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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning.

Here are stories of interest, including a Connecting feature that **Bob Daugherty** got off the ground a couple months ago - Where in the World is - ???

That ??? could be YOU - so send along an update on your life, and your career, along with a photo. Thanks to **Bill Handy**, former AP Chicago bureau chief (2005-2006) and newspaperman, for reviving what I think could be a popular feature of Connecting.

Paul

New Nieman Fellowship to honor Anja Niedringhaus

The Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard announces a new visual journalism fellowship in honor of 2007 Nieman Fellow Anja

Niedringhaus, a Pulitzer Prize-winning Associated Press photographer who was shot and killed this year while covering the run-up to elections in Afghanistan. We welcome donations to support next year's fellowship, described in the letter below, and invite you to learn more about Anja's remarkable life and work.

Dear Friends,

The Spring 2014 issue of Nieman Reports includes a photo of a young girl wearing a bright polka-dot dress and sneakers reaching up to a policeman clad in black, sheathed in a bulletproof vest, holding a rifle. The image from Pakistan is a study in stark contrasts - innocence and vulnerability set against the threat of looming danger.

The person behind the lens that day was Associated Press photographer Anja Niedringhaus, a beloved 2007 Nieman Fellow and gifted photojournalist who was shot and killed earlier this year while covering elections in Afghanistan. A master at capturing tender moments even in the most unlikely settings, she embodied all that is good in journalism - and in humanity.



We write to you today to join us in contributing to a new campaign to fund a Nieman Fellowship in Anja's name, one that will honor her memory by supporting a visual journalist for a year at Harvard. To achieve this goal we ask that you send a donation - as generous as you are able - that will provide a visual journalist the same opportunities afforded to Anja.

As 2014 winds down, we all are painfully aware of the growing threats to journalists around the world - from intimidation and imprisonment to brutal executions in Syria and Mexico and beyond. We need to support those courageous enough to tell the world's stories - like Anja - and offer them the resources, tools and training that come with a Nieman Fellowship. Please read the upcoming Fall 2014 issue of Nieman Reports for a close examination of the rapidly changing nature of foreign reporting and what the future may bring.

We are working with Nieman on behalf of all alumni and thank you for your consideration of this important initiative. To make a donation, you

may send a check to the Nieman Foundation at the address below or donate online by following instructions at nieman.harvard.edu/make-a-gift/ and including a note indicating the purpose of your gift. If you have suggestions about other funding sources for this project, please contact niemandevelopment@harvard.edu.

Click [here](#) for a link to the story. *(Shared by Kathy Gannon)*

Senate passes measure to improve FOIA

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate has passed a bill to update the Freedom of Information Act.

By voice vote on Monday, lawmakers endorsed a bill by Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Republican Sen. John Cornyn of Texas that the sponsors said would require federal agencies to have a presumption of openness.

Under the bill, exemptions to withhold information would be reduced and agencies operating under the act would have to make records available for public inspection in an electronic format.

Leahy said the bill would make the government open to the more than 300 million Americans it is supposed to serve. The bill now heads to the House.

(Shared by Paul Colford)

Where in the World is...Bill Handy?

Connecting colleague **Bill Handy** ([Email](#)) is an assistant professor at Northwestern University and coordinator of Medill's Global Journalism Residency Program. Before coming to Medill in 2007, he was an editor and publishing executive working in mainstream journalism (newspapers and The Associated Press) as well as niche-market periodicals, books and a dot.com start-up/failure based in Dallas. His newsroom leadership positions have included AP bureau chief in Chicago, managing editor in Wichita, Kansas, and senior editor in Tampa, Florida. As a reporter in Florida, he specialized in organized crime and investigative reporting. Handy graduated from the University of North Carolina (journalism), attended grad school at Duke University (sociology) and completed advanced management training at Harvard Business School.

With that, here is Bill's update:

Before my journalism life started in Florida, I came perilously close to earning a Ph.D. in sociology at Duke University - a fact that as a UNC grad ("Go to hell, Dook!") I haven't often shared. I dropped out of academia and into newspapers mostly because I didn't like the idea of teaching, and hated the pace of university life.

Forty-some years later, having loved my career in newspapers, specialty sports periodicals, book publishing, a dot.com start-up and AP, I've been back in the classroom since 2007, teaching grad-school journalism at Northwestern University's Medill School. Most days, in most days, teaching fits very well. The pace, still slow.



My specialties, range from news-reporting boot camp for first-term students, to media-product innovation capstones, with some urban-issues, health-environment-science and national-security reporting thrown in, too.

I also direct the school's Global Journalism Residency Program, through which I place top grad students for three-month stints at major media and indigenous news organizations on all continents. For several years, I worked closely with AP bureau chiefs, news editors and APTN leaders to ensure some of our best worked with them - I'm counting 17 bureaus. A few years ago, however, AP decided to handle all intern selection in NYC, to the continuing chagrin (polite word) of its international news leaders. Now our best go to AFP, TIME, BBC, Reuters and others. Oh, well.

Watching students grow - some quickly succeed in big-league jobs - is a thrill.

A fairly recent highlight was early 2013, when I led a group of student on a multimedia-reporting trip to the Middle East. Those interested can purchase - the price is fair; it's free - our E-Book on iTunes or iBooks. It's called Feeding Qatar: Bringing Food and Water to a Desert Nation. (*See photo below, Bill in pink shirt.*)



My other professional work, off and on for the past 15 months, has been in Beijing, where I teach at a top communications university, and regularly consult with major news organizations. All of this is in English, of

course. (In Chinese, I can say "hello," "thank you," "bye bye," "this one" and "bottoms up.")

I'm still playing weekly doubles tennis, but it's really getting ugly now, with my pitiful knees. I think this will be the year I have at least one of them replaced. Problem will be finding a time when I can responsibly take off enough time to have it done and then rehab properly.

My other recreation, so to speak, is taking French classes. I've been doing that for about three years, semi-regularly. I'm now at the "intermediate" level, a status earned by dollars spent, I think, rather than proficiency. It's fun, however, and I do think it is good for an aging brain.

Oh! I'm also developing a new course on news judgment -- tough calls made while producing a timely, accurate, fair news report. If you or anyone else has case-study ideas, I'd love to talk with them.

(Top photo shows Bill (in light blue shirt) consulting with correspondents and editors for a major Chinese news organization in Beijing, September 2014.)

Connecting mailbox

Proud of Candy and Wendell

Brad Kalbfeld ([Email](#)) - I had the privilege of working with both **Candy (Crowley)** and **Wendell (Goler)** during their White House years, and couldn't be prouder of either. They brought to the beat intelligence, great care, balance, and a willingness to ask the tough questions. They did AP Radio, and all of AP, proud.

Much as I hated to lose them to other newsrooms, I was glad it was to outlets that gave them the opportunity to do longer-form reporting to a wide audience - the kind of exposure they deserved.



Think about the roster of reporters AP Radio has assigned to the White House over the past four decades: **Walter Rogers** (who covered the Reagan assassination attempt for us and later went to ABC), **Frank Sesno** (later at CNN, now at The George Washington University), Candy (later at CNN), **Bob Moon** (now at Marketplace radio), Wendell (later at Fox) and **Mark Smith**, the incumbent since the middle of Bill Clinton's presidency. What an impressive group.

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First paper to publish Pearl Harbor attack on cycle

Bobbie Seril ([Email](#)) - If I'm not mistaken, the only U.S. daily (at that time) able to publish the Pearl Harbor attack on cycle was The Westerly (RI) Sun, owned by the Utter family.

This is from the recesses of the Membership file cabinet in my head, so you may want to double-check.

Connecting did so, and found that our former colleague in Newspaper Membership (headed then by Jim Mangan) in 1978-84 was correct.

In an AP wire story from 2010, on the death of Charles Utter, longtime editor and co-publisher of the Westerly Sun in Rhode Island, it mentioned that Utter was fond of recalling that the newspaper, which then came out Sunday afternoons, was the first US publication to report the Dec. 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor attacks. Utter served as a US Army Air Corps pilot during World War II. According to the Sun, his plane was shot down in Germany in 1944, but he completed 30 missions.

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A fun fact on Wendell Goler

Michael Weinfeld ([Email](#)) - Here's another fun fact about Wendell Goler....he was the leader and bass player for the AP Radio band, More After This. Other band members included me on keyboards and

occasional vocals, Sam Litzinger and Steve Pendlebury on guitars, Jon Bascom (sp) on drums, his wife Leslie Sawyer and Karen Sloan on vocals. We played at AP going away parties, so you know we were kept busy. The band broke up when Wendell left the AP for Fox. We had a great time being rock stars and I think a video of one of our performances still exists somewhere.

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Recalling a distant day

Charles Bennett ([Email](#)) - I was covering a reunion of Pearl Harbor vets in Chicago a few years back. This old Gunny caught my eye he seemed to be recalling a distant day.

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Praise for brother's eulogy of Naomi Halperin

Peggy Walsh ([Email](#)) - There are so many remarkable stories in Connecting that I would have a full time job (like you do now!) just sending you comments.

But the eulogy delivered by Naomi Halperin's brother was one of the most beautiful things I've seen. It really touched me. Although I didn't know Naomi I wish I had. Her brother, Alan, brought her to life for many who never had the honor of knowing her. I know his big sister would be so proud.

Albert Habhab ([Email](#)) - A brother's eulogy for Naomi Halperin brought tears. It reminded me of the death of each of my brothers and sister. We too were a closely knit family, always there to help the other in their time of need.

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Farewells in Kansas City



Kansas City AP chief of bureau **Kia Breaux** (center) was joined by many colleagues of **Chris Clark** and **Dana Fields** in wishing them a fond farewell from the AP during a gathering Saturday night. Dana retired recently after 33 years of AP service in Pennsylvania, New York, Mexico City and Kansas City, while Chris left his AP position as Kansas City news editor recently to join an engineering company in media relations after 18 years of AP service. Dana joins her husband in retirement - **Carl Manning** retired from the AP in 2009.

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Never expected U.S. military to pull him out

Joe McGowan ([Email](#)) - In Monday's Connecting you had the AP story about the "high risk" raid which failed to save journalist Luke Somers. As I gather it, he was a free-lancer, went over there willingly, and roamed around an area dangerous to Americans. But a bunch of U.S. military had to risk their lives to save him. As you know, I was in danger areas a number of times, but I was employed by a large news agency, I went there willingly and I would not have expected U.S. military to come pull me out. I wonder how others feel.

2014's best in photos include Ebola, selfies and Ferguson

This year in images includes people in hazmat suits both in the U.S. and in West Africa, protests in Ukraine, Ferguson and Hong Kong, the Sochi

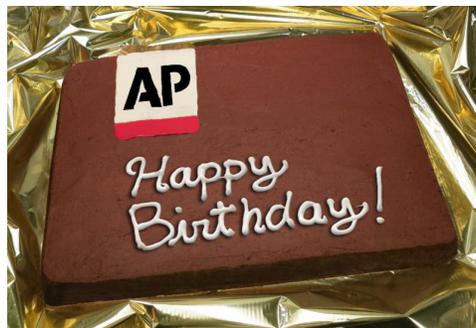
Olympics, the World Cup in Brazil, wars, death and selfies. The Associated Press and Time have released their choices for photos of the year, and if you'd like to take part in that choosing, Getty Images lets you vote in their current search for the most moving images.



Nine-year-old Nowa Paye is taken to an ambulance after showing signs of the Ebola infection in the village of Freeman Reserve, about 30 miles north of Monrovia, Liberia, Tuesday Sept. 30, 2014. (AP Photo/Jerome Delay, File)

Click [here](#) to view more images. (Shared by Bob Daugherty)

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



To

Dennis Redmont ([Email](#))

(Dec. 8)

Stories of interest

[USA TODAY reporter Olivia Barker dies at 40](#)

Whip-smart and witty, with a laugh that could fill a newsroom, reporter Olivia Barker died Sunday at home after a four-year battle with breast cancer. She was 40.



Soon after joining USA TODAY in 2000, Barker accepted an assignment to compete in the Miss America pageant as the hypothetical 52nd contestant.

Soundly rejected when she pitched diagramming a sentence as her "talent," Barker instead performed a dramatic reading from John Guare's *Six Degrees of Separation*. She took the stage with her hair coiffed in "a lacquered bouffant that's part Lady Bird Johnson, part Bride of Frankenstein," she wrote.

Barker interviewed all walks of life, from the famous to the infamous, deftly zeroing in on social trends across the nation.

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[Pulitzers expand prizes to mags, 'partners'](#)

The Pulitzer Prize board announced on Monday it will expand eligibility for investigative reporting and feature writing awards to allow for weekly magazines and "partner organizations," a move that may prevent dust-ups like the one that took place earlier this year between ABC News and the Center for Public Integrity.

In April, ABC News accused CPI of downplaying the network's contributions to a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative report, despite the fact that television news organizations are excluded from the Pulitzer Prizes. Television networks still can't win the awards on their own, but following today's rule change, a network could be nominated as a "partner organization," so long as it is nominated by an eligible

nominee.

"Historically there has been an emphasis on the written word. Media convergence has generated exciting new possibilities for journalism," Danielle Allen, chairwoman of the Pulitzer Prize board, said in a statement. "We recognize that great reporting and writing is today reaching American audiences in new formats and new channels. We support efforts to use cross-media partnerships, new platforms and new tools to strengthen the cause of journalism."

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Editorial: No comments. An experiment in elevating the conversation

St. Louis Post-Dispatch editorial board:

For the next two months, we are turning off the comment function on all editorials, columns and letters in the opinion section.

Why?

Ferguson.

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Bob Unger to step down as editor, associate publisher of SouthCoast Media Group (Bill Kole)

Bob Unger will step down as editor and associate publisher of SouthCoast Media Group, which includes The Standard-Times, on Jan. 6.



"Bob's had such a tremendous, positive influence on SouthCoast Media Group and our community that I can hardly believe that his departure is imminent," Publisher and President Peter Meyer said in an email to staff announcing Unger's departure.

Unger, editor of The Standard-Times, said the decision to leave was strictly his and primarily the result of tightening finances.

"We're looking at a tough year, revenue-wise, coming up," Unger said. At this time, "it would have been very damaging to the newspaper and the community to make the additional personnel cuts that would have been required.

"I asked and received permission to put my position on the layoff list," he said. "My hope is that by doing this the newspaper will continue to best serve New Bedford and SouthCoast. It will allow us to fill important jobs in gathering and editing the news."

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[Kerry 'dismayed' that Post reporter Jason Rezaian has been charged in Iran](#)

Secretary of State John F. Kerry said he was "deeply disappointed and concerned" that charges have been brought against The Washington Post's bureau chief in Tehran more than four months after he was detained.

Jason Rezaian, an Iranian American who holds dual citizenship, was brought before a judge Saturday in Tehran to hear charges officially leveled against him and was denied his request for bail, according to a source familiar with the case. The specific charges are unknown.

Kerry said Sunday he also was distressed that Rezaian has not been allowed to speak to a lawyer hired by his family, which Kerry called a "clear violation of Iran's own laws and international norms."

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[Bash: Crowley 'represents the soul of CNN'](#)

Washington (CNN) -- It was July 29, 1998, the day after two Capitol Police officers were shot and killed on duty.

I was a green producer at the time, sent to the home of Jacob Chestnut just to get some footage. I called Candy, and she asked me to describe the house.

When I was about to hang up, I mentioned to Candy that there was a dented golf ball in the front yard. It was an aside that I didn't think much of, but she asked me to make sure we got video of the golf ball.

Later, when I saw the script, it was abundantly clear why, and how, Candy Crowley is the best writer in television news. Here was the lead:

"It's strange how in a matter of seconds...life's most ordinary things become heartbreaking. A vegetable garden - a dented golf ball. They are details of the life of Officer Jacob Chestnut. Capitol Hill policeman."

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[White House bars reporters from taking selfies with Prince William](#)

A White House aide warned British and American reporters not to take selfies with Prince William, Raf Sanchez writes for The Telegraph:

Shortly before the pool was brought in a White House aide addressed the waiting press and asked them not to take selfies.

As far as your reporter could tell, the British press were better behaved than their Gallic cousins and no selfies were taken.

Reporters wishing to cover the royals were previously required to fill out an application and warned to eschew denim.

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[How to Survive a Journalistic Disaster 101](#)

By Margaret Sullivan, New York Times

How does a journalistic institution respond to a soul-shaking crisis? Rolling Stone magazine is dealing with that question at the moment, after its article about a gang rape at the University of Virginia went south late last week.

The article, published last month, had been criticized by various media outlets for its reliance on a single anonymous source and for the writer's failure to interview the men accused of rape. And on Friday, the magazine issued a misdirected correction that acknowledged discrepancies in the woman's account, but seemed to blame the source rather than take responsibility. It was later changed, without explanation to readers. (Erik Wemple at The Washington Post has a more complete summary of the story's developments.)

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[Google News: The biggest missed opportunity in media right now](#)

Almost every time I talk to a journalist who spends a lot of time online and the subject of Google News comes up, there is a shared sense of frustration: namely, frustration over how little the site has changed over the years since it launched, and how much more it could do if Google really wanted it to - what a powerful tool it could be. I was reminded of this again when I came across a presentation that a German designer

came up with that involved a wholesale redesign and re-thinking of what Google News is and does.

The Final Word



Our Connecting correspondent **Jim Reindl** ([Email](#)) in Ghana - where he has just begun Peace Corps service - files his latest report:

Locals believe the crocs are calm because humans don't harm them here so they feel no threats. There was a herd of cattle near us wandering in and out of the lake with no National Geographic moments. I think the crocs are calm because they get a constant stream of live chickens.

In any event, I wholly preferred this guy's company to some of the publishers I had to visit over the years.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 9, the 343rd day of 2014. There are 22 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 9, 1854, Alfred, Lord Tennyson's famous poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," was published in England.

On this date:

In 1608, English poet John Milton was born in London.

In 1911, an explosion inside the Cross Mountain coal mine near Briceville, Tennessee, killed 84 workers. (Five were rescued.)

In 1940, British troops opened their first major offensive in North Africa during World War II.

In 1942, the Aram Khachaturian ballet "Gayane," featuring the surging "Sabre Dance," was first performed by Russia's Kirov Ballet.

In 1958, the anti-communist John Birch Society was formed in Indianapolis.

In 1962, the Petrified Forest in Arizona was designated a national park.

In 1965, "A Charlie Brown Christmas," the first animated special featuring characters from the "Peanuts" comic strip by Charles M. Schulz, was first broadcast by CBS-TV.

In 1971, Nobel Peace laureate Ralph Bunche died in New York.

In 1982, special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski died at his Wimberley, Texas, ranch at age 77.

In 1984, the five-day-old hijacking of a Kuwaiti jetliner that claimed the lives of two Americans ended as Iranian security men seized control of the plane, which was parked at Tehran airport.

In 1987, the first Palestinian intefadeh, or uprising, began as riots broke out in Gaza and spread to the West Bank, triggering a strong Israeli response.

In 1992, Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana announced their separation. (The couple's divorce became final Aug. 28, 1996.)

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush ruled out raising taxes to finance a Social Security overhaul. President Bush announced he was keeping the heads of the Transportation, Interior, Housing and Labor departments. Canada's Supreme Court ruled that gay marriage was constitutional.

Five years ago: Five young American Muslims were arrested in Pakistan over possible links to terrorism. Iran claimed that a newly-built U.N. station to detect nuclear explosions was built near its border to give the West a post to spy on the country. Former Costa Rican President Rodrigo Carazo Odio, 82, died in San Juan. Actor Gene Barry, 90, died in Woodland Hills, California.

One year ago: North Korea announced it had sacked leader Kim Jong Un's uncle, Jang Song Thaek, long considered the country's No. 2 power, for leading a "dissolute and depraved life" (Jang was reportedly executed three days later). Scientists revealed that NASA's Curiosity rover had uncovered signs of an ancient freshwater lake on Mars. Retired managers Joe Torre, Tony La Russa and Bobby Cox were unanimously elected to the baseball Hall of Fame by the expansion era committee. Actress Eleanor Parker, 91, who played a scheming baroness in "The Sound of Music," died in Palm Springs, California.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Kirk Douglas is 98. Actor Dick Van Patten is 86. Actor-writer Buck Henry is 84. Actress Dame Judi Dench is 80. Actor Beau Bridges is 73. Jazz singer-musician Dan Hicks is 73. Football Hall-of-Famer Dick Butkus is 72. Actor Michael Nouri is 69. Former Sen. Thomas Daschle, D-S.D., is 67. World Golf Hall of Famer Tom Kite is 65. Singer Joan Armatrading is 64. Actor Michael Dorn is 62. Actor John Malkovich is 61. Country singer Sylvia is 58. Singer Donny Osmond is 57. Rock musician Nick Seymour (Crowded House) is 56. Comedian Mario Cantone is 55. Actor David Anthony Higgins is 53. Actor Joe Lando is 53. Actress Felicity Huffman is 52. Crown Princess Masako of Japan is 51. Country musician Jerry Hughes (Yankee Grey) is 49. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., is 48. Rock singer-musician Thomas Flowers (Oleander) is 47. Rock musician Brian Bell (Weezer) is 46. Rock singer-musician Jakob Dylan (Wallflowers) is 45. Country musician Brian Hayes (Cole Deggs and the Lonesome) is 45. Actress Allison Smith is 45. Songwriter and former "American Idol" judge Kara DioGuardi (dee-oh-GWAHR'-dee) is 44. Country singer David Kersh is 44. Actress Reiko (RAY'-koh) Aylesworth is 42. Rock musician Tre Cool (Green Day) is 42. Rapper Canibus is 40. Actor Kevin Daniels (TV: "Sirens") is 38. Rock musician Eric Zamora (Save Ferris) is 38. Rock singer Imogen Heap is 37. Actor Jesse Metcalfe is 36. Actor Simon Helberg is 34. Actress Jolene

Purdy is 31. Actor Joshua Sasse (TV: "Galavant"; "Rogue") is 27. Olympic gold and silver medal gymnast McKayla Maroney is 19.

Thought for Today: "In individuals, insanity is rare; but in groups, parties, nations and epochs, it is the rule." - Friedrich Nietzsche (NEE'-chuh), German philosopher (1844-1900).

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