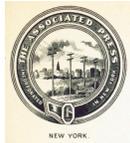

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Colleagues,

Good Monday morning. Here's to the week ahead, the last one of October.

Bought your Halloween treats yet?

Paul

Woman pictured in iconic Vietnam-era war photo shares her insights in Pasadena

PASADENA - The woman pictured as a badly burned and naked young girl in an iconic Vietnam-era photograph depicting the napalm bombing of Trang Bang shared her life's lessons Thursday at Polytechnic School in Pasadena.

Kim Phuc, subject of the Pulitzer Prize-winning photo, "Napalm bombing in Trang Bang," captivated an audience of hundreds and drew several standing ovations as she told stories and shared images from her experiences, and discussed how they have shaped her into who she is today.



Associated Press photographer **Nick Ut**, who shot the famous and influential photo on June 8, 1972, also took part in the presentation, hosted by Polytechnic High School and the Westridge School for Girls.

Phuc, who lives in Canada, said she hopes her message will help change the way people view the photo of her fleeing from her burning village 42 years ago.



"When you see the little girl running up the road, and you see her crying, try not to see her crying out in fear and pain. Try to see her as crying out for peace," Phuc said.

Phuc described seven lessons she has learned from her experience during and after the war with regard to strength, love, education, God, freedom, forgiveness and control.

Click [here](#) to read more. *(Shared by Paul Colford)*

An invitation to 'former AP foreign hacks'

Connecting colleague [Terry Anderson](#) shares:

Had a lovely evening last week with **Steve Hindy**, his wife and daughter and about 70 or 80 others including **GG Labelle** and **Eileen Powell**, and **Larry Heinzerling** at a fundraiser for RISC last week at Steve's (justly) famous Brooklyn Brewery.

Thanks to a suggestion by my daughter Sulome, we adopted the idea of a get-together of former AP foreign hacks at the brewery (which is a really neat place, with a big public speaking/drinking area like an old-time saloon). I got commissioned to see how much interest there might be, and thought Connecting the best place to accomplish that.

How about it? Anybody out there want to spend an evening meeting old friends and telling war stories of varying degrees of truthiness?

If interested, send along a note to Terry at: taa51@hotmail.com

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Catching up with one of AP's great editors

[George Krinsky](#) - Thanks to Connecting (Oct. 25), I caught up with one of AP's great editors - **Jon Wolman**, current editor and publisher of the Detroit News. I'm glad to see the industry didn't lose him, and I wish them well on their building move.

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With apologies to Adolphe

Connecting apologizes to Adolphe Bernotas for the misspelling of his name in Saturday's edition, an error spotted by one of his colleagues, and when Ye Olde Connecting Editor sent along his apologies, Adolphe responded with this very nice note:

No big deal, Paul. I'm used to the transposition of A and O in my name. Bernatos is Greek, while Bernotas is Lithuanian. (I was born in Lithuania and arrived in the USA in 1952 after eight years in Germany as a WWII refuge from Communism and Nazism, which is why I bask in pride in being an American. My email, Kaunas, is my home town, second-largest city in Lithuania).

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Thanks for the birthday best wishes

[Charles Bennett](#) - To all my friends who took the time to relay me a birthday message; many thanks! I and a lot more folks are surprised that I lasted this long.

My own sweet mother made the prediction that I would be in (A) the chain gang (B) or the Lectric Chair) before I was 18 and 20 at the latest. The smart money was with her prediction.

The good news is that I got to spend some time with the folks I love; the bad news is that Chili's has taken chicken fried steak off the menu.

I realize what a blessed man that I am!

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Connecting sky shot: Maine



[Jim Gerberich](#) shares this picture, taken with his iPhone, of lobster traps silhouetted Saturday afternoon as the sun sets on Garrison Cove, Bailey Island, Maine.

All about baseball

Daugherty recalls press charter flights

[Bob Daugherty](#) - I recall the days in the 60s and 70s when the baseball writers chartered a plane to fly between cities during the World Series. I assume this is no longer the case. Those flights were indeed a zoo.

I also remember a couple of fixtures at those World Series, AP photographer Harry Harris and Florida freelancer photographer Ray Howard. Ray was a bit jumpy (to put it mildly) of being touched unexpectedly. On one occasion, when the Reds were holding a workout after a flight from Oakland, Ray was chatting with catcher Johnny Bench in front of the dugout when Pete Rose sprinted toward the outfield and slapped Ray on the butt with his glove. Howard slapped Bench soundly on the cheek. I stood by to photograph a murder. A stunned Bench looked at Ray and said, "Ray, I'd ordinarily kill a man for less than that." Howard was well known and liked by the players.



On one of the writer's charter flights from Oakland to New York, I was surprised to find Willie Mays sprawled across a couple of seats across the aisle. He had hurt himself in the game earlier and was hitching an early ride back to New York on the writer's charter ahead of his team. Game three of the 1973 series in Oakland was Willie's last.

In the photo above: Mays is shown appealing a force out of teammate, Bud Harrelson, in game 2 of the series. He lost on appeal. The next day he played his last game.

You can't slide home again: A trip to the diamond of my youth

[Dan Day](#) - Several weeks ago I was back in the neighborhood where I grew up in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, and I took a stroll down Memory Lane. More accurately, I walked up and down Bluestone Road, the major thoroughfare of my youth, connecting our home on Erieview Road to my grade school in neighboring South Euclid. In between was Denison Park, where I played hundreds upon hundreds of ball games and practices over the years.



I've always joked that if I succumb to Alzheimer's and disappear, put out a Silver Alert that I'll turn up on the left side of the infield at the Denison baseball field. Even now, I can conjure up the dirt beneath me and I use the toe of my cleats to smooth out a spot at shortstop where I'd crouch and ready myself for the next pitch. With my dad or my buddies or a coach shouting "charge it," I raced in for countless dribblers to bare-hand and

bounders that I'd try to glove at "the top of the hop." For every grounder I stopped straight on or backhanded, I booted or bobbled another or watched it sail through my legs toward the thick green grass behind me.

In my head, I'm still brushing the dirt off my uniform after snagging a liner on a dive, or whirling and dashing madly back to run down a pop fly in shallow left field.

I can see my CYO coaches, Mr. Spada and Mr. Byrne, watching me whip the ball sidarm to first, impressed but speculating there might be something wrong because I didn't throw overhand. (I made the team that year, 7th grade, and came back as captain in 8th grade.)

Yes, that swath of dirt at Denison was sacred ground to me, and I wanted to walk it again on my return to Cleveland over the summer. Except that the ball field is gone.

It's been replaced by the picnic pavilion shown above, which covers a big chunk of the old infield. The area I used to patrol at short is roughly where a group of barbecue grills stand behind the pavilion. The plaque honoring the park founder has been swiped from the boulder that used to sit behind the backstop.

Disappointing, yes, that that old ball field is gone. Even more disappointing: there is no baseball diamond at the park, although the tennis and basketball courts remain and there's an immaculate new soccer field with artificial turf dominating the center of the park.

My nostalgic mood didn't improve when I decided to visit the house my maternal grandparents rented in the 1960s on E. 98th Street at Elwell Avenue in Cleveland. The house, the first one on the left as you turn onto the dead-end block, is gone. A grass lot with no trace of a foundation is all that's there, and the old landlord's home beside it facing Elwell is heavily boarded and probably is vacant. And on a telephone pole between the two houses is a sign saying "No ball playing allowed."

I've been stewing on that day of soured nostalgia for a number of weeks, and it's pointing me to the inevitable decision to stop writing this blog. From the start, I

wanted the blog to be something that would express something fresh and interesting on the sport I love, initially using the caps I've collected as a peg for posts. I pushed the blog hard for a couple of years, and I enjoyed getting involved in the Baseball Bloggers Alliance, especially for making a number of friends among my fellow bloggers.

This season, my posts have been sparse, and I've neglected my alliance duties almost entirely, and maybe that's for best. In my post trying to stay current, I picked the Texas Rangers to win the World Series.

I don't want this blog to devolve into a series of old-man memories of how much better baseball was "back in the day." I believe firmly the game is still as vibrant and entertaining and special as ever. Look no further than the terrific World Series between my San Francisco Giants and those upstart Kansas City Royals.



It's a great game, but it's time for me to head to the blogging showers. I plan one more, likely final post, once the World Series ends. That's to fix the date for the next Baseball Solstice, marking the mid-point between the last game of the series and the first exhibition game of spring training. If anything lasts from this blog, I'd like it to be that the solstice - my little brainstorm from a couple of long winters ago - gains broad acceptance among baseball fans. That and the notion that baseball is the thread that ties so many families and friends together through the generations.

(This from a blog former AP chief of bureau and executive Dan Day has been doing since 2008. The photo shows Dan at a Mets game over the summer with sons Liam (at left) and Tim. On the job front, Dan is acting director of communications at Princeton. He and his wife Becky are anticipating the birth of their second grandchild from their daughter, Katie, in December.)

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



To

[Bill Snead](#)

Welcome to Connecting



[Ron Heflin](#) - former AP Texas photo editor

Stories of interest

[From AIDS to Ebola: Journalism, disease, and the mentality of fear](#)

By Roy Peter Clark:

I remember a day back in the 1980s when I first met a person who I thought had AIDS. I was sitting at the front desk of the old storefront building of the Poynter Institute when a tall gaunt man entered through the glass doors and approached me with a question. I have forgotten his question, but I do remember being frightened by his appearance.

He had several lesions on his face, the kind that people got after their immune system had been compromised by the AIDS virus. I did not reach out to shake his hand, my usual gesture, but babbled some reason to direct him out of the building. I am not proud of this. I just want to establish my credentials as someone capable of panicky, irrational fear.

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[For The Hartford Courant, 250 Years in Print](#)

At a time when many newspapers are just trying to survive, it is hard to think of them lasting another century.

But The Hartford Courant, which published its first issue on Oct. 29, 1764, will celebrate its 250th anniversary this week. Thomas Green, the paper's founder, started printing a one-page edition of what then was called The Connecticut Courant.

According to a history reported by The Courant's staff, much of the early paper included news from outside Hartford, including the growing dissatisfaction with British rule, and notices about slave and liquor auctions as well as lost livestock.



Over the years, its pages became filled with boldface names throughout history: George Washington took out an advertisement to rent part of his land at Mount Vernon. Thomas Jefferson lost a libel lawsuit. Mark Twain stopped by the offices and wrote for The Courant on occasion.

For much of this year, The Courant has been publishing monthly [special issues](#) on statewide topics like race and equality, innovation in Connecticut, and arts and popular culture. On Friday night, it held a gala with elected officials from Connecticut.

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[How Facebook Is Changing the Way Its Users Consume Journalism](#)

MENLO PARK, Calif. - Many of the people who read this article will do so because Greg Marra, 26, a Facebook engineer, calculated that it was the kind of thing they might enjoy.

Mr. Marra's team designs the code that drives Facebook's News Feed - the stream of updates, photographs, videos and stories that users see. He is also fast becoming one of the most influential people in the news business.

Facebook now has a fifth of the world - about 1.3 billion people - logging on at least monthly. It drives up to 20 percent of traffic to news sites, according to figures from the analytics company SimpleReach. On mobile devices, the fastest-growing source of readers, the percentage is even higher, SimpleReach says, and continues to increase.

The social media company is increasingly becoming to the news business what Amazon is to book publishing - a behemoth that provides access to hundreds of millions of consumers and wields enormous power. About 30 percent of adults in the United States get their news on Facebook, according to a study from the Pew Research Center. The fortunes of a news site, in short, can rise or fall depending on how it performs in Facebook's News Feed.

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[Americans Don't Live in Information Cocoons](#) (Latrice Davis)

In this polarized age, have citizens retreated into information cocoons of like-minded media sources?

A new Pew Research Center report found that the outlets people name as their main sources of information about news and politics are strongly correlated with their political views. Almost half of all respondents that Pew classified as consistent conservatives named Fox News as their primary news source, while consistent liberals were disproportionately likely to name National Public Radio (13 percent), MSNBC (12 percent) and The New York Times (10 percent). These results are in line with studies suggesting that people tend to select news and information that is consistent with their political preferences in controlled settings.

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[Op-ed: One year later, fight to change Tribune deal goes on](#) (Bill Beecham)

It has been one year since a cryptic note landed on the desks of Salt Lake Tribune reporters.

"Church and John Paton are renegotiating JOA," an anonymous tipster wrote in elaborately disguised letters. "Tribune will be left with very little. Deal is Tribune interest for cash."

That's how editors and reporters at The Salt Lake Tribune learned of radical changes to their paper's Joint Operating Agreement with Deseret News Publishing Co., owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Being journalists, they quickly

obtained the new JOA. Being journalists, they wrote about it.

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[Twitpic is shutting down](#) (Doug Pizac)

Twitpic will be shutting down September 25th. You will be able to export all your photos and videos. We'll let everyone know when this feature is live in the next few days. (The export tool can be found at <http://twitpic.com/account/settings>)

This is an unexpected and hard announcement for us to make and we want to lay out what led us to this decision.

A few weeks ago Twitter contacted our legal demanding that we abandon our trademark application or risk losing access to their API. This came as a shock to us since Twitpic has been around since early 2008, and our trademark application has been in the USPTO since 2009.

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[How Lincoln Played the Press](#)

Lincoln and the Power of the Press: The War for Public Opinion

by Harold Holzer

Simon and Schuster, 733 pp., \$37.50

People are amazed or disgusted, or both, at today's "power of the media." The punch is in that plural, "media"-the twenty-four-hour flow of intermingled news and opinion not only from print but also from TV channels, radio stations, Twitter, e-mails, and other electronic "feeds." This storm of information from many sources may make us underestimate the power of the press in the nineteenth century when it had just one medium-the newspaper. That also came at people from many directions-in multiple editions from multiple papers in every big city, from "extras" hawked constantly in the streets, from telegraphed reprints in other papers, from articles put out as pamphlets.

Every bit of that information was blatantly biased in ways that would make today's Fox News blush. Editors ran their own candidates-in fact they ran for office themselves, and often continued in their post at the paper while holding office. Politicians, knowing this, cultivated their own party's papers, both the owners and the editors, shared staff with them, released news to them early or exclusively to keep them loyal, rewarded them with state or federal appointments when they won.

The Final Word



"I'll have the misspelled 'Ceasar' salad and the improperly hyphenated veal osso-buco."

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Oct. 27, the 300th day of 2014. There are 65 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 27, 1914, author-poet Dylan Thomas was born in Swansea, Wales.

On this date:

In 1787, the first of the Federalist Papers, a series of essays calling for ratification of the United States Constitution, was published.

In 1858, the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, was born in New York City.

In 1880, Theodore Roosevelt married his first wife, Alice Lee.

In 1904, the first rapid transit subway, the IRT, was inaugurated in New York City.

In 1922, the first annual celebration of Navy Day took place.

In 1938, Du Pont announced a name for its new synthetic yarn: "nylon."

In 1947, "You Bet Your Life," starring Groucho Marx, premiered on ABC Radio. (It later became a television show on NBC.)

In 1954, U.S. Air Force Col. Benjamin O. Davis Jr. was promoted to brigadier general, the first black officer to achieve that rank in the USAF. Walt Disney's first television program, titled "Disneyland" after the yet-to-be completed theme park, premiered on ABC.

In 1962, during the Cuban Missile Crisis, a U-2 reconnaissance aircraft was shot down while flying over Cuba, killing the pilot, U.S. Air Force Maj. Rudolf Anderson Jr.

In 1978, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin (men-AH'-kem BAY'-gihn) were named winners of the Nobel Peace Prize for their progress toward achieving a Middle East accord.

In 1980, opera star Beverly Sills gave her last public performance during a farewell gala at New York's Lincoln Center.

In 1995, a sniper killed one soldier and wounded 18 others at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. (Paratrooper William J. Kreutzer was convicted in the shootings, and condemned to death; however, the sentence was later commuted to life in prison.)

Ten years ago: The Boston Red Sox won their first World Series since 1918, sweeping the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 4, 3-0. New York City's subway system marked its 100th anniversary. Bandleader Lester Lanin died in New York at age 97.

Five years ago: Eight American troops were killed in two separate bomb attacks in southern Afghanistan. Michael Jackson's last work, the documentary "Michael Jackson: This Is It," opened.

One year ago: The Boston Red Sox beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-2 to tie the World Series at two games apiece; the game finished with a pickoff play, a first in postseason history. Lou Reed, 71, who radically challenged rock's founding promise of good times and public celebration as leader of the Velvet Underground and a solo artist and was a founder of indie rock, died in Southampton, New York.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Nanette Fabray is 94. Actor-comedian John Cleese is 75. Author Maxine Hong Kingston is 74. Country singer Lee Greenwood is 72. Producer-director Ivan Reitman is 68. Country singer-musician Jack Daniels is 65. Rock musician Garry Tallent (Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band) is 65. Author Fran Lebowitz is 64. Rock musician K.K. Downing is 63. TV personality Jayne Kennedy is 63. Actor-director Roberto Benigni is 62. Actor Peter Firth is 61. Actor Robert Picardo is 61. World Golf Hall of Famer Patty Sheehan is 58. Singer Simon Le Bon is 56. Country

musician Jerry Dale McFadden (The Mavericks) is 50. Internet news editor Matt Drudge is 48. Rock musician Jason Finn (Presidents of the United States of America) is 47. Rock singer Scott Weiland (WY'-land) is 47. Actor Sean Holland is 46. Actress Sheeri Rappaport is 37. Actor David Walton is 36. Violinist Vanessa-Mae is 36. Actress-singer Kelly Osbourne is 30. Actress Christine Evangelista is 28.

Thought for Today: "He who seeks rest finds boredom. He who seeks work finds rest." - Dylan Thomas (1914-1953).

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