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Linda and Paul Stevens at one of twin reflecting pools at the National September 11 Memorial.

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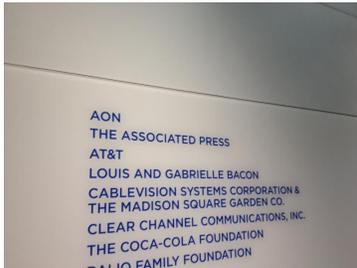
After helping with a family move in Connecticut over the weekend, Connecting Editor **Paul Stevens** and his wife, **Linda**, resumed their two-week trip on the East Coast Monday. The first stop was the September 11 Memorial Museum at the World Trade Center site in New York City.

"I was filled with pride over the many The Associated Press credits in the (Timescape) wall display," Paul wrote as he shared photos of their visit. "Wish the display showed up better with my iPhone shot. Pretty fuzzy.

"What struck Linda and me most about the whole experience was the solemnity of the entire museum. Despite a very crowded setting. People acted as if they were in church services and in a way, they/we were. Security was very heavy and at one point, I unknowingly took a picture in a restricted area and was very politely notified by a security guard.

"I thought as well that putting 'The Falling Man' display by **Richard Drew** and others in an alcove was most wise. Linda was very affected by it and couldn't stay long.

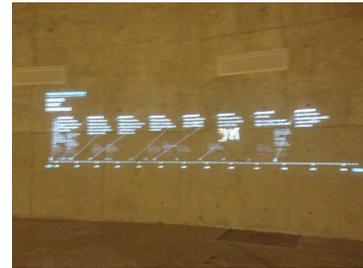
"We caught a sandwich afterward across the street at O'Hara's Restaurant on Cedar Street. Its roof partially collapsed on 9/11 and was closed for six to seven months. Then it was into the Holland Tunnel and points south."



The Associated Press is listed on the donor wall for photos, other content contributed to museum's Timescape.



The Last Column stands in front of the slurry wall that held back the waters of the Hudson when World Trade Center towers collapsed.



The interactive, continually updating Timescape of related news and images projected on a museum wall since the 9/11 attacks.

Connecting Mailbag

Ted Anthony _ Grateful if, in the next issue of Connecting, you might give the photo credit to APTN's **Kiko Rosario** for the Thai soldiers selfie photo that was used (in Monday's Editorial Talking Points memo).



*AP photographer **Nick Ut** poses with the book "Vietnam: The Real War: A Photographic History by The Associated Press." On the wall is a print of his Pulitzer Prize-winning photo from 1972.*

Embarrassing Moment

Joe McKNight _ Likely my most embarrassing moment during 41 years with The AP came in 1963, soon after I transferred from the Birmingham, Ala., staff to the job of correspondent at Wichita, KS. During the first 12 years with AP a good chunk of my work in Atlanta and Birmingham had been on racial issues tracing to the U. S. Supreme Court's ruling that banned racial segregation in public schools.

The word "Segregation" came to mean only one thing to me -- the mixing or separation of black and white people in public schools, work and social situations.

So in the summer of 1963 I was standing outside a U. S. District Court room in Wichita during a break in a legal hearing that had to do with leasing land for oil and natural gas exploration. I was chatting -- more or less listening in -- on a conversation between two attorneys when one mentioned the need to segregate some workers.

My ears perked up and I butted into the talk to ask for clarification.

The lawyers picked up on my Southern accent and were quick to offer an explanation. Turned out that segregation in this case had nothing to do with race; but with the duties and responsibilities of certain employees.

And I hope the redness in my face had subsided by the time they finished.

Happy Birthday



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Stories of Interest

Paper: Taliban swap bumps VA scandal from front pages

The Taliban's release of Sgt. **Bowe Bergdahl** dominated the Sunday talk shows, pushing Friday's resignation of Veterans Affairs Secretary **Eric Shinseki** from the headlines. The Sunday shows were packed with administration officials defending the decision and Republicans launching into political attacks against **President Obama** and the administration for transferring five Taliban members from Guantanamo Bay to Qatar in exchange for the release of Bergdahl, the 28-year-old whom the Taliban released on Saturday.

Risen ready to take fight to jail after Supreme Court refuses to hear leak case

New York Times reporter **James Risen's** appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court was denied Monday, leaving the Pulitzer Prize-winner facing a possible choice between jail and identifying a confidential source. He's already made up his mind: He would rather go to jail.

Attkisson: News media heading down dangerous path to censorship

Sharyl Attkisson, an award-winning investigative reporter who resigned from CBS News earlier this year, says the news media are heading down a dangerous path with attempts to "censor or block stories" that don't align with their preferred agenda.

Huffington: Optimistic about the media, even newspapers

The Huffington Post's founder on its new emphasis on lifestyle and well-being, life at AOL -- and leaning back like a cat. While news and politics remains HuffPo's No. 1 content category, with 40 million monthly uniques in the US, lifestyle and well-being has grown from being insignificant to overtaking entertainment and technology to become the second biggest category, with 26 million monthly uniques.



Wolff: The once and future Time Inc. (shared by Bob Daugherty)

Time Inc.'s transition in early June from a magazine company owned by the media conglomerate Time Warner to a publicly held independent publishing company may confirm both the sad state of print and yet, at the same time, its particular attractiveness. Time Warner doesn't want Time Inc., but there are many savvy buyers who

do.

Voices from Tiananmen: A multimedia presentation

(shared by Ted Anthony via Facebook)

Wednesday marks the 25th anniversary of the brutal military crackdown on pro-democracy protests led by students and residents in Beijing. Hundreds of people were killed and many more were wounded when People's Liberation Army units rolled into Tiananmen Square, ending more than a month of peaceful protests seeking political reforms. In the following pages, former government officials, student leaders and other eyewitnesses revisit the momentous events of spring, 1989.



Report: Google banned in China ahead of anniversary

China has reportedly blocked all Google services days before the 25th anniversary of the military clampdown on the student protest centered around Beijing's Tiananmen Square. Cnet.com, citing a Chinese news web site, reported Monday that Chinese users have found Google's services to be inaccessible since last week.

Ronaldo World Cup ad going global shows Web trumping TV

Nike says its TV ad buying during the World Cup is declining as it increasingly uses Facebook, Twitter and YouTube to reach fans in a battle with Adidas AG for supremacy in the global soccer-products market, which NPD Group estimates will grow by 8 percent this year to about \$17 billion. Adidas will spend more on Internet promotions than on television for this year's World Cup: about half of its media expenditure for the tournament will go online, versus a fifth at the 2010 event in South Africa, according to Chief Executive Officer Herbert Hainer. Neither Adidas nor Nike would reveal how much they spend on soccer advertising.



Utah readers rally to "Save The Tribune" (shared by Doug Pizac)

Current and former Salt Lake Tribune employees and hundreds of the public held a rally to save the paper and get the Department of Justice to investigate a JOA deal struck between the New York hedge fund owners and the Deseret News, the competing newspaper owned by the Mormon church. The new JOA reversed the income sharing model, dropping the Trib's advertising revenue stream from 58 percent to 30 percent. The nearly 50 percent cut has forced the Tribune to reduce the number of pages and fire staff.

Watson resigns as executive director of business writers group

Warren Watson, executive director of the Society of American Business Editors and Writers since 2009, announced that he is resigning effective June 30. He plans to move back to his native New England to complete a book on the state of journalism, "Surviving Journalism," (Marion Street Press) and pursue other journalism endeavors.



Jay Carney vs. the press (Daugherty)

Carney's most notable achievement, many said, is that he did nothing notable.

Buttry: Corrections should be accurate, not misleading

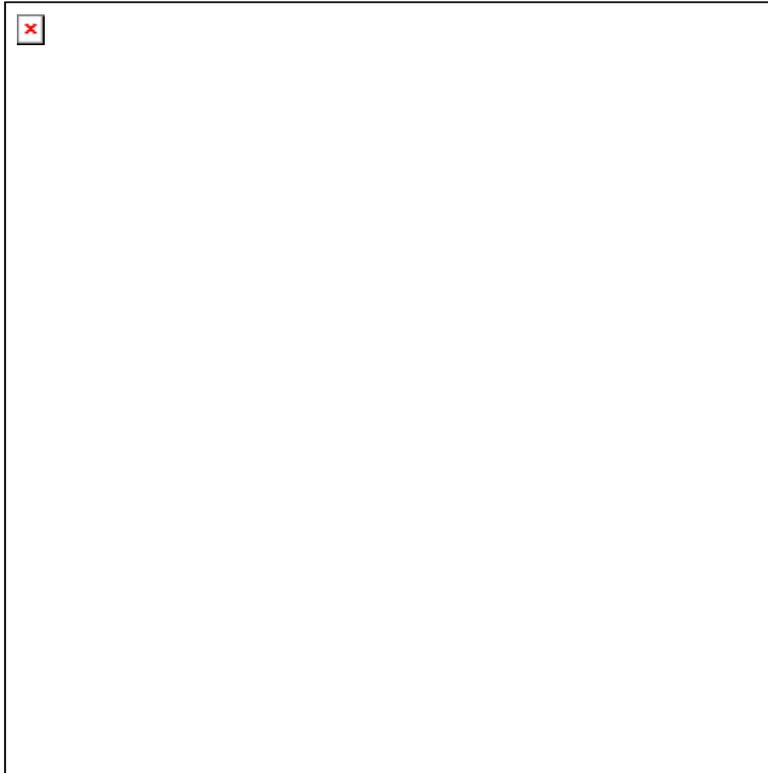
When news organizations correct errors, we should not mislead readers. That sounds like an obvious statement, but it's actually the topic of a debate on Twitter.

21 things you say in work e-mails, and what they really mean

19. Let's move forward with the current plan: If we spend one more minute deliberating on this I will be physically ill.

Alec Baldwin complained to the New York Times about ... this?





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