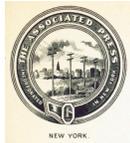


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Colleagues,

Good Saturday morning!

Regarding the lead item in Friday's Connecting, I tried to send this at precisely 10:11 a.m. Central on this date - 12-13-14 - but didn't quite make it.

Have a great weekend.

Paul

Former AP Detroit photographer Richard Sheinwald dies at 74

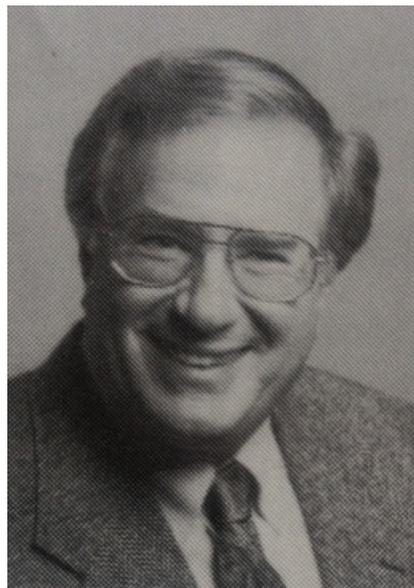
Richard Sheinwald, an AP photographer in Detroit for 32 years before retiring in 2001, has died at the age of 74.

He died on Dec. 7 in Weaverville, North Carolina.

Services will be held at Temple Israel Cemetery, 492 North Ave., Wakefield, Massachusetts, on Sunday at 11:30 am. Donations in Richard's memory may be made to MannaFoodBank.org, CarePartners.org, or the Sarah Gittleman Fund at TMSforacure.org.

Sheinwald joined the AP in New York as a photo editor in 1969 and transferred to Detroit a month later. Previously, he was a photographer for the Suffolk Sun on Long Island, New York. A native of Boston, he studied photojournalism at the University of Miami.

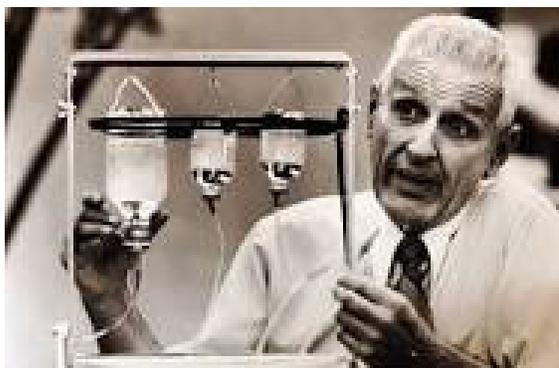
The photo at right of Richard is from the Michigan AP staff newsletter from 1997 and was shared by former Detroit CoB Charles Hill.



Former AP photojournalist **Mike Martinez** ([Email](#)) recalled, "I first met Richard while working at The Detroit News as Deputy Director of Photography. Richard was always very helpful to members in Detroit. From the very first time I met him, he acted like we had known each other forever. When we crossed paths 'on the street' his wit and charm were great. Later, when I worked as Senior Photo Editor at the AP, Richie was always helpful when "New York" called on Detroit for help."

Former AP Detroit newsman, **Brian Akre**, recalled that Sheinwald "helped illustrate countless AP stories out of the Detroit bureau years ago...Richie and I covered many Kevorkian hearings together, among other stories. His smile, his humor and energy always put his subjects at ease. RIP."

(A photo by Richard of euthanasia activist Dr. Jack Kevorkian is below.)



From Richard's obituary:

Born in Boston to Alfred and Sylvia Sheinwald. He Married Adrienne Victor 1971 - 1984. Married Joan Kobernick 1989. Attended University of Miami and ROTC. Photojournalist at Suffolk Sun and Associated Press.

Survived by wife Joan, son Roy, sister Susan Most (Ivan), brother-in-law Michael Kobernick (Michelle), brother-in-law Allan Kobernick (Sandra), dog Sammy, and many nieces, nephews and friends. Predeceased by son David, stepson Matthew Collins, and niece Sarah Gittleman.

Photography was not only Richard's profession but also his passion. Richard's eye for composition elevated his work from craft to art. His colleagues valued him as a mentor and respected him as a capable competitor in photojournalism. He was an award winning photographer in the NPPA. On most days he would read three newspapers before anyone else was out of bed. When admiring his parenting devotion, other parents and friends would often call him "Mr. Mom." He expressed his plentiful love often in the form a surprise gift or trip; although he disliked being surprised and sometimes even thwarted others' attempts to surprise him. Richard will be remembered for his story telling, wit and gift-of-gab. View Richard's photography at Sheinwald.com

Smiling, laughing, loving, husband and father.

SNTV partners with 6Medias to target the French digital market

LONDON - SNTV, the sports video news agency, has partnered with 6Medias digital press agency, a key supplier to digital publishers across French speaking territories, to distribute their sports news video content and enrich 6Medias video offering.

The agreement will allow 6Medias to select from the great breadth of SNTV premium sports video content, for distribution across the French speaking market including France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Morocco and francophone African nations.

This will include news from the most prominent national and international sporting events including:

- French Ligue 1 and other national domestic football leagues
- UEFA Champions League and Europa League
- UEFA Euro 2016 Qualifying matches
- Major tennis and golf tournaments
- Paris Dakar and World Rally Championship
- IRB Rugby World Cup

6Medias' sport video content includes pre and/or post match press conferences, training footage, competition highlights, interviews and comment as well as offbeat news from across the globe.

"We are very pleased with our partnership with SNTV that will allow us to distribute unique video content to the French market. It will boost the quality and popularity of our video offer in France," mentions Erik Monjalous, 6Medias CEO.

Gabrielle Guedj, commercial director, SNTV added: "We are pleased that SNTV's strong sports video content will now be accessible to a rapidly growing digital French

market, in a suitably localised version for digital publishers in those territories."

SNTV is a joint venture between The Associated Press and IMG. 6Medias video offering, which already includes videos from The Associated Press, is updated daily, with stories on the latest national and international news events on Dailymotion and other global video platforms totalling 2,500 videos and over 53 million views so far.

Click [here](#) for the story link.

Connecting mailbox

Lou Boccardi remembers Phil Emanuel

Lou Boccardi ([Email](#)) - president and chief executive officer of The Associated Press from 1985 to 2003, recalled **Phil Emanuel**, AP Communications Executive who died Wednesday:

Phil Emanuel was simply one of the best. Others in the Connecting universe will, I am sure, supply anecdotes and experiences that will bring that statement to life. I know that, over so many years in so many venues, this quiet man got the job done. I always took comfort on being told, when we faced a communications challenge somewhere, "Phil Emanuel is handling it". He always did.

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(A visitation for family and friends of Phil Emanuel will be held Sunday from 2-7 p.m. at Aycock-Riverside Funeral Home, 1112 Military Trail, Jupiter, Florida. Services will be held Monday, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. at St. Peter Catholic Church..

If you would like to send condolences, the address for daughter Debbie Milano: 18870 Misty Lake Drive, Jupiter, Florida 33458, and daughter Anna Emanuel: 18690 Misty Lake Drive, Jupiter, Florida 33458.)

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Image of Bill Heath from the past



Claude Erbsen ([Email](#)) - While going through a box of old pictures this morning, I ran across this image which includes Bill Heath, who passed away two weeks ago, and his wife Martha. It shows the AP team at the AP booth at the meeting of the Inter-American Press Association (IAPA) in Santiago, Chile, in November 1987. Bill was Buenos Aires COB at the time.

The others, from left to right: Santiago newsman Federico Quilodran, Eduardo Gallardo, Santiago news editor at the time and later Santiago COB, Claude Erbsen, Mexico COB Sergio Aragon, Martha Heath, Bill Heath, Santiago COB Kevin Noblet, an unidentified AP tech, and Santiago photographer Santiago Llanquin

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A diagnosis of a cancer he plans to beat

Our Connecting colleague **Steve Buttry** ([Email](#)) - and a good Iowa friend of mine - shares this news with his friends and colleagues:

I have been diagnosed with lymphoma. The last few weeks have been a whirlwind of medical tests (and lots of waiting for results). Mimi and I met with the oncologist yesterday and learned that I have aggressive mantle-cell lymphoma, which has spread to much of my body. But the good news was that this lymphoma responds well to treatment, and my long-term prognosis is good. We have more tests to come before we decide on the exact course of treatment, but the oncologist (Dr. Vince Cataldo) thinks he will probably recommend a chemotherapy treatment that is effective but not severe in its side



effects.

I will journal my treatment on Caring Bridge, if you care to follow there. I have more details in my first post. You don't need a password to read my journal, but you may need to register for Caring Bridge, if you haven't already. I have more clinical details there today.

I also have a blog post at [The Buttry Diary](#) about my battle with cancer. That one is long, but it's from the heart.

And, if you noted that mantle-cell is an interesting name for a Yankee fan's disease, I even have a brief post at Hated Yankees.

From here, most updates will be on Caring Bridge. I found this an excellent way to share news with a lot of people when my nephew Patrick had leukemia, so I plan to do that as well. Personal messages are always welcome, and I will respond to them as I can. But I'm also continuing work and undergoing chemo. Please understand that personal responses may be sporadic and/or brief.

As I shared the early, partial diagnosis with a few family and friends, I have already been touched with your encouraging words and your assurances that you will be praying for me. It means more to me than I can say.

We'll beat this,
Steve

Stories of interest

[FOIA reform dies while the press looked the other way - RIP Improvement Act of 2014](#)

More than two years of work by open government advocates collapsed on Thursday night when House Speaker John Boehner closed the final legislative session of the 113th Congress without bringing the FOIA Improvement Act of 2014 to a vote.

Similar legislation passed the House with a vote of 410-0 earlier this year, and the Improvement Act was given unanimous consent in the Senate on Monday, so it is safe to say that if the bill had come to the floor it would now be on its way to the President's desk.

Amy Bennett is the assistant director of OpenTheGovernment.org, which since 2011 has helped build a coalition of pro-transparency groups and lawmakers dedicated to improving FOIA. She expressed frustration at Boehner's refusal to acknowledge the momentum behind the bill. "It feels a little 11th hour," she said.

But even more frustrating to advocates fighting to push the bill through its final stages was an almost complete lack of interest from the major publications most likely to benefit from better freedom of information laws. When US Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) almost killed the bill singlehandedly in the face of otherwise unanimous support earlier this week, it didn't garner more than an eyebrow raise from the media.

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[Attorney General Won't Force New York Times Reporter to Reveal Source](#) (Shared by Carol Riha)

Attorney General Eric Holder has decided against forcing a reporter for the New York Times to reveal the identity of a confidential source, according to a senior Justice Department official.

The reporter, James Risen, has been battling for years to stop prosecutors from forcing him to name his source for a book that revealed a CIA effort to sabotage Iran's nuclear weapons program.

The government wanted Risen's testimony in the trial of a former CIA official, Jeffrey Sterling, accused of leaking classified information.

But now, according to the Justice Department official, Holder has directed that Risen must not be required to reveal "information about the identity of his source."

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[Eric Holder Faces Another Bid for a Journalist to Testify](#)

With Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. facing a deadline over whether to force a reporter for The New York Times to testify in a leak trial, Preet Bharara, the United States attorney in Manhattan, has recommended that Mr. Holder approve a subpoena for another journalist, a reporter for CBS News.

Mr. Bharara wants to force Richard Bonin, a longtime producer for "60 Minutes," to testify next month at a terrorism trial over bombings by Al Qaeda in 1998. One of the two defendants, Khaled al-Fawwaz, is accused of running Al Qaeda's media office in London. Prosecutors want Mr. Bonin to discuss his dealings with the group's media office in an unsuccessful effort to interview Osama bin Laden in 1998, officials and others briefed on the case said.

No subpoena has been issued, but the recommendation comes at a difficult time for Mr. Holder, who has faced criticism from free-press groups for repeatedly issuing subpoenas to journalists. He said recently that his biggest regret was his handling of a subpoena for James Rosen, a reporter for Fox News whom the Justice Department described as a criminal co-conspirator for talking to a government official about

classified information. Criticism over that case and others prompted the Justice Department to rewrite its rules for issuing subpoenas to journalists.

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[A Bit of Good News About Journalism](#)

Earlier this week, in a post about the fallout from major editorial turnover at The New Republic and journalistic flaws in a Rolling Stone account of an alleged sexual assault at a University of Virginia fraternity, my colleague George Packer noted that "the crisis in journalism is a business crisis, and it's been going on for twenty years." That's perfectly accurate. With the arrival of the Internet, the old business model of relying mainly on revenues from print advertising, both display and classified, was fatally undermined, and efforts to replicate the advertising model on the Web have largely failed. Publishers know this story all too well, and they are still struggling to deal with it.

Earlier this year, Time Warner hived off Time Inc., which is still the nation's largest magazine company, as a separate entity. The Tribune Company did the same thing with its newspaper arm, which owns the Chicago Tribune and the Los Angeles Times. Meanwhile, many publishers are still downsizing. At the New York Times, another hundred newsroom posts have just been eliminated through buyouts, and many able and experienced journalists are leaving. (They include Floyd Norris, the financial commentator; Bill Carter, the television reporter; and Steven Greenhouse, the labor reporter.)

At such a moment, it may seem a bit off to focus on the positives. But there are some encouraging things happening. While many journalists have lost faith in the future of their trade, venture capitalists are taking the opposite view. Far from giving up on journalism, they are providing big chunks of funding to online news providers, such as BuzzFeed, Vice, and Vox. Some of what these publishers put out is mere click bait, but they also produce serious journalism, such as this story, from The Verge, a Vox site, which details how the N.Y.P.D. is using social media to lock up Harlem teens, and this interview that Vice scored with James Mitchell, the psychologist who helped the C.I.A. to develop its "enhanced interrogation"-i.e., torture-techniques.

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[Dowd denies sharing column with Sony co-chair](#)

New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd says she never shared an advance version of a March column which quoted Sony Pictures co-chair Amy Pascal, despite an email unearthed in the Sony hack suggesting otherwise.

The massive hack by a group calling themselves "Guardians of Peace" shows emails between Dowd,



Pascal and Pascal's husband, Bernie Weinraub, a former Times reporter, discussing a column by Dowd about the movie industry being dominated by white males, BuzzFeed reports.

The emails show Pascal was hesitant to participate, telling her husband she didn't want to speak with her if Dowd was going to "slam" her. One email from Weinraub to Pascal appears to show that Dowd was sharing the column with him before publication, writing "you can't tell a single person that I'm seeing the column before it's printed...its not done...no p.r. people or Lynton or anyone should know."

In an email though, Dowd says she "never showed Bernie the column in advance or promised to show it."

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[Ann Compton: I Spent 40 Years Covering the White House](#)

The flash of a president's profanity-laced anger over "scandals." The grief embracing parents of first grade victims of a classroom shooting. Euphoria over Middle East peace accords. The look of grave realization as he hears the whispered news: "A second plane has hit the World Trade Center. America is under attack."

I retired from ABC News on September 10, 41 years to the day after I arrived as a network correspondent in 1973. Back then, the Cold War was hot, the Middle East was in flames and Watergate was coming to a boil. When Richard M. Nixon finally resigned to avoid impeachment the following year, the president of ABC News in New York deployed me, his youngest recruit, to the White House beat. No network had ever assigned a woman there, and coverage would demand near constant travel. Being the first woman assigned was not the challenge. It was age. I was 27 years old, inexperienced and untested.



Four decades and seven presidencies later, the time has come to reflect one more time over several moments-some whimsical, others profound-that defined my time at the White House. There I was, in the room, as the brand new president, Gerald Ford, tried to break the ice with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev at a Helsinki human rights summit in 1975. It was a high stakes moment for the free world's battle against communism, but I was more flustered that Brezhnev would appear surprised to find a young woman among the American reporters. He approached me and with his huge hand tousled what apparently struck him as my very short Western haircut. Even the veteran correspondents could not have imagined that years later I would cover another new president, George H. W. Bush, as the Berlin Wall fell and report live from the White House lawn on Christmas Night 1991 as Mikhail Gorbachev declared that the Soviet Union had dissolved.

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[News site gets to the 'bottom' of things before issuing correction](#) (Shared by Bob Daugherty)

HOPATCONG - A news story published online Wednesday night made a gaffe that didn't sit well with police.

In a story about a driver arrested for alleged crack-cocaine possession, the Sussex County-based New Jersey Herald reported that the defendant "was arrested and taken to headquarters where she was given an Alcotest and a digital rectal exam."

Hopatcong Lt. Thomas Kmetz on Friday morning sent out an email to various media representatives explaining, "When I write about a DWI from drugs and use 'DRE,' it means Drug Recognition Expert, not what the NJ Herald wrote."

The Final Word

MAYA ANGELOU



She said, "I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision. I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. I've learned that I still have a lot to learn. I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Dec. 13, the 347th day of 2014. There are 18 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 13, 1944, during World War II, the light cruiser USS Nashville was badly damaged in a Japanese kamikaze attack off Negros Island in the Philippines that claimed 133 lives.

On this date:

In 1642, Dutch navigator Abel Tasman sighted present-day New Zealand.

In 1769, Dartmouth College in New Hampshire received its charter.

In 1862, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside launched futile attacks against entrenched Confederate soldiers during the Civil War Battle of Fredericksburg; the soundly defeated Northern troops withdrew two days later.

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson arrived in France, becoming the first chief executive to visit Europe while in office.

In 1928, George Gershwin's "An American in Paris" had its premiere at Carnegie Hall in New York.

In 1937, the Chinese city of Nanjing fell to Japanese forces; what followed was a massacre of war prisoners, soldiers and citizens. (China maintains as many as 300,000 people died; Japan says the toll was far less.)

In 1962, the United States launched Relay 1, a communications satellite which retransmitted television, telephone and digital signals.

In 1974, Malta became a republic. George Harrison visited the White House, where he met President Gerald Ford.

In 1981, authorities in Poland imposed martial law in a crackdown on the Solidarity labor movement. (Martial law formally ended in 1983.)

In 1989, the film "Driving Miss Daisy," starring Morgan Freeman and Jessica Tandy, was put into limited release by Warner Bros.

In 1994, an American Eagle commuter plane crashed short of Raleigh-Durham International Airport in North Carolina, killing 15 of the 20 people on board.

In 2003, Saddam Hussein was captured by U.S. forces while hiding in a hole under a

farmhouse in Adwar, Iraq, near his hometown of Tikrit.

Ten years ago: A jury in Redwood City, California, recommended the death penalty for Scott Peterson for the murder of his pregnant wife, Laci. NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe resigned. A Chilean judge indicted former dictator General Augusto Pinochet (pee-noh-CHET') on charges of kidnapping nine political dissidents and killing one of them during his 17-year military regime. (However, Pinochet never faced trial, and died in 2006 at age 91.)

Five years ago: The Senate passed, 57-35, a \$1.1 trillion spending bill with increased budgets for vast areas of the federal government, including health, education, law enforcement and veterans' programs. An attacker hurled a statuette at Italian premier Silvio Berlusconi, striking him in the face and leaving the stunned 73-year-old leader with a broken nose and two broken teeth. (The attacker, Massimo Tartaglia, was later found unfit to stand trial.) Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Samuelson died in Belmont, Massachusetts, at age 94.

One year ago: North Korea's state-run media announced the execution the day before of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's uncle, portraying Jang Song Thaek as a morally corrupt traitor. Reality TV star Khloe Kardashian filed for divorce from Lamar Odom after four years of marriage.

Today's Birthdays: Former Secretary of State George P. Shultz is 94. Actor-comedian Dick Van Dyke is 89. Actor Christopher Plummer is 85. Country singer Buck White is 84. Music/film producer Lou Adler is 81. Singer John Davidson is 73. Actress Kathy Garver (TV: "Family Affair") is 69. Singer Ted Nugent is 66. Rock musician Jeff "Skunk" Baxter is 66. Country musician Ron Getman is 66. Actor Robert Lindsay is 65. Country singer-musician Randy Owen is 65. Actress Wendie Malick is 64. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack is 64. Former Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke is 61. Country singer John Anderson is 60. Singer-songwriter Steve Forbert is 60. Singer-actor Morris Day is 58. Actor Steve Buscemi (boo-SEH'-mee) is 57. Actor Johnny Whitaker is 55. Rock musician John Munson (Semisonic; Twilight Hours) is 52. Actress-reality TV star NeNe Leakes is 48. Actor-comedian Jamie Foxx is 47. Actor Bart Johnson is 44. TV personality Debbie Matenopoulos is 40. Rock singer-musician Thomas DeLonge is 39. Actor James Kyson Lee is 39. Actress Chelsea Hertford is 33. Rock singer Amy Lee (Evanescence) is 33. Actor Michael Socha is 27. Country singer Taylor Swift is 25. Actress Maisey Stella is 11.

Thought for Today: "To know how to say what others only know how to think is what makes men poets or sages; and to dare to say what others only dare to think makes men martyrs or reformers - or both." - Elizabeth Charles, British writer (1828-1896).

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