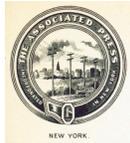

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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning.

Valerie Komor's lead-off story from Tokyo involving a Bible reminded me of one of my favorite stories as a chief of bureau, when I once expensed a Bible that I bought for the Kansas City newsroom for our modest reference library. Back in the day when Bibles were only in book form.

A couple weeks later, I got a call from Accounts Payable in New York with the question, "Why would you buy a Bible?" We needed it for reference, I told the caller.

"Well," she replied, "don't you stay in hotels? They're in every room, aren't they?" She may have been kidding, but if so, it went right over my head. And besides, it was a great story to relate to my cost-conscious publisher friends on how the AP tries to find every means possible to save their money.

Paul

If it's about the Bible, ask Tokyo, not New York

When the U.S. astronauts aboard Apollo 11 landed on the moon in July 1969, one of the two who stepped onto the lunar surface, Buzz Aldrin, quoted the Bible, Psalm 8: 3-4, when he said:

"I've been reflecting the events of the past several days. A verse from the Psalms comes to mind to me. When I consider the heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained. What is man that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him?"

The quote comes to mind as Connecting colleague [Valerie Komor](#), director of AP Corporate Archives, shared the following photo and story:



This photo is kindly provided by **Kimura-san**, who joined AP Tokyo as a copy boy in 1957 and retired as a reporter in 2002. It was taken Oct. 23 and shows **Shigeyoshi Kimura** (left) and **Tetsuko Itagaki**.

Tetsuko Itagaki served as confidential secretary to five Tokyo bureau chiefs from September 1958 until she retired in January 1989. When she joined the bureau, **John Randolph** had been bureau chief for two years, succeeding **Bob Eunson**, who returned as bureau chief on Randolph's departure in 1963. Following Eunson, Tetsuko-san served under chiefs **Henry Hartzenbusch**, **Roy Essoyan** and **Tom Dygard**.

I met Tetsuko-san in October 2010 when I interviewed several members of AP's Japanese staff in Tokyo. As she relates in her interview, Tetsuko-san was occasionally called upon in a crunch to provide, among other things, correct biblical

citations when no one else was able to.

ITAGAKI: Oh, yeah. That was a time...when they landed on the moon...I think it was TVS called up, said, you know, one of them (astronauts) cited from the Bible, you know, when they reached (the moon)...And then it was transmitted, the text. This TVS man asked our desk, "What part of the Bible is he quoting?" And then I didn't see it at the time, but I saw Bob Liu...This is midnight here. We don't have Bible here. So I read that message. I went to the desk, and "Show me the text." And he gave me the text, and said, "It says from Psalms." It didn't say Psalm number eight, but one of the psalms. So I had a Bible...in my desk. So I opened it, I looked up the Psalms, and it turned out to be Psalm number eight.

....So I went back to the desk, said, "This is the place." Then what do we do? We sent a message to New York, "Have located local preacher. {Laughs} For your information, it is Psalm number eight, verses so and so." {Laughs} And then they were very appreciative. So I said to this man on the desk, "If it's about the Bible, ask me. {Laughs} Don't ask New York."

Connecting mailbox

A vodka martini may have saved a life

[Hal Bock](#) - Noting Bob Daugherty's recollection of the World Series Baseball Writer charters (in Monday's Connecting), I rode them frequently. On my first, in 1969, I was traveling from Minneapolis to Baltimore with fellow AP baseball writer Dick Couch when I heard a writer talking about how "the wire services screw things up."

I was outraged, knowing we worked harder than any of the other writers and decided I would confront the other guy, maybe start a fight at 30,000 feet. Couch was much more mellow and tried to calm me down. "No way," I said. "I'm going to kill that SOB." At that point, Couch ordered a vodka martini for me. "You know I don't drink," I said, preparing for what promised to be a memorable moment. "Drink this first," Couch advised. I agreed and was paralyzed for the remainder of the flight, saving a life.

AP among news outlets seeking access in football hazing case

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) - The Associated Press has joined other media organizations requesting access to juvenile court hearings for seven high school students charged in a football hazing investigation.

The AP joined with NJ Advance Media, Gannett New Jersey Newspapers and ABC

Inc. in a motion filed Friday.

Seven members of the Sayreville War Memorial High School team were charged Oct. 10 with crimes ranging from hazing to aggravated sexual assault. The teenagers are charged as juveniles, and proceedings are being held in Family Court.

Juvenile proceedings generally are closed to the press unless media outlets or others seek access. The media organizations say previous cases show state courts favor increased public access to juvenile proceedings unless the juvenile can provide evidence there is a substantial likelihood of specific harm.

The media organizations argue that allowing the public access to the case will provide an outlet "for community concern" in the highly charged case.

Three of the students were charged with aggravated sexual assault, criminal restraint, hazing and other crimes for an act of sexual penetration upon one of the children, prosecutors have said. The four other students were charged with aggravated criminal sexual contact and other crimes.

The school district canceled a scheduled game on Oct. 2 after receiving information from the prosecutors' office, then canceled the rest of the season the following week.

An essay: The Meaning of Fulfillment

**By EMILY FOX GORDON
For The New York Times**

At 66, I find myself feeling fulfilled. I didn't expect this, and don't know quite what to make of it.

It's as if I'd been given an outlandishly oversized gift, the kind that friends might hire a pair of burly college students to bundle into my living room, removing a door from its hinges in the process. I can see those giggling friends guiding me into its presence and whipping off my blindfold. What could this clumsily wrapped thing be? An antique printing press? The VW bug I drove at 28, restored and repainted? A trio of snarling stuffed bears mounted on a polyurethaned log?



Fulfillment is a dubious gift because you receive it only when you're approaching the end. You can't consider your life fulfilled until you're fairly sure of its temporal shape, and you can't get a view of that until you're well past its midpoint. The

realization that one's life has been fulfilled is a good thing, but freighted with the weight of many days and the apprehension of death. It's also quite useless, truly a white elephant. It can never be exchanged or redeemed, because everything has been exchanged or redeemed to make its purchase possible.

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Welcome to Connecting



[Roch Thornton](#) - Worked at the Abilene Reflector-Chronicle and Emporia Gazette (both in Kansas) after J-school at Kansas, and was hired by AP for the three-man Cheyenne office in January 1980. After a few years in Cheyenne, he was transferred to Portland, Oregon, where he worked until resigning in 1986 and moving back to Wyoming to work on a political campaign. Later joined the "Electronic Media" department at The Kansas City Star to build a Kansas City version of AOL, which was dropped when the World Wide Web started to take off. Helped launch Kansascity.com around 1994 and worked on the website until leaving the Star in 2008.

Stories of interest

[British journalist John Cantlie used as 'Isil reporter' inside Kobane](#)



The British freelance journalist held hostage by Isil jihadists has appeared in a news report purporting to be from the embattled Kurdish city of Kobane.

John Cantlie has already appeared in five propaganda videos for the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

But in those he sits at a desk, wearing the same orange jump suit that other prisoners have worn as they are filmed being beheaded.

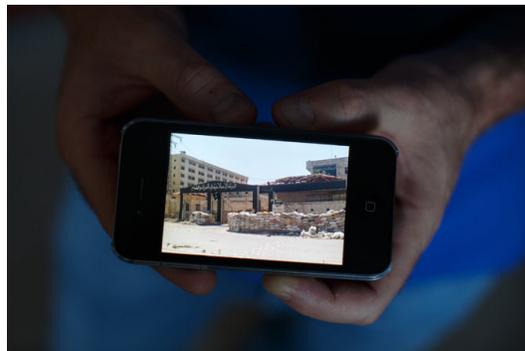
In this latest production, he is wearing black and is filmed as if on a normal television report, describing events happening around him.

AND

[The Horror Before the Beheadings](#)

The hostages were taken out of their cell one by one.

In a private room, their captors asked each of them three intimate questions, a standard technique used to obtain proof that a prisoner is still alive in a kidnapping negotiation.



James Foley returned to the cell he shared with nearly two dozen other Western hostages and collapsed in tears of joy. The questions his kidnappers had asked were so personal ("Who cried at your brother's wedding?" "Who was the captain of your high school soccer team?") that he knew they were finally in touch with his family.

It was December 2013, and more than a year had passed since Mr. Foley vanished on a road in northern Syria. Finally, his worried parents would know he was alive, he told his fellow captives. His government, he believed, would soon negotiate his release.

What appeared to be a turning point was in fact the start of a downward spiral for Mr. Foley, a 40-year-old journalist, that ended in August when he was forced to his knees somewhere in the bald hills of Syria and beheaded as a camera rolled.

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[Reporter at Gannett's Burlington Free Press laid off after refusing to reapply for her job](#) (Bob Daugherty)

Lynn Monty was laid off from Gannett's Burlington Free Press after refusing to interview to keep her job - a process she calls "degrading and demoralizing."

According to Monty (left), Gannett plans to pay her the difference between unemployment insurance compensation and her full salary for six weeks - one for each year she spent at the paper.

Monty was a community news and technology reporter for the Free Press'

"Innovate" and "Vermont" sections, as well as for "Hometown," its free weekly. For the past two years, she said, she was the only reporter in the newsroom on Saturdays. As such, she simultaneously served as web editor, social media manager and editor that day of the week.

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[20th anniversary of the banner advert: Digital advertising begins its third decade](#)

(Paul Shane)

On October 27, 1994, the first banner advert appeared on HotWired, the forerunner of Wired. The tenth birthday did not get much news coverage back in 2004, though Gizmag covered it, albeit a few days late.

A look back at our story of a decade ago illustrates just how much further the internet has evolved commercially in digital advertising's second decade, and portends a future where digital advertising is ubiquitous.

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[Colorado State Senate candidates agree to stop using altered photo after being warned](#)

The Denver Post on Friday told three state Senate candidates who used the photo on the right:

Not only does the use of the photograph infringe copyright interests, it violates other intellectual property laws by unlawfully associating The Denver Post with your campaign. It also violates basic transparency principles by altering a photograph without informing the readers.

Finally, it offends the Fair Use policies in place by Twitter and creates an actionable claim by the person pictured in the photograph holding the sign.

Republicans Tim Neville, Tony Sanchez and Laura Woods agreed over the weekend to stop using the altered Post photo.

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[Ben Bradlee Could Teach Us All a Thing or Two About Real Disruption](#)

When he died this week at 93 years old, the kudos for and remembrances of former

The original Denver Post photo (left) was doctored by three Republican state Senate candidates.



Washington Post editor extraordinaire Ben Bradlee flooded across the Internet in a blast-from-the-past exudation.

Bradlee would have liked that word, since he seemed to like using unusual words a lot - look up "retromingent," which the barrel-chested journalist had once aimed brilliantly at the hack media watchdog Reed Irvine, writing to him: "You have revealed yourself as a miserable, carping, retromingent vigilante, and I for one am sick of wasting my time communicating with you."

I wish I had written that the moment I read it, of course. Which is what I thought a lot when I watched from once near and then far how he conducted his marvelous life and times, exuding everything from boundless charm to pithy bromides to entertaining rages to the constant show that was the business of being Ben Bradlee.

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[Journalists need a point of view if they want to stay relevant](#)

By Jay Rosen

If extreme polarization is now an enduring feature of American politics - not just a bug - how does that change the game for journalists? I have some ideas, but mainly I want to put that question on the table. "Conflict makes news," it is often said. But when gridlock becomes the norm the conflicts are endless, infinite, predictable and just plain dull: in a way, the opposite of news. This dynamic has already ruined the Sunday talk shows. Who can stand that spectacle anymore?



A recent task force of American Political Science Association put it this way:

The United States used to be viewed as a land of broad consensus and pragmatic politics in which sharp ideological differences were largely absent; yet, today, politics is dominated by intense party polarization and limited agreement among representatives on policy problems and solutions.

The Final Word



Windowless planes could be here in 10 years-and they look amazing

The commercial flight cabin as we know it may be on its way out.

That's according to a new report from the Centre for Process Innovation, a British technology research company, which projects that in 10 years the industry will be ready to offer passengers a richer visual experience than what a small, fogged-up plastic window allows.

In the CPI design, familiar rectelliptical airplane windows are replaced with giant OLED displays lining the inside of the plane's fuselage. (OLEDs, organic light-emitting diodes, are the same technology behind recent light, ultrathin, high-end televisions.)

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Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 28, the 301st day of 2014. There are 64 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 28, 1914, Yugoslav nationalist Gavrilo Princip, whose assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and Sophie, Duchess of Hohenberg, sparked World War I, was sentenced in Sarajevo to 20 years' imprisonment (he died in 1918); four conspirators were sentenced to death. (Princip escaped the death penalty because he was underage.)

On this date:

In 1636, the General Court of Massachusetts passed a legislative act establishing Harvard College.

In 1776, the Battle of White Plains was fought during the Revolutionary War, resulting in a limited British victory.

In 1886, the Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France, was dedicated in New York Harbor by President Grover Cleveland.

In 1914, medical researcher Jonas Salk, who developed the first successful polio vaccine, was born in New York.

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt rededicated the Statue of Liberty on its 50th anniversary.

In 1940, Italy invaded Greece during World War II.

In 1958, the Roman Catholic patriarch of Venice, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, was elected Pope; he took the name John XXIII. The Samuel Beckett play "Krapp's Last Tape" premiered in London.

In 1962, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev informed the United States that he had ordered the dismantling of missile bases in Cuba; in exchange, the U.S. secretly agreed to remove nuclear missiles from U.S. installations in Turkey.

In 1964, the "T.A.M.I. Show," a two-day rock concert, opened in Santa Monica, California; filmed for theatrical release, it featured performances by the Beach Boys, Chuck Berry, James Brown, Lesley Gore, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, Marvin Gaye, The Rolling Stones and The Supremes, among others.

In 1976, former Nixon aide John D. Ehrlichman entered a federal prison camp in Safford, Arizona, to begin serving his sentence for Watergate-related convictions (he was released in April 1978).

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter and Republican presidential nominee Ronald Reagan faced off in a nationally broadcast, 90-minute debate in Cleveland.

In 1991, what became known as "The Perfect Storm" began forming hundreds of miles east of Nova Scotia; lost at sea during the storm were the six crew members of the Andrea Gail, a sword-fishing boat from Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Ten years ago: Insurgents slaughtered 11 Iraqi soldiers, declaring on an Islamic militant website that Iraqi fighters would avenge "the blood" of women and children killed in U.S. strikes on the guerrilla stronghold of Fallujah (fuh-LOO'-juh). Boston Red Sox fans turned out by the tens of thousands near historic Fenway Park to celebrate their World Series champion team, the city's first since 1918.

Five years ago: Taliban militants stormed a guest house used by U.N. staff in the heart of the Afghan capital, leaving 11 dead, including five U.N. staff and three attackers. A car bomb exploded in a crowded market in Peshawar, Pakistan, killing at least 112. Angela Merkel (AHN'-geh-lah MEHR'-kuhl) was sworn in for a second

term as German chancellor. The defending champion Philadelphia Phillies beat the New York Yankees 6-1 in Game 1 of the World Series.

One year ago: Penn State said it would pay \$59.7 million to 26 young men over claims of child sexual abuse at the hands of former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky. The Boston Red Sox beat the St. Louis Cardinals 3-1 for a 3-2 World Series edge.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz singer Cleo Laine is 87. Actress Joan Plowright is 85. Musician-songwriter Charlie Daniels is 78. Actress Jane Alexander is 75. Singer Curtis Lee is 73. Actor Dennis Franz is 70. Pop singer Wayne Fontana is 69. Actress Telma Hopkins is 66. Olympic track and field gold medalist Bruce Jenner is 65. Actress Annie Potts is 62. Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates is 59. The former president of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (ah-muh-DEE'-neh-zahd), is 58. Rock musician Stephen Morris (New Order) is 57. Country/gospel singer-musician Ron Hemby (The Buffalo Club) is 56. Rock singer-musician William Reid (The Jesus & Mary Chain) is 56. Actor Mark Derwin is 54. Actress Daphne Zuniga is 52. Actress Lauren Holly is 51. Talk show host-comedian-actress Sheryl Underwood is 51. Actress Jami Gertz is 49. Actor Chris Bauer is 48. Actor-comedian Andy Richter is 48. Actress Julia Roberts is 47. Country singer-musician Caitlin Cary is 46. Actor Jeremy Davies is 45. Singer Ben Harper is 45. Country singer Brad Paisley is 42. Actor Joaquin Phoenix is 40. Singer Justin Guarini (TV: "American Idol") is 36. Pop singer Brett Dennen is 35. Rock musician Dave Tiro (Plain White T's) is 35. Actress Troian Bellisario is 29. Singer/rapper Frank Ocean is 27. Actor Nolan Gould is 16.

Thought for Today: "We are continually faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems." - John W. Gardner, U.S. government official and founder of Common Cause (1912-2002).

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