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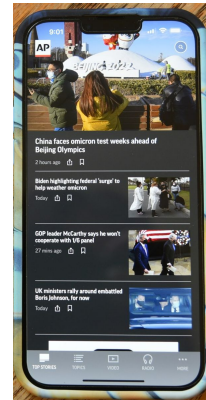
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Colleagues:

Good Tuesday morning on this April 26, 2022.

What were you doing 40 years ago today? Thanks to **Francesca Pitaro**, archivist with AP's Corporate Archive, we know that The Associated Press was working on setting up the Broadcast News Center (BNC) and moving the Broadcast News Department from New York to Washington. AP's daily weather map, transmitted via the Laserphoto network, also was getting a redesign.

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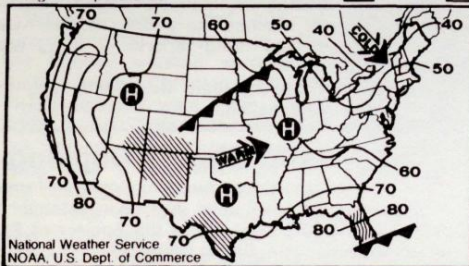
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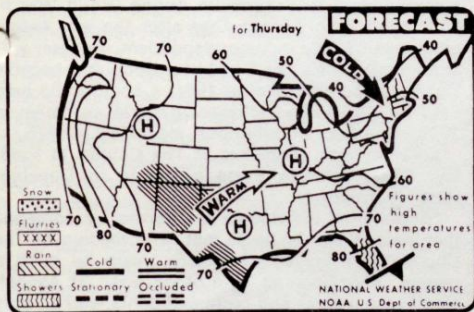
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Easier-to-Understand Weather Maps Designed

The Forecast For 7a.m. EST
Thursday, April 22
● High Temperatures



Fronts: Cold Warm Occluded Stationary
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One of the most widely used items distributed by the Laserphoto network, the weather map, will take on a new appearance beginning May 1.

The weather map, which appears in four versions each day, has been redesigned by Joe Yeninas, New York artist and graphics supervisor.

It will have a lighter, airier look. The redesigned map features new type face that will match other AP graphics and new designations for snow, showers, etc.

While containing basically the same weather information as in the past, the new map represents innovative ideas submitted by members.

Our weather map design was last changed about a decade ago. We decided to redesign it after AP instituted new graphics in various charts a year ago.

The new map provides a classic study of the changing graphic appearance found in U.S. newspapers today.

The Helvetica medium typeface will be compatible with the vast majority of current newspaper type formats.

Not only is the weather map widely used but it also has been one of the the most discussed picture network items throughout its decades-long history.

Yeninas, who also designed Laserphoto's new look in chart formats, spent months talking to member newspaper editors before putting together a map design that AP believes will fit comfortably into the pages of most Laserphoto users.

Broadcast Center To Be Set Up in Washington

The AP will set up a Broadcast News Center in Washington to consolidate the AP Radio Network and the Broadcast News Department.

Keith Fuller, president and general manager, said the Broadcast News Department, now in New York, will be located in expanded facilities next to AP Radio at 1825 K St., Washington.

Renovation of the additional space will begin soon. No date has been set for the move.

AP Radio, the largest radio network in the nation with 1,160 stations, has been located in Washington since it was begun seven years ago. The Broadcast News Department produces the radio wire, television wire and other news services for

5,800 stations.

"This is a bold move to better serve the broadcast industry in the years ahead," said Roy Steinfort, vice president and director of broadcasting.

"With the wire writers and editors and the AP network in the same location, we will have all broadcast news operations in the nation's capital—the place more news happens of interest to every state and region," Steinfort added.

Ed Staats, assistant general manager and deputy director of broadcasting, said: "The Broadcast Department is growing and the needs of the industry are growing. In order to better meet those needs,

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Meanwhile, yesterday in history, Ye Olde Editor and Linda enjoyed a Malibu beach picnic with son Jon and his girlfriend Arianna Young. Later, the crew met up with Andy Lippman for dinner.



Paul will be back in the Connecting saddle Wednesday. Thanks for your contributions while he was enjoying some well-deserved time off with family and friends.

Be well,

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On working with Larry Malkin

[Henry Bradsher](#) - Sad to learn of the death of Larry Malkin, a long-ago colleague on the foreign desk at 50 Rock.

Larry and I were among four young reporters who had distinguished themselves enough in domestic work to get a chance at our desire to become AP foreign correspondents. His especial work was helping cover the collision of two passenger planes over the Grand Canyon in June 1956. I had covered Martin Luther King Jr.'s bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama, and subsequent violence there.

When we came to New York in the summer of 1957, we expected to go overseas quite soon after foreign desk acquaintance with what was expected. On arrival, I sought a ticket to the hit musical "My Fair Lady" but was told the only seats available were three months later. So I did not buy. Ha! I spent 18 months on the overnight foreign desk before going to India.

Ed Butler went to Rio after a year on the desk, later returning to the desk. But Larry became impatient and went off to the Balearic Islands to write a novel. So far as I know, it was never published. He did, however, later write successful nonfiction books and edited some, in addition to extensive journalism for other than AP.

The fourth of those 1957 hopefuls, Reese Cleghorn, also became impatient. He quit to go help start an Armenian-American weekly in Fresno, California. It did not last, but he later rose through other newspaper jobs to become the dean of the University of Maryland's journalism college.

Larry obviously kept his ties to the Balearics. The report of his death says his ashes will be placed at his family's house on Mallorca. Rest in peace.

On declining public trust in media

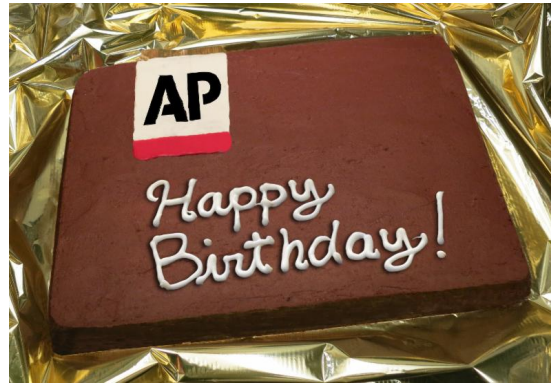
[Kevin Noblet](#) - My 2 cents on declining public trust in news, which has been a recent topic of discussion in Connecting:

I'm not buying the view that it's a crisis of our own making, the result of bad and biased reporting and poor decision-making. The journalism being done now is as good, as thorough, as courageous as anything in the supposedly golden days of Cronkite and Watergate, or Cronkite and Ernie Pyle. Of course it's far from perfect, as first drafts of history written on the fly always will be. Go back and read the reporting of decades past. Some of it is great, and a lot now seems blinkered or worse.

I think the notion that we've brought the current crisis on ourselves ignores an important reality: There are forces working hard to sow public distrust in news, and those forces have huge resources and powerful new tools to wage their campaign. They are the same forces sowing distrust in other public and democratic institutions, and the results of public polling show their cynical efforts are succeeding.

We do need to fight to rebuild public trust in news. And we need to know not just what we're fighting for, but what we're fighting against. It's true we can be our own worst enemy at times, but right now we have an enemy and it ain't us.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



No Connecting colleagues' birthdays today.

Stories of interest

Jim Hartz, former Today co-host dies



Photo courtesy of Wylie Communications Inc., Oologah, Oklahoma

Tulsa, Oklahoma, native Jim Hartz, a former co-host of NBC's Today show and a member of the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame, has died in Alexandria, Virginia. He was 82.

The death announcement was made on the website of the Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home in Virginia. Hartz, a member of the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame, died April 17 of advanced COPD.

At age 24, he joined the NBC-owned WNBC-TV in New York and was the youngest correspondent NBC had ever hired, according to the death announcement.

Hartz anchored the station's top-rated nightly news casts until 1974, when he became cohost of Today with Barbara Walters. In 1977, he joined WRC-TV in Washington and anchored the evening newscasts until 1979.

As an NBC reporter, he covered the Apollo space missions and the 1973 Arab-Israeli war.

His first major assignment was co-anchoring with David Brinkley during the sudden return of Gemini VIII on March 16, 1966. He covered every manned flight after that from 1966 to 1976. He was the first journalist to fly the SR-71 spy plane, the U-2 spy plane and the F-15 Eagle.

After leaving NBC, he cohosted the PBS series Overeasy with Broadway actress Mary Martin. During the early 1980s, he hosted PBS Innovation. In the 1990s, he co-anchored a joint PBS-NHK venture Asia Now from Tokyo Japan.

Over his career, he earned five Emmy awards and two cable ACE awards.

Hartz had a long relationship with the Will Rogers Memorial Commission in Claremore, Oklahoma. He served on the commission from 1987 to 2014, spending much of that time as chairman.

Former Oklahoma Gov. David Walters, who appointed Hartz as commission chairman, told the Tulsa World that Hartz never forgot where he came from.

"This remarkable man from Tulsa, who co-hosted the 'Today' show, among many other broadcast news achievements, came home to help with the Will Rogers Commission and on many other endeavors for his home state," Walters said. "He carried with him the Oklahoma Standard. God speed, Jim Hartz."

A memorial service was planned for a later date. Shared by **Lindel Hutson**.

How Elon Musk and Twitter can really fix free speech: Act like a messaging app (The Verge)

By David Pierce

"Free speech is the bedrock of a functioning democracy, and Twitter is the digital town square where matters vital to the future of humanity are debated" is how Elon Musk explained why he spent \$44 billion to acquire Twitter.

That phrase — "digital town square" — has a long and messy history in social networking. Facebook and others have proven that throwing millions or billions of people into a single unfettered space is a mostly impossible and mostly terrible idea. But maybe we've just been defining it wrong. In reality, a town square isn't a place where everyone stands in a crowd and yells at each other while advertisers throw things at them. It's a place where groups of people find each other and spend time together. And yes, maybe they debate matters that are vital to the future of humanity. Just not with everybody else.

Twitter shouldn't try to optimize the public arena, a 200 million-person conversation that will never make sense. Instead, under Musk, the company should focus on the

private side of the platform, a woefully underdeveloped system for messaging and communicating that could turn it into the best messaging app on the market.

Read more [here](#).

Today in History - April 26, 2022



By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 26, the 116th day of 2022. There are 249 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 26, 1986, an explosion and fire at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine caused radioactive fallout to begin spewing into the atmosphere. (Dozens of people were killed in the immediate aftermath of the disaster while the long-term death toll from radiation poisoning is believed to number in the thousands.)

On this date:

In 1607, English colonists went ashore at present-day Cape Henry, Virginia, on an expedition to establish the first permanent English settlement in the Western Hemisphere.

In 1865, John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln, was surrounded by federal troops near Port Royal, Virginia, and killed.

In 1913, Mary Phagan, a 13-year-old worker at a Georgia pencil factory, was strangled; Leo Frank, the factory superintendent, was convicted of her murder and sentenced to death. (Frank's death sentence was commuted, but he was lynched by an anti-Semitic mob in 1915.)

In 1933, Nazi Germany's infamous secret police, the Gestapo, was created.

In 1964, the African nations of Tanganyika and Zanzibar merged to form Tanzania.

In 1968, the United States exploded beneath the Nevada desert a 1.3 megaton nuclear device called 'œBoxcar.'

In 1977, the legendary nightclub Studio 54 had its opening night in New York.

In 1984, bandleader Count Basie, 79, died in Hollywood, Florida.

In 1994, voting began in South Africa's first all-race elections, resulting in victory for the African National Congress and the inauguration of Nelson Mandela as president.

In 2000, Vermont Gov. Howard Dean signed the nation's first bill allowing same-sex couples to form civil unions.

In 2009, the United States declared a public health emergency as more possible cases of swine flu surfaced from Canada to New Zealand; officials in Mexico City closed everything from concerts to sports matches to churches in an effort to stem the spread of the virus.

In 2018, comedian Bill Cosby was convicted of drugging and molesting Temple University employee Andrea Constand at his suburban Philadelphia mansion in 2004. (Cosby was later sentenced to three to 10 years in prison, but Pennsylvania's highest court threw out the conviction and released him from prison in June 2021, ruling that the prosecutor in the case was bound by his predecessor's agreement not to charge Cosby.)

Ten years ago: Former Liberian President Charles Taylor became the first head of state since World War II to be convicted by an international war crimes court as he was found guilty of arming Sierra Leone rebels in exchange for 'œblood diamonds' mined by slave laborers and smuggled across the border. (Taylor was sentenced to 50 years in prison.)

Five years ago: Dismissing concerns about ballooning federal deficits, President Donald Trump proposed dramatic tax cuts for U.S. businesses and individuals. NASA's Cassini spacecraft survived an unprecedented trip between Saturn and its rings, sending back amazing pictures to show for it. Jonathan Demme (DEM'-mee), the Oscar-winning director of 'œThe Silence of the Lambs' and 'œPhiladelphia,' died in New York at age 73.

One year ago: The Census Bureau said U.S. population growth had slowed to its lowest rate since the Great Depression; Americans continued their march to the South and West, as Texas and Florida added enough population to gain congressional seats while New York and Ohio saw slow growth and lost political muscle. The Justice Department opened a sweeping probe into policing in Louisville, Kentucky, over the March 2020 death of Breonna Taylor, who was shot by police during a raid at her home. Apple rolled out a new privacy feature, following through on its pledge to crack down on Facebook and other snoop apps that secretly shadowed people on their iPhones in order to target more advertising at users.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-comedian Carol Burnett is 89. R&B singer Maurice Williams is 84. Songwriter-musician Duane Eddy is 84. Rock musician Gary Wright is 79. Actor Nancy Lenahan is 69. Actor Giancarlo Esposito is 64. Rock musician Roger Taylor (Duran Duran) is 62. Actor Joan Chen is 61. Rock musician Chris Mars is 61. Actor-

singer Michael Damian is 60. Actor Jet Li (lee) is 59. Actor-comedian Kevin James is 57. Author and former U.S. Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey (TREHth'-eh-way) is 56. Actor Marianne Jean-Baptiste is 55. Rapper T-Boz (TLC) is 52. Former first lady Melania Trump is 52. Actor Shondrella Avery is 51. Actor Simbi Kali is 51. Country musician Jay DeMarcus (Rascal Flatts) is 51. Rock musician Jose Pasillas (Incubus) is 46. Actor Jason Earles is 45. Actor Leonard Earl Howze is 45. Actor Amin Joseph is 45. Actor Tom Welling is 45. Actor Pablo Schreiber is 44. Actor Nyambi Nyambi is 43. Actor Jordana Brewster is 42. Actor Stana Katic is 42. Actor Marnette Patterson is 42. Actor Channing Tatum is 42. Americana/roots singer-songwriter Lilly Hiatt is 38. Actor Emily Wickersham is 38. Actor Aaron Meeks is 36. Electro pop musician James Sunderland (Frenship) is 35. New York Yankees outfielder Aaron Judge is 30.

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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