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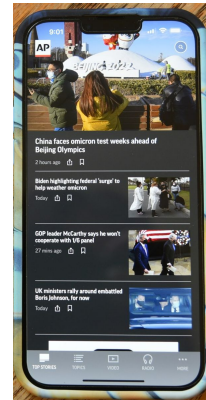
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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning on this April 15, 2022,

The Associated Press has named a new global sports editor - who is returning to the AP after four years with its largest sports customer, ESPN.

Ricardo Zuniga begins work with AP on May 2 – the 14th journalist to head the sports department since it was formed in 1913.

We're sorry to bring news of the death of **Walter Mosby**, who worked 49 years in photo departments at AP's New York headquarters. He died on March 24.

We share with you some memories of Walter from colleagues who worked with him at headquarters from 1960 to 2009. If you have your own memory to share, please send it along.

Have a great weekend – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

Ricardo Zuniga named AP global sports editor

Memo to AP staff Thursday from Executive Editor Julie Pace, Vice President and Head of Global News Gathering Paul Haven, and Deputy Head of News Gathering Michael Giarrusso:

We are excited to announce our next global sports editor: **Ricardo Zuniga**, who rejoins the AP from ESPN, where he serves as Deputy Director for the Americas.

Ricardo brings a unique set of experiences to this key leadership role, having worked both at AP Sports and at our biggest sports customer. During his four years at ESPN, Ricardo has tackled everything from breaking news to big events to long-form video that appeals to global audiences of dedicated fans and non-sports followers alike. He understands metrics and how the biggest sports stories are often outside of the field of play, crossing over with politics, entertainment, race and culture. We are eager for him to bring that experience back to AP leading this important team.



Before joining ESPN, Ricardo spent 20 years at AP in Latin America and in the United States, where he led our Spanish and Latin American sports coverage. He was a key presence at World Cups and Olympics, and he led our collaboration with News teams in Latin America. He's a creative and engaging news leader who believes deeply in AP's ability to set the news agenda, in sports and beyond.

This is a particularly exciting moment for AP Sports, a coverage area that is central to our digital transition and our increased focus on audience development, both for our customers and on our own platforms. There are few AP brands more prominent than Sports, and we are eager for Ricardo and the team to build on the success we have already had in innovation and digital presentation.

Please join us in welcoming Ricardo back to the AP family. He starts on May 2.

We want to give huge and sincere thanks to **Howie Rumberg** for his outstanding work as interim sports editor, especially his leadership at the complex and difficult to cover Winter Olympics. Stay tuned for more details on a new role for Howie that expands the impact he has had on Sports to other parts of the newsroom.

AP General Sports Editors

1913-1923	Edward B. Moss
1923-1938	Alan J. Gould
1938-1943	Herbert W. Barker
1943-1945	Orlo L. Robertson
1945-1946	Robert J. Cavagnaro
1946 -1969	T.R. (Ted) Smits
1969-1973	Robert H. (Bob) Johnson
1973-1980	Wick Temple
1980-1985	Byron Yake
1985-1992	Darrell Christian
1992-2013	Terry Taylor

Global Sports Editors

2013-2021	Michael Giarrusso
2021-2022	Howie Rumberg (Interim Head of Global Sports)
2022-	Ricardo Zuniga

Walter Mosby, part of AP photo departments for half century, dies



ABOVE: New York photo library staffers at 50 Rockefeller Plaza in the 1960s; Walter Mosby is seated at far left. (AP Photo)

RIGHT: Richard Pyle (left) and Walter Mosby celebrate 45 years with the AP at a staff celebration in 2005. (AP Photo/Stuart Ransom)

Walter Mosby, who worked 49 years in photo departments at AP's New York headquarters, has died.

His cousin, Rita Nelson-Peoples, said he died on March 24.

Mosby was hired into the AP in 1960 as an office assistant in Wide World Photos. In 1972, he was promoted to photo librarian in Photos. And in 1994, he moved to the Photo Library, which later became AP Images, and worked there until his retirement in 2009.



Hal Buell, former director of AP Photos, said Mosby “over the years developed a solid command of the negative and print file. Those who knew him, I’m sure, will recall that he largely kept to himself despite a flamboyant dress code. He was a kind man and treated everyone with respect and with helpful attention to requests that came to his desk.”

Claudia DiMartino, who started her AP career in the photo library, said Mosby was welcoming to a newcomer.

Chuck Zoeller, AP manager of special projects in Creative Services, recalled:

“Most who knew and worked with Walter Mosby will immediately recall his vivid flair for dressing. Although a picture of the New York photo library staff early in his AP career shows Walter in a pressed white shirt and rail-thin tie, that changed. I believe he made some of his own clothes and as years passed, Jimi Hendrix would have appreciated his style choices, which often ran to scarves and an impressive array of earrings. But he was a colorful person well beyond that.

“He was tall, lean and carried himself with an air of elegance and dignity. He was unfailingly kind and gentle and spoke with impeccable grammar and diction. He had (improbably) been in the military before joining the AP, and he competed in ballroom dancing well into his senior years. As his colleague in the photo library, I was impressed and sometimes exasperated by his obsessive attention to detail. To his credit he would not be hurried as he tended to the negative files, and if you worked next to him, you know he thoroughly enjoyed his lunch each day.

“It can be said that while the New York photo library was home to any number of unique individuals back in the day, Walter stood out in stature and bearing. And dress code. He seemed completely at ease with that distinction, earning him the respect of

virtually everyone he worked with. Quite a few of us were happy to see Walter at a photo library reunion a few years back; we all value the experience of knowing and working with him."

Said **Sean Thompson**, production manager/retoucher in AP Images: "I was sad to hear of the passing of AP Photo Librarian Walter Mosby. He was a wonderfully unique individual. An armed services veteran, ballroom dancer and fashionista who lived his life to his own cadence. A tall man with perfect posture he spoke in a measured, articulate, soft voice as he related detailed accounts of his experiences interspersed with chuckles at the memories. He was meticulous and had a happy demeanor and I am a much better person for knowing him."

• NEW YORK—The smile on Photo Library Assistant Pat McMillin's face may be for the gift from the Wide World sales staff, but it might also be for her pending marriage to Joseph d'Amato. Top row (l. to r.): Herb Davidson, Jack Simon, Mae Fargo, DeWitt Bouker, Walter Mosby. Front row: Stanley Einzig, Elma Nasut, Betty Cutler, Pat McMillin. Assistant Sales Manager Meyer Goldberg, Joan Gladstone, Fred Heiden, Jim Hernandez and Jack Kanthal.



Photo from AP World, 1961, courtesy of AP Corporate Archives.

Here are a few quotes collected from photo librarians who worked with Walter:

- To say that Walter Mosby was one of a kind would be to traffic in egregious understatement. ... He was truly radical on quite a few levels.
- Admired his PhoLib knowledge and his take on history.
- Great guy ... unique for sure.
- "Unique" gets overused, but he most certainly was.
- He used to like to pull up a chair at my desk and talk about life, his growing up as a child, making costumes for the theater and his time in the military. He had a way with plants ... they all flourished.

- There never was — and never will be — another guy like Walter ... I really came to appreciate his way and his style: clothes, speech, the way he moved, everything. And I'm sure I still have one of those cardboard templates he made to trim the corners off of cross-references; this surely was a big boost to his productivity.
- I always enjoyed our conversations, especially on historical subjects.
- Walter was brazenly unique and lived by his own rules ... he stayed true to his own principles.
- The outfits!!!
- Let's imagine Walter putting up Christmas decorations in heaven this year... beginning sometime in July.

Connecting mailbox

After more than a half-century, photographer Bob Brown puts finishing touches on a stellar career



Steve Helber – *AP Richmond staff photographer* - One of our member photographers, Bob Brown of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, has retired after 54 years with the paper. What makes it AP worthy is that he has been sending photo to the AP for all that time and has helped me out tremendously.

I think that his career has been the gold standard for AP Membership. For his retirement I made a print that I shot of him with the current and former Governors of Virginia and had them all sign it as a retirement gift. See above.

Click [here](#) for a story in the Times-Dispatch, which begins:

On the front page of the Richmond Times-Dispatch this past Feb. 19, the lead photograph featured a smiling Gov. Glenn Youngkin meeting with members of the Senate Republican Caucus at the Capitol. Senior photographer Bob Brown shot the picture.

Inside the paper, there was another front page, this one from Feb. 19, 1972, the weekly installment of the RTD's "A Look Back at Fronts" feature. The main local photo on that front page featured the governor at the time, Linwood Holton, as he met with legislative leaders at the Capitol snack bar.

Brown shot that picture, too.

Two front-page photographs, 50 years apart. Same photographer. Amazing.

Since 1968 when Brown joined Richmond newspapers (back then, we also had an afternoon paper, The News Leader, and while the reporters for the papers competed against one another, the photographers worked for both), he has been on the scene, chronicling events as publicly momentous as presidential inaugurations — he's covered nine, from Carter to Obama — and as personally significant as a beaming child holding a prized chicken egg at a county fair.

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An image of Ukraine?





Christopher Bacey - Might be a stretch, but I think the Window to Heaven (taken by Zoe Selsky, published in Thursday's Connecting and repeated here) looks a bit like a map of Ukraine. Hopefully, God is looking favorably down on these brave souls.

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Miraculously

George Hanna - Yes, yes yes. Bruce Lowitt is correct on use of "miraculously, no one was killed." The word "remarkably" is much better. This is a good demonstration of writer at work.

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Who is that man?



▲ WHO IS THAT MAN?—AP staff members attending the recent news management training seminar in New York gathered in front of headquarters for a pic—But wait a minute! Who is that standing on the far left in a fur-collared coat? It turns out the unidentified man inadvertently joined the AP editors thinking it was another group he was supposed to meet at the Warner Communications building across the street. “All of a sudden, there he was,” said Jack Stokes, AP’s assistant personnel

director. “And the camera was clicking.” The interloper was informed of his mistake and the formal pictures were then taken.

AP people in the picture are (front row, from left): Peter Bregg, assistant to the director, New York NewsPhotos; Bill Menezes, New York Business News night supervisor; Stamford Correspondent Linda Stowell; Knoxville Correspondent Kristi Umbreit; Albany News Editor Mike Hendricks; Oklahoma City News Editor Linda Franklin; Juneau Correspondent

Sue Cross; Evansville Correspondent John Strauss; Helena News Editor Bill Kronholm; Spokane Correspondent John Wiley; (back row, from left) Frankfurt News Editor Kevin Costelloe; Chicago News Editor Jim Reindl; Houston Correspondent Mike Graczyk; Trenton Correspondent Joel Siegel; Seattle News Editor John Marlow; Little Rock News Editor Harry King; London News Editor Marcus Eliason; and Assistant Sports Editor Ron Sirak.

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From AP World, Summer 1988 (Courtesy of AP Corporate Archives) A number of current Connecting colleagues are pictured in this photo.

Connecting sky shot - Indiana



Ed Breen - abundant winds and clouds across Indiana Thursday night.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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On Sunday to...

Kiki Lascares Georgion

Joyce Rosenberg

Stories of interest

Journalists despair over toll of disinformation on jobs

(AP)

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — Journalists are sounding an alarm about the spread of disinformation in society and how it affects their jobs on a daily basis, along with skepticism on whether traditional methods to combat it really work.

The free speech advocates PEN America found in a survey of journalists released Thursday that 90% said their jobs have been affected by false content created with the intent to deceive.

Disinformation takes many forms: former President Donald Trump's false claims that he won the 2020 presidential election, unproven COVID-19 treatments spreading online and wild QAnon theories about pedophilia. It could be as simple as a local politician lying about an opponent's record or this week's debate over whether video showed bird poop landing on President Joe Biden's jacket during a speech.

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

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RNC unanimously votes to withdraw from commission that sponsors presidential debates (CNN)

By Michael Warren

(CNN) The Republican National Committee voted unanimously on Thursday to withdraw from its participation in the Commission on Presidential Debates, the organization that has long governed general-election presidential debates.

In a statement, RNC chairwoman Ronna McDaniel said the commission is "biased and has refused to enact simple and commonsense reforms to help ensure fair debates including hosting debates before voting begins and selecting moderators who have never worked for candidates on the debate stage."

The commission was formed in 1987 as a nonprofit sponsored by both the Republican and Democratic Parties and has sponsored debates in every presidential election since 1988. The group's co-chairs include former RNC chairman Frank Fahrenkopf.

CNN has reached out to the commission for comment.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Dennis Conrad.

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News publisher Lee faces renewed pressure from hedge funds (AP)

By JOSH FUNK

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Newspaper publisher Lee Enterprises is facing renewed pressure from a hedge fund to speed up its transition to digital publishing and consider adding new digital-savvy leaders to its board after successfully fighting off a hostile takeover from a different hedge fund.

Lee's largest shareholder, Cannell Capital, this week disclosed buying nearly 20,000 more of the company's shares, giving it a 9.1% stake. The fund's head, Carlo Cannell, said he thinks Lee needs new board members and executives with experience running a digital publishing business.

"I have some confidence in (Lee's) management — not a lot," Cannell said in an interview. "I have great or very little confidence in the board depending on which board member you are referring to."

Cannell Capital has been prodding Lee to make changes for several years. That includes running a 2019 campaign encouraging shareholders to vote against three board members, including Lee Chairman Mary Junck, and announcing last September that it planned to vote against all incumbent Lee board members.

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

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Joe Worley, longtime Tulsa World executive editor, dies at 74 (Tulsa World)

Joe Worley, former Tulsa World executive editor and one of the most revered and respected figures in Oklahoma journalism, died Wednesday after a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

He was 74.

A celebration of life is being planned for a later date, his family said.

Worley, who was also a retired lieutenant colonel for the Oklahoma National Guard, led the World newsroom as executive editor for 19 years, steering it through an era of

big changes and unprecedented challenges.

He retired in 2014 after 27 years overall at the World and 45 years in journalism.

He was a member of the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame and held numerous awards and honors for his leadership in the industry.

Read more [here](#). Shared by John Wylie, Lindel Hutson.

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Russian authorities arrest journalist for reports on Ukraine (AP)

A criminal case has been opened against a Siberian journalist whose news website had published content critical of Russia's military operation in Ukraine, Russian media reported on Thursday.

Mikhail Afanasyev, chief editor of Novy Fokus in the Russian region of Khakassia, was arrested by security forces Wednesday over the website's reporting on 11 riot police who allegedly refused deployment to Ukraine as part of Russia's military action there.

Afanasyev was accused Thursday of disseminating "deliberately false information" about the Russian armed forces, an offense which carries a maximum 10-year jail sentence under a law passed last month.

Afanasyev has published numerous investigations into sensitive issues in Khakassia, such as organized crime and alleged abuses of power by local officials.

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

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Brit convicted as 'Beatle' in Islamic State beheadings trial (AP)

By MATTHEW BARAKAT

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A jury convicted a British national Thursday for his role in an Islamic State group hostage-taking scheme that took roughly two dozen Westerners captive a decade ago, resulting in the deaths of four Americans, three of whom were beheaded.

In convicting El Shafee Elsheikh, the jury concluded that he was one of the notorious "Beatles," Islamic State captors nicknamed for their accents and known for their cruelty — torturing and beating prisoners, forcing them to fight each other until they collapsed and even making them sing cruel song parodies. Surviving hostages testified

that the Beatles delighted themselves rewriting “Hotel California” as “Hotel Osama” and making them sing the refrain “You will never leave.”

Read more [here](#).

Today in History - April 15, 2022



By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 15, the 105th day of 2022. There are 260 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 15, 1912, the British luxury liner RMS Titanic foundered in the North Atlantic off Newfoundland more than 2 1/2 hours after hitting an iceberg; 1,514 people died, while less than half as many survived.

On this date:

In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln died nine hours after being shot the night before by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theatre in Washington; Andrew Johnson became the nation's 17th president.

In 1892, General Electric Co., formed by the merger of the Edison Electric Light Co. and other firms, was incorporated in Schenectady, New York.

In 1945, during World War II, British and Canadian troops liberated the Nazi concentration camp Bergen-Belsen. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who died on April 12, was buried at the Roosevelt family home in Hyde Park, New York.

In 1947, Jackie Robinson, baseball's first Black major league player of the modern era, made his official debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers on opening day at Ebbets Field. (The Dodgers defeated the Boston Braves, 5-3.)

In 1955, Ray Kroc opened the first franchised McDonald's restaurant in Des Plaines, Illinois.

In 1974, members of the Symbionese Liberation Army held up a branch of the Hibernia Bank in San Francisco; a member of the group was SLA kidnap victim Patricia Hearst, who by this time was going by the name “Tania” (Hearst later said she’d been forced to participate).

In 1989, 96 people died in a crush of soccer fans at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield, England. Students in Beijing launched a series of pro-democracy protests; the demonstrations culminated in a government crackdown at Tiananmen Square.

In 1998, Pol Pot, the notorious leader of the Khmer Rouge, died at age 72, evading prosecution for the deaths of 2 million Cambodians.

In 2009, whipped up by conservative commentators and bloggers, tens of thousands of protesters staged “tea parties” around the country to tap into the collective angst stirred up by a bad economy, government spending and bailouts.

In 2013, two bombs made from pressure cookers exploded at the Boston Marathon finish line, killing two women and an 8-year-old boy and injuring more than 260. Suspected bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev (TAM’-ehr-luhn tsahr-NEYE’-ehv) died in a shootout with police; his brother, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev (joh-HAHR’ tsahr-NEYE’-ehv), was tried, convicted and sentenced to death. (A federal appeals court threw out the death sentence, but the Supreme Court reinstated it in March 2022.)

In 2019, fire swept across the top of the Notre Dame Cathedral as the soaring Paris landmark underwent renovations; the blaze collapsed the cathedral’s spire and spread to one of its landmark rectangular towers, but fire officials said the church’s structure had been saved.

In 2020, the government reported that the nation’s industrial output in March registered its biggest decline since the U.S. demobilized at the end of World War II as factories shut down amid the coronavirus epidemic. The Treasury Department confirmed that, in an unprecedented move, President Donald Trump’s name would appear on the stimulus checks that the IRS would be sending to tens of millions of Americans.

Ten years ago: North Korea’s new leader, Kim Jong Un, gave his first public speech since taking power upon death of his father, Kim Jong Il, the previous December, portraying himself as a strong military chief unafraid of foreign powers. Passengers and crew of the cruise ship MS Balmoral said prayers at the spot in the North Atlantic where the Titanic sank 100 years earlier.

Five years ago: North Korea paraded its intercontinental ballistic missiles in a massive military display in central Pyongyang as it celebrated the 1912 birthday of the country’s founder, Kim Il Sung, with his grandson, Kim Jong Un, looking on with delight.

One year ago: Eight people were shot and killed at a FedEx facility in Indianapolis by a former FedEx employee who then took his own life. The White House announced the expulsion of 10 Russian diplomats and sanctions against dozens of people and companies; the moves were to hold the Kremlin accountable for interference in the

2020 presidential election and the SolarWinds cyber hacking of federal government agencies. The defense at the Minneapolis murder trial of former Officer Derek Chauvin in the death of George Floyd rested its case without putting Chauvin on the stand.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Claudia Cardinale is 84. Author and politician Jeffrey Archer is 82. Rock singer-guitarist Dave Edmunds is 79. Actor Michael Tucci is 76. Actor Lois Chiles is 75. Writer-producer Linda Bloodworth-Thomason is 75. Actor Amy Wright is 72. Columnist Heloise is 71. Actor Sam McMurray is 70. Actor-screenwriter Emma Thompson is 63. Bluegrass musician Jeff Parker is 61. Singer Samantha Fox is 56. Olympic gold, silver and bronze medal swimmer Dara Torres is 55. Rock musician Ed O'Brien (Radiohead) is 54. Actor Flex Alexander is 52. Actor Danny Pino is 48. Actor Douglas Spain is 48. Country singer-songwriter Chris Stapleton is 44. Actor Luke Evans is 43. Rock musician Patrick Carney (The Black Keys) is 42. Rock musician Zach Carothers (Portugal. The Man) is 41. Actor-writer Seth Rogen is 40. Actor Alice Braga is 39. Americana singer-songwriter Margo Price is 39. Rock musician De'Mar Hamilton (Plain White T's) is 38. Actor Samira Wiley is 35. Actor Leonie Elliott is 34. Actor Emma Watson is 32. Actor Maisie Williams is 25.

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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