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Colleagues,

Good morning and here's to a good week.

Hearty congratulations to former AP foreign correspondent and bureau chief **Myron Belkind**, now an educator at George Washington University, who was just elected to be the 107th president of the National Press Club. Here is the Press Club story on our Connecting colleague's honor:

<http://www.press.org/news-multimedia/news/myron-belkind-elected-107th-npc-president>

Here are some remembrances of **Harry Rosenthal** that came in over the weekend from his AP colleagues. Services are scheduled today for Harry in Kansas City.

Mercer Bailey: Harry was a wordsmith. His prose often bordered on poetry. He flew back to Kansas City to spearhead coverage of President Truman's death and funeral.

David Briscoe: Harry was a great friend and a master journalist who made many of us in the AP Washington Bureau appear to be mere word dabblers. He set the standard for all-around reporting, not just writing about rocket launches. His great personality warmed the bureau in winter and kept it as cool a place to work in summer as it could be. I've missed him and his reporting for years, with no one ever able to fill in for what he gave. I like to think he's up there taking that trip among the stars right now.

Merrill Hartson: Harry was a sleepwalker. One night in the midst of the GOP convention at Joe Lewis Arena and Cobo Hall in Detroit in 1980, Don McLeod awoke to discover his Town Hall Apartments roomie Harry was missing. Don came and woke up me and Lee Byrd and Howard Benedict and we got dressed and started looking through the hallways and around the building and finally found Harry, as if reconstructed from Marley's ghost, walking leisurely along Michigan Ave. in his pajamas. We spirited him back to the apartments and McLeod said he was locking the door and planned to stay awake the rest of the night. Harry didn't recall any such goings-on when we interrogated him at breakfast.

Lindel Hutson: I remember sitting on a footlocker in an Army barracks the night of the moon landing watching Walter Cronkite read AP and UPI stories about what had just happened. Cronkite a point of reading Harry Rosenthal's lead, which I still think is one of the most classic ever: "They kept the whole world waiting while they dressed to go out."

Eve Miller: When Harry and Nadine were in Prague in the 80s, they took a train via Frankfurt en route to Paris. We were in Frankfurt then when Steve was bureau chief, so we went down to help them change from

one train to another. Harry had vowed never to set foot on German soil again, but he decided the train platform was international and did not count, so we took some steps down and under and up to another platform, and sent them happily on their way. We'll not see his like again.

Here is an address for Harry's daughter Lesli, if you would like to send a note:

Lesli Mulligan
10109 NE 101 St.
Kansas City, Mo. 64157

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AP Reporter: Keeping The Levinson Story A Secret Was The "Hardest Thing I've Done"

<http://www.buzzfeed.com/jacobfischler/ap-reporter-keeping-the-levinson-story-a-secret-was-the-hard>

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'60 Minutes' reporter didn't want NSA story to be 'a puff piece'

<http://www.poynter.org/latest-news/mediawire/233681/60-minutes-reporter-didnt-want-nsa-story-to-be-a-puff-piece/>

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Anonymous sources are increasing in news stories, along with rather curious explanations

http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/anonymous-sources-are-increasing-in-news-stories-along-with-rather-curious-explanations/2013/12/15/5049a11e-61ec-11e3-94ad-004fe6a61ee6_story.html?tid=hpModule_d39b60e8-8691-11e2-9d71-f0feafdd1394&hpid=z14

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NPR Gets \$17 Million in Grants to Expand Coverage and Develop Digital Platform

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/16/business/media/npr-gets-17-million-in-grants-to-expand-coverage-and-develop-digital-platform.html?pagewanted=all&r=0>

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Facebook cause urges media not to give assailants notoriety (Mark Mittelstadt)

https://www.facebook.com/AntiNotorietyCampaign?notif_t=page_invite_accepted

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Long-time UPI photographer Anderson killed in car crash

http://articles.philly.com/2013-12-13/news/45165793_1_john-c-photographer-eagles#oHpYafE2hBpjZP2e.01

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NYT: Patch slipping from AOL chief's grasp

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/16/business/media/aol-chiefs-white-whale-finally-slips-his-grasp.html?ref=media&_r=0

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New Yorker's Susan Orlean questions value of blogs

<http://jimromenesko.com/2013/12/12/susan-orlean-ive-always-been-skeptical-about-the-value-of-blogs/>

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If William Shakespeare had written Star Wars (Mittelstadt)

<http://www.brainpickings.org/index.php/2013/08/07/william-shakespeare-star-wars/>