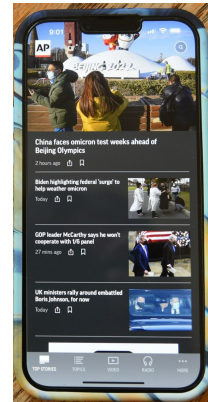


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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning on this June 23, 2023,

We lead today's Connecting with a photographic profile of one of AP's best photographers, **Charles Kelly**.

The AP Images blog by our colleague **Francesca Pitaro** of Corporate Archives relates how Kelly, in his 30-plus years as an AP photographer, covered sports, local stories, Civil Rights, and everything in between. Kelly wrote that "different pictures arise from thoughtful, persistent enterprise," and his photos exhibit these qualities.

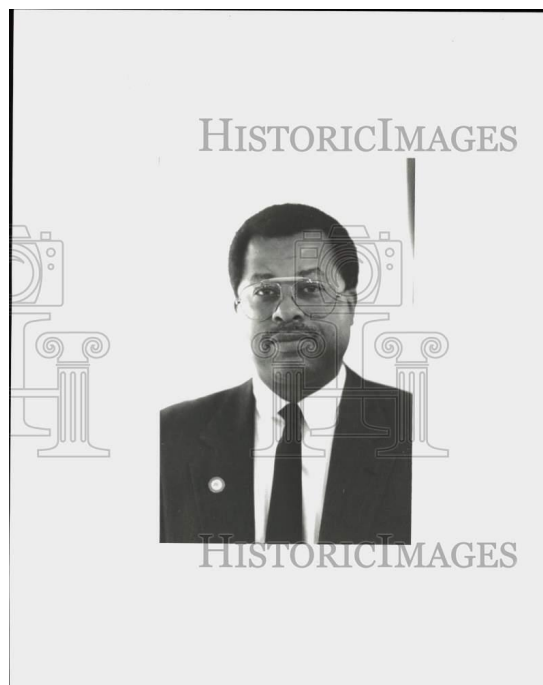
Jack Stokes would love this: Doing an internet search on Jack Stokes following the death Sunday of the beloved AP journalists, I landed on an eBay listing with an offer of \$10 (plus \$4.99 for standard shipping) to purchase a "1988 Press Photo Jack Stokes, Associated Press Recruiting Director, Texas". But, the sale ended with its purchase on June 16, two days before his death. Whomever listed it lived in Memphis, Tenn. Not

sure why Jack, a New Yorker, was placed in Texas. I am certain that Jack, bless his soul, would be smiling about this...and wondering, c'mon man, just \$10 for this treasure???

Did you have a hobby in your youth that has stayed with you into adulthood. Our colleague **Jim Salter**, AP's St. Louis correspondent, has - baseball - and he still plays fast-pitch at age 63. His story is below. How about sharing your own story?

Have a great weekend – be safe, stay healthy, live each day to your fullest..

Paul



AP Photographer Charlie Kelly: '...Thoughtful, persistent enterprise.'



ABOVE: The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. stands with other civil rights leaders on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn., on April 3, 1968, a day before he

was assassinated at approximately the same place. From left are Hosea Williams, Jesse Jackson, King, and Ralph Abernathy. (AP Photo/Charles Kelly)

By [Francesca Pitaro](#)
AP Archivist

In over thirty years as an AP photographer, Charles Kelly (1932-2016) covered sports, local stories, Civil Rights, and everything in between. Kelly wrote that “different pictures arise from thoughtful, persistent enterprise,” and his photos exhibit these qualities. His persistence and enterprise in covering the Civil Rights movement and the plight of the Vietnam POWs and their families, allowed him a special kind of access, resulting in truly inspiring photography.

Born in Charlotte, North Carolina, Kelly joined the AP in Memphis in 1961 after working at the Charlotte Observer and the Charlotte News. Kelly began shooting photos as a teenager, and while in college, he took pictures for the college newspaper and yearbook. At the Charlotte Observer, where he had been hired as a retoucher in the art department, he made himself known in the photo department and was eventually hired to take pictures.

Kelly’s AP career took him from Memphis to Milwaukee, and finally to Atlanta in 1966, where he worked until his retirement in 1994.

Gene Blythe, an AP photo editor who worked with Kelly for 17 years called Kelly “a legend among wire service photographers.”

“He always seemed to get the best picture of whatever he was covering and many times the competition was working beside him. His angle, the lens he used, the expression he got or split-second reaction he captured just plain beat the competition.”





This Sunday, June 26, 1966 file photo shows thousands of civil rights marchers fall in behind their leaders on the last leg of the Mississippi March in Tougaloo, Mississippi. In the front row left to right are: Mrs. Juanita Abernathy, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, Dr. King, James Meredith, Stokely Carmichael of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (looking back) and Floyd B. McKissick, National Director of the Congress Racial Equality. (AP Photo/Charles Kelly, File)

Civil rights activist James Meredith began a solitary march from Memphis, Tenn. to Jackson, Miss. on June 5, 1966. Meredith, who was the first Black man to enroll in the University of Mississippi, was walking to bring attention to racial discrimination, and to encourage Black voters in Mississippi to register to vote. Shortly after crossing the border into Mississippi on June 6, Meredith was ambushed by Aubrey Norvell, who shot him multiple times. Meredith survived, and news of attack brought thousands of activists to Mississippi to complete Meredith's march.

In February 1973, with the Paris Peace Talks underway and the end of American involvement in the Vietnam War in sight, Hanoi began to release United States prisoners of war (POW). Between February and March of that year, 509 American POWs returned to the United States and the story of their release quickly became a major story. AP writer Kathryn Johnson and photographer Charlie Kelly were uniquely prepared to cover it, as they had already spent years interviewing and photographing the prisoners' wives.

Johnson's and Kelly's first meeting with the League of Wives of American POWs took place at the home of Jane Denton in Virginia Beach, whose husband, Navy Capt. Jeremiah Denton, had been taken prisoner by the North Vietnamese on July 18, 1965.



U.S. Navy Captain Jeremiah Denton of Virginia Beach, Va., holds the hand of his wife Jane as they return to the Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Feb. 23, 1973, after his first appearance since he entered the facility for medical checks and de-briefing. Capt. Denton led the first load of returning U.S. prisoners of war off the plane at Clark Field. (AP Photo/Charles Kelly)

In a 2007 interview with Corporate Archives Director Valerie Komor, Johnson described getting to know these women “who did not know if they were wives or

widows, whether their husbands were dead, and they were living lives of not knowing about their husbands, raising children alone, and it was a really horrifying sort of story.”

Johnson continued:

“And these women, talking to them, one at a time, all day long, at her house — and by the way, her home was near where the base is, air base, and you could hear the planes flying over, Air Force planes, all the time. And it was almost the touch of the Vietnam War still around feeling. And we were in her living room; they came in one at a time, and it was such a stream of consciousness of anguish that at the end of that day, Charlie [Kelly] and I both found out, we were both just shaking. And we were both tough cookies.”

Upon his release in 1973, Captain Jeremiah Denton agreed to have Johnson tell his story, but he did not want pictures. When Johnson asked, “How about Charlie Kelly?” the reply came from Mrs. Denton, “If it’s Charlie, it’s o.k.”

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

Still playing...after all these years

Connecting is wondering what hobbies you had in your youth that you still enjoy today. For the AP’s 63-year-old correspondent in St. Louis, Jim Salter, it’s baseball. Here’s his story.

Jim Salter – I started playing baseball as an 8-year-old in the Hannibal (Missouri) Little League in 1968. My parents weren’t convinced I’d stick with it, so they didn’t buy me a glove. I used my coach’s glove, which was a bit of a problem since I’m left-handed and he was a righty. I just wore it on the wrong hand. It didn’t matter – no one hit the ball to right field anyway.

Turns out mom and dad were wrong. Fifty-five years later, I’ve played ball every summer except one – the Covid pause of 2020.

These days, it’s in a 60-and-over league known as the St. Louis Baseball Forever League. We have 10 teams, so I’m far from alone in my passion for the sport.



It’s not quite the baseball of our youth. The legs are the first to go. Dribblers tend to sneak through the infield. Popups, even those on the infield, are prone to find a

home. Arms aren't what they used to be, either. A good fastball gets to – maybe – 60 mph.

It turns out that making hard contact is one of the few skills that cuts through time. We allow only wooden bats so the pitchers don't risk injury.

There are plenty of other rules with a nod to our age. Players with mobility issues can have pinch-runners. Outfielders aren't allowed to throw out runners at first base.

Unwritten rules also abound. We don't bunt on older pitchers. If an opposing baserunner clearly has a base stolen, we yell "Stay up!" so he doesn't risk hurting himself sliding. For a couple of the teams made up mostly of guys in their 70s, we stop hitting once we reach five runs in an inning.

All these years later, I'm still seeing new things. Earlier this season, my teammate Steve Thro (aptly named) threw a no-hitter. That same game, we turned a 5-4-3 triple play. I had never been on the field for either.

Celebrating Margaret Stafford's retirement



Colleagues of Kansas City newswoman [Margaret Stafford](#), past and present, gathered Wednesday night to celebrate her 39-year AP career, which ends with her retirement on June 30. From left, front row, Nick Ingram, Summer Ballentine, Charlie Riedel, Heather Hollingsworth. Second row, from left: Second row: Amy Forliti, Kent

Zimmerman, Chris Clark, Jim Salter, John Hanna, Dana Fields, Margaret Stafford. Back row, from left: Jim Suhr, Paul Stevens, Bill Draper, Steve Brisendine, Carl Manning.

Dan Sewell honored for column

Dan Sewell - Retired Cincinnati AP Correspondent Dan Sewell was awarded a “best commentary” first place for a 2022 column on underreporting of sexual assaults on college campuses - presented by the Cincinnati SPJ on Thursday evening. Sewell, who retired two years ago after four decades with AP, writes a biweekly column for The Cincinnati Enquirer.

250 years of journalism in one photo



At least 250 years of journalism are represented by these retired wire, print and TV reporters, editors and photogs at the usually monthly AP-UPI-Journo lunch in Concord, N.H., June 21; among them, a current state legislator and a former state agriculture commissioner.

Clockwise (including the participants' most recent credentials): State Rep. Daniel Wolf, UPI; Norma Love, AP; Fred Kocher, WMUR-TV; Adolphe Bernotas, AP; Bob LaPree, AP, Union Leader; and Steve Taylor, Valley News, former agriculture commissioner.

Want tea with your gas?



Neal Ulevich - A recent road trip detour brought me to Zillah, Washington and the famed Teapot gas station, built in 1922 as comment on the Teapot Dome scandal of the same era. A Harding administration cheap sale of petroleum rights sent a cabinet member to jail, a first in American history. No longer pumping gas, the city of Zillah now preserves it. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

An obituary to remember

James Loveless

March 11, 1963 — June 14, 2023

Somerset, Kentucky

Born and raised in Kentucky in 1963—a state that has been recently leaning toward more liberal values, we might add—Jamie, a divorcee, father, grandfather and proud owner of a few lots in the trailer park, had had enough and up and died on us on June 14th in order to avoid another Presidential stolen-election mishap in the near future.

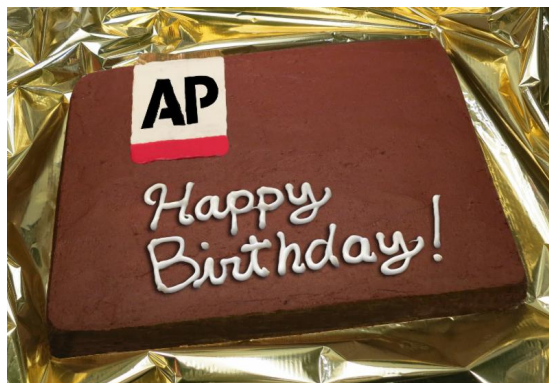
As a gluttonous eater of fried foods and snack cakes, as well as the occasional chili cheese dog, James, tried in vain to give up the ghost by clogging his arteries and having a stroke in 2015. His twin boys, Rocky and Rodney, had other plans and made him go to the hospital. While waiting in the ER at the hospital, he was heard saying, "Let's make a break for it!", only to be heard by one of the hospital staff and forced to go through the procedure. He wasn't too excited about the prospect, but went anyway.

On many occasions in life, James was seen in his back yard at the trailer park during the early hours of the morning, hammering beers, standing over country-style ribs, and yelling, "It's got a head like a cat on it!", while nearby neighbors would peek out their windows bearing looks of disgust and amazement, as his party guests were slurring remarks about needing to speed up his cooking style. "We've been here since 5 o'clock," they would say. "I've got work in the morning."



Read more [here](#). Shared by Jenny Volanakis.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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On Sunday to...

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Stories of interest

Fox News is altering language in AP and Reuters articles on anti-trans legislation — including a quote from an elected official (Media Matters)

WRITTEN BY MIA GINGERICH

In an abhorrent bid to further its demonization of trans people and the medical professionals who provide medically necessary care, Fox News' website is altering articles from The Associated Press and Reuters to replace the phrase "gender-affirming care" with the terms "sex change" or "sex reassignment" — phrases that the AP, trans journalists, and LGBTQ rights advocates deem outdated — and frequently removing or replacing references to "care" or "medical care."

In one of the most recent examples, Fox fabricated a quote from an Oregon state senator, putting words in the mouth of an elected official. In changing the text of AP articles without disclosing the edits to its readers, Fox News is obscuring the true impact of legislation that removes a broad range of lifesaving treatment options for trans youth.

Both the AP and Reuters confirmed that altering their content to change the meaning or accuracy of the reporting violates their rules. A spokesperson for AP told Media Matters, "Customers have the ability to adjust AP headlines and stories as long as the changes do not impact the accuracy or facts of the AP journalism." Additionally, the news organization confirmed that "quotes are not to be altered, in keeping with AP standards."

A spokesperson for Reuters wrote, "The editorial meaning of Reuters content cannot be altered or distorted by our clients. Reuters is fully committed to covering all matters, including LGBTQIA+ issues, impartially and accurately, in keeping with the Thomson Reuters Trust Principles."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Robert Kimball.

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Trump, DeSantis interviews show Fox influence on GOP field still strong despite troubled year (AP)

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — The two leading GOP presidential contenders had very different interview experiences with Fox News in the past week — each an illustration of the influence that even a damaged Fox has over the Republican nominating process.

Donald Trump's interview with Bret Baier, which aired in two parts Monday and Tuesday, was meaty and newsworthy. Baier pressed the former president about his indictment on hoarding confidential documents and pushed back on Trump's false claims about the 2020 election.

Ron DeSantis' session with Trump's former press secretary, Kayleigh McEnany, on Wednesday was far softer.

Their appearances alone are evidence that Fox, weakened financially by the \$787 million settlement over defamation charges reached with Dominion Voting Systems and suffering in the ratings following Tucker Carlson's firing, remains the media kingmaker for Republicans who want to be president.

Read more [here](#).

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WSJ editorial board defends Alito, calls ProPublica report 'non-scandal built on partisan spin' (Politico)

By MATT BERG

The Wall Street Journal's editorial board defended Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito and his previously undisclosed fishing trip with a GOP donor in an editorial Wednesday night, blasting ProPublica's report as "a non-scandal built on partisan spin."

"The political assault on the Supreme Court continues, and the latest Justice in the grinder is Samuel Alito," the board wrote. "As usual, this is a non-scandal built on partisan spin intended to harm the Justice and the current Court majority."

Alito came under scrutiny after a ProPublica investigation revealed that the justice had taken an expensive and previously undisclosed luxury fishing trip with prominent conservative donor Paul Singer in 2008. He also stayed at a pricey inn bankrolled by another major GOP donor, the report alleged.

Alito penned a defensive op-ed in the Journal before the report's publication denying any wrongdoing, alleging in the headline that ProPublica "misleads its readers."

The editorial board lambasted ProPublica for its "typically slanted" reporting alleging that Alito had violated the court's ethics policy of disclosing gifts. Numerous lawmakers have called for reform on the court since the outlet revealed earlier this year Justice Clarence Thomas' close ties with GOP megadonor Harlan Crow.

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

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Canada will require Google and Meta to pay media outlets for news under bill set to become law (AP)

OTTAWA, Ontario (AP) — Canada's Senate on Thursday passed a bill that will require Google and Meta to pay media outlets for news content that they share or otherwise repurpose on their platforms.

The bill, which is set to become law, was passed amid a standoff between Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government and Silicon Valley tech giants.

Ottawa has said the law creates a level playing field between online advertising giants and the shrinking news industry. And Canadian Heritage Minister Pablo Rodriguez has promised to push back on what he describes as "threats" from Facebook and Google to remove journalism from their platforms.

Meta confirmed Thursday that it plans to comply with the bill by ending news availability on Facebook and Instagram for its Canadian users, as it had previously suggested. Meta would not offer details about the timeline for that move, but said it will pull local news from its site before the Online News Act takes effect. The bill will come into force six months after it receives royal assent.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Doug Pizac.

Today in History - June 23, 2023



By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, June 23, the 174th day of 2023. There are 191 days left in the year.

Today's highlight

On June 23, 1888, abolitionist Frederick Douglass received one vote from the Kentucky delegation at the Republican convention in Chicago, effectively making him the first Black candidate to have his name placed in nomination for U.S. president. (The nomination went to Benjamin Harrison.)

On this date

In 1860, a congressional resolution authorized creation of the United States Government Printing Office, which opened the following year.

In 1931, aviators Wiley Post and Harold Gatty took off from New York on a round-the-world flight that lasted eight days and 15 hours.

In 1947, the Senate joined the House in overriding President Harry S. Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Act, designed to limit the power of organized labor.

In 1956, Gamal Abdel Nasser was elected president of Egypt.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson, Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin opened a three-day summit at Glassboro State College in New Jersey.

In 1969, Warren E. Burger was sworn in as chief justice of the United States by the man he was succeeding, Earl Warren.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon signed Title IX barring discrimination on the basis of sex for "any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

In 1985, all 329 people aboard an Air India Boeing 747 were killed when the plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean near Ireland because of a bomb authorities believe was planted by Sikh separatists.

In 1994, the movie "Forrest Gump," starring Tom Hanks as a simple yet kindhearted soul and his serendipitous brushes with greatness, was released by Paramount Pictures.

In 1995, Dr. Jonas Salk, the medical pioneer who developed the first vaccine to halt the crippling rampage of polio, died in La Jolla, California, at age 80.

In 2016, Britain voted to leave the European Union after a bitterly divisive referendum campaign, toppling Prime Minister David Cameron, who had led the campaign to keep Britain in the EU.

In 2020, the Louisville police department fired an officer involved in the fatal shooting of Breonna Taylor more than three months earlier, saying Brett Hankison had shown "extreme indifference to the value of human life" when he fired ten rounds into Taylor's apartment.

Ten years ago: Edward Snowden, the National Security Agency contractor behind the disclosures of the U.S. government's sweeping surveillance programs, left Hong Kong for Moscow with the stated intention of seeking asylum in Ecuador; however, Snowden ended up remaining in Moscow. Aerialist Nik Wallenda completed a tightrope walk that took him a quarter mile over the Little Colorado River Gorge in northeastern Arizona. Sci-fi and fantasy writer Richard Matheson, 87, died in Los Angeles.

Five years ago: Trump administration officials said the government knew the location of all children in its custody after separating them from their families at the border, and that it was working to reunite them. The Vatican tribunal convicted a former Holy

See diplomat, Monsignor Carlo Capella, and sentenced him to five years in prison for possessing and distributing child pornography.

One year ago: Donald Trump hounded the Justice Department to pursue his false election fraud claims, contacting the agency's leader "virtually every day" and striving in vain to enlist top law enforcement officials in a desperate bid to stay in power, according to testimony to the House panel investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot. In a major expansion of gun rights, the Supreme Court says Americans have a right to carry firearms in public for self-defense. The European Union's leaders agreed to make Ukraine a candidate for EU membership, setting in motion a potentially yearslong process that could draw the embattled country further away from Russia's influence and bind it more closely to the West.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Diana Trask is 83. Actor Ted Shackelford is 77. Actor Bryan Brown is 76. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is 75. Actor Jim Metzler is 72. "American Idol" ex-judge Randy Jackson is 67. Actor Frances McDormand is 66. Rock musician Steve Shelley (Sonic Youth) is 61. Writer-director Joss Whedon is 59. R&B singer Chico DeBarge is 53. Actor Selma Blair is 51. Actor Joel Edgerton is 49. Rock singer KT Tunstall is 48. Actor Emmanuelle Vaugier is 47. Singer-songwriter Jason Mraz is 46. Football Hall of Famer LaDainian Tomlinson is 44. Actor Melissa Rauch is 43. Rock singer Duffy is 39. Country singer Katie Armiger 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!

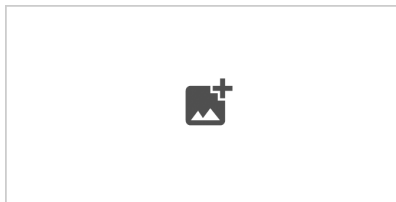
Here are some suggestions:

- **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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