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Colleagues,

Good morning - and here's to a great week!

Let me join many of you who have written to laud the great D-Day package that Connecting acting editor **Mark Mittelstadt** assembled Friday marking the 70th anniversary of the invasion. It was a most professional job by my fellow Fort Dodge, Iowa, native who also has a father who served during World War II.



"A beautiful and highly professional presentation, worthy of the subject, for which I

personally offer heartfelt thanks," said **Richard Pyle**, who is shown above in this photo by Russell Burrows at Omaha Beach in February 2011. The cliff in the distance is Pointe du Hoc where the Rangers went up.

Connecting also received these comments regarding the D-Day anniversary:

[Norm Clarke](#) - Don't we wish we had the opportunity to sit down and have beers with Wes Gallagher today and hear his stories of June 6, 1944? Wonder if he wrote an account of that first 24 hours from General Eisenhower's London headquarters? Many of us still have the letter welcoming us to the AP signed by Wes during his days as AP's general manager.

[Brent Kallestad](#) - Kathy and I visited the American cemetery at Normandy in late April and it was the highlight of our two-week trip to France for me. (Photo below) Also toured the beaches where Allied troops hit and spent a good part of this morning going between watching network and listening NPR coverage.

As you know, my ship was based at Pearl Harbor and have been back several times (the last time on Dec. 7 of 2012), and now Normandy. Thanks for a great report today on the anniversary.

I watched NBC's hour special Friday evening and it added to my recent memory of visiting such a hallowed place where one realizes what true bravery existed among our troops at Normandy. Can't argue with Brokaw's description. "The Greatest Generation."



[Jim Bagby](#) - Very appreciative of the D-Day inclusions and remembrances the last few days. My dad landed at Normandy on d-plus 2 and entered Paris with General Patton. Along the way, dad kept his Leica handy and wound up with an album of amazing and often gruesome pictures that my brothers and I never saw until we were much older. Indeed, the greatest generation.

[Henry Bradsher](#) - Your commemoration of AP people who covered the Normandy invasion reminded me of another AP man who was there, but not as an agency reporter. Harris Jackson, who ran the 11:30 p.m. to 8 a.m. foreign desk in New York for many years with skill and often acidly provocative asides, was there, too. He won a medal - I believe it was a Silver Star, but am not positive about the level of award - as the commander of a landing craft that carried out its job despite taking intense fire. Harris came from Baton Rouge, where Wes Gallagher had made his early mark covering the latter part of the Huey Long period and the scandals after Huey was assassinated.

And here are two stories relating to the D-Day anniversary:

[Newspapers tweet historic D-Day front pages](#)

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INVASION!



Allied Landings Begun in France, Eisenhower Says

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 6 (Tuesday.) (A.P.)—American, British and Canadian troops landed in Northern France this morning, launching the greatest overseas military operation in history with word from their supreme commander, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, that “we will accept nothing except full victory” over the German masters of the continent.

The invasion, which Eisenhower called “a great crusade,” was announced at 7:32 a.m. Greenwich mean time (12:32 a.m., Pacific War Time) in this one-sentence Communique No. 1:

“Under the command of Gen. Eisenhower, Allied naval forces supported by strong air forces began landing Allied armies this morning on the northern coast of France.”

It was announced moments later that Britain’s Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, hero of the Africa desert, was in charge of the assault.

Landing Points Undisclosed

The locations of the landings were not announced.

Eisenhower himself wished Godspeed to the paratroopers who were the first to land on the enemy-held soil of France.

For three hours previous to the Allied announcement the German radio had been pouring forth a series of flashes reporting that the Allies were landing between Le Havre and Cherbourg along the south side of the Bay of the Seine and along the north coast of Normandy.

This would be across the Channel and almost due south of such British ports as Hastings, Brighton, Portsmouth and Southampton.

The Germans also said paratroopers had descended in Normandy and were being engaged by Nazi shock troops.

Britain said the “center of gravity” of the force fighting was at Cher, 30 miles southeast of Le Havre and 60 miles southeast of Cherbourg.

Cher is 50 miles inland from the sea, at the base of the 15-mile-wide Normandy Peninsula.

Heavy fighting also was reported between Caen and Trouville.

One of Britain’s first claims was that the first British paratrooper division was badly mauled.

Gen. Montgomery, hero of the African desert, was leading

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Invasion—and ‘The Times’

This is D-Day. The greatest continuing news story in the history of man has begun—and will continue until Victory. America and all the people of the earth, now eagerly await every new development, watch every Allied move and Nazi countermove.

The detailed story of invasion, complete with all the available maps and pictures, will be brought to Times readers with the speed, thoroughness and accuracy that have always made The Times the World’s most dependable . . . and depended upon . . . newspaper!

WHERE ALLIES ARE STRIKING—Arrows indicate the ports and coastal regions where Allied armies of invasion were reported morning ashore in France early this morning.

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Poynter looked at some of the front pages marking the 70th anniversary of D-Day. Throughout the day, lots of newspapers and editors tweeted photos of historic front pages from June 6 and June 7, 1944. Here is one from the Los Angeles Times, which carried the AP dispatch from Normandy.

[The women reporters determined to cover World War Two](#)



Seventy years ago, a group of American women journalists made history when they covered the greatest story of their generation. They called them the D-Day Dames. "It is necessary that I report on this war," writer Martha Gellhorn fumed in an angry letter to military authorities. "I do not feel there is any need to beg as a favour for the right to serve as the eyes for millions of

people in America who are desperately in need of seeing, but cannot see for themselves."

Nick Ut and his Napalm Girl Photo, 42 years later: 'Never in My Life Have I Seen What I Saw'

Even 42 years later, Nick Ut can still remember June 8, 1972: The day he took the photo that changed his life.



"It was on Highway 1 by the Cambodian border," he told PEOPLE recently. When he took the photo, Ut was a young photographer with the Associated Press, covering the war that was destroying his native country.

On the morning of June 8, Ut saw a group of refugees traveling down the highway. The

South Vietnamese army had been fighting the Viet Cong outside the villages there, and the people living in the area were forced to flee.

It was on the scene when South Vietnamese planes, thinking the refugees were Viet Cong, started bombing them.

"There were a lot of people dead - a lot of children," he recalls. He was about to turn back when he saw the final plane drop its bombs.

Instantly, he knew: "I said, 'Oh my God, the napalm.' They had bombed all morning, but not with napalm. Never in my life have I seen what I saw."



Shared by Paul Colford. Click [here](#) to continue with the story.

Elon Torrence honored

The Kansas Health Care Association, a statewide non-profit association representing long-term care providers, honored retired AP Topeka newsman Elon Torrence with an award for service to his community.

The award recognized the 97-year-old journalist's career in journalism, including his coverage of nearly every major story that occurred in Kansas during his career, and his service as a member of the Delta Dental Board and a member of the Governmental Ethics Commission after his retirement. Elon wasn't able to travel to Manhattan for the statewide award program in April so KHCA presented the award to him May 28 at a reception at McCrite Retirement Plaza in Topeka. He is shown here with his wife Polly.



Connecting wishes Happy Birthday

To

[Joe Galianese](#)

Other stories of interest

[Taliban five shun media attention in Qatar](#)

The Taliban leadership in the Qatari capital Doha are keeping the five former senior members released from Guantanamo Bay out of the public eye. A decision has been made that they will not talk to the media. The five men were exchanged for US Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl in a controversial prisoner exchange a week ago. They have not yet moved into their own accommodation in Doha, and have not left a secure compound.

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[Time Inc. to Set a Lonely Course After a Spinoff](#)

Sometime late next year Time Inc., the company that all but created the modern magazine business, will leave its home of more than five decades, the Time & Life Building in Rockefeller Center, and head to new quarters in downtown Manhattan. It is a pragmatic move aimed at reducing costs, but one filled with symbolism for a company that is starting over in fundamental ways.

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[Satire news websites are cashing gullible outraged readers](#)

There's nothing that gets American journalists quite so giddy as an authoritarian mouthpiece failing to get a joke-as when, in September 2012, Iran's semiofficial Fars News Agency reported on a Gallup poll that found an overwhelming majority of rural white Americans preferred President Ahmadinejad to President Obama. It wasn't a real Gallup poll, of course: It was an Onion article, as every English-language news site in the world gleefully pointed out. A month later, it was The People's Daily turn, as the official newspaper of China's Communist Party reported that a certain American newspaper had named North Korea's Kim Jong Un the "Sexiest Man Alive." Again, the internet erupted with laughter.

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[Reporter booted from court for bare shoulders](#) (Mark Mittelstadt)

Apparently, a security guard at Ogden's 2nd District Court is either a Wasatch High graduate, or a former administrator at the school. You probably know the story by now about the school. Some students were shocked to notice that their yearbook photos had been altered without their permission to comply with the Heber City school's dress code. One student in particular had sleeves added via Photoshop to cover her bare shoulders. I guess 2nd District Court has the same dress policy.

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[Ernie Pyle sculpture will be unveiled at Indiana University this fall](#)

Ernie Pyle's name isn't on the journalism school at Indiana University as some have demanded, and the journalism school is moving from Ernie Pyle Hall, but in October, his sculpture will be out front of what will become the home of The Media School. On Friday, Indiana University's school of journalism reported that the statue of Pyle will be unveiled at homecoming this fall.



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[Jim Brady plans news org in Philly called Brother.ly](#)

Jim Brady plans to create a Philadelphia-based "news service that will seek to cultivate audiences currently disengaged from traditional news products," Temple University's Center for Public Interest Journalism says. The site will be called Brother.ly, Juliana Reyes reports in Technically Philly.

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