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# Connecting

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Colleagues,

Good morning. We lead with two new developments in major stories that have dominated Connecting this week.

The funeral of Associated Press video journalist **Simone Camilli**, in his Tuscan hometown of Pitigliano, [may be viewed today via a live stream](#) on [AP.org](#) starting at 5:30 p.m. local time in Italy (11:30 a.m. EDT). Camilli and his freelance translator were killed Wednesday in an explosion at an ordnance dump in the Gaza strip. AP President and CEO **Gary Pruitt** and other AP staff will attend the service. Live coverage will also be available to all AP Direct clients as well as AP Video Hub clients.

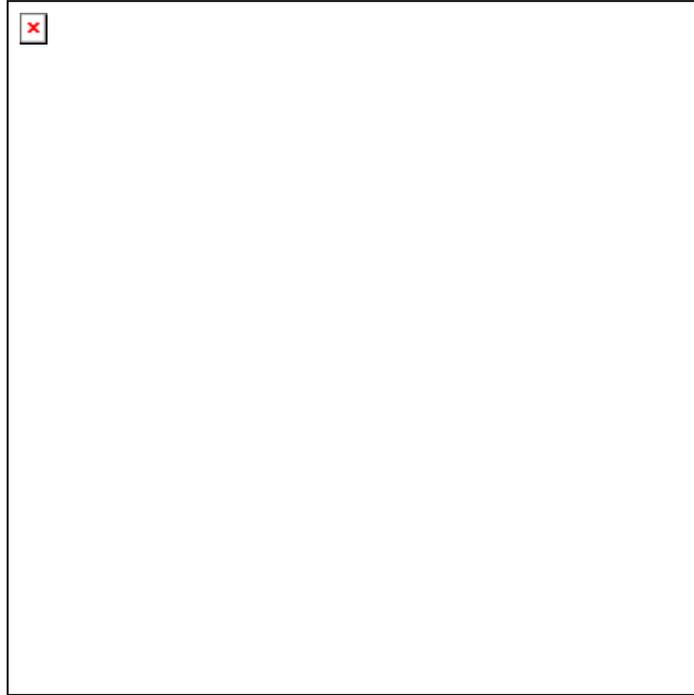


*Police advance through smoke in Ferguson,*

Mo. (AP Photo/Jeff Roberson)

Meanwhile, the site Think Progress is featuring a number of [dramatic photos](#) by AP's **Jeff Roberson** from the demonstrations and riots in St. Louis suburb of Ferguson, Mo., following the shooting of a black teenager. The photos depict what the site calls "outrageous police tactics." As protests continued over the death of 18-year-old **Michael Brown**, officials in Ferguson had not released the name of the officer who fired the fatal shots.

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*Linda Deutsch speaking at Fan Club Event, with historical photo of her with American Bandstand's Dick Clark.*

Among the tens of thousands of Elvis Presley fans in Memphis for Elvis Week this week has been AP correspondent **Linda Deutsch**. She spoke at the Elvis Presley Fan Club Presidents' Event Wednesday morning on the main stage and also was interviewed by Memphis News Channel 3. With AP for nearly 50 years, Linda began her writing career at the age of 12 when she launched an Elvis Presley Fan Club and published a fan newspaper that went to 300 members around the world. She and others have posted photos of her experiences in Memphis to her [Facebook page](#).

## Connecting mailbox

[Mike Tharp](#) \_ Your item on the death of **Dick King**, a legend in Topeka and northeast Kansas newspapering for decades, conjured fond memories.

Dick was an assistant city editor at the Topeka Daily Capital when I became a copy boy there in 1960. Amid all the cigarette smoke, clacking wire machines, pints in bottom desk drawers, basement thunder of the presses after deadline and people yelling "Copy!" when they wanted me to move a story along, Dick was a soft-spoken mentor. Some of his first words to me, after I referred to him as "Mr. King," were: "Call me Dick."

In a newsroom then populated by some of the best reporters and writers around, this modest man with a lifetime flattop quietly did whatever it took to get the best possible newspaper in the hands of our readers. And he still had time to tutor a raw teenager about the right place to put a comma, the difference between "infer" and "imply," when to ignore cuss words (most of the time) and how to keep track of change on sandwich runs for the copy desk late on Saturday nights.

As he moved up the editorial ladder, he lost none of this generosity. He gained natural leadership in shepherding hundreds of projects into print. And in the spring of 1967, he drove to Atchison, Kan., where I was a senior at St. Benedict's College (now Benedictine). I'd been given a Rotary Foundation Fellowship to study in Wales for grad school. The local Rotary Club went way over the top and declared a "Mike Tharp Day" in Atchison. Our four-car caravan (including my parents in one and Dick King in another) drove through downtown to city hall.

A few speeches, a lot of handshakes, some fruit punch and it was over. Except Dick King made pictures and wrote about it in the next day's Daily Capital.

His story is in a box in the garage, but I still remember the kicker: "After the celebration, Mike said goodbye. He had to go to class."

Thanks for all the guidance, Mr. King--er, Dick.

[George Bria](#) \_ I feel that often our memoirs of each other in this column tend to puffery. For balance, I'd like to submit this one of me that a colleague gave to another colleague, who sent it on: "I remember George well, my boss on the evening shift at the Foreign Desk. When I first got there, he gave me the only migraine headaches I have ever had, but I learned a lot from him about how to put a story together. And during down time, I enjoyed talking to him about many things unrelated to work." I hope the migraines were figurative, but otherwise I'll bow to it as a fitting epitaph.

## Welcome



[Jim Limbach](#)

AP Radio, retired

## Stories of interest

**Media-related developments in wake of shooting of black teen in Ferguson, Mo.**



[Post-Dispatch editorial: In Ferguson, a new sheriff in town. About time](#)

So how did it get to this? How did Ferguson, Mo., an unremarkable inner-ring St. Louis suburb, come to share time with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria during a presidential news briefing? How did Ferguson, which has been trying for years to rebrand itself as semi-cool (the new Maplewood!), manage to do just the opposite in just a few days?

[Video editorial: This is not St. Louis](#)

[APME, other journalism groups condemn trampling of First Amendment in Ferguson](#)

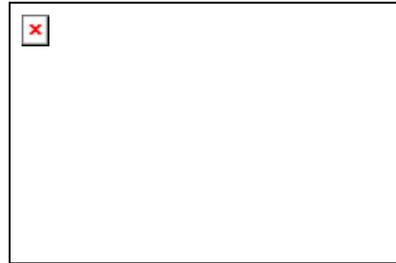
The Associated Press Media Editors association said it joins with colleagues at the American Society of News Editors, the National Association of Black Journalists and others to express grave concerns about news events in Ferguson, Mo., and the threat to press freedom as

journalists attempt to chronicle those developments. "The withholding of information by law enforcement, the unlawful detainment of journalists and the censoring of the unfolding story is unacceptable," said APME President **Debra Adams Simmons**. "We join with ASNE in calling on the U.S. Department of Justice to protect the First Amendment rights of everyone involved."

### [Why Obama's statement on reporters' arrest in Ferguson is hypocritical](#)

In a news conference Thursday addressing the killing of 18-year-old Michael Brown and resulting unrest in Ferguson, Mo., President **Barack Obama**

criticized the arrests of two reporters there on Wednesday night. "Here in the United States of America, police should not be bullying or arresting journalists who are just trying to do their jobs," Obama said in a news conference televised from Martha's Vineyard, where he's vacationing. On Wednesday, Washington Post reporter **Wesley Lowery** and Huffington Post reporter **Ryan Reilly** were arrested when working out of a McDonald's in Ferguson. After being taken to the Ferguson Police Department, both were quickly released. Just minutes after the president finished his remarks, a coalition of journalism organizations at the National Press Club in Washington began a news conference condemning the Obama administration's attempt to compel **James Risen**, a New York Times reporter, to identify a confidential source.



### [Photographer scrubs viral photos of Obama dancing during Ferguson unrest](#)

A Martha's Vineyard photographer quietly deleted photographs of President Obama dancing during a birthday celebration on the island for Ann Jordan. Critics questioned the optics of a jovial president dancing the night away as police and protesters in Ferguson, Mo., exchanged tear gas and Molotov cocktails.

### [When the media treats white suspects and killers better than black victims](#) (Shared by Latrice Davis via Facebook)

On the afternoon of Aug. 9, a police officer fatally shot an unarmed, black teenager, **Michael Brown**. Details remain in dispute. Eyewitnesses have said that Brown was compliant with police and was shot while he had his hands up. Police maintain that the 18-year-old had assaulted an officer and was reaching for the officer's gun. One thing clear, however, is that Brown's death follows a disturbingly common trend of black men

being killed, often while unarmed and at the hands of police officers, security guards and vigilantes.

[Philadelphia Daily News changes its cover following criticism on Twitter](#)

(Shared by Bob Daugherty)



[Ferguson is also a net neutrality issue](#)

Ferguson is about many things, starting first with race and policing in America. But it's also about internet, net neutrality and algorithmic filtering. It's a clear example of why "saving the Internet", as it often phrased, is not an abstract issue of concern only to nerds, Silicon Valley bosses, and few NGOs. It's why "algorithmic filtering" is not a vague concern. It's a clear example why net neutrality is a human rights issue; a free speech issue; and an issue of the voiceless being heard, on their own terms.

*-also-*

[Crowd-powered journalism becomes crucial when traditional media is unwilling or unable](#)

A protest in Ferguson, Mo., that escalated into a violent siege by anti-riot troops was another illustration of how valuable a citizen-powered form of media using Twitter and other social platforms can be, especially as a check on administrative power.

[Freelance photographer's experience covering the unrest](#)

**Whitney Curtis** was not surprised by the outpouring of anger and emotion after a police officer killed **Michael Brown**, an unarmed African-American teenager in Ferguson, Mo. As a resident of St. Louis, she has long been aware of strained race relations in the area. What she did not expect, however, was to be caught in the middle of it as a freelance photographer.

## [Arrested reporter: MSNBC host Joe Scarborough needs to "get out of 30 Rock"](#)

The Washington Post reporter who was arrested Wednesday in Ferguson, Mo. doesn't want **Joe Scarborough's** advice. WaPo's **Wesley Lowery**, who said he and the Huffington Post's **Ryan Reilly** were arrested in a McDonald's, unloaded on Scarborough after the MSNBC host chastised the journalists and accused them of just wanting to "get on TV." "Well, I would invite Joe Scarborough to come down to Ferguson and get out of 30 Rock where he's sitting and sipping his Starbucks smugly," Lowery said



*Wesley Lowery*

## [Black Panthers take over police chief's news conference](#)

**Hashim Nzinga**, the leader of the New Black Panthers, and his followers marched into the Ferguson Fire Department on Thursday and preempted a news conference by Ferguson Police Chief **Tom Jackson**. Nzinga used the spotlight to engage in a tirade against Obama. "This is a shame that as we speak the president of United States is talking to Russia, he's talking to China, he's talking to North Korea, he's talking to Iraq and the Middle East about treating their people better," he said. "But as he look out the window at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, he's watching the black man, who built the White House, shot down like dogs."

## **General interest**

### [Former editor's son seeks crowdsource funding for project documenting Inky's decline, newspaper industry challenges](#) (Shared by Paul Shane)

**Will Steacy**, son of a former Inquirer editor, is seeking funding through the KickStarter Web site for a publication that after five years of examining the Philadelphia Inquirer newsroom will reveal "the challenges and harsh realities facing the newspaper industry." He explains his project in a video that includes many fascinating photos and facts from the newspaper. So far he has 338 backers who have pledged more than \$20,000 towards his capital goal. Four days



remain on the campaign.

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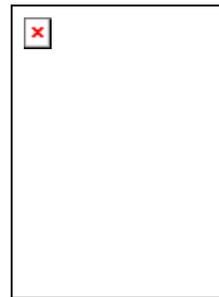
### [Attkisson sues federal government to obtain Obamacare documents](#)

Investigative journalist **Sharyl Attkisson** is taking the federal government to court. Attkisson, a senior independent contributor to The Daily Signal, filed the lawsuit against the Department of Health and Human Services to obtain information about the troubled Obamacare rollout last year. The lawsuit follows four unsuccessful Freedom of Information Act requests. In October 2013 and again in June of this year, Attkisson requested information from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) concerning the efficiency and security of the HealthCare.gov website.

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Whereabouts of American journalist Austin Tice unknown in Syria

**Austin Tice**, a freelance American journalist who has contributed to McClatchy, The Washington Post and other media outlets from Syria, has been incommunicado for more than a week, his whereabouts unknown since exchanging email with a colleague.



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### [Ann Arbor local news startup shutting down after six years](#)

The site, known for its focus on local government, was financially stable. But as with many indie local news sites, it only worked with a heavy workload for its founders.

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### [Reporting on the Ebola crisis in Liberia](#)

IREX's Civil Society and Media Leadership (CSML) program in Liberia has expanded its efforts to help reporters increase their understanding of Ebola and how to report on its impact on public life. The World Health Organization estimates that 1,848 people have been infected, making this the deadliest Ebola outbreak in history. CSML is working through its main partners the Liberia Women Media Action Committee (LIWOMAC)

and the Liberia Media Center (LMC) to foster responsible, sensitive, and factual reporting on the Ebola crisis. CSML's broadcast consultant is working with a team of 10 Monrovia-based reporters to cover the Ebola story.

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[AFP apologizes for syndicating stolen image, wired in by stringer covering war in Iraq](#) (Daugherty)

Agence France-Presse, more commonly known as AFP, is in the hot seat once again, less than a year after they and Getty were ordered to pay \$1.2 million to photographer **Daniel Morel**. This time though, the ordeal is far less expensive, ending with an apology shared on Facebook. It was on the 4th of August that an AFP stringer, based in Iraq wired a photograph to their servers, which supposedly depicted a scene captured in the area of Sinjar in Iraqi Kurdistan. The problem was, the photograph was blatantly stolen from renowned photojournalist Lynsey Addario; a photograph she captured in Syria in August of 2013, for the New York Times.

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[Hong Kong newspaper prints fake obituary of rival's owner](#)

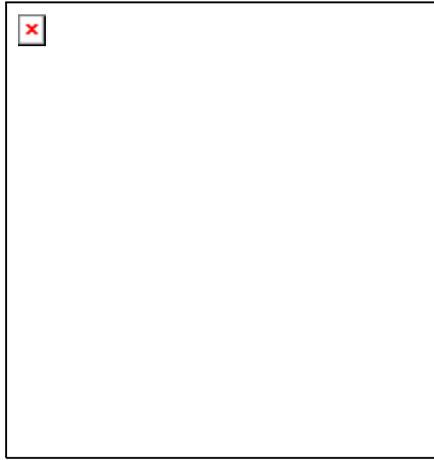
It was the journalistic equivalent of putting a horse's head in your rival's bed. **Lai Chee-ying**, 65, also known as Fatty Lai and a native of Shunde in the southern Chinese province of Guangdong, had died of AIDS and cancer on Aug. 7. Since his family members were also sick, there would be no funeral.

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## **And finally...**

[There ought to be a word for that](#)

Don't know what "vaping" is? How about "listicle"? Perhaps it's time to get to know them. Britain's Oxford University Press said Thursday it is adding the words -- along with other new entries, from "time-poor" to "Paleo diet" -- to its online Oxford Dictionaries to reflect new language trends. Editors for the site track and analyze some 150 million English words used online, in newspapers and other sources, and once every few months they decide which new words are so widely used that they merit a dictionary entry.



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