center

Every year at the Goldsmith Awards Ceremony we celebrate a leading figure in journalism and media with the Goldsmith Career Award for Excellence in Journalism. This year's honoree was Kathleen Carroll, longtime reporter and Executive Editor for the Associated Press, who successfully oversaw one of the world's largest independent news agencies through a period of intense change in the industry.

Though the 2020 awards ceremony had to be canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are thrilled to honor Kathleen's accomplishments and contributions to journalism, and to celebrate her extraordinary career with this tribute.

Thanks to the Associated Press and the Committee to Protect Journalists for providing images from Kathleen Carroll's distinguished career for this video. Thanks also to her colleagues who spoke with us about their experiences working with Kathleen, particularly Kathy Gannon and John Daniszewski.

The Goldsmith Career Award is given for outstanding contributions to the field of journalism, and for work that has enriched political discourse. Past recipients of the Career Award include Gwen Ifill, Nicholas Kristof, Jorge Ramos, Martha Raddatz, Andrea Mitchell, and Marty Baron.

Kathleen Carroll was Executive Editor and Senior Vice President of the Associated Press from 2002 through 2016, where she was responsible for coverage from journalists in more than 100 countries, including groundbreaking new bureaus in North Korea and Myanmar. Under her leadership, AP journalists won numerous awards, among them five Pulitzer Prizes – including the 2016 Pulitzer for Public Service – six George Polk Awards, and 15 Overseas Press Club Awards. She is currently Chair of the Board of Directors of the Committee to Protect Journalists, where she has served on the board since 2008. Carroll first joined the AP's Dallas bureau in 1978, and was also a writer or editor for the AP in New Jersey, California and Washington. Previously, Carroll led the Knight Ridder Washington bureau, was an editor at the International Herald Tribune and at the San Jose Mercury News, and a reporter at the The Dallas Morning News in her hometown. She currently serves on the board of the weekly Montclair Local newspaper and served on the board of the Pulitzer Prizes from 2003-2012, the last year as co-chair.

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Included in the video are these remarks from two Connecting colleagues and current AP journalists:

This is from Senior Correspondent for Pakistan and Afghanistan **Kathy Gannon**, who was wounded in an attack when she was reporting from Afghanistan – an attack that killed AP photographer Anja Niedringhaus:

Kathleen's leadership style is an equal measure of strength and compassion. She also has an insight into people. She can see their strengths, but also their worries, and maybe even their fears. She felt the responsibility of sending people into war zones and dangerous situations so deeply. Her compassion and protectiveness toward me as I recovered over months and into years was nothing short of remarkable. She also turned out to be very good at dealing with dictators especially many who had very little experience dealing with top female media executives.

This is from her colleague, AP Vice President and Editor at Large for Standards **John Daniszewski**:

When the Egyptian Military deposed the elected Muslim Brotherhood government, it blamed AP for providing live video feeds to a local Arab broadcaster, and wanted to throw the AP out of the country. But Kathleen flew to Cairo, sat down with the generals, and soon had them eating out of her hands. She was similarly adroit with Iranian mullahs, Saudi bureaucrats, and even the North Koreans.

Click [here](#) for transcript of the video.

Kathleen Carroll's email is - kxcarroll@gmail.com

(Shared by Candy Crowley)

Celebrating AP Photographer Harry Harris



Thousands gather on the beach at Asbury Park, N.J. on Sept. 8, 1934 as fire destroys the Ward Liner SS Moro Castle, which had sailed from Havana to New York. The disaster took 134 lives, nearly one-fourth of the 548 passengers and crew members aboard. (AP Photo/Harry Harris)



American troops move through St. Jacques de Nehou, France, en route to Barneville and Carteret on the west coast of the Cotentin peninsula, during the operations leading to the capture of the port city of Cherbourg, June 27, 1944. (AP Photo/Harry Harris)



Associated Press photographers Harry Harris and Peter Carroll pose with their Speed Graphic cameras along the Siegfried Line somewhere in Belgium, Oct. 9, 1944. (AP Photo)

AP Images Blog

Text by Valerie Komor

With thanks to Jonathan Elderfield, Hal Buell and Chuck Zoeller

Harry Harris was born on March 25, 1913 in New York City. He left school to work for a printing company, joined AP at age 15 as a messenger and was hired as a staff photographer in 1934 when photography was still a new medium for news.

Entirely self-taught on the Speed Graphic, Harris quickly distinguished himself for both persistence and style. In 1944, his two brothers already drafted, he volunteered as a photographer in the Signal Corps. On the evening of June 6, 1944, he crossed into France with the U.S. First Army and over the ensuing weeks documented the Battle of Normandy and the liberation of Paris. After the war, he followed Senator John F. Kennedy's political rise, the Kennedy family, and the president's death and funeral. He photographed Babe Ruth's retirement and went on to capture two record-breaking home runs that eclipsed Babe Ruth's seasonal record (Roger Maris in 1961) and his career record (Hank Aaron in 1974). Harris retired in 1978 and died on Feb. 13, 2002 at age 88.

During his 50-year career, Harris used virtually every camera format until the advent of digital, including the 4 x 5 Speed Graphic, Yashica Mat, Mamiyaflex, Rolleiflex, Hasselblad, Hulcher and the 35 mm Nikons, manual and motorized. Here we offer a selection of Harris' photography supplemented by excerpts from his 1997 oral history interview with retired head of photos, Hal Buell.

Read and view more [here](#) .

Connecting mailbox

Dave Melendy and I bonded over restaurants

Joni Beall ([Email](#)) - I want to thank my colleagues from AP Broadcast for their beautiful remembrances of Dave Melendy. They've all captured his spirit so well. Dave and I bonded over restaurants. We would swap favorites, some at the Outer Banks, NC and others in New Orleans. As others have said, he had a voice made for radio. It had authority, but also was calm and reassuring. He also had a wicked sense of humor.

Anti-Virus imagination

Gene Herrick ([Email](#)) - In a fun imaginary adventure, to battle the fatigue and almost boredom of virus isolation, we sit at the breakfast table each morning and “Decide” where we are going for lunch.

“Sweetie,” how about flying to Chicago today for lunch at the Conrad Hilton Hotel? The next day may be to Denver for lunch at the Brown Palace Hotel, or to New Orleans and have lunch at Antoine’s famous restaurant.

I’m not even certain those places that I have previously visited , in the old days, are even there today...

It’s fun, but don’t let the neighbors hear you!

Updates to AP’s global investigations team

By Patrick Maks

In a memo to staff on Monday, Global Investigations Editor Ron Nixon announced a reorganized global investigations team at The Associated Press, including two new additions:

I am thrilled to announce some new additions and changes that round out AP’s global investigative team. The reorganized unit adds two new faces – a reporter and a video leader — and also carves out a new team to focus on government and corporate accountability at a time when that has never been more important to our journalism.

Our overall mission remains unchanged: To produce and enable big, ambitious, exclusive AP journalism from around the world that our customers can’t get anywhere else.

The team will work closely with all of AP’s regions and verticals to advance this goal, and to create high-impact journalism in all formats: text, video, photos, data, interactives and audio.

Read more [here](#) .

AP on the job around the world

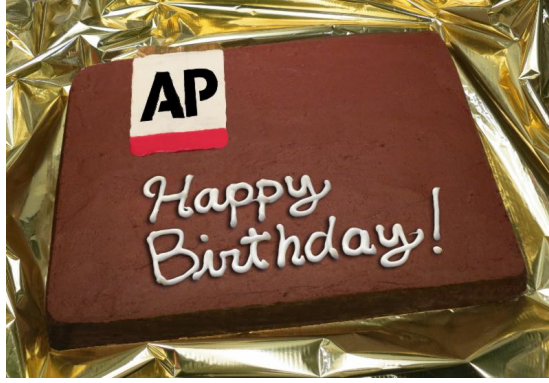


Correspondent Aya Batrawy, left, and video journalist Fay Abuelgasim, center, speak to a woman from Uganda working at a Carrefour grocery store in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, April 19, 2020. (AP Photo/Jon Gambrell)



Photographer Anupam Nath interviews a Jayantipur villager 40 miles outside of Gauhati, India, April 14, 2020. (Photo courtesy Rafiq Maqbool)

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Welcome to Connecting



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Stories of interest

News outlets, long resistant to government help, take loans

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — The idea of taking government money was once anathema to news organizations that guarded their independence, but attitudes change when survival is at stake.

Axios disclosed to readers of its daily newsletter on Wednesday that it had received a small business loan as part of the federal coronavirus stimulus

package. The Tampa Bay Times has said it received \$8.5 million through the same program, and the Seattle Times got \$9.9 million.

Advertising revenue was cut in half in Tampa Bay with the onset of the pandemic, forcing the newspaper to cut back to two days a week of printed copies, furlough employees and institute pay cuts.

While the small business loan covers only about half of the lost revenue, it will enable the newspaper to recall some employees and restore lost pay for all but top executives, said Paul Tash, company chairman and CEO.

“I didn’t think it was a difficult decision for us,” Tash said.

News organizations have long believed it would be a conflict of interest to receive money from government when it’s their job to report on what it does. Yet the coronavirus has accelerated a 20-year death spiral for traditional media.

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

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Here are the newsroom layoffs, furloughs and closures caused by the coronavirus

(Poynter)

By Kristen Hare

It’s getting hard to keep track of the bad news about the news right now. But we have to. Here’s our attempt to collect the layoffs, furloughs, and closures caused by the coronavirus’ critical blow to the economy and journalism in the United States. Please send tips. We’ll try to keep up.

Newspapers, weeklies and alt-weeklies

On March 13, The Stranger in Seattle temporarily suspended print and laid off 18 staffers. “The Stranger has never had to do mass layoffs before, nor have we ever not put out our print edition, with the exception of the one week we skipped in 2017 when we reconceptualized the print edition as a biweekly.” (Also, read Joshua Benton’s collection of alt news in Nieman Lab. It’s extensive.)

On March 14, the Portland (Oregon) Mercury announced it was temporarily cutting print and had temporarily laid off 10 staffers “spanning editorial, calendar, sales, and circulation, while simultaneously making deep cuts to the remaining managers’ salaries.”

Today in History - April 23, 2020



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, April 23, the 114th day of 2020. There are 252 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 23, 1616 (Old Style calendar), English poet and dramatist William Shakespeare died in Stratford-upon-Avon on what has traditionally been regarded as the 52nd anniversary of his birth in 1564.

On this date:

In 1898, Spain declared war on the United States, which responded in kind two days later.

In 1914, Chicago's Wrigley Field, then called Weeghman Park, hosted its first major league game as the Chicago Federals defeated the Kansas City Packers 9-1.

In 1943, U.S. Navy Lt. (jg) John F. Kennedy assumed command of PT-109, a motor torpedo boat, in the Solomon Islands during World War II. (On Aug. 2, 1943, PT-109 was rammed and sunk by a Japanese destroyer, killing two crew members; Kennedy and 10 others survived.)

In 1954, Hank Aaron of the Milwaukee Braves hit the first of his 755 major-league home runs in a game against the St. Louis Cardinals. (The Braves won, 7-5.)

In 1968, student protesters began occupying buildings on the campus of Columbia University in New York; police put down the protests a week later.

The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged to form the United Methodist Church.

In 1969, Sirhan Sirhan was sentenced to death for assassinating New York Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. (The sentence was later reduced to life imprisonment.)

In 1987, 28 construction workers were killed when an apartment complex being built in Bridgeport, Connecticut, suddenly collapsed.

In 1988, a federal ban on smoking during domestic airline flights of two hours or less went into effect.

In 1996, a civil court jury in The Bronx, New York, ordered Bernhard Goetz (bur-NAHRD' gehts) to pay \$43 million to Darrell Cabey, one of four young men he'd shot on a subway car in 1984.

In 1998, James Earl Ray, who confessed to assassinating the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and then insisted he'd been framed, died at a Nashville, Tennessee, hospital at age 70.

In 2005, the recently created video-sharing website YouTube uploaded its first clip, "Me at the Zoo," which showed YouTube co-founder Jawed Karim standing in front of an elephant enclosure at the San Diego Zoo.

In 2007, Boris Yeltsin, Russia's first freely elected president, died in Moscow at age 76.

Ten years ago: Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer signed the nation's toughest illegal immigration law, saying "decades of inaction and misguided policy" had created a "dangerous and unacceptable situation"; opponents said the law would encourage discrimination against Hispanics. The Coast Guard suspended a three-day search for 11 workers missing after an explosion rocked the Deepwater Horizon oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico.

Five years ago: Blaming the "fog of war," President Barack Obama revealed that U.S. drone strikes in Pakistan had inadvertently killed an American and an Italian, two hostages held by al-Qaida, as well as two other Americans who had leadership roles with the terror network. Former CIA Director David Petraeus, whose career was destroyed by an extramarital affair with his biographer, Paula Broadwell, was sentenced in Charlotte, North Carolina, to two years' probation and fined \$100,000 for giving her classified material while she was working on the book. The Senate voted 56-43 to confirm Loretta Lynch as U.S. attorney general.

One year ago: President Donald Trump met with Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey, hours after bashing the company and accusing it of not treating him well because he's a Republican. The S&P 500 hit an all-time high, closing at 2,933.68 and marking the stock market's complete recovery from a nosedive at the end of 2018. Sri Lanka's president gave the country's military sweeping

police powers in the wake of the Easter Sunday church and hotel bombings that killed more than 250 people.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Alan Oppenheimer is 90. Actor David Birney is 81. Actor Lee Majors is 81. Hockey Hall of Famer Tony Esposito is 77. Irish nationalist Bernadette Devlin McAliskey is 73. Actress Blair Brown is 73. Writer-director Paul Brickman is 71. Actress Joyce DeWitt is 71. Actor James Russo is 67. Filmmaker-author Michael Moore is 66. Actress Judy Davis is 65. Actress Valerie Bertinelli is 60. Actor Craig Sheffer is 60. Actor-comedian-talk show host George Lopez is 59. U.S. Olympic gold medal skier Donna Weinbrecht is 55. Actress Melina Kanakaredes (kah-nah-KAH'-ree-deez) is 53. Rock musician Stan Frazier (Sugar Ray) is 52. Country musician Tim Womack (Sons of the Desert) is 52. Actor Scott Bairstow (BEHR'-stow) is 50. Actor-writer John Lutz is 47. Actor Barry Watson is 46. Rock musician Aaron Dessner (The National) is 44. Rock musician Bryce Dessner (The National) is 44. Professional wrestler/actor John Cena is 43. Actor-writer-comedian John Oliver is 43. Actor Kal Penn is 43. Retired MLB All-Star Andruw Jones is 43. Actress Jaime King is 41. Pop singer Taio (TY'-oh) Cruz is 37. Actor Aaron Hill is 37. Actor Jesse Lee Soffer is 36. Actress Rachel Skarsten is 35. Rock musician Anthony LaMarca (The War on Drugs) is 33. Singer-songwriter John Fullbright is 32. Tennis player Nicole Vaidisova (vay-deh-SOH'-vuh) is 31. Actor Dev Patel (puh-TEHL') is 30. Actor Matthew Underwood is 30. Actor Camryn Walling is 30. Model Gigi Hadid is 25. Rock musicians Jake and Josh Kiszka (Greta Van Fleet) are 24. Actor Charlie Rowe (TV: "Salvation") is 24. Tennis player Ashleigh Barty is 24. U.S. Olympic gold medal snowboarder Chloe Kim is 20.

Thought for Today: "For in that sleep of death what dreams may come,/ When we have shuffled off this mortal coil,/ Must give us pause." [-] From "Hamlet."

Got a story or photos to share?

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:

- **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?

- **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.

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

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