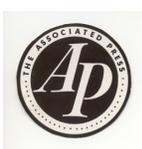

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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning.

Here are stories of interest.

Paul

Connecting mailbox

Make that 6 still at work for the AP - sorry, Terry!

Terry Hunt, AP's deputy bureau chief in Washington, wrote Connecting: "You had a picture last week of bureau chiefs along with a couple assistant bureau chiefs from Washington, and said that five people in the picture were still working for AP. Make that six. Happily, I'm still with AP in Washington." Ye Olde Connecting editor regrets the error.

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Marty Steinberg on the cello

[Marty Steinberg](#), our musically talented Connecting colleague, shares this YouTube video. Click [here](#) to view.

Marty notes: "I recorded this at St. Aloysius Church in Jersey City before playing a wedding there on Oct. 3. It was a spur-of-the-moment video recorded by an early guest who happened to be a music teacher. My return to the cello was inspired in part by my stint as AP national editor in the 1990s. I needed to chill out after work, and returning to the cello was the perfect stress absorber."

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They've armed the peasants'

[Dave Tomlin](#) - Seeing Steve Graham's comments on inter-bureau messaging reminds me that he was the first editorial type to peer behind the tech wizards' curtain as the bureau "Mouse" computers and terminals were installed and networked with each other. He confounded our installers by sending a heckling note directly from his terminal in Helena (I think) to a designated terminal in Raleigh.

And he confided to a friend, "AP doesn't realize what they've done. They've armed the peasants."

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Memories of an Ohio AP Society speech

[Carl Leubsdorf](#) - Joe McKnight's recollection about the invitation for Vice President Spiro Agnew to address the Ohio Associated Press Society in the fall of 1973 reminds me that I addressed that same group about a year and a half earlier.

As one of the two AP Political Writers, along with Walter Mears, I was invited to speak about the shape of the unfolding campaign.

I didn't do that sort of thing very often and I wanted to be careful not to say anything that would later look stupid, but I failed. As I recall, I quoted The Washington Post's David Broder on the danger of making flat predictions and went on to say something I erroneously thought would be safe; I said the only two sure things about the 1972 campaign were that Maine Sen. Edmund Muskie would be the Democratic nominee and it would be a close election.

OOPS. George McGovern was the nominee, and President Nixon carried 49 states.

That may explain why they never invited me back. However, Burl Osborne became the chief of bureau some weeks after my ill-fated speech, and we worked closely on the 1972 Ohio primary, which we didn't call for McGovern until about two or three days later. Eight years later, Burl became the Executive Editor of The Dallas Morning News and hired me as the paper's Washington Bureau Chief, a position I held for 28 years. It's a good thing he wasn't bureau chief at the time of my speech.

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More on bureau codes

[Hal Bock](#) - Thanks to all who chimed in on the bureau codes. Most appreciated. Noting Monday's anniversary of the Boston Braves 1914 World Series championship (No, I did not cover it) it should be pointed out that those were the Miracle Braves, who were in last place on July 4. It also should be pointed out that the World Series ended in early October. We're still a week away from it starting in modern baseball.

[Henry Bradsher](#) - Re bureaus with letters ending in X, my recollection from the '50s is that only main trunk line control points had the X, while subsidiary bureaus that sent copy in to them for consideration for the trunk wires had other letters without an X. Atlanta was AX, while Montgomery was MY, for example - we couldn't break directly into the trunk wires, but Atlanta could relay our copy on Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1956 bus boycott onto a trunk that would reach New York and the world.

However, must be someone around who knows better than my memory about the X designation as meaning a control point, or what Steve Graham Ruth Gersh call a hub.

[Jim Limbach](#) - Don't forget Washington - WX

[Joe Edwards](#) - Nobody briefed me about bureau abbreviations when I joined AP in 1970. When I was alone in the Nashville bureau on my first day or two, I noticed messages addressed to NS. So I put them all in Nancy Shipley's mailbox.

I survived this disaster and spent 42 years working for AP.

Connecting sky shot - Helsinki, Finland



[Marc Wilson](#) - Ginny and I took a week-long Baltic cruise to Sweden, Russia, Estonia and Finland. This character greeted our ship when we arrived in Helsinki, Finland.

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A view from days past



Connecting colleague and Missouri Press Association Editor [Bryan Jones](#) spent last Saturday at the association's Print Shop Museum, demonstrating the printing process of times past for festival-goers at the annual Heritage Craft Festival in Arrow Rock.

The museum contains a variety of letterpress printing equipment, including a newspaper flatbed press, job presses, hand-set type and other tools of the printing trade. The museum was dedicated in 1966, during MPA's 100th anniversary. The building is owned by the Friends of Arrow Rock and the Missouri Press Foundation owns the museum contents. (Photo by Kathy Borgman, Friends of Arrow Rock)

Digital archives not as complete or long-lasting as they should be - or could be



By Marc Wilson

On a blustery February day in 1981, a two-sentence story moved on the Texas AP wire reporting the death of Bill Haley. It said something like:

HARLINGEN, Tex. (AP) - Former Rock 'n Roll star Bill Haley, 55, was found dead

today. Police say they are investigating, but don't suspect foul play.

I was the AP's assistant chief of bureau and state news editor at the time, and I remember seeing the story and calling our correspondent in Harlingen. "We need more of a story than this! Maybe he's not Elvis, but Bill Haley was a big-time star!"

Our correspondent said she didn't have any more information. The police would say no more, and the widow wasn't talking. Local officials and residents wanted to guard the family's privacy.

Fortunately, the AP had just completed a deal with LexisNexis, which had just started an electronic archiving service. As I remember, the AP had agreed to contribute its news report in exchange for access to the electronic archives, and we had a newly installed LexisNexis terminal in our Dallas AP bureau.

I logged on to the terminal, put in Bill Haley's name, hit the search command, and a treasure trove of articles about Haley appeared on the screen.

It seemed like magic.

We might not have had many details about his death, but - thanks to the electronic archives - we had plenty of background so I could write about Haley's life and career.

Click [here](#) to continue reading.



Welcome to Connecting

[Betty Osborne](#) - widow of former AP chairman and longtime AP and Belo executive Burl Osborne, who died in 2012. She writes from Dallas: "Missing Burl every day. Son is in Austin. A 3-year-old grandson now. Burl spent his last few days babysitting. He loved being a grandfather."

Stories of interest

[The Government War Against Reporter James Risen](#) (Doug Anstaett)

Ever since New York Times reporter James Risen received his first subpoena from the Justice Department more than six years ago, occasional news reports have skimmed the surface of a complex story. The usual gloss depicts a conflict between top officials who want to protect classified information and a journalist who wants to protect confidential sources. Meanwhile, Jeffrey Sterling—a former undercover CIA officer now facing charges under the Espionage Act, whom the feds want Risen to identify as his source—is cast as a disgruntled ex-employee in trouble for allegedly spilling the classified beans.

But the standard media narratives about Risen and Sterling have skipped over deep patterns of government retaliation against recalcitrant journalists and whistleblowers. Those patterns are undermining press freedom, precluding the informed consent of the governed and hiding crucial aspects of US foreign policy. The recent announcement of Eric Holder's resignation as attorney general has come after nearly five years of the Obama administration extending and intensifying the use of the Justice Department for retribution against investigative journalism and whistleblowing.

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[Letter urges school associations to renounce actions of Neshaminy School District](#)

INDIANAPOLIS - The Society of Professional Journalists and Student Press Law Center, along with 18 other organizations, are urging education leaders to renounce the actions of the Neshaminy School District in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, for punishing student journalists and their adviser for resolving not to use the school's mascot name, a dictionary-defined racial slur, in its publication.

The organizations sent a letter Monday to the National School Boards Association, National Association of Secondary School Principals, American Association of School Administrators and National Association of State Boards of Education, outlining their concern for teachers and students in the field of scholastic journalism.

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[Missouri paper pulls its mug shot galleries](#) (Bob Daugherty)

Paul Berry, who leads the Springfield (MO) News-Leader newsroom, has never been a fan of his website's mug shot galleries. They "serve as little more than a

place for people to gawk at those who have been arrested," he writes.

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[Advocate joining forces with Sun Herald for greater Gulf Coast coverage](#) (Doug Pizac)

The Advocate and The Sun Herald will join forces to provide their readers with more complete coverage of the Gulf Coast.

The Advocate publishes daily newspapers that serve Baton Rouge, Lafayette and New Orleans and the Sun Herald covers Gulfport, Biloxi and the rest of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The newspapers will partner by sharing reporting and photography and cooperating on stories that impact both Louisiana and Mississippi, including hurricanes.

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[Here's what journalists miss when they don't leave the office](#)

Today let us pay tribute to reporters who, in their quest for a good daily story, boldly defy the Production gods and do the unthinkable: Hang up the telephone and leave the office.

Granted, doing a "phoner" often seems like the only recourse when your responsibilities for the day include preparing a story (or two or more) for multiple platforms, posting to social media, and any number of other special projects.

But rare is the story done by phone that successfully transports the viewer or reader to that place where they actually can experience something.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

- On Oct. 14, 1964, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. Soviet leader Nikita S. Khrushchev was toppled from power; he was succeeded by Leonid Brezhnev as first secretary and by Alexei Kosygin as premier. Inventor Robert Moog presented his prototype electronic music synthesizer to a meeting of the Audio Engineering Society in New York.

- In 1066, Normans under William the Conqueror defeated the English at the Battle of Hastings.
- In 1586, Mary, Queen of Scots, went on trial in England, accused of committing treason against Queen Elizabeth I. (Mary was beheaded in February 1587.)
- In 1890, Dwight D. Eisenhower, 34th president of the United States, was born in Denison, Texas.
- In 1908, the E.M. Forster novel "A Room With a View" was first published by Edward Arnold of London.
- In 1912, former President Theodore Roosevelt, campaigning for the White House as the Progressive ("Bull Moose") candidate, went ahead with a speech in Milwaukee after being shot in the chest by New York saloonkeeper John Schrank, declaring, "It takes more than one bullet to kill a bull moose."
- In 1939, a German U-boat torpedoed and sank the HMS Royal Oak, a British battleship anchored at Scapa Flow in Scotland's Orkney Islands; 833 of the more than 1,200 men aboard were killed.
- In 1944, German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel committed suicide rather than face trial and certain execution for allegedly conspiring against Adolf Hitler.
- In 1947, Air Force test pilot Charles E. ("Chuck") Yeager broke the sound barrier as he flew the experimental Bell XS-1 (later X-1) rocket plane over Muroc Dry Lake in California.
- In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy suggested the idea of a Peace Corps while addressing an audience of students at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.
- In 1977, singer Bing Crosby died outside Madrid, Spain, at age 74.
- In 1987, a 58-hour drama began in Midland, Texas, as 18-month-old Jessica McClure slid 22 feet down an abandoned well at a private day care center; she was rescued on Oct. 16.
- In 1994, the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to PLO leader Yasser Arafat, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. Kidnapped Israeli soldier Nachshon Waxman was killed when Israeli commandos raided the West Bank hideout of Islamic militants. Nobel Prize-winning writer Naguib Mahfouz was stabbed several times on a Cairo street; Muslim militants were blamed in the attack.

Today's birthdays: Actor **Roger Moore** is 87. Classical pianist **Gary Graffman** is 86. Movie director **Carroll Ballard** is 77. Former White House counsel **John W. Dean III** is 76. Country singer **Melba Montgomery** is 77. Fashion designer **Ralph Lauren** is 75. Singer **Sir Cliff Richard** is 74. Actor **Udo Kier** is 70. Singer-musician **Justin Hayward** (The Moody Blues) is 68. Actor **Harry Anderson** is 62. Actor **Greg Evigan** is 61. TV personality **Arleen Sorkin** is 59. World Golf Hall of Famer **Beth Daniel** is 58. Singer-musician **Thomas Dolby** is 56. Actress **Lori Petty** is 51. MLB manager **Joe Girardi** is 50. Actor **Steve Coogan** is 49. Singer **Karyn White** is 49. Actor **Edward Kerr** is 48. Actor **Jon Seda** is 44. Country musician **Doug Virden** is 44. Country singer **Natalie Maines** (The Dixie Chicks) is 40. Actress-singer **Shaznay Lewis** (All Saints) is 39. Singer **Usher** is 36. TV personality **Stacy Keibler** is 35. Actor **Ben Whishaw** is 34. Actor **Jordan Brower** is 33. Director **Benh Zeitlin** is 32. Actress **Skyler Shaye** is 28. Actor-comedian **Jay Pharoah** (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 27.

The Last Word

Kansas City AP photographer [Charlie Riedel](#) is one of the finest shooters in the AP, but he found himself on the other side of the camera lens when he walked down the aisle with his daughter Elizabeth, who was married Aug. 9 to Thomas Hiatt.

Elizabeth is Charlie and Denise's middle child and first to marry. She is working as a bridge engineer and he is in his last year of law school at the University of Kansas



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