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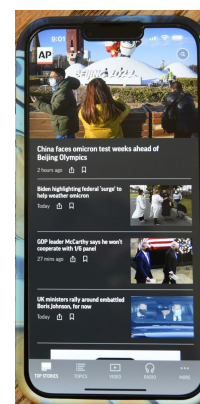
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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning on this April 28, 2023,

The Associated Press released its 2022 annual report on Thursday – and we lead with a summary and an introduction by AP Chair **Gracia C. Martore** and AP President/CEO **Daisy Veerasingham**.

More of your thoughts on the use of journalist, reporter, newsperson, etc., are featured in today’s issue.

Have a great weekend – be safe, stay healthy, live each day to its fullest!

Paul

The AP Annual Report – 2022



A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR AND CEO

With a ground war in Europe, an enduring pandemic, the death of Queen Elizabeth II and the U.S. midterm elections, 2022 was a year of significant change around the globe. Through it all, The Associated Press was there to report the facts and tell these and many other important stories to billions across the world.

As we write this letter, the war in Ukraine is in its second year and the world is still grappling with the aftermath of a global pandemic. The AP remains committed to delivering eyewitness journalism, even in places where reporting the news is immeasurably more challenging. In Ukraine, AP journalists continue to show the world what is happening on the ground, providing defining visuals from Mariupol at the start of the war, reporting on repeated attacks in Kharkiv and Bakhmut, revealing Russian “cleansing operations” in Bucha, and more. In China, where media is restricted and residents are surveilled, AP documented unprecedented lockdown protests and a new facet of the pandemic: government exploitation of COVID-19 tracking technology. In Africa, a yearlong series on the impact of the pandemic on African women revealed the pervasiveness of widow abuse across the continent. In the U.S., AP delved into the lingering effects of the pandemic on students, from the crunch to teach third graders to read to high schoolers unprepared to enter college.



Daisy Veerasingham (left), President and CEO of The Associated Press, and Gracia C. Martore, Chair, The Associated Press.

The 2022 midterm elections presented both challenges and opportunities for this news organization, whose role in U.S. elections dates to 1848. AP once again rose to the occasion, counting the vote and declaring winners in races up and down the ballot in all 50 states with over 99.9% accuracy. We bolstered our explanatory reporting around how elections work — and how AP counts the vote and calls races — increasing transparency around the outsized role AP plays in the American democracy.

Our work with philanthropic foundations continued last year, allowing us to provide greater depth in key coverage areas, and building on our reporting around climate, financial wellness, democracy, public health and inclusive storytelling. With climate reporters now based across Brazil, India, Kenya and the U.S., AP has delivered sweeping journalism on the profound and varied impacts of climate change on society. As always, AP retains complete editorial control in these and all collaborations with outside groups.

AP ended 2022 in a strong financial position, exceeding revenue projections and growing revenue significantly. We continue to diversify our customer base and revenue sources, focusing on our services businesses that provide broadcast facilities and infrastructure; newsroom production software; customized content creation for brands; and advertising, as we build out APNews.com to improve engagement with our audience. Last year we reimagined our core product offering to U.S. customers, making it more visual and digital friendly, and adding explanatory content and localization guides to help outlets turn major stories into local news. We made significant advancements in technology as we continued our migration of platforms and services to the cloud, retired legacy systems, and introduced new ones, like a faster elections platform that provides a modern, data-driven experience for our

customers. All of this work underpins our ability to do great journalism. As an independent news organization, every dollar we earn goes into producing the world's most comprehensive news report.

We did all this while harnessing the deep culture that defines the AP: the commitment from every member of our team to our mission. We know we can better produce factual journalism by evolving the way our employees work as individuals and as part of a global news organization. We are excited about what this will mean for our 176-year-old cooperative. As the year continues to unfold, there is no doubt that AP will continue to report from around the world in an accurate, unbiased way to ensure that we deliver the news that informs half the world's population every day.

Gracia C. Martore
Chair

Daisy Veerasingham
President and CEO

Click [here](#) to read the annual report.

Speaking of Gene Herrick...

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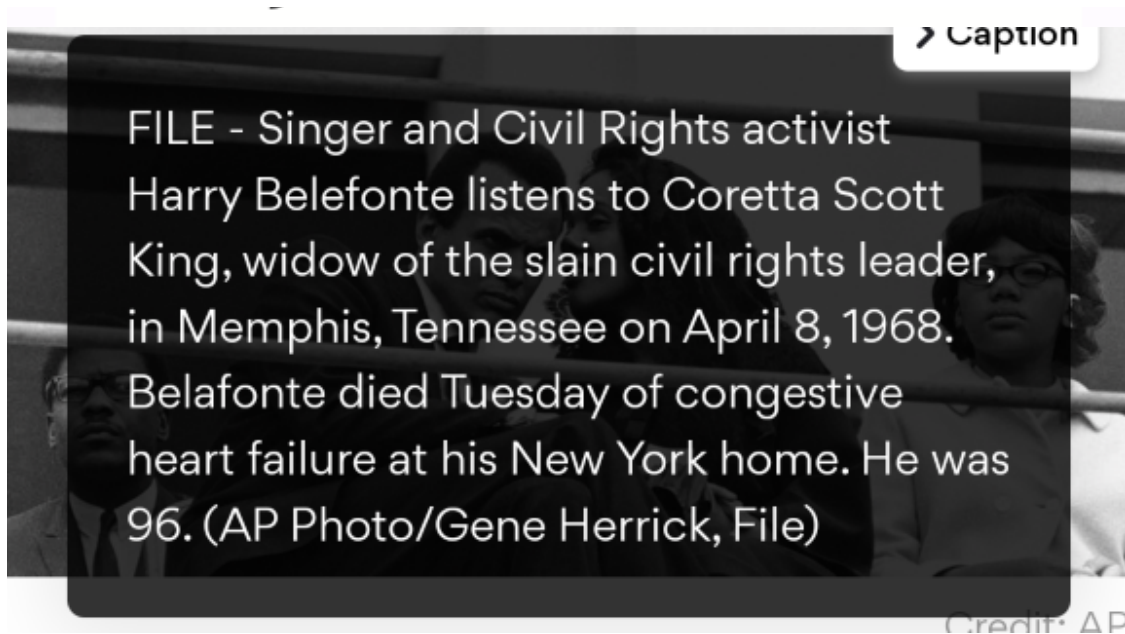
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Harry Belafonte's ties to King family were deep, complicated



Harry Belafonte died in



FILE - Singer and Civil Rights activist Harry Belafonte listens to Coretta Scott King, widow of the slain civil rights leader, in Memphis, Tennessee on April 8, 1968. Belafonte died Tuesday of congestive heart failure at his New York home. He was 96. (AP Photo/Gene Herrick, File)

Credit: AP

[Peggy Walsh](#) - Speaking of our dear friend Gene Herrick (see Thursday's Connecting), this photo tops an extensive story in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution with the headline "Harry Belafonte's ties to the King family were deep, complicated."

Gene is credited with the April 8, 1968, photo taken in Memphis at the memorial march in support of sanitation workers held four days after King was assassinated.

Reporter or Journalist or Newsperson or ?

[Norm Abelson](#) - Because of the variety of stuff I've done outside of reporting, I tend to refer myself as a writer. But there was a time years back when a more exalted word sealed an important deal for me.

Shortly before announcing our engagement, my soon-to-be wife, Dina, was to meet with her rather highly intelligent and close-knit family to tell them about me. I told her I was worried what they would think of a low-paid first-year reporter.

She returned, informing me everything was fine.

"Did you tell them I was just a newspaper reporter?" I asked.

She replied: "No, I told them you were an Associated Press journalist."

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[Hal Bock](#) - Allow me to weigh in on the titles debate.

I went to New York University to major in Journalism and become a journalist. To me, a journalist is one who adds perspective and interpretation to stories, explains why they are important. A reporter is like a stenographer. I am sure that the long list of AP

Pulitzer winners like Saul Pett et al took their work beyond the traditional five Ws and an H which is what made it so compelling.

Include me on the journalist side of this debate. I was privileged at the AP to work with some great ones--Jack Hand, Joe Reichler, and Murray Rose to name a few -- for which I will always be grateful.

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Shirley Christian - A long time ago, someone told me that a journalist had an appropriate college degree and a reporter had a job. I've heard something similar said about lawyer vs. attorney.

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Bob Egelko - "Reporter" and "journalist" are both fine with me -- classy labels for members of a profession I'm proud to be a part of. What bothers me about "newsman" is recalling how it was used, not so long ago, to refer indiscriminately to everyone on our beat, regardless of gender. Understandable that some of my female colleagues now consider "newswoman" a proud insignia, but I'd prefer to leave "newsman" on the scrapheaps of history.

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Bill Kaczor - You can call me a journalist, or you can call me a writer, or you can call me a correspondent, or you can call me a newsman, but please don't call me late to dinner.

Seriously, though, I'm among those who favor reporter. It is the most accurate description of what I actually did. A lot of people can be writers or journalists without doing any reporting. Correspondent sounds impressive, but anyone who writes a letter or otherwise corresponds can be considered a correspondent, no reporting required. I always thought AP's use of newsman and, later, newswoman unnecessarily injected gender and age into the job description. Does a newsboy grow up to be a newsman? Newsperson sounds clunky just like foreperson, gunperson or repairperson. Has Superman become Superperson? How about Wonderperson or Batperson?

Journalist also is such a broad term that it includes a lot of stuff that isn't reporting. Here are some synonyms for journalist in addition to reporter according to our friends who post way too much stuff on the internet: columnist, commentator, commentariat, correspondent, editor, editorialist, writer, novelist, staffer, byliner, newspaperman-woman-person, newswriter, wordsmith, anchor, anchorman-woman-person, stringer, broadcaster, scribe, scrivener, scribbler, announcer, newshound, muckraker, photographer, photojournalist, filmmaker, reviewer, journo, newsmonger, newshawk, penman-woman-person, rewrite man-woman-person, author, recorder, contributor, pencil pusher, diarist, diary keeper, informer, informant, member of the fourth estate, mediaperson (man and woman oddly missing for this one), copyreader, gazetteer, chronicler, blogger, talking head, newscaster, newsreader, publisher, publicist, word slinger, ink slinger (alas, no more for most of us in electronic purgatory), stenographer, pressman and legman (no women allowed), sob sister (no brothers allowed),

ghostwriter, sportswriter, sportscaster, scripter, scriptwriter, dramatist, paragrapher, annalist and (my personal favorites) hack and hackette.

Some of the same synonyms show up for reporter but much fewer. One I particularly like, which I didn't find for journalist, is interviewer.

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Bruce Lowitt - A month or so after I began my career in journalism in 1965 with the Port Chester (N.Y.) Daily Item, a PM's paper north of New York City, I returned for a visit to my parents' home in Brooklyn where, it turned out, they were hosting several of their friends.

My mother introduced them to me as "a cub reporter" and one of the friends said, "Oh, like Jimmy Olsen?"

After their guests had left, I let my mother have it with both barrels. I was not that sweater-wearing gee-whiz halfwit on the Daily Planet, I told her. I was a writer, a journalist, a newsman, and if they weren't happy that I wasn't going to take over my father's dental practice ...

From then on, my parents said, they told their friends I was a journalist. A year and a half later I joined The AP and as I was packing up some of my stuff in what had been my bedroom in Brooklyn, I overheard my father telling someone on the phone that I was going to be "a reporter for The Associated Press." And so I was - for the first three years. Then I became a sports writer, a title I wore proudly with The AP until 1986 and with the St. Petersburg Times until I retired in 2004.

Broadcast vets meet up for lunch



Three AP Broadcast veterans, and one APer by marriage, gathering for lunch in Punta Gorda, FL. (Rob & Evelyn Dalton and Ed and Laura Tobias.)

AP Stylebook newsletter – April 2023

We've just wrapped up four weeks of live webinars as part of our AP Stylebook Workshop, but the lively Q&A in our online classroom continues through June.

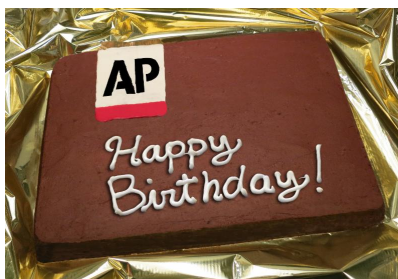
We'll share a few highlights of that conversation below.

If you missed the Stylebook Workshop this spring, not to worry. We're planning to do it again this fall. We'll share details here when we have them firmed up.

Colleen Newvine, product manager, AP Stylebook

Click [here](#) to read more.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

New AP/ABC film probes white supremacy in law enforcement (AP)



FILE - Joseph Moore looks out of a window at his home in Jacksonville, Fla., on Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021. Moore worked for nearly 10 years as an undercover informant for the FBI, infiltrating the Ku Klux Klan in Florida, foiling at least two murder plots, according to investigators, and investigating ties between law enforcement and the white supremacist organization. "From where I sat, with the intelligence laid out, I can tell you that none of these agencies have any control over any of it. It is more prevalent and consequential than any of them are willing to admit." (AP Photo/Robert Bumsted, File)

By JASON DEAREN

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Dozens of robed Ku Klux Klansmen gathered around a burning cross in a remote field in North Florida. It was December 2014, and after the cross lighting ceremony ended, three klansmen asked for a quiet aside with the group's Grand Knighthawk, a klan hitman. The knighthawk was Joe Moore, a former Army sniper who'd joined the group and quickly risen through the ranks due to his military background. The men handed Moore a photograph of a Black man that they wanted killed.

The story of the klan's murder plot and the hitman's secret recordings made over months in 2015 formed the basis of an Associated Press 2021 investigative series called "The Badge and The Cross," which used the story as a jumping off point to explore the issue of white supremacist group infiltration of law enforcement.

Now, a new Hulu documentary, "Grand Knighthawk: Infiltrating the KKK," based on The AP's award-winning investigative series, begins streaming on Thursday. It was produced by ABC News Studios and George Stephanopoulos Productions in a first-time collaboration with The AP.

A MURDER PLOT, THE KKK & INFILTRATION of LAW ENFORCEMENT

The FBI said the infiltration of U.S. law enforcement agencies by white supremacist groups has been a serious threat since at least 2006. The AP's series highlighted such

infiltration.

It started with the story of the modern-day murder plot by members of the Traditionalist American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Florida, who also had been officers in the Florida Department of Corrections.

In 2020, AP journalist Jason Dearen obtained hours of secretly recorded audio and video conversations by the klan group in Florida that detailed a plot to murder a Black man in 2015.

The first story in this series shows why this tale, which at first blush seems like the one-off plot, is in truth a view into the violent world of white supremacists in law enforcement. He talked with experts on police violence, racism, and white supremacist groups and identified other officers in Florida and across the U.S.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Paul Albright.

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Fox ratings tumble in Tucker Carlson slot after his firing (AP)

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of Fox News viewers are reacting to Tucker Carlson's firing by abandoning the network in his old time slot — at least temporarily.

Fox drew 1.33 million viewers for substitute host Brian Kilmeade in the 8 p.m. Eastern hour on Wednesday night, putting the network second to MSNBC's Chris Hayes in a competition Carlson used to dominate, the Nielsen company said.

That's down 56% from the 3.05 million viewers Carlson reached last Wednesday, Nielsen said. For all of 2022, Carlson averaged 3.03 million viewers, second only to Fox's "The Five" as the most popular program on cable television.

Carlson offered his own alternative to Kilmeade on Wednesday, posting a two-minute monologue on Twitter at 8 p.m. By Thursday afternoon, that video had been viewed 62.7 million times, according to Twitter.

Kilmeade had 1.7 million viewers on Tuesday and 2.59 million on Monday, when he told people who hadn't already heard the news that Carlson would no longer be there.

Read more [here](#).

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Inside a private portal from GOP campaigns to local news sites (Washington Post)

By Isaac Stanley-Becker and Josh Dawsey

The top Republican campaigns in Illinois used a private online portal last year to request stories and shape coverage in a network of media outlets that present themselves as local newspapers, according to documents and people familiar with the setup.

Screenshots show that the password-protected portal, called Lumen, allowed users to pitch stories; provide interview subjects as well as questions; place announcements and submit op-eds to be "published verbatim" in any of about 30 sites that form part of the Illinois-focused media network, called Local Government Information Services.

In some cases, users with Lumen access could choose whether to add a fact-checking step, screenshots obtained by The Washington Post show. Campaigns could find feedback about the stories they had submitted within the portal, including online views and the kinds of audiences reacting to the content, according to people with access to Lumen who, like most others interviewed for this article, spoke on the condition of anonymity to share sensitive details.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Bill McCloskey.

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White House Defends Biden's 'Cheat Sheet' With Reporters' Questions (Newsweek)

By Katherine Fung

The White House defended the "cheat sheet" President Joe Biden was seen holding while speaking to the press from the Rose Garden on Wednesday as regular protocol and in line with the press office's job to "get a sense" of what the media wants to ask him.

"It is entirely normal for a president to be briefed on reporters who will be asking questions at a press conference, and issues that we expect they might ask about," White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said during her daily briefing on Thursday.

"It is not surprising that yesterday we would anticipate questions that he did receive on the visit with the South Korean president...or about 2024, that was completely expected, or about the debt ceiling which he took questions at the end," Jean-Pierre told reporters. "I would point out that the question that was asked was different than what was on the card that you all saw."

On Wednesday, photographers at the White House captured photos that showed Biden holding a small paper that suggested the president is given notice of the questions that members of the press will ask him during his media engagements.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Paul Albright.

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Russia denies visit to American reporter in visa retaliation (AP)

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia’s Foreign Ministry on Thursday denied a U.S request for a consular visit to Evan Gershkovich, an American reporter for The Wall Street Journal who is jailed on espionage charges.

The ministry said it rejected the request for the May 11 visit in retaliation for the U.S. refusing to grant visas to Russian journalists who planned to accompany Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on a trip to the United Nations.

Gershkovich has been in custody since his March 29 arrest by Russia’s security service on espionage charges that he, his employer and the U.S. government have denied.

Gershkovich is the first U.S. correspondent since the Cold War to be detained in Russia on spying charges, and his arrest rattled journalists in the country and drew outrage in the West.

The United States has declared Gershkovich to be “wrongfully detained” and demanded his immediate release.

Read more [here](#).

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BBC Chairman Resigns, Deepening Turmoil at Britain’s Broadcaster (New York Times)

By Mark Landler

The chairman of BBC’s board, Richard Sharp, resigned on Friday after an investigation concluded that he failed to disclose his involvement in arranging a nearly \$1 million loan for the former prime minister, Boris Johnson.

Mr. Sharp said in a statement, shortly before the report was released, that the omission was “inadvertent and not material” but that he had decided to step down from the broadcaster’s board to “prioritize the interests of the BBC.”

His departure deepens the turmoil that has enveloped Britain’s public broadcaster in recent months over accusations of political bias and questions about its close ties to

Britain's Conservative government. The BBC's role has come under relentless fire in an era of polarized politics and freewheeling social media.

It suspended its most prominent on-air personality, Gary Lineker, last month after he posted a tweet likening the government's immigration policy to that of Germany in the 1930s. That triggered a walkout of the BBC's sports staff and forced it to broadcast "Match of the Day," its flagship weekly soccer program, without commentary.

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

Upcoming events

Final days to register for May 19-21 AP Connecting reunion in the Dallas area. Registration deadline Monday, May 1 !

Co-hosts are Mike Holmes of Omaha and Diana Heidgerd of Dallas. If you've mentioned to Mike or Diana that you'd like to attend, and your name is not on the list of attendees (below) you still need to formally register: heidgerd@flash.net

Two group meals are planned, Friday night May 19 (\$25 per person) and Saturday night May 20 (\$40 per person). Attend either or both! Please pay your own way to all events (casual attire). Details on paying (check, cash or via Zelle) will be emailed to you after close of registration.

SCHEDULE:

Friday afternoon, May 19: Reunion check-in, with your co-hosts, in the lobby of group hotel: **Residence Inn DFW Airport North/Grapevine**. Note: Note: The hotel bar is open **4:30 p.m.-10 p.m.** The hotel restaurant has a full menu.

Friday night, May 19: BBQ dinner (\$25 per person) at Meat-U-Anywhere in Trophy Club, operated by former AP journalist David Sedeno & his family. ***New Start time: 6 p.m.-7 p.m. Happy Hour, then 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. dinner.*** Socializing & meal.

Saturday night, May 20: Tex-Mex dinner (\$40 per person) at **Residence Inn DFW Airport North/Grapevine**. Socializing, meal plus remembrances & recognition program, including: Introductions. Quiz: How Much Do You Know about AP Staff, Stories & History? Remembrances of late/great AP journalists Mike Cochran & Denne Freeman. Recognition of AP staffers who've retired since the September 2021 Connecting reunion in Texas. Additional remarks & group photo. Note: : The hotel bar is open **4:30 p.m.-10 p.m.** The hotel restaurant has a full menu.

Sunday afternoon, May 21: Texas Rangers vs. Colorado Rockies game at Globe Life Field in Arlington. No group tickets left.

REUNION REGISTRATION (deadline May 1):

Email the name(s) of those attending & a contact phone number to Diana Heidgerd: heidgerd@flash.net

How many for group dinner Friday night, May 19 (\$25 per person) at Meat-U-Anywhere in Trophy Club, 91 Trophy Club Drive, Trophy Club, TX 76262. Includes BBQ meal, soft drink or tea, plus dessert. Restaurant is BYOB, no alcohol sold on the premises. Convenience stores are nearby. Please coordinate with Mike Holmes if you wish to donate funds/beverages for a 6 p.m.-7 p.m. happy hour imikeholmes@cox.net Dinner 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Note: We have to confirm the number of paid meals, so if you commit to attending BBQ dinner please be prepared to pay for your spot. You can reserve a spot but cancel no later than May 1, at no cost to you.

How many for group dinner Saturday night, May 20 (\$40 per person), from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at the **Residence Inn DFW Airport North/Grapevine**. Includes Tex-Mex buffet, iced tea, plus dessert. Beer, wine & mixed drinks available for sale at hotel bar. Note: We have to confirm the number of paid meals, so if you commit to attending Tex-Mex dinner please be prepared to pay for your spot. You can reserve a spot but cancel no later than May 1, at no cost to you.

GROUP HOTEL/RESERVE A ROOM by May 1:

Residence Inn DFW Airport North/Grapevine

2020 State Highway 26

Grapevine, TX 76051

972-539-8989 (call this hotel number to request the free airport shuttle)

Use this link to book (by May 1) at the AP Reunion rate: [Book your group rate for AP Reunion](#)

Would you like an accessible/special needs room? Call the hotel directly & ask for the "AP Reunion" rate. 972-539-8989.

Residence Inn DFW Airport North/Grapevine has free parking, free DFW airport shuttle (plus shuttle service within 5 miles of hotel) and free breakfast. This hotel also has a bar, restaurant and outdoor pool.

Reminder: please register by May 1: heidgerd@flash.net

List of registered attendees: (will be updated)

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- Amanda Barnett
- Barry & Patty Bedlan
- Maud Beelman
- Betsy Blaney
- Sondra Cochran
- Schuyler Dixon
- Katie Fairbank & Andy Herrmann
- Judy Freeman
- Mike Graczyk
- Steve Graham
- Stephen & Andrea Hawkins
- Susana Hayward
- Ron & Sue Heflin
- Diana & Paul Heidgerd
- Mike Holmes
- Dave & Darlene Koenig
- Stefani Kopenec
- Mark Lambert
- Dale & Linda Leach
- Dawn Leonard
- Terry Leonard

- John & Eileen Lumpkin
- John McFarland
- Michelle Mittelstadt
- Betty (Mrs. Burl) Osborne
- Charles & Barbara Richards
- Linda & Ed Sargent
- David & Ellen Sedeno
- Ed & Barbara Staats
- Jamie Stengle
- Paul Stevens
- Terry Wallace
- Melissa Williams Finn
- Sylvia & Will Wingfield
- David Woo

Today in History - April 28, 2023



Today is Friday, April 28, the 118th day of 2023. There are 247 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 28, 1994, former CIA official Aldrich Ames, who had passed U.S. secrets to the Soviet Union and then Russia, pleaded guilty to espionage and tax evasion, and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

On this date:

In 1788, Maryland became the seventh state to ratify the Constitution of the United States.

In 1945, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress, Clara Petacci, were executed by Italian partisans as they attempted to flee the country.

In 1947, a six-man expedition set out from Peru aboard a balsa wood raft named the Kon-Tiki on a 101-day journey across the Pacific Ocean to the Polynesian Islands.

In 1952, war with Japan officially ended as a treaty signed in San Francisco the year before took effect. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as Supreme Allied commander in Europe; he was succeeded by Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson ordered U.S. Marines to the Dominican Republic to protect American citizens and interests in the face of a civil war.

In 1967, heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali was stripped of his title after he refused to be inducted into the armed forces.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter accepted the resignation of Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance, who had opposed the failed rescue mission aimed at freeing American hostages in Iran. (Vance was succeeded by Edmund Muskie.)

In 1986, the Soviet Union informed the world of the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl.

In 1990, the musical "A Chorus Line" closed after 6,137 performances on Broadway.

In 2001, a Russian rocket lifted off from Central Asia bearing the first space tourist, California businessman Dennis Tito, and two cosmonauts on a journey to the international space station.

In 2011, convicted sex offender Phillip Garrido and his wife, Nancy, pleaded guilty to kidnapping and raping a California girl, Jaycee Dugard, who was abducted in 1991 at the age of 11 and rescued 18 years later. (Phillip Garrido was sentenced to 431 years to life in prison; Nancy Garrido was sentenced to 36 years to life in prison.)

In 2015, urging Americans to "do some soul-searching," President Barack Obama expressed deep frustration over recurring Black deaths at the hands of police, rioters who responded with senseless violence and a society that would only "feign concern" without addressing the root causes.

Ten years ago: Mohammed Sohel Rana, the fugitive owner of an illegally constructed building in Bangladesh that collapsed and killed more than 1,100 people, was captured by a commando force as he tried to flee into India. A suspected gas explosion ripped off the side of a five-story residential building in France's Champagne country, killing three people and injuring more than a dozen others.

Five years ago: Alfie Evans, the 23-month-old terminally-ill British toddler who was at the center of a legal battle over his treatment, died at a British hospital; doctors had said further treatment for his degenerative brain condition was futile and that he should be allowed to die, but his parents fought for months to take him to the Vatican's children's hospital so he could be kept on life support. Jacob Cartwright, a trucker who was missing in a snow-covered area of Oregon for four days after his GPS device sent him up the wrong road, emerged from the remote and rugged region after walking 36 miles to safety. One year ago: Russia pounded targets from one end of Ukraine to the other, including Kyiv, bombarding the city while the head of the United Nations was visiting in the boldest attack on the capital since Moscow's forces retreated weeks earlier. The Jacksonville Jaguars took Georgia Pass rusher Travon Walker with the first pick in the NFL draft. Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Trevor Bauer was suspended for two full seasons without pay by Major League Baseball for

violating the league's domestic violence and sexual assault policy, which he denied doing.

Today's Birthdays: Former Secretary of State James A. Baker III is 93. Actor-singer Ann-Margret is 82. Actor Paul Guilfoyle is 74. Former "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno is 73. Rock musician Chuck Leavell is 71. Actor Mary McDonnell is 71. Rock singer-musician Kim Gordon (Sonic Youth) is 70. Actor Nancy Lee Grahn is 67. Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan is 63. Rapper Too Short is 57. Actor Bridget Moynahan is 52. Actor Chris Young is 52. Rapper Big Gipp is 51. Actor Jorge Garcia is 50. Actor Elisabeth Rohm is 50. Actor Penelope Cruz is 49. Actor Nate Richert is 45. TV personalities Drew and Jonathan Scott are 45. Actor Jessica Alba is 42. Actor Harry Shum Jr. is 41. Actor Jenna Ushkowitz is 37. Actor Aleisha Allen is 32.

Got a story or photos to share?

Connecting is a daily newsletter published Monday through Friday that reaches more than 1,800 retired and former Associated Press employees, present-day employees, and news industry and journalism school colleagues. It began in 2013. 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.

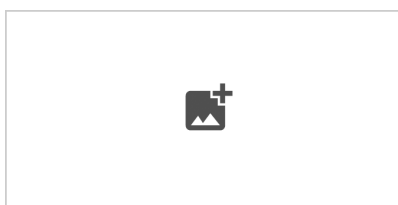
- **First job** - How did you get your first job in journalism?

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

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