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Subject: CONNECTING: AP was there - Mandela and Pearl Harbor; Nieman week in review; Mandela quotes; White House plan; Google News; Media in China; Buttry sees progress; NYT robot; Grammar Nazis

Colleagues,

Here are some items of interest.

The AP has begun a new feature, "AP was there," and initiated it with its 1990 story describing Nelson Mandela's release from prison after 27 years. It was part of a great package of AP offerings in the wake of Mandela's death Thursday at the age of 95.

It leads off — On Feb. 11, 1990, AP reporter Greg Myre was in Cape Town when Nelson Mandela was released from prison after 27 years. Mandela walked out of Victor Verster prison hand-in-hand with his then wife, Winnie, as people worldwide rejoiced. The momentous event rivaled the fall of the Berlin Wall just a few months earlier as a symbol of newfound freedom. Twenty-three years after its original publication, the AP is making this story available to its subscribers.

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/ap-was-there-mandelas-release-prison>

And today, on the 72nd anniversary of Pearl Harbor, AP delivered this "AP was there" starting with this Editor's Note:

On Dec. 7, 1941, Eugene Burns, AP's chief of bureau in Honolulu, couldn't get out the urgent news of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, which drew the U.S. into World War II, because the military had already taken control of all communication lines. In Washington, AP editor William Peacock and staff got word of the attack from President Franklin D. Roosevelt's press secretary. In the language and style used by journalists of his era, including the use of a disparaging word to describe the Japanese that was in common use, Peacock dictated the details of the announcement. Seventy-two years after their original publication, the AP is making the dispatches available to its subscribers.

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/ap-was-there-japanese-attack-pearl-harbor>

Thanks to **Paul Colford** for sharing.

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In the attached photo, retired AP Managing Editor **Mike Silverman** signs copies of "Vietnam: The Real War," AP's recently-released photo history of the war, during a book fair at the Union League Club in New York, Thursday. Silverman wrote the book's text, and helped edit much of the book's content. (Shared by Chuck Zoeller and Mark Mittelstadt)

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Recommended read: **Melissa Rayworth**, the wife of AP's **Ted Anthony** and, like her husband, a fine writer, wrote the following for the AP wire – on how fate kept her from being aboard a Long Island Railroad train 20 years ago when a gunman killed six people:

<http://articles.latimes.com/print/2003/dec/07/news/adna-escape7>

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Welcome to the newest member of Connecting - **Dan George**.

Paul

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Nieman Week in Review: Questions on journalists' handling of NSA files, and the value of viral content

<http://www.niemanlab.org/2013/12/this-week-in-review-questions-on-journalists-handling-of-nsa-files-and-the-value-of-viral-content/>

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7 Nelson Mandela Quotes You Probably Won't See In The U.S. Media

<http://www.buzzfeed.com/andrewkaczynski/7-nelson-mandela-quotes-you-probably-wont-see-in-the-us-medi>

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New White House plan reaffirms commitment to open data

http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/on-it/new-white-house-plan-reaffirms-commitment-to-open-data/2013/12/06/f6d1a332-5eaf-11e3-bc56-c6ca94801fac_story.html

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Google News pushes into mobile with new redesign

<http://www.niemanlab.org/2013/12/google-news-pushes-into-mobile-with-new-redesign/>

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U.S. Media Firms Stymied in China (Shared by Latrice Davis on Facebook)

<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702303722104579242431330313584>

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Buttry Sees Progress for Digital First's 'New Model' for Community News

<http://streetfightmag.com/2013/12/05/buttry-sees-progress-for-digital-firsts-new-model-for-community-news/>

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Yes, the Vikings should have gone for it on 4th down, and a New York Times robot knows why

<http://www.niemanlab.org/2013/12/yes-the-vikings-should-have-gone-for-it-on-4th-down-and-a-new-york-times-robot-knows-why/>

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The best response to grammar Nazis, ever

<http://www.newrepublic.com/article/115817/stephen-fry-responds-grammar-pedants>