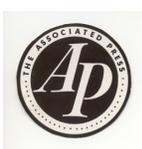


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Colleagues,

Good morning, and here's to a great week.

Referring to this "there/their/they're" cartoon in Saturday's Connecting, at right, 98-year-old Connecting colleague **George Bria** responded:

"Paul: I dictated your they're, their, there thing with my Dragon app on my iPad : "They're putting their shoes there" and it instantly came out right. Believe it, Best, George"

With that, here are some stories of interest from over the weekend:

**WHEN COMFORTING A
GRAMMAR NAZI**



**I ALWAYS SAY SOFTLY,
"THERE, THEIR, THEY'RE"**

News about the AP

A life of trouble, a moment of immortality

COLUMBUS, Ga. (AP) - Ruediger Richter barely recognizes himself in the yellowed military photograph hanging in his den - one of the best-known images of the Vietnam War.



A sinewy GI stands in the middle of the frame, staring into the distance; behind him, another soldier looks down at the body of a comrade, wrapped in a poncho. The photo, enshrined in the National Archives, came to be known as "The Agony of War."

Richter is the man at the center, though he does not look the same. Partly, it's because of age - he was 25 years old when the photo was taken, and he is now 73, with two grandchildren. Partly, it's because of war's ravages - months after the photo was taken, he was shot in the head, and he spent years coping with anger, alcohol, addiction to pain medications, post-traumatic stress. (Shared by Paul Colford)

AP Style should adopt the Oxford comma

Roy Peter Clark: It's great to see that Nate Silver's 538 is finally hitting its stride. Stepping aside from the conflicts of politics and sports, the data site has decided to weigh in on a controversy that truly ignites the passion of partisans. Forget Red States versus Blue States, campers. Forget Brazil vs. Argentina in the World Cup. Want to see the fur fly? Debate the Oxford comma.

Other stories of interest

[Al-Jazeera journalists jailed for seven years in Egypt](#)

Egypt's judiciary has dealt a shocking blow to the principle of free speech after three journalists for Al-Jazeera English were sentenced to between seven and 10 years in jail on charges of aiding terrorists and endangering national security.

The former BBC correspondent Peter Greste, from Australia, the ex-CNN journalist Mohamed Fahmy, and local producer Baher Mohamed were jailed for seven, seven and 10 years respectively. Four students and activists indicted in the case were sentenced to seven years.



The judge also handed 10-year sentences to the British journalists Sue Turton and Dominic Kane and the Dutch journalist Rena Netjes, who were not in Egypt but were tried in absentia.

[Carlton A. Sherwood, Reporter Behind 2004 Kerry Film, Dies at 67](#)

Carlton A. Sherwood, an investigative journalist and former Marine who lurched between accolades and controversy, most prominently with a 2004 film about the chagrin of Vietnam War veterans over John Kerry's turning against the war as a naval officer, died on June 11 in Philadelphia. He was 67.

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[The secretive business of fighting content piracy](#)

Private automated systems are sweeping the internet for illegal content-but they sometimes catch legitimate media coverage, too.

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[Yahoo Wants You to Linger \(on the Ads, Too\)](#)

Four editors were deep in debate at Yahoo Food's offices in Manhattan: Would Yahoo visitors click on a feature about foods of the ancient Silk Road, or would they prefer a guide to cheese fries and other snacks that go well with ranch dressing for the Final Four basketball games?

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Buying the War: How Big Media Failed Us

In 2003, the United States pre-emptively attacked Iraq in a war that would last for eight years claiming an estimated 189,000 lives, costing over \$2 trillion and causing untold economic and emotional devastation for the Iraqi people.

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The Times Killed Its "Gun Report" After the Writer Asked for a Raise

Last week-just before the Las Vegas shootings-New York Times columnist Joe Nocera told readers that he was ending "The Gun Report," the popular daily rundown of gun violence in America he'd created in the aftermath of the Newtown massacre. The reason, insiders say, was that the Times didn't want to give his assistant a pay raise for writing it.

And finally...

A Facebook friend shared this photo and asked, "Who recognizes this, and what was its purpose?"

Any guesses?



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