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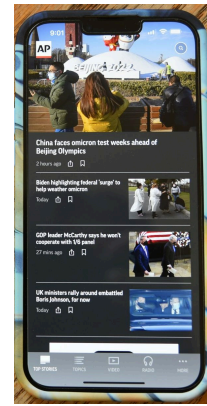
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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning on this Feb. 13, 2024,

Today's Connecting leads with a wire story on the death of longtime photographer **Lou Krasky**, whose 35-year Associated Press career involved a myriad of major stories in South Carolina.

If you have a favorite memory of working with him, please send it along.

Lou teamed with many reporters over his years with the AP. So how about this:

If you have a favorite memory of working with a reporter in your bureau, if you're a photographer, or of working with a photographer in your bureau, if you're a reporter, please share. On a spot news story or enterprise work or a feature.

Here's to a great day – be safe, stay healthy, live it to your fullest.

Paul

Retired AP photographer Lou Krasky, who captured hurricanes, golf stars and presidents, has died



From left, Associated Press correspondent Rob Wood, photographer Lou Krasky, and staffer Rick Scott study a picture Krasky took of an electronic voting board as lawmakers in South Carolina voted to raise their expense allowances during a legislative session. Krasky, a long-time senior Associated Press photographer based in South Carolina, died Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024. (AP Photo)

BY JEFFREY COLLINS

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Lou Krasky, an Associated Press photographer who took photos of presidents and the pope as well as hurricanes, golf tournaments, car racing stars and space shuttle launches throughout his more than 35 years with the wire service, has died.

Krasky, 86, died Thursday, his family said. No cause of death was given.

Krasky was born in New York City and joined the U.S. Navy after finishing high school. The military taught him photography and Krasky started working for the AP in Columbia, South Carolina, in 1968.

Like many photographers of his era, Krasky was part chemist to develop photos and create color prints, part engineer to get the lighting and shutter speed right and

transmit the photos, and part magician to make it all come together perfectly.

The uncanny ability to make newspaper photos look like art earned him the nicknames “Maestro” and “The Artiste” from his colleagues.

“Lou was, to me, the epitome of an AP shooter. He always seemed to know exactly where to be to get the shot,” said Jim Clarke, AP’s managing director of local markets and a former reporter in the Columbia bureau early in his career. “But more than that, Lou kept us out of trouble. He’d been doing the job as long as some of us had been alive. A brief word from Lou was enough to prompt a new line of questioning, a new way of seeing the story.”

Krasky worked with the AP until his retirement in 2004. He was at every major event in his adopted home state from civil rights protests to the trial of mother Susan Smith convicted of killing her sons to the first women accepted at The Citadel military college to a large chunk of U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond’s political career.

“Krasky was at the forefront of every major and minor happening in the Palmetto State for nearly four decades,” longtime South Carolina AP sports writer Pete Iacobelli said. “He took pictures of sports figures, celebrities and politicians, all with a sharp eye for details that might get past other photographers.”

And, he did all of this with an interesting slight Southern drawl that layered over his New York accent and a pleasant and entertaining nature that left the famous and not-so-famous subjects of his photos seeking him out the next time they saw him.

“Lou was always a gracious man teaching me and others the ins and outs of shooting state government,” said Charles Rex Arbogast, an AP photographer who started his career at a South Carolina newspaper. “He was a fount of historical experience and knowledge.”

Krasky was sought after for national assignments too. He spent three decades taking photos at the Masters golf tournament. He covered presidential inaugurations and visits by the pope.

Krasky became an expert at handling the AP’s transmission of color photographs, a tricky, intricate 30-minute process involving creating prints, wrapping them on a drum and scanning them.

Krasky was sharp and listened behind the camera. A smart reporter on assignment with him knew to let Krasky ask some questions because he would have an insight critical to the story.



And his eye for detail wasn't limited to pictures. In the early 1970s, when South Carolina House members voted to raise their daily pay from \$25 to \$125 for a special session, then claimed they didn't know who voted for the proposal, Krasky had a photograph he took of the House's voting board.

Krasky always took the time to mentor younger photographers. He kept a stable of photo freelancers and fed them steady work. He knew every newspaper photographer in South Carolina and they were quick to help when Krasky couldn't get to the news himself.

He was taught photography on film, editing first with his eyes and often shooting only when he knew the picture was going to be good. If he heard a younger colleague firing off dozens of shots, he would smile and tell them — you know you are going to have to develop all that film.

“He could shoot the event, get the best picture, and transmit it to the AP wire before anyone knew it,” said George Gardner, a retired photographer with The Greenville News who met Krasky in 1971.

When Krasky retired, South Carolina's governor and every living former governor wrote him a note. He was a fixture at the South Carolina Statehouse with politicians asking him where they needed to be before he shot his photo.

He took photos of every governor from Robert McNair to Mark Sanford, including Sanford with a pig under his arm angering lawmakers by bringing the animal to the House chambers to protest what he called pork spending.

The impact of Krasky's work and the memories he left behind are special, said South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster, who Krasky photographed as U.S. Attorney for the District of South Carolina as he prosecuted drug dealers in the massive Operation Jackpot or as McMaster unsuccessfully ran for U.S. Senate against Fritz Hollings.

Krasky “used his talent and passion to bring to life the stories of South Carolina and her people through the power of his camera,” McMaster said in a statement.

In 2004, when Krasky reached the end of his AP career, he told the wire service's corporate magazine it was time to put the cameras down and enjoy life with his wife Annette, whom he married on Christmas Day in 1984, and their family.

“I plan to relax and look at the world with my eyes rather than through a small little hole,” Krasky said.

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

Memories of Lou

[Dave Tomlin](#) - I loved working with Lou Krasky. When I arrived in Columbia as chief of bureau in 1980, the news operation was going through a rough patch and staff morale was pretty low. But Lou seemed unaffected. His self-assurance and unwavering focus on the photo report helped the rest of us by example to keep calm and carry on as we

worked toward better days. I valued his professionalism and enjoyed his company, and so did everyone else in the office.

AP Sighting



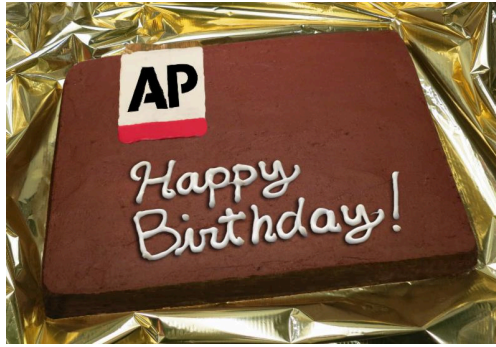
Charles Rex Arbogast – Returning to Chicago last week after visiting my first grandchild in Birmingham, Ala., I stopped to get gas at the famous Buc-ee's gas station extravaganza. I vowed not to go in this gas-mega store but I was suckered in and found this AP sighting.

Differing with Today in History

Peggy Walsh - Nothing I hate more than questioning the Chiefs' biggest fan AND Today in History. But today says Patrick Mahomes was named MVP in 2023 for the Chiefs' third win in four years. Unless I'm mistaken, last night was their third win in four years.

Jim Limbach - While I know you don't write Today in History, I must take issue with the term Vietnam "conflict." More than 50,000 Americans died. It was a friggin war. It was no more a conflict than Korea was a "police action."

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



Susan Wise

Stories of interest

Your Sunday newspaper? Watch for it in Saturday's mail. (Poynter)

By: Rick Edmonds

Since the end of the pandemic, newspapers have struggled to find enough carriers to throw print editions onto driveways. Pay increases and signing bonuses haven't really worked. Now a new solution is taking root at smaller papers that is likely to spread up to larger ones:

Abandon carrier delivery and turn the job over to the U.S. Postal Service.

Since 2022, Gannett has transitioned more than 70 markets from carrier delivery to the USPS, spokesperson Lark-Marie Anton told me by email, with more on the way through 2024.

The trend is cascading through mid-sized groups and non-chain papers as well. The Ontario (Oregon) Argus Observer, part of Wick Communications' 14 daily newspaper holdings, told readers on Jan. 31 that delivery will be exclusively through the mail. The family-owned Sumter (South Carolina) Item announced the same Feb. 3. At both, the change was paired with a reduced frequency of print to two days a week.

The break with tradition has irked many readers who have the habit of a leisurely Sunday paper read. Now the weekend edition will come in Saturday's mail. That means news content will close by midday Friday. Should there be a mail delivery glitch, you won't get your Sunday paper until Monday.

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

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Longtime NPR 'Morning Edition' host Bob Edwards dies at age 76 (AP)

NEW YORK (AP) — Bob Edwards, who anchored National Public Radio's "Morning Edition" for just under 25 years and was the baritone voice who told many Americans what had happened while they slept, has died.

Edwards, who died Saturday, was 76 years old. NPR had no further details.

He became co-host of "All Things Considered" with Susan Stamberg in 1974 shortly after joining NPR, and was the founding anchor of "Morning Edition" in 1979. He left NPR after being replaced on the show in 2004 — a programming move that led to protests by thousands of listeners — and he joined SiriusXM satellite radio.

Edwards' deep, commanding voice gave many listeners the impression that he was older than he was. "His was the voice we woke up to," Stamberg said.

For 12 years, he had regular conversations with veteran sportscaster Red Barber, which led to Edwards' book, "Friday with Red: A Radio Friendship."

Edwards would tell listeners about well-known people who were celebrating birthdays. He later found out that his announcement of First Lady Rosalynn Carter's birthday surprised and saved her husband, President Jimmy Carter, who heard Edwards while out jogging; he had forgotten the birthday.

Read more [here](#).

The Final Word

Marty Steinberg - I think this is Will Lester's final Facebook post, outside comments he may have made on others' posts.

I added this comment to it: "If this is Will's final Facebook post, it's so appropriate and touching. He cared about the world, big and small. Adieu, Will."



Will Lester



Dec 25, 2023 ·



However you celebrate,
enjoy the day and hope
for good things
internationally, nationally,
locally and personally!
Merry Christmas...
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Today in History: Feb. 13, 2024



Today is Tuesday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 2024. There are 322 days left in the year.

Today's highlight

On Feb. 13, 1935, a jury in Flemington, New Jersey, found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-slaying of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was later executed.)

On this date:

In 1633, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei arrived in Rome for trial before the Inquisition, accused of defending Copernican theory that the Earth revolved around the sun instead of the other way around. (Galileo was found vehemently suspect of heresy and ended up being sentenced to a form of house arrest.)

In 1933, the Warsaw Convention, governing airlines' liability for international carriage of persons, luggage and goods, went into effect.

In 1939, Justice Louis D. Brandeis retired from the U.S. Supreme Court. (He was succeeded by William O. Douglas.)

In 1965, during the Vietnam War, President Lyndon B. Johnson authorized Operation Rolling Thunder, an extended bombing campaign against the North Vietnamese.

In 1972, the film "Cabaret," directed by Bob Fosse, based on John Kander and Fred Ebb's musical of the same name, starring Liza Minnelli and Michael York, was released.

In 1980, the 13th Winter Olympics opened in Lake Placid, New York.

In 1991, during Operation Desert Storm, allied warplanes destroyed an underground shelter in Baghdad that had been identified as a military command center; Iraqi officials said 500 civilians were killed.

In 1996, the rock musical "Rent," by Jonathan Larson, opened off-Broadway less than three weeks after Larson's death.

In 2000, Charles Schulz's final "Peanuts" strip ran in Sunday newspapers, the day after the cartoonist died in his sleep at his California home at age 77.

In 2002, John Walker Lindh pleaded not guilty in federal court in Alexandria, Virginia, to conspiring to kill Americans and supporting the Taliban and terrorist organizations. (Lindh later pleaded guilty to lesser offenses and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.)

In 2011, Egypt's military leaders dissolved parliament, suspended the constitution and promised elections in moves cautiously welcomed by protesters who had helped topple President Hosni Mubarak.

In 2013, beginning a long farewell to his flock, a weary Pope Benedict XVI celebrated his final public Mass as pontiff, presiding over Ash Wednesday services inside St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican.

In 2016, Justice Antonin Scalia, the influential conservative and most provocative member of the U.S. Supreme Court, was found dead at a private residence in the Big Bend area of West Texas; he was 79.

In 2017, President Donald Trump's embattled national security adviser, Michael Flynn, resigned following reports he had misled Vice President Mike Pence and other officials about his contacts with Russia.

In 2018, President Donald Trump's personal attorney, Michael Cohen, said he had paid \$130,000 out of his own pocket to a porn actress who claimed to have had a sexual relationship with Trump.

In 2021, former President Donald Trump was acquitted by the Senate at his second impeachment trial, the first to involve a former president, in which he was accused of inciting the attack on the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6; seven Republicans joined all 50 Democrats in voting to convict, but it was far from the two-thirds threshold required.

In 2022, playing in their home stadium, the Los Angeles Rams beat the Cincinnati Bengals 23-20 in the Super Bowl.

In 2023, David Jude Jolicoeur aka Trugoy the Dove, one of the founding members of the hip-hop trio De La Soul, died at age 54.

(BIRTHDAYS not available today.)

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 Central Region vice president based in Kansas City.

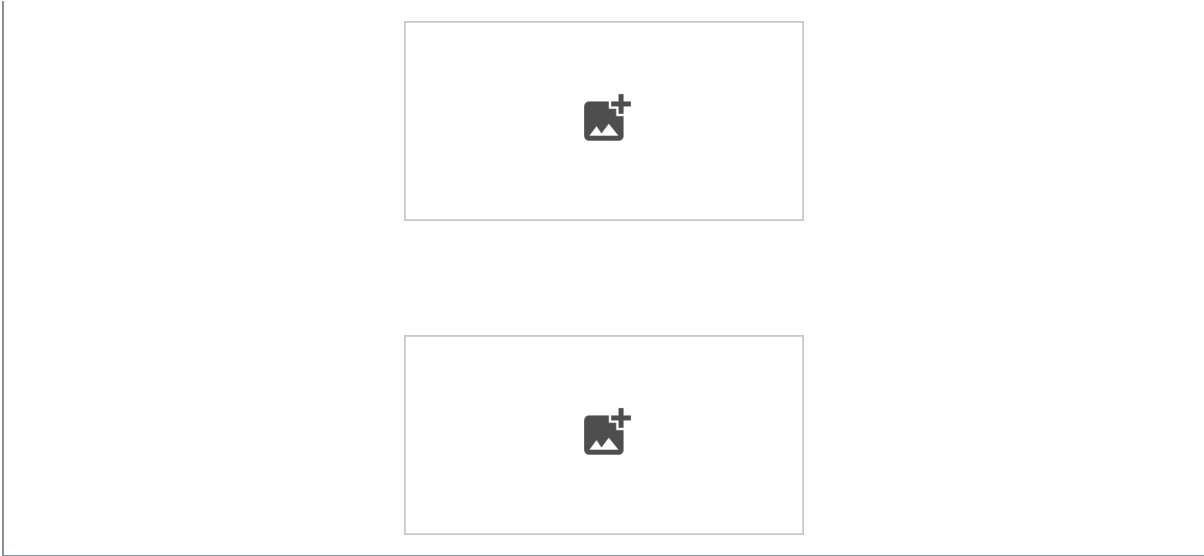
Got a story to share? A favorite memory of your AP days? Don't keep them to yourself. Share with your colleagues by sending to Ye Olde Connecting Editor. And don't forget to include photos!

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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