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Good morning! Some items of interest as we begin the week.

[AP appoints Dharapak as Asia-Pacific photo editor](#)

Charles Dharapak, a veteran photographer who has spent the past decade chronicling the activities and travels of U.S. presidents and American political campaigns, has been named Asia-Pacific regional photo editor for The Associated Press. Dharapak will be based in Bangkok, joining Director of Asia-Pacific News **Ted Anthony**, Asia-Pacific Regional Video Editor **Celine Rosario** and Assistant Asia Editor **Vijay Joshi** at the AP's Asia-Pacific regional headquarters. His appointment marks the first time that the Asia-Pacific leaders of all of AP's primary journalism formats - photos, video and text - will be located in the same place.



Correction: Connecting reader **Mary Anderson** points out that the call letters for the Illinois TV station mentioned in Saturday's Connecting and whose anchor disclosed he had terminal cancer is WCIA, not WICA.

Stories of interest

Obama met privately with top journalists before ISIS war speech

President **Barack Obama** met with over a dozen prominent columnists and magazine writers Wednesday afternoon before calling for an escalation of the war against the Islamic State, or ISIS, in a primetime address that same night.



White House: We 'didn't threaten' families of slain U.S. journalists with prosecution

White House Chief of Staff **Denis McDonough** on Sunday pushed back on claims that the Obama administration threatened prosecution against the families of two American journalists brutally murdered by Islamic State militants in recent weeks. The parents of **James Foley** and **Steven Sotloff** say the administration warned them against going to the media or raising a ransom to try to free their sons, both of whom had been kidnapped by the Islamic State, the terrorist group in Syria sometimes called ISIS. Foley and Sotloff's families have claimed that government officials threatened them with criminal prosecution if they attempted to get involved.

How the media have let abusive athletes get away with it

Ray Rice, sad to say, is not alone. The ex-Ravens star who is now, quite deservedly, the poster boy for a battering spouse is one of a long line of professional athletes who have engaged in violence and gotten away with a wrist slap or no punishment at all. Where, you might ask, have the media been?



Ray Rice and wife, Janay Palmer

TMZ displays its power by exposing Ray Rice's attack, imperiling NFL and its commissioner

The NFL, arguably the three most powerful letters in branding, bumped into three other letters - TMZ - and was thrown for a huge loss. Last week, the gossip website TMZ released a video in which **Ray Rice**, the star running back of the Baltimore Ravens, is shown cold-cocking his fiancée in the elevator of an Atlantic City casino. The National Football League and its commissioner, **Roger Goodell**, are now in a position of

having to explain why Mr. Rice was suspended for just two games and whether league officials had seen the video before issuing the suspension. **Robert S. Mueller III**, the former director of the FBI, has been tapped to investigate the matter.

TMZ chief defends checkbook journalism

In an interview with media columnist **Howard Kurtz**, **Harvey Levin** defends paying for a **Ray Rice** video and says networks pay for video all the time.

Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Tony Auth dies

Tony Auth, 72, the Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist and mainstay of The Inquirer's editorial page for four decades before resigning in 2012 to become a digital artist, has died. Mr. Auth had been under treatment for metastatic brain cancer.

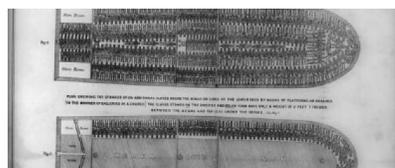
Also:

Tony Auth retrospective

A collection of some of his best cartoons.

Newspaper apologizes for offensive cartoon comparing airplanes to slave ships

A Pennsylvania newspaper has apologized for an editorial cartoon that compared modern-day air travel to the so-called "Middle Passage" -- the trans-Atlantic leg of the slave trade that involved transporting captive Africans to the Americas to be sold into bondage. The now-deleted cartoon, which ran in the Lancaster New Era last Saturday, drew a parallel between the hellish conditions under which African men, women and children were forcibly transported to the Americas and the present-day problem of uncomfortable seating on airplanes.



<http://i1.huffpost.com/gen/2058032/thumbs/n-AIRPLANE-SLAVE-SHIPS-large570.jpg>

Are parents violating their children's privacy when they share photos and videos of them online?

Parents seem to love posting videos and photos of their children online, sometimes for the whole world to see on YouTube and Facebook. But are children going to grow up regretting being a viral star? Should they somehow have a say in the matter? Are parents violating their children's

privacy when they share photos and videos of them online?

UC Berkeley graduate J-school proposes \$10,250 yearly supplemental fee

Dean **Ed Wasserman** says "the amount students now pay does not reflect what their degrees cost to provide [and] reluctantly, we've concluded that our students will have to shoulder more of this cost." The fee would be on top of tuition and other fees that, according to the j-school's website, this academic year are \$15,801.50 for California residents and \$31,083.50 for U.S. nonresidents and international students.

German newspaper targeted by neo-Nazis

The Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe said on Friday that neo-Nazi vandalism and threats against a local newspaper in eastern Germany were "unacceptable and must be stopped." Vandals have sprayed the words "Jews" and the Nazi slogan "Sieg Heil" on the office windows of the Lausitzer Rundschau, a newspaper known for its coverage of far-right groups.

Last Word

IKEA parodies release of iPhone 6 with its new "BookBook" (catalog)



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