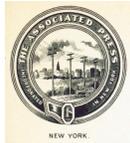

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Colleagues,

Good Saturday morning.

Here are stories of interest.

Paul

AP Video Hub wins 2014 Chairman's Prize

The team behind The Associated Press' market-leading video delivery platform has won the Chairman's Prize, an honor bestowed by the cooperative for a transformational offering that benefits AP and the news industry it serves.

AP Video Hub, a project that grew from AP's multimillion-dollar investment to transform its entire video business, has quickly become the industry standard and allowed new video customers - newspapers, corporations and digital organizations - to use AP raw video on their websites. The platform has helped retain members and customers who lack the sophisticated infrastructures previously required to offer video to their audiences.

Simple, innovative and customer-centric in design, it allows customers to buy content effortlessly using an innovative new business model. AP Video Hub is used now by market leaders in more than 50 countries from China to the United States.

"AP Video Hub has extended the audience for AP journalism while generating significant revenue to support our newsgathering mission and ambitions," said AP President and CEO Gary Pruitt. "In two years, it's become a truly global platform, and the market loves it. It has put a clear distance between AP and its video competition, and it's gratifying to see the team recognized for this significant achievement."

AP Video Hub continues to evolve, adding live coverage of breaking news, third-party and user-generated content.

The team representing AP Video Hub in its \$20,000 award are Safia Azizi, platform curator, London; John Barrow, director of product design, New York; Sam Cohen, development director, Cranbury, New Jersey; Darren Long, head of international product delivery, London; and Paul Shanley, head of international products and partnerships, London.

Moving day in Detroit - after 97 years

Connecting colleague and former AP senior vice president [Jon Wolman](#), editor and publisher of The Detroit News, writes:

Greetings from Detroit where it's moving day for The News after 97 years at 615 W. Lafayette Blvd. Long, long ago my first visits to the building were the daily hike from the AP bureau to pick up the dupes. (No pun intended.)



Jon, shown in his office in above photo, began his AP career as a newsman in the Detroit bureau. He later served as AP's Washington chief of bureau, managing editor and executive editor. He shares this story by **Neal Rubin**:

News moving out, leaving century of memories behind

Ninety-seven years and nine days.

Two world wars and a lot of smaller ones. Three Pulitzer Prizes. Louis vs. Schmeling, cops vs. Purple Gang, Worthy vs. Kilpatrick.

On Oct. 15, 1917, Woodrow Wilson was president, Albert Sleeper was governor and Oscar Marx was mayor. The Detroit News was 44 years old, and it had a new home - the one we're leaving today.



Across nearly a century, the daily history of a city, a region and a state has been written at 615 W. Lafayette.

The building was a marvel when it opened, the largest and best-appointed newspaper plant in the world. It stretched along Second Avenue from Lafayette to Fort - and it was too small. The first expansion began the next year.

Now it's too big, too hard to heat and too expensive to maintain. We're moving to the old Federal Reserve headquarters on Fort, a modernized and renovated space with faster Wi-Fi and lots of little conference rooms and maybe an espresso bar.

You'll find The News there come Monday, along with the Detroit Free Press and Michigan.com, the company that handles the business responsibilities for both papers. It'll be perky and pretty and practical, and we'll get used to it.

Click [here](#) to read more.

Connecting mailbox

Wire Service Guild played major role on behalf of AP women staff

[Adolphe Bernatos](#) - As I read in Connecting on how women have advanced in AP, I notice a lack of background and context. The recollections and accolades (except for one mention of the Wire Service Guild's EEOC lawsuit) suggest it was the company's ex-cathedra gift of a grand, generous and glorious welcome that put women into positions of importance.

That's not what I remember. When the union brought the lawsuit on behalf of seven courageous women, AP was insulted and outraged, declared it "Pearl Harbor Day." AP denied that it was denying women and minorities wider entry into the company. An executive told me across the negotiating table, "Adolphe, you apparently don't know that we have women bureau chiefs; why, we have one in Helsinki."

For years the company fought the union on diversity, sometimes sophomorically - in one cute move AP found a woman correspondent and changed her title to chief of bureau. It wasn't until the union and AP were heading to Federal District Court in Manhattan that AP agreed to the historic consent decree that breached the dam.

Credit where due: AP did not open the company to women and minorities until the union dragged the AP into enlightenment.

(Adolphe is vice president, media sector, CWA Retired Members' Council)

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The LA bureau, back in the day



[Reed Saxon](#) - Here's a big part of the staff of the AP Los Angeles bureau circa, very circa, 1990. It's in the old Herald-Examiner Annex building, so it's before the 1994 move uptown to 221 South Fig. And it's later than 1982 when Bob Jablon (glasses, beard and wannabe 'fro next to Linda Deutsch) joined the AP. John Brewer was COB, Russ Thomas COC, Spencer Jones ACOB-Photos.

SO, let's have a contest! See how many you can name. The prize? Oh, none beyond self-satisfaction I suppose, and the knowledge you've contributed to history - somehow.

I have asked Reed to share the final results when everyone in the photo is named.

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31 years ago today - covering invasion of Grenada

[Steve Graham](#) - On Oct. 25, 1983, the United States led an invasion of the Caribbean island of Grenada to kick out the Cuban troops that had taken up residence there and a few other objectives, some of them debatable by the international community.

Normal communications with the island were unavailable, but that Tuesday, morning, an American student at St. George's University medical school kept up a running report via ham radio, which we were able to monitor at the old East Brunswick technical center via vestigial equipment used to monitor the already defunct radio-Teletype service to Latin America. I seem to remember Jack Pace and

Earl Martin being instrumental in setting that up.

Since we had the old Delta Data editing terminals on hand and a communications link to New York, we set up a terminal and I transcribed commentary on the fly for sending to New York until an editorial staffer arrived from the Newark bureau.

If I recall the situation accurately, somebody in the U.S. broke into the student's narrative to say that Dan Rather wanted an interview - but the student declined, saying that there were a lot of people depending on him at that moment.

Later that evening, other news media were able to get through to the medical school by telephone, but nobody beat AP that morning.

The obstacles and dangers of reporting on Syria

Telling the stories of conflict in Syria and Iraq has become prohibitively dangerous for many news organizations; more than 70 journalists have been killed while covering the Syrian war. While a few international reporters remain in the country, much of the reporting is now done from the outside. Hari Sreenivasan talks to Deborah Amos of NPR and John Daniszewski of the Associated Press.

Click [here](#) to view the PBS video. *(Shared by Paul Colford)*

Welcome to Connecting



[Robert Liu](#) - Began AP career in New Haven in 1961, transferred six months later to New York headquarters, first to what was then known as the World Service division, then to the Foreign Desk division before being assigned in 1964 as a correspondent to Tokyo, at that time AP's Asian headquarters. Transferred to Bangkok in 1967 as chief correspondent for Thailand/Laos. Reassigned back to Tokyo in 1970 as correspondent/desk supervisor. Transferred to Honolulu in 1973 as bureau chief for Hawaii/Guam. Transferred to Hong Kong in 1975 as bureau chief, later expanded to include Taiwan, and later to include only subscriber business relations in mainland China. Retired in 2004. Thanks again to you all....Aloha, Bob.

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[Mark Thayer](#) - After graduating from San Jose State College with a degree in Journalism, Paul Kern Lee hired me in the San Francisco Bureau. He had six weeks of summer relief dollars and said, "Do a good job, kid, and we'll try to place you somewhere in the system." I learned later that Robert (Bob) Eunson, AGM for broadcast, had a week or two earlier sent a letter to all COBs suggesting they be on the lookout for J-school graduates with experience in writing for broadcast. I had interned the summer before at BBC in London.

About four weeks into the AP job, Bob Myers, the COB in Salt Lake City, came through FX looking for a staffer who wrote broadcast. A transfer was arranged and they paid me gas money (not mileage) to move to SK. That's where I first met Burl Osborne, at that point correspondent in Spokane, and Ed Staats, RME for Colorado and Utah and maybe Idaho. Eunson was on a bureau tour the next spring. We talked for a while and the next thing I knew I was on my way to the Broadcast Desk in NY.

Filing the national wire and writing five-minute summaries was one of the most fun jobs I had at AP. Since the filing editor wrote the bulletins, it was my bulletin that one astronaut was dead and the fate of two others unknown in a fire at Cape Kennedy. We were monitoring the tie-line from Howard Benedict's office at the Cape. Within 90 seconds all three networks broke in and read the bulletin.

Next stop was broadcast editor for Illinois working for the legendary Al Orton. He gave me lots of leeway and saw to it that I attended the annual conventions of the National Association of Broadcasters which led to Roy Steinfort offering me a the RE job for Ohio and Michigan in January 1969. Veteran bureau chiefs Al Dopking and Clem Brossier saw to that this novice spent more than half of my time in each state. I stayed in sales and sales management until 1990 when moving to Reuters. That was a tough sell to newspapers and broadcasters outside the top 15 markets.

Then the internet came along, AP & UPI refused to sell for several years while Reuters was an early investor in Yahoo, among others. Sales picked up and I retired in 2000.

We moved to wine country in 2000. Since then, I've served on the board of the Geyserville Chamber of Commerce, was founding president of the Geyserville Community Foundation, chairman of the board of our local healthcare clinic and president of the homeowners association. We travel as much as we can. This year to Spain & Portugal, Kentucky & Tennessee and off to Mexico in a couple of weeks for the month of November. My wife, Jean Herschede, is co-director of an education project for Mayan junior & senior high school students in the Guatemala highlands.

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[Susan Linnee](#) - Susan spent 25 years with The Associated Press from Argentina to

East Africa with postings in the U.S. South, West Africa and the Iberian Peninsula in between. Before becoming a journalist she lived in Rwanda where she and her husband lived off bush meat for two years. While based in Abidjan in the Ivory Coast, she developed a taste for the national specialty, aguti sauce graine - cane rat in palm nut sauce. She now lives in Nairobi, Kenya, where a mongoose crosses her garden every so often.



Connecting wishes Happy Birthday

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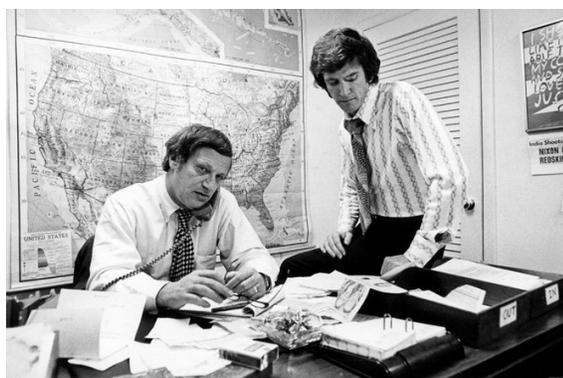
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Stories of interest

[Frank Mankiewicz, 90, Press Aide to Robert Kennedy and NPR Chief, Dies](#)

Frank Mankiewicz, a writer and Democratic political strategist who was Senator Robert F. Kennedy's press secretary, directed Senator George S. McGovern's losing 1972 presidential campaign and for six years was the president of National Public Radio, died on Thursday in Washington. He was 90. *(Photo at right shows Mankiewicz, left, with Gary Hart during that 1972 campaign.)*



The cause was heart failure, said Adam Clymer, a family spokesman, who is a former reporter for The New York Times. Mr. Mankiewicz, who lived in Washington, died in

a hospital, where he had been treated for heart and lung problems, Mr. Clymer said.

A scion of Hollywood, the son of Herman J. Mankiewicz, who wrote "Citizen Kane," and the nephew of Joseph L. Mankiewicz, who directed "All About Eve," Mr. Mankiewicz grew up with an Algonquin West round table in his Beverly Hills home, regaled by movie stars and famous writers

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[Senate candidate Joni Ernst just snubbed Iowa's biggest paper](#) (Mark Mittelstadt)

Republican Senate candidate Joni Ernst snubbed The Des Moines Register, Iowa's biggest and most influential newspaper, by canceling her scheduled Thursday endorsement interview with the editorial board.

Ernst was scheduled to sit down with the Register for one hour on Thursday in advance of the paper's endorsement, which could come Sunday. Her Democratic opponent, Rep. Bruce Braley, met with the board earlier this month.

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[Poynter Names Five New Members to National Advisory Board](#)

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Oct. 23, 2014 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Poynter, a global leader in journalism, is pleased to announce the addition of five new members to serve on its National Advisory Board (NAB). The new board members bring a breadth of expertise as media executives, digital journalists, academic leaders and award-winning reporters. They will help guide Poynter's strategic direction across all areas, including digital innovation, thought leadership and academic expansion efforts. Each of them will begin their two year term in January 2015.

"All five of these new board members are widely admired for their work, and they all bring reputations as innovators in journalism," said Poynter president Tim Franklin. "They'll be invaluable partners for Poynter as we transform the institute to make it even more relevant and useful for media executives, practitioners, educators and students. We'll benefit greatly from having their expertise and knowledge on the advisory board."

"These additions to our National Advisory Board represent Poynter's range of interests across the expanding world of journalism and news media," added Paul Tash, chairman of Poynter's board of trustees. "These new members will help us see more clearly how to help journalists and media leaders respond to the changes and opportunities before them. I am deeply grateful to all the National Advisory Board members for their insights and their commitment to Poynter."

The Final Word



Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Oct. 25, the 298th day of 2014. There are 67 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 25, 1954, a meeting of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's Cabinet was broadcast live on radio and television; during the session, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, just returned from Europe, reported on agreements signed in Paris on the future of West Germany. (To date, it's the only presidential Cabinet meeting to be carried on radio and TV.)

On this date:

In 1760, Britain's King George III succeeded his late grandfather, George II.

In 1854, the "Charge of the Light Brigade" took place during the Crimean War as an English brigade of more than 600 men charged the Russian army, suffering heavy losses.

In 1929, former Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall was convicted in Washington, D.C., of accepting a \$100,000 bribe from oil tycoon Edward L. Doheny. (Fall was sentenced to a year in prison and fined \$100,000; he ended up serving nine months.)

In 1939, the play "The Time of Your Life," by William Saroyan, opened in New York.

In 1945, Taiwan became independent of Japanese colonial rule.

In 1957, mob boss Albert Anastasia of "Murder Inc." notoriety was shot to death by masked gunmen in a barber shop inside the Park Sheraton Hotel in New York.

In 1962, U.N. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson II demanded that Soviet Ambassador Valerian Zorin confirm or deny the existence of Soviet-built missile bases in Cuba, saying he was prepared to wait "until hell freezes over" for an answer. Stevenson then presented photographic evidence of the bases to the Security Council.

In 1971, the U.N. General Assembly voted to admit mainland China and expel Taiwan.

In 1989, novelist and critic Mary McCarthy died in New York at age 77.

In 1994, Susan Smith of Union, South Carolina, claimed that a black carjacker had driven off with her two young sons (Smith later confessed to drowning the children in John D. Long Lake, and was convicted of murder). Three defendants were convicted in South Africa of murdering American exchange student Amy Biehl.

In 1999, golfer Payne Stewart and five others were killed when their Learjet flew uncontrolled for four hours before crashing in South Dakota; Stewart was 42.

Ten years ago: The U.S. Supreme Court announced that Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist had thyroid cancer (Rehnquist died in Sept. 2005). At least 85 Muslim detainees suffocated or were crushed to death in southern Thailand after the police rounded up 1,300 people and packed them into trucks following a riot.

Five years ago: A pair of suicide car bombings devastated the heart of Iraq's capital, Baghdad, killing 155 people, including 24 children. Philanthropist Jeffry Picower, accused of making more than \$7 billion from the investment schemes of his longtime friend Bernard Madoff, drowned after suffering a heart attack in the swimming pool of his Palm Beach, Florida, mansion; he was 67. The New York Yankees won their first pennant in six years, beating the Los Angeles Angels 5-2 in

Game 6 of the AL championship series.

One year ago: Indignant at reports of U.S. electronic espionage overseas, the leaders of France and Germany said they would insist the Obama administration agree by year's end to limits that could put an end to alleged American eavesdropping on foreign leaders, businesses and innocent civilians. Death claimed British actor Nigel Davenport, 85, Hollywood stunt double Hal Needham, 82, and actress-comedian Marcia Wallace, 70.

Today's Birthdays: Former American League president Dr. Bobby Brown is 90. Singer-actress Barbara Cook is 87. Actress Marion Ross is 86. Country singer Jeanne Black is 77. Basketball Hall of Famer Bob Knight is 74. Pop singer Helen Reddy is 73. Author Anne Tyler is 73. Rock singer Jon Anderson (Yes) is 70. Political strategist James Carville is 70. Singer Taffy Danoff (Starland Vocal Band) is 70. Rock musician Glenn Tipton (Judas Priest) is 67. Actor Brian Kerwin is 65. Actor Mark L. Taylor is 64. Movie director Julian Schnabel is 63. Rock musician Matthias Jabs is 58. Actress Nancy Cartwright (TV: "The Simpsons") is 57. Country singer Mark Miller (Sawyer Brown) is 56. Rock musician Chad Smith (Red Hot Chili Peppers; Chickenfoot) is 53. Actress Tracy Nelson is 51. Actor Michael Boatman is 50. Actor Kevin Michael Richardson is 50. Singer Speech is 46. Actor Adam Goldberg is 44. Actor-singer Adam Pascal is 44. Rock musician Ed Robertson (Barenaked Ladies) is 44. Actress Persia White is 44. Country singer Chely (SHEL'-ee) Wright is 44. Violinist Midori is 43. Actor Craig Robinson is 43. Actor Michael Weston is 41. Actor Zachary Knighton is 36. Actress Mariana Klaveno is 35. Actor Mehcad (muh-KAD') Brooks is 34. Actor Ben Gould is 34. Actor Josh Henderson is 33. Rhythm-and-blues singer Young Rome is 33. Pop singer Katy Perry is 30. Rock singer Austin Winkler is 30. Singer Ciara is 29. Actress Conchita Campbell ("The 4400") is 19.

Thought for Today: "In the time of your life, live - so that in that good time there shall be no ugliness or death for yourself or for any life your life touches." - From "The Time of Your Life" by William Saroyan (1908-1981).

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