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Colleagues,

Here are some items of interest.

From **Linda Deutsch**: "Thanks for the photo edition of Connecting. All of the articles and pictures are mesmerizing. **Richard Pyle's** story on the photo book is masterful and takes us back to Vietnam in those days that altered the face of news photography."

Welcome to the newest member of Connecting - **Paul Freeman**.

Paul

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### **Nieman Week in Review: Encryption and censorship, and broadening the story of journalistic change**

<http://www.niemanlab.org/2013/09/this-week-in-review-encryption-and-censorship-and-broadening-the-story-of-journalistic-change/>

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### **Media shield act moves on to the full Senate**

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/media-shield-act-moves-on-to-the-full-senate/2013/09/12/031d7046-1bbf-11e3-8685-5021e0c41964\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/media-shield-act-moves-on-to-the-full-senate/2013/09/12/031d7046-1bbf-11e3-8685-5021e0c41964_story.html)

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### **The Twitter of Tomorrow**

<http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/elements/2013/09/the-twitter-of-tomorrow.html?currentPage=all>

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### **Salt Lake Tribune changes leadership, reduces staff by nearly 20 percent** (Shared by Bill Beecham)

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/56863517-78/editor-tribune-news-newspaper.html.csp>

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### **Witness to a Syrian Execution: "I Saw a Scene of Utter Cruelty"**

<http://lightbox.time.com/2013/09/12/witness-to-a-syrian-execution-i-saw-a-scene-of-utter-cruelty/#ixzz2eni3QhIC>

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### **NPR to offer employee buyouts**

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/npr-to-offer-employee-buyouts/2013/09/13/72ba0d30-1c8a-11e3-8685-5021e0c41964\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/npr-to-offer-employee-buyouts/2013/09/13/72ba0d30-1c8a-11e3-8685-5021e0c41964_story.html)

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### **Rick Stengel Is at Least the 21st Journalist to Work for the Obama Administration** (Shared by Bob Daugherty)

<http://m.theatlanticwire.com/politics/2013/09/rick-stengel-least-21-journalist-go-work-obama-administration/69362/>

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### **Belo Investors to Vote Against Deal**

[http://online.wsj.com/article\\_email/SB10001424127887323846504579071320775678460-1MyQjAxMTAzMDEwMjExNDIyWj.html](http://online.wsj.com/article_email/SB10001424127887323846504579071320775678460-1MyQjAxMTAzMDEwMjExNDIyWj.html)

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### **AP Beat of the Week**

When Caro Kriel became AP's news director for Russia last year, one of her first visits was to Vladimir Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov. It had been more than a decade since AP had a sit-down interview with the Russian leader, and while Peskov seemed receptive to another one, he said the time was not then. Maybe in the first quarter of 2013.

"I remember thinking this is never going to happen," Kriel said.

Nevertheless, in February, Kriel tried again, pegging the request to the one-year countdown to the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi.

Again the answer was no, but Kriel and Moscow News Editor Lynn Berry kept at it.

Finally, in August, the Kremlin said yes, though the interview would not be totally exclusive. Kriel pressed for a one-on-one but was told "No, it has been decided." The sit down would be shared with Russia's state Channel 1 television.

The timing could not have been better, just as the debate raged about President Barack Obama's threatened missile strike on Syria in retaliation for a chemical weapons attack that the U.S. said killed more than 1,400.

Putin, who had defended Syria in the United Nations, said he might be able to support military action, but only if it was proved that Damascus used poison gas on its own people.

The interview had been scheduled for Sept. 3, then was pushed back a day. John Daniszewski, senior managing editor for international news, conducted it for the AP.

The Moscow staff prepared extensively, providing detailed briefing notes for Daniszewski and staging two rehearsals with correspondent Vladimir Isachenkov -- a veteran Putin watcher -- playing the role of the Russian president. They worked with a translator so everyone would be comfortable using an earpiece during the actual interview.

The AP team -- 12 in all, including a cosmetician to apply Daniszewski's makeup -- arrived at Putin's residence outside Moscow at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The interview didn't start until 10:15 p.m. and lasted until midnight.

"I was hugely relieved when Putin walked into the room," Kriel said. "Till that moment I was still worried this was actually not going to happen."

Putin sat down and seemed in a good mood, joking as the cameraman put his microphone on that this was the way interviews were done in Russia: "They tie you to a chair."

It was an all-formats effort.

Berry and Isachenkov were in the room, took notes and wrote the story with Daniszewski. Chief Moscow photographer Alexander Zemilanichenko took photos.

Cameramen Dima Kozlov, Volodya Kondrashov and Alexander Roslyakov filmed the interview, and producer Sasha Merkushev did the video edit. Technician Steve Barker came in from London and, with Sergei Fedotov, handled set-up.

Reporter Laura Mills worked all night to translate the entire interview into English.

Producers Alexander Merkushev and Tobie Mathew did a marathon edit for APTN Direct of the best one hour and a top sound bites edit of six minutes for all GVW and digital clients.

The story in text and video led front pages and newscasts around the world.

Putin grants few interviews outside the Russian media -- in the past year only one to a German broadcaster and one to a group of foreign newspapers.

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**APME Update** (Shared by Mark Mittelstadt)



**Sept. 13, 2013**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

- **Sept. 27-28**, NewsTrain workshop, Colorado Springs
- **Oct. 3-4**, NewsTrain workshop, Seattle
- **Oct. 28-30**, APME Annual Conference, Indianapolis

### **NEW TODAY FROM APME**

#### **It's time to be social at APME**

Editors can expect a lot of takeaways from the Associated Press Media Editors 2013 conference in Indianapolis, Oct. 28-30, 2013. But the trip doesn't have to be all work. There are many social activities happening at the conference.

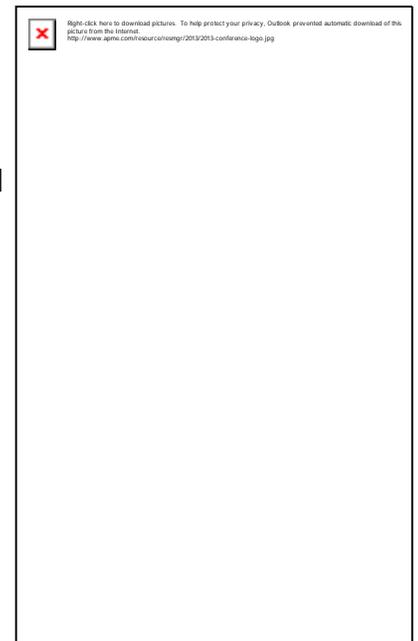
The Indiana Roof Ballroom exudes elegance and 1920s style. It'll also be the welcoming reception for the APME conference. Hang out at the Italian-inspired bar. Check out auction items in a setting that reminiscent of a mid-century European villa. Gaze at the 30-foot ceiling that ripples with stars. Guarantee: You'll be Facebooking photos from this reception.

Go back to campus night on Tuesday, Oct. 29, (we're serious — it's a jeans and college sweatshirt event) at a reception at the NCAA Hall of Champions, just across the street from the conference hotels. There, you'll be able to walk through the history of all 23 NCAA-sanctioned sports, test your knowledge of sports trivia, view artifacts from campuses across the country, and compete virtually and hands-on in an interactive play area. This is an experience not to be missed.

If you like to explore, you won't have to venture far in Indianapolis. APME's conference takes place in White River State Park, billed as a "cultural urban state park" because of its walkability, museums, gardens, green space, canal and Indianapolis Zoo. Lions, editors and water rides, oh my.

The APME conference has two host hotels at two price points in the same complex, including the J.W. Marriott, \$169, and the SpringHill Suites, \$139. The conference will be held just across the street at the Indiana State Museum. In addition, the first night's reception and APME Foundation auction will be held at the Indiana Roof Ballroom, and the second night will feature a reception at the NCAA Hall of Champions.

"Indianapolis is a phenomenal city with easy access, and it's a town built around hosting events," said APME President Brad Dennison. "This will be a very compact conference, but attendees will get the full Indy experience."





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- **Atlanta Journal-Constitution:** George sees way to resist Affordable Care Act
- **Arkansas Democrat Gazette:** Emails on parolee case withheld from media
- **Detroit Free Press:** Pension funds handed out bonuses despite financial crisis
- **Milwaukee Journal Sentinel:** Public assistance cases investigated
- **Minneapolis Star Tribune:** Mentally ill, in jail, in limbo, untreated
- **Montgomery Advertiser:** Alabama prisons crowded and underfunded
- **Northwest Herald:** State police signing up concealed weapon instructors
- **Reno Gazette-Journal:** Gaps in gun list revealed
- **San Jose Mercury News:** Students squeezed by debt
- **Columbus Dispatch:** Employers limit health plans for spouses
- **Providence Sunday Journal:** DMV's stalled computer project late, over budget

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- China warns of jail for viral posts deemed libel
- US judge won't stop Vegas newspaper buyout bid
- Winners of Maria Moors Cabot Prize announced
- NJ's largest paper renews closure threat
- Brazil senators seek protection for US journalist
- News Corp. sells group of local newspapers
- Publisher of Akron Beacon Journal to step down
- Assange asks Sweden to investigate lost luggage

- Ex-News of the World reporter charged with hacking
- NM governor accused of open records violations

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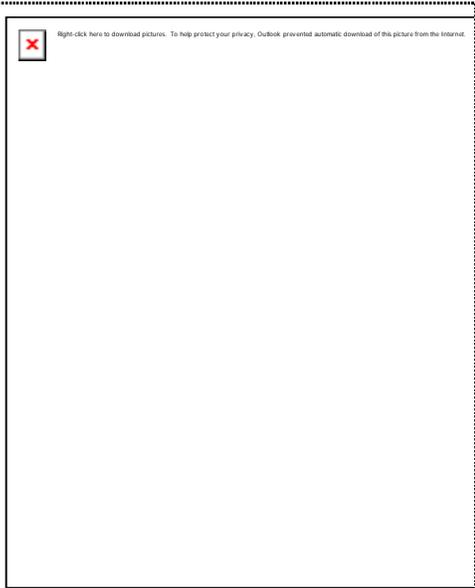
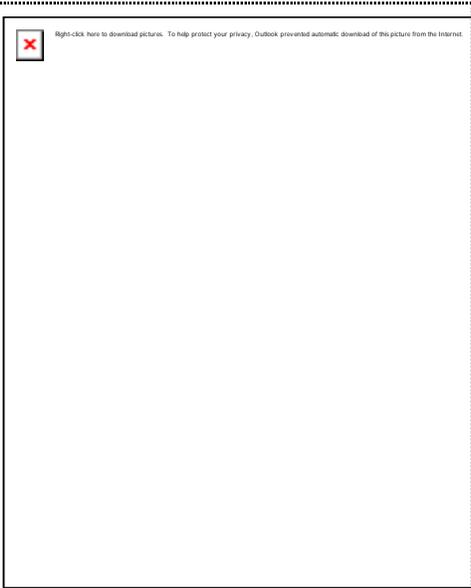
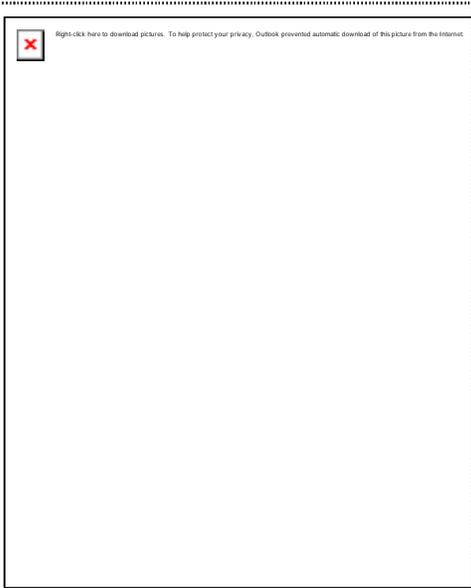
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