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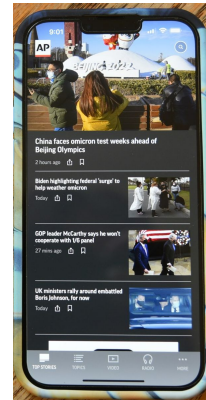
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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning on this April 5, 2022,

With sadness, we bid farewell to three of our AP colleagues who passed away in the past few days. Today's issue brings you the stories of their lives and careers.

Harold Waters, a World War II veteran and AP teletype operator who became a highly respected photographer in AP Dallas, died Saturday. He was the oldest member of the Connecting family at the age of 99 and died two weeks after the death of his wife Joe.

Dick Kelsey, a retired West Regional Desk editor in Phoenix, died last Thursday after a long battle with cancer. He was 76 and was revered for his sense of humor as well as his skill as a broadcast writer.

Skip Latt, an AP sports writer in the Nashville bureau, died last Thursday. He was 73. He had a passion for sports from his very early years.

We invite you to share your memories of working with Harold, Dick and Skip. We mourn their loss.

Reacting to the release on bail of **Amir Aman Kiyaro**, an Ethiopian journalist accredited to the AP, our colleague [Tad Bartimus](#) wrote:

Bravo to all who helped free this courageous journalist. As a retired foreign correspondent, there was always this nagging fear that someone would lock me up, I would disappear, and nobody would find me. But that has NEVER happened to an AP correspondent -- from the minute they are taken, their colleagues work tirelessly to get them released and to safety. Colleagues and bosses always rally to help our journalists in trouble. So happy to read that AMIR AMAN KIYARO has been released on bail and returned to his family and colleagues. So grateful that the AP stands behind its staff no matter where they are and does everything humanly possible to protect (and free) them.

Have a good day – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

Harold Waters, WWII vet, Dallas photographer, dies at 99

● SOME DALLAS AP WIREPHOTO STAFFERS. L.-R.: Wirephoto Oprs. James H. (Ike) Altgens (who took the only professional pictures at the scene when President Kennedy was shot) and Harold T. Waters; Photographer Ferd Kaufman, Clerk Jo Jones (also an excellent photographer) and Newsphoto Editor Dave Taylor.

The Texas Wirephoto network handles about 300 Texas pictures a month. Dallas is also on the Louisiana-Arkansas-Mississippi Wirephoto network, and it ships Telemats from Alabama through Arkansas.



Photos courtesy AP Corporate Archives (1963 above, 1970 below)

From SHANNON OWEN

Granddaughter

Harold Thomas Waters, 99, of Dallas, passed away April 2nd, 2022. Harold was born November 24th, 1922, in Childress, Texas.

At the age of 20, Harold joined the Army and spent 2 1/2 years in Central Europe during World War II. He earned an EAME Campaign Medal with four Bronze Stars for his contribution as a cannoneer in the Battery C 459 Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion. When the war was over, he married his sweetheart, Wilma "Joe" Waters, in Ft. Worth, Texas, in November 1945.

Soon after, they moved to Los Angeles, where Harold got a job as a printer attendant with the Associated Press. He later became a full-time photographer for the AP, and they moved to Dallas where he worked out of the Dallas Morning News. They settled into work life and became parents to their beautiful and adored daughter, Terri Lynn, of whom they were so proud. Harold and Joe joined Lochwood Baptist Church and spent many years making memories with lifelong friends and sharing the Word of God with the community.

Harold won several awards for his photographs and liked to share the stories of his AP days, including the JFK assassination, Apollo Astronauts, Super Bowls, natural disasters, Olympics, famous athletes, and Presidents, but it was the human-interest stories he loved the most.

Harold enjoyed his retirement days with his cherished bride, writing poems, spending time with friends and family, traveling, and writing down all his amazing memories to share. Harold and Joe spent over 76 blissful years together. Joe passed away March 16th, 2022, and the family is comforted in knowing they are together again, and with all who have gone before them. A wonderful reunion in Heaven!

Harold's words: "I have just finished a great trip! It's been a blast!! God has blessed me in so many ways. Not only has he given me longevity, He has given me a host of blessings and excitement along the way..Lord, Lord!!"



● **INJURED AT TEXAS-UCLA FOOTBALL GAME IN AUSTIN.** Medics prepare to remove Dallas AP Photographer Harold Waters to a hospital after a leg is broken. A Texas player ran out of bounds, stepped on his foot and caused him to fall backwards. Waters wound up with a surgical plate in the leg and some screws in the knee socket.

Harold was also preceded in death by his daughter, Terri. Parents, Lester and Dovie Waters. Sister-in-laws, Patsy Waters and Helen Smith.

Harold is survived by The BEST little brother, Charles Waters. Grandchildren, Russell T. Sperry, Dustin W. Sperry, and Shannon Sperry Owen. Great Grandchildren, Eli and Hannah Owen. Wyatt, Van, Rider and Kasen Sperry. Niece Tami Crowe, nephew Tommy Waters, and many grand nieces, nephews and cousins.

(News of his death was shared by **Peter Leabo**, who said: "When I joined The Associated Press in 1977 at the ripe old age of 20, Harold took me under his wing and taught me valuable lessons in wire service photography ... and life. I cherish our last visit this past fall, listening to his stories of serving in WWII in some of the most brutal battles of the European theater and of his early years with the AP ... sharp as a tack!")

Dick Kelsey, beloved AP broadcast editor, dies at age 76



Dick Kelsey, a retired Associated Press West Regional Desk editor, is seen at his office in Phoenix in 2017. Kelsey, who was revered as much for his humor as his hardworking nature, died Thursday, March 31, 2022, after a seven-year battle with cancer. He was 76. (AP Photo/Chris Havlik)

By TERRY TANG

PHOENIX (AP) — Dick Kelsey, a retired Associated Press broadcast editor who was revered as much for his humor as his hardworking nature, has died after a seven-year

battle with cancer. He was 76.

Kelsey died Thursday surrounded by loved ones at his Phoenix home.

The longtime editor never sought attention in the newsroom of AP's West Regional Desk in Phoenix unless it was to share a funny story or sly observation. From the glint in his eye, it was clear when he was about to toss out a joke or his own funny spin on the day's news.

A storyteller at heart, Kelsey regaled co-workers with anecdotes of his exploits in AM radio in Buffalo, New York, in the 1970s and coverage of decades-old stories. He also had an encyclopedic knowledge of rock 'n' roll and an uncanny ability to recite an apt lyric from Chuck Berry, Bruce Springsteen or Bob Dylan that connected with the dominant news story of the day, said Josh Hoffner, AP news editor for national beats and one of Kelsey's former managers.

"Dick was a talented journalist, a gleeful storyteller and a terrific all-around person who was absolutely adored by his many colleagues and friends at the AP," Hoffner said. "He loved nothing more than rolling up his sleeves and going to work on a big breaking story. His presence in the newsroom was legendary, with his infectious sense of humor, sharp wit and love of puns that never disappointed (even the bad ones)."

Kelsey worked primarily in broadcast during his time in Arizona, editing state news summaries sent to radio and TV stations across the Western U.S. Even when the West Regional Desk — which includes a team of Phoenix reporters — was a hectic hub over a major story, he remained calm.

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

Retired AP Nashville sports writer Skip Latt dies at 73



ABOVE, Associated Press sports writer Skip Latt works at a basketball tournament in Nashville, Tenn. (AP Photo/Mark Humphrey) RIGHT: Skip Latt in Nashville. (Patrick Slattery via AP)

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Skip Latt, who was a longtime sports writer for The Associated Press before retiring, has died in Nashville, Tennessee. He was 73.

Latt died March 31, according to an obituary published by West Harpeth Funeral Home & Crematory in Nashville.

He had a passion for sports from the time he was young, participating as a student-athlete, a writer and editor and a coach for his sons' teams. Latt worked at two South Carolina newspapers, The Times Democrat of Orangeburg and The News and Courier of Charleston, before joining the AP bureau in Nashville in 1982. He retired from the AP in 2004.

He was born Oscar Raymond Latt Jr. on April 3, 1948, in Hendersonville, North Carolina, and graduated from Hendersonville High School and later the University of South Carolina.

“Skip was very passionate about sports and all things Carolina, both North and South,” said Tennessee sports writer Teresa Walker, who joined the AP in Nashville a few years after Latt and followed him on the sports beat.



Read more [here](#). Shared by Mark Mittelstadt.

Inclusive storytelling chapter added to AP Stylebook

By Nicole Meir

During a panel at the ACES: The Society for Editing national conference in San Antonio, Texas, on Saturday, Stylebook editor Paula Froke announced that the latest edition of AP Stylebook will include a new chapter on inclusive storytelling.

The guidance is immediately available to AP Stylebook Online subscribers and will be included in the new print edition of the Stylebook, set to be published on June 1.

The new inclusive storytelling chapter emphasizes the importance of inclusive reporting and editing in ensuring accuracy and fairness, and offers guidance to recognize and overcome unconscious biases; use thoughtful and precise language; include necessary context and background; avoid tokenism; and make content accessible.

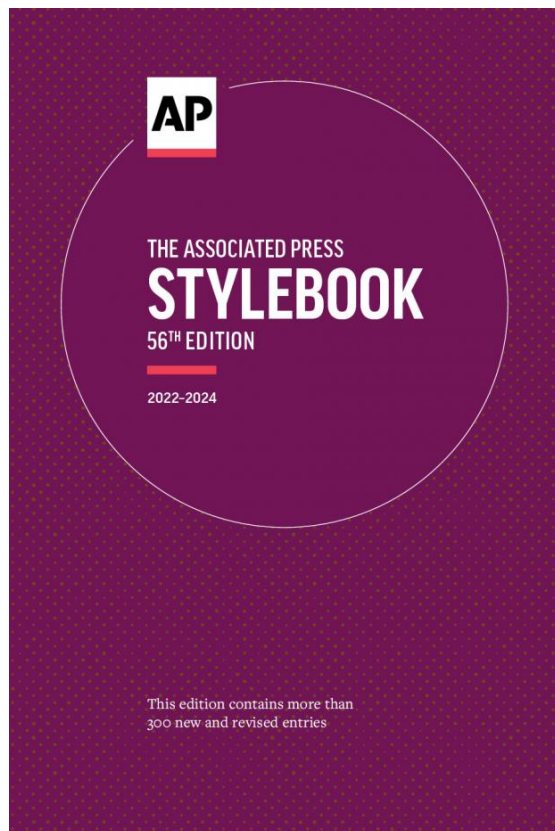
Many new and revised Stylebook entries contain guidance relevant to inclusive storytelling, with updates and expansions covering disabilities; race-related coverage; gender, sex and sexual orientation; pronouns; and religion.

Some of the entries presented at the meeting include:

Guidance to use they/them/their as much as possible as a way of accurately describing and representing a person who uses those pronouns for themselves.

A new entry on deaf, Deaf, hard of hearing, advising to use the uppercase Deaf for the Deaf culture or Deaf community in references to those who use sign language and have a deeply ingrained sense of community built around the experience of deafness and sign language. Use the lowercase form deaf for the audiological condition of total or major hearing loss, and for people with total or major hearing loss, when relevant to the story. Hard of hearing can be used to describe people with a lesser degree of hearing loss.

A new entry on deadnaming, advising to use a transgender person's previous name very rarely and only if required to understand the news, or if requested by the person.



New and revised guidance to the Native Americans, American Indians section, including new entries on Indian Country and tribal affiliations.

A new entry on critical race theory, advising to explain the term when used and to not use CRT on later references.

Click [here](#) for link to this story.

Obsessed with golf, he walks the course with pro golfers



Ken Giglio - I'm writing from Palm Desert, California, after having spent the weekend at the LPGA's Chevron Championship in nearby Rancho Mirage. Perhaps best known as the Dinah Shore, this tournament has been held at Mission Hills CC since 1972 and is the first of five major tournaments put on by the LPGA each year. This year's event was the last to be held in Southern California; Chevron is moving the event to Houston next year.

My role at the tournament was to walk the course each day with a different pair of golfers, spotting for the Golf Channel broadcast team. That meant inside-the-ropes access to players such as 2nd round leaders Hinako Shibuno and Annie Park. Whenever one of my players had a shot into a green or a birdie putt, I'd call it into the truck, so the director could decide whether to put that shot on the broadcast.

I worked The Players Championship and The Open Championship in 2019, and also was at the Players in 2020, when everything shut down due to the coronavirus. In June I will be at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship at Congressional CC in Bethesda, MD.

For any Connecting colleagues who might be similarly golf-obsessed, I'd be happy to share information about how to sign up for future events. You need to know about golf and you need to be in reasonably good shape. I figure I walked more than 6 miles each day.

I'm including this picture of me before yesterday's final round, next to the Dinah Shore Wall of Champions, near the 1st hole. This year's winner, Jennifer Kupcho, continued the longstanding tradition of jumping into Poppie's Pond, next to the 18th green, after securing her victory.

Connecting sky shots

Over Naples, Fla., pier



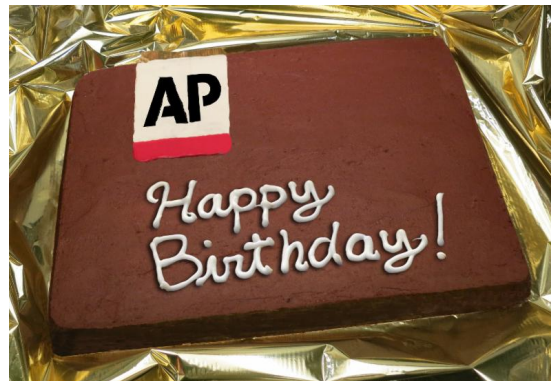
Shared by Hank Ackerman.

In Sarajevo Centar



Clouds catch the last burst of early spring sun over Veliki Park in Sarajevo Centar, heart of the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Shared by Jim Reindl.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



[John Diamond](#)

[Gary Fields](#)

Stories of interest

Russian former journalist on trial for alleged treason

(AP)

MOSCOW (AP) — The trial of a former journalist who has remained behind bars for more than 20 months on charges of passing military secrets to Czech intelligence began in a Moscow court on Monday.

Ivan Safronov has vociferously insisted on his innocence, while he and many of his colleagues have dismissed the charges as absurd.

Safronov had written about military and security issues for a decade before becoming an adviser to Dmitry Rogozin, the head of the Russian space agency Roscosmos. He as remained in custody since his July 2020 arrest in Moscow by agents of the Federal Security Service (FSB), the main successor to the KGB.

Speaking to reporters from a glass cage at the Moscow City Court before the start of the closed doors proceedings, Safronov rejected the charges as “nonsense.” He faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

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

Today in History - April 5, 2022



By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 5, the 95th day of 2022. There are 270 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 5, 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were sentenced to death following their conviction in New York on charges of conspiring to commit espionage for the Soviet Union.

On this date:

In 1614, Indian Chief Powhatan's daughter Pocahontas married Englishman John Rolfe, a widower, in the Virginia Colony.

In 1621, the Mayflower sailed from Plymouth Colony in present-day Massachusetts on a monthlong return trip to England.

In 1764, Britain's Parliament passed The American Revenue Act of 1764, also known as the Sugar Act.

In 1887, in Tuscumbia, Alabama, teacher Anne Sullivan achieved a breakthrough as her 6-year-old deaf-blind pupil, Helen Keller, learned the meaning of the word “water” as spelled out in the Manual Alphabet.

In 1976, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes died in Houston at age 70.

In 1986, two American servicemen and a Turkish woman were killed in the bombing of a West Berlin discotheque, an incident that prompted a U.S. air raid on Libya more than a week later.

In 1987, Fox Broadcasting Co. made its prime-time TV debut by airing the situation comedy “Married with Children” followed by “The Tracey Ullman Show,” then repeating both premiere episodes two more times in the same evening.

In 1991, former Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, his daughter Marian and 21 other people were killed in a commuter plane crash near Brunswick, Georgia.

In 2008, actor Charlton Heston, big-screen hero and later leader of the National Rifle Association, died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 84.

In 2010, an explosion at the Upper Big Branch mine near Charleston, West Virginia, killed 29 workers. In a televised rescue, 115 Chinese coal miners were freed after spending eight days trapped in a flooded mine, surviving an accident that had killed 38.

In 2016, UConn won an unprecedented fourth straight women’s national championship, capping another perfect season by routing Syracuse 82-51.

In 2019, inspecting a refurbished section of fencing at the Mexican border in California, President Donald Trump declared that “our country is full,” and that illegal crossings must be stopped.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama signed bipartisan jobs legislation intended to help small businesses and make it easier for startups to raise capital. Barney McKenna, 72, the last original member of the Irish folk band The Dubliners, died in Dublin.

Five years ago: President Donald Trump declared that a deadly chemical attack in Syria the day before had crossed “many, many lines” and abruptly changed his views of Syrian President Bashar Assad, but he refused to say what the U.S. might do in response. A senior U.S. defense official said a North Korean missile test ended in failure when the rocket spun out of control and plunged into the ocean in a fiery crash. YouTube TV, Google’s new streaming package of about 40 television channels, made its debut.

One year ago: The Minneapolis police chief testified that former officer Derek Chauvin had violated departmental policy in pressing his knee against George Floyd’s neck and keeping Floyd down after he had stopped breathing; the testimony came on the sixth day of Chauvin’s murder trial. (Chauvin would be convicted of murder and manslaughter.) Baylor defeated Gonzaga 86-70 in the championship game of the

NCAA basketball tournament in Indianapolis, ending Gonzaga's hopes for an undefeated season.

Today's Birthdays: Movie producer Roger Corman is 96. Country singer Tommy Cash is 82. Actor Michael Moriarty is 81. Pop singer Allan Clarke (The Hollies) is 80. Writer-director Peter Greenaway is 80. Actor Max Gail is 79. Actor Jane Asher is 76. Singer Agnetha (ag-NEE'-tah) Faltskog (ABBA) is 72. Actor Mitch Pileggi is 70. Singer-songwriter Peter Case is 68. Hip-hop artist/actor Christopher "Kid" Reid is 58. Rock musician Mike McCready (Pearl Jam) is 56. Singer Paula Cole is 54. Actor Krista Allen is 51. Actor Victoria Hamilton is 51. Country singer Pat Green is 50. Rapper-producer Pharrell (fa-REHL') Williams is 49. Rapper/producer Juicy J is 47. Actor Sterling K. Brown is 46. Country singer-musician Mike Eli (The Eli Young Band) is 41. Actor Hayley Atwell is 40. Actor Lily James is 33.

Got a story or photos to share?

Connecting is a daily newsletter published Monday through Friday that focuses on retired and former Associated Press employees, present-day employees, and news industry and journalism school colleagues. It began in 2013 and 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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