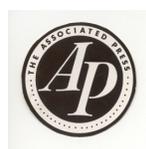
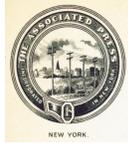


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# Connecting

January 27, 2015

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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning!

Connecting colleagues worldwide join me in wishing safety and warmth to all our colleagues who are in the snow band sweeping through the Northeast.

If you're in the area and have a snow story to tell, or a photo, or both - send along to me for tomorrow's edition.

Connecting colleague **Brian Friedman** posted the photo above on Facebook, noting it "was a pretty easy commute today along 34th Street." And Iowa boy **Mark Mittelstadt**, who has seen a Midwest storm or two in his day, noted from his home in New Jersey, "Is that all there is? Four days of warnings, hype and preparing for a devastating storm, and just a few inches is it? The forecast was clearly wrong, at least for us. We're glad it was."

Paul

## Dwindling group of survivors to mark Auschwitz 70 years today

*(Colleagues - if you have a coverage story to relate on Auschwitz or if you have a family tie, please send it along to Connecting.)*



OSWIECIM, Poland (AP) - A decade ago, 1,500 Holocaust survivors traveled to Auschwitz to mark the 60th anniversary of the death camp's liberation. On Tuesday, for the 70th anniversary, organizers are expecting 300, the youngest in their 70s.

"In 10 years there might be just one," said Zygmunt Shipper, an 85-year-old survivor who

will attend the event in southern Poland to pay homage to the millions killed by the Third Reich. In recent years, Shipper has been traveling around Britain to share his story with school groups, hoping to reach as many people as he can while he has the strength.

"The children cry, and I tell them to talk to their parents and brothers and sisters and ask them 'why do we do it and why do we hate?'" he said. "We mustn't forget what happened."

But as the world moves inevitably closer to a post-survivor era, some Jewish leaders fear that people are already starting to forget. And they warn that the anti-Semitic hatred and violence that are on the rise, particularly in Europe, could partly be linked to fading memories of the Holocaust.

Click [here](#) to read more.

*PHOTO: Visitors walk by barbed wire fences at the Auschwitz Nazi death camp in Oswiecim, Poland, Monday, Jan. 26, 2015. A decade ago, 1,500 Holocaust survivors traveled to Auschwitz to mark the 60th anniversary of the death camp's liberation. On Tuesday, for the 70th anniversary, organizers are expecting 300, the youngest in their 70s. (AP Photo/Alik Keplicz)*

## Elaine Light, One Of The First Female Sports Reporters

**Elaine Light** ([Email](#)) was one of the first female AP reporters, with the AP in Pittsburgh from 1944-1950, and one of the nation's first female sports reporters.

At 92, she is also our newest Connecting member and contributes these memories of her career:

### By ELAINE LIGHT

As soon as I graduated from college in 1944, I made my rounds at the Pittsburgh papers and news services. I had been the sports editor of Pitt News at the University of Pittsburgh, and I was determined to cover sports professionally. After a few weeks without success, my college mentor suggested that, as an alternative, I should get married. I was crushed.

A week later, thanks in part to so many men being away at WWII, I landed a job with the AP covering sports as well as everything from murder trials to coal and steel strikes. Only a few weeks before, the AP hired its first female



reporter. She was replacing her husband while he was serving our country, with the understanding that she would return his job when he came back.

Most of the male writers were initially friendly since I knew them from my undergraduate days. The press box was off-limits to women and African-Americans, but they condescendingly allowed me to hang out nearby. This actually helped me scoop one of the most iconic moments in baseball history.

It started when Robert Murphy, a Boston lawyer and labor expert, created the American Baseball Guild to help players get a "square deal." His goal was to give them rights and raise their salaries to a minimum of \$7,500 a year. Because Pittsburgh was a strong union town that was used to strikes, he chose the Pittsburgh Pirates as his first test. On June 7, 1946, the team held a strike vote just before their game against the New York Giants.



As the world waited to find out what would happen, my male colleagues were in the press box while I was below it in the field. This allowed me to be the first to see catcher Al Lopez emerge from the locker room, which signaled that the team was coming out and would play. He strode over and shook my hand. By the time the men realized what was happening, I had beat them to the only phone booth on the field to call in the story. The AP broke the news, and the next time I went to the ballpark the male reporters told me, in no uncertain terms, that I was no longer welcome anywhere in the vicinity of the press box.

Undeterred, I continued to cover sports until I was sent to Punxsutawney, PA, on a story and met my future husband. The AP asked if I would take a leave of absence instead of quitting, but since

Punxsutawney was a good two hours from the AP offices, I did not think it was a good way to start a marriage. I continued to write but began a new career as a cookbook author and food writer.

Despite the ire of my male colleagues, it was great being one of the first female sports reporters. I felt as though I was reaching the peak of Mount Everest every day.

## Guess who's 11?



**Beth Grace** ([Email](#)) reports:

He is not former AP and cannot even type, as he is, sadly, thumbless.

But he is part of our Connecting world - Dudley T. DoRight T. Dog, the official welcome dog of Connecting, celebrates his 11th birthday today. He plans to celebrate quietly with friends, avoiding paparazzi (me with the iPhone camera), napping for 23 hours, eating briefly, walking, then dozing off next to his favorite pal, his stuffed rhino, Bob.

A big day.

## **Connecting mailbox**

***Now, THAT's a Press Card***



That's **Ed Andrieski** ([Email](#)) - at right - with AP West photo editor **Tom Stathis**, who is holding a giant Press card signed by attendees to Ed's retirement party last Saturday in Denver.

About 50 AP staff and member photographers attended.

Ed retired recently after 35 years as Denver photographer.

Photo taken by Peter Banda.

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***Dave Martin - a wonderful, colorful guy!***

**Brian Horton** ([Email](#)) - commenting on a photo of Dave Martin submitted in Monday's Connecting by Cliff Schiappa:

I was in charge of AP's (Super Bowl) photo coverage for many years and in the first few pages of our checklist was to go to Home Depot and get the deep fryer. A very integral part of our coverage!

Dave Martin (all of his friends called him Mullet - after the fish, not the haircut, but that's a different story) was singularly responsible for many, many AP staffers buying them for home use, too. An annual tradition in his neighborhood back in Montgomery was to have three or four of the deep fryers going at once on the day before Thanksgiving. He'd dunk the birds for the whole neighborhood. Everyone three five bucks in the hat to cover the cost of the oil!

A wonderful and very colorful guy!

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### ***A surprise 65<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Brian Horton***



**Chuck Zoeller** ([Email](#)) - Here's a snap from Brian Horton's surprise 65th birthday party in Somerville, N.J., on Saturday. That's the retired senior photo editor for sports at right with his wife Marilyn. Retired photo desk manager Madge Stager records the party at left.

Other current and former AP photo staffers in attendance: Charlie Arbogast, Hal Buell, Claudia Counts, Claudia DiMartino, Melissa Einberg, Rob Kozloff, Julio Cortez, Don Mell, Jenn Poggi, Amy Sancetta, Jeanne Stallman, Bernadette Tuazon and Chuck Zoeller.

The surprise party was organized by Marilyn and the hosts, Loren Fisher and Robin Gaby Fisher, along with Amy Sancetta and Jenn Poggi. Jenn assembled a video of birthday wishes from those in attendance as well as Brian's former colleagues in far flung locales who could not attend.

For the record, Brian's actual birthday was a couple of weeks ago.

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### ***Linda Deutsch honored with FOI award***



**Rachel Ambrose** ([Email](#)) - Linda Deutsch (right) was recognized Saturday night (Feb. 24) with a Freedom of Information award at the 65th annual Golden Mike Awards presented by the Radio-TV News Association of Southern California.

Linda was honored at a Universal City (California) hotel upon her retirement after 48 years of reporting for The Associated Press. Rachel Ambrose, a former colleague who joined the AP in Los Angeles the same year that Linda started, made the award presentation before about 200 people.

Linda noted, "Rachel remarked in her presentation that when I came to the AP in 1967, I was the only woman in the bureau. I noted in my acceptance speech that this was true until the following year, when Rachel arrived. It was quite historic to have both of us on stage at this event. And it was a wonderful tribute from our broadcast friends who know Rachel well. She was AP/LA's broadcast editor until her retirement. \"



## Profile of new Connecting member

**Bill Welch** ([Email](#)) - I have been a reporter with USA Today since leaving the AP Washington bureau in 1993. For the past 10 years I have reported from Los Angeles.

In this age of Twitter, non-stop news cycles and instant updates, AP experience has served me well. In addition to covering West Coast stories, I do a lot of main lead writing and rewrite on national and world stories for our web, mobile and tablet platforms as well as print. I've done international reporting as well including a stint in

Afghanistan, where I was able to renew acquaintances with Bob Reid, my first news editor, circa 1976 in AP Charlotte bureau.

While in Washington with USA Today I covered Congress, politics and elections, health care and more. I've also reported from Africa and East Asia. And in Southern California, USA Today has given me the opportunity to do some writing, reviews and video of autos and motorcycles, which I love doing.

I was a national reporter in the Washington bureau of AP for 10 years. I arrived in 1982 from Raleigh, where I was statehouse reporter. I spent 17 years in all with AP and recall them mostly fondly. It certainly was superb training for today's demands for speed.

## **AP Clarification: Hottest Year Story**

In a story Jan. 16, The Associated Press reported that the odds that nine of the 10 hottest years have occurred since 2000 are about 650 million to one. These calculations, as the story noted, treated as equal the possibility of any given year in the records being one of the hottest. The story should have included the fact that substantial warming in the years just prior to this century could make it more likely that the years since were warmer, because high temperatures tend to persist.

The story also reported that 2014 was the hottest year on record, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and NASA, but did not include the caveat that other recent years had average temperatures that were almost as high - and they all fall within a margin of error that lessens the certainty that any one of the years was the hottest.

An earlier version of the story quoted Rutgers University climate scientist Jennifer Francis as noting that the margin of error makes it uncertain whether 2014 was warmest, or the second, third or sixth warmest year. She said that regardless, the trend shows a "clear, consistent and incontrovertible" warming of Earth. That reference to the margin of error was dropped in later versions.

Click [here](#) to read the story. (Shared by Mark Mittelstadt)

## **Welcome to Connecting**

**Melissa Einberg** ([Email](#))

**Ben Fox** ([Email](#)) - chief of Caribbean News, AP Miami.

**Marcia Hill** ([Email](#)) - ex- AP Bureau, Vienna, Austria

**Elaine Knight** ([Email](#))

**Sue Manning** ([Email](#))

**John Rice** ([Email](#)) - Latin America desk; joined AP in 1979 in Nevada.

**C.C. (Kit) Miniclier** ([Email](#)) - I represented THE AP as a reporter/photog, CoB, correspondent, etc in Trenton, Newark, 50 Rockefeller Plaza; east Africa, Cairo and Asia.

**Bill Welch** ([Email](#))

## Stories of interest

### [Former Fox Station Employee Shoots Himself Outside Manhattan Office Building](#)

A former employee of a Fox television station in Texas shot himself outside the front doors of a Midtown Manhattan office building shortly before 9 a.m. Monday, a law-enforcement official said.

The building houses 21st Century Fox Inc., owner of the station, and News Corp, which owns The Wall Street Journal.

He was rushed to Bellevue Hospital Center, where he was pronounced dead about an hour later, police said.

The man, Phillip Perea, 41 years old, of Irving, Texas, shot himself once in the chest outside of 1211 Avenue of the Americas, the official said. Mr. Perea had previously worked for a Fox station in Austin, Texas, police said.

Mr. Perea had also been handing out fliers, which criticized his employer for having "ended my career," moments before he shot himself, the official said.

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### [Rieder: The ridiculous obsession with Deflategate](#)

I've railed for years about the ridiculous proliferation of -gate, the magical suffix applied by the media to every scandal, big or little, real or imagined.

But now, I have to admit, I'm beginning to feel some sympathy for -gate.

Even such a stunningly trite, overused, largely meaningless suffix deserves better than being



associated with the NFL flap they call Deflategate.

The media's predilection in the age of cable and digital to overcover the hell out of the story of the moment, or often the "story" of the moment, is hardly a secret.

But when the ultimate history of -gate is written, or perhaps tweeted, there's little doubt that Deflategate will be ranked at the top of the list of Worst -Gates Ever.

And Ballghazi, like its sibling Billghazi, will encounter a similar fate.

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### [With stellar record as VP/News, Joyce Dehli will leave Lee](#)

DAVENPORT, Iowa - Joyce Dehli, who has guided a monumental transformation of Lee Enterprises newsrooms in 50 markets across 22 states, plans to step down after nine years as vice president for news.

Mary Junck, Lee chairman and chief executive officer, said Dehli informed her of plans to resign several months ago and that a successor will be announced soon. She said Dehli will continue in office until a transition is completed and has agreed to serve over the next year as a resource for Lee editors and publishers seeking advice on news ethics and professional standards.



"Joyce's impact on Lee is indelible," Junck said. "We are grateful for all she has done in reshaping our newsrooms into multimedia, digital-and-print news operations with larger, more diverse audiences than ever before, through inspirational strategy, keen focus on priorities, extensive training on digital and mobile news and social media, and collaboration with colleagues throughout the company and across the industry..."

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### [Pence state-run news outlet will compete with media](#) (Shared by Jack Ronald)

(Indiana) Gov. Mike Pence is starting a state-run news service that will provide pre-written news stories to Indiana news outlets, as well as sometimes compete with them for news about his administration, according to documents obtained by The Indianapolis Star.

Pence is planning to launch "Just IN" in late February, a website and news service that will feature stories written by state press secretaries and is being overseen by a former Indianapolis Star reporter, Bill McCleery.

"At times, Just IN will break news -- publishing information ahead of any other news

outlet. Strategies for determining how and when to give priority to such 'exclusive' coverage remain under discussion," according to a question-and-answer sheet distributed to communications directors for state agencies last week details.

The Pence news service will take stories written by state communications directors and publish them on its website. Stories will "range from straightforward news to lighter features, including personality profiles."

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### [Syrian Refugees by James Nachtwey](#)

The state of being a refugee is temporary, in theory, but without a place to go back to - a nation, a city, a home - limbo begins to look permanent, a designated space carved out of someone else's country, where the basic needs of physical survival might be provided, but the rights of citizenship are forfeit, and human aspirations lose both their means and their direction.



Refugees are not only sequestered in space, they are incarcerated in time, walled-in between a past that's been obliterated and a future that no longer exists. But things can get worse. Intense suffering from disease and starvation can render strictures of time and space merely negligible, and what might have been purgatory becomes a living hell. With the refugees from Syria, thankfully, that is not the case.

The international community has responded. Neighboring countries, Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey, have extended hospitality and NGO's have organized food, shelter, water and medical assistance. And people have each other. Whole communities have been uprooted and have managed to stay together. But will they ever be able to safely return to Syria? If they cannot return, then how will the rest of the world accommodate not only their basic survival, but meet the challenge of establishing new citizenship, and the opportunities for self-determination inherent in that responsibility, rather than accepting the creation of another stateless people?

James Nachtwey is a TIME contract photographer.



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### [Afghans protest French satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo](#)

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - Hundreds of people have protested in two Afghan cities against the French satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo over it

using a caricature of the Prophet Muhammad on its cover.

The demonstrations in the capital, Kabul, and the western city of Herat took place after Friday prayers. Protesters carried banners proclaiming: "We love Muhammad." They also chanted "Death to America, Israel and France" and "Death to the Enemies of Islam."

A Jan. 7 terrorist attack on Charlie Hebdo's Paris office killed 12 people. Many across the Muslim world have protested satirical weekly's first issue after the attack, which shows a drawing of a tearful Prophet Muhammad holding a sign saying "Je suis Charlie."

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### [Bloomberg Shakes Up Newsroom Side of His Company](#)

Things have changed at Bloomberg since its founder, Michael R. Bloomberg, returned to the office.

Some of the changes are small. He had struggled to find the paper towel dispensers, artfully hidden behind the mirrors in the company bathrooms, so he had them labeled with arrows. Emails between staff members are marked with the time the employee entered the office, a measure that has been reinstated since Mr. Bloomberg returned and that some suspect is intended to encourage employees to arrive earlier (or to shame them for arriving late). In a memo, he asked his staff members to make sure their security cards do not cover their name badges so that he can identify them more easily.

Some of the changes are big. The company's chief executive, Daniel L. Doctoroff, stepped down last year after it became clear that Mr. Bloomberg wanted to make his own decisions. Late last year the founder and longtime head of the news operation, Matthew Winkler, was moved aside and given an honorary title. He was replaced by John Micklethwait, the editor of The Economist. Mr. Bloomberg oversaw the process. Mr. Winkler's deputy, Laurie Hays, once seen as his heir apparent, left shortly afterward.

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### [Wolff: Murdoch's Sun sets](#)

This is a tip of the hat to the passing of one of the most curious, and enduring, institutions in modern journalism: the Page 3 girl.

In 1969, Rupert Murdoch and Robert Maxwell, the two tabloid interlopers in British journalism, went head to head in a competition to buy the once left-wing broadsheet turned youth-market tabloid, The Sun. It was controlled by IPC - the owner of Britain's biggest tabloid, the Mirror, run by



one of Fleet Street's greatest names, Hugh Cudlipp - which was desperate to sell the ever-declining Sun.

Murdoch, the Australian trying to make a name for himself in Britain, had taken an almost moral position against Cudlipp and the Mirror: a great paper, "an anti-establishment and soldiers' paper," he believed had been corrupted by Cudlipp's efforts to go up-market, and his desire to hang with the "champagne people."

## Today in History

### By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 27, the 27th day of 2015. There are 338 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 27, 1945, during World War II, Soviet troops liberated the Nazi concentration camps Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland.

### On this date:

In 1756, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria.

In 1880, Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp.

In 1901, opera composer Giuseppe Verdi died in Milan, Italy, at age 87.

In 1913, the musical play "The Isle O' Dreams" opened in New York; it featured the song "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" by Ernest R. Ball, Chauncey Olcott and George Graff Jr.

In 1944, during World War II, the Soviet Union announced the complete end of the deadly German siege of Leningrad, which had lasted for more than two years.

In 1951, an era of atomic testing in the Nevada desert began as an Air Force plane dropped a one-kiloton bomb on Frenchman Flat.

In 1965, "Up the Down Staircase," Bel Kaufman's novel about a young, idealistic teacher at a New York inner-city school, was published by Prentice-Hall.

In 1967, astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White and Roger B. Chaffee died in a flash fire during a test aboard their Apollo spacecraft. More than 60 nations signed a treaty banning the orbiting of nuclear weapons.

In 1973, the Vietnam peace accords were signed in Paris.

In 1977, the Vatican issued a declaration reaffirming the Roman Catholic Church's ban on female priests.

In 1984, singer Michael Jackson suffered serious burns to his scalp when pyrotechnics set his hair on fire during the filming of a Pepsi-Cola TV commercial at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

In 1998, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, on NBC's "Today" show, charged the sexual

misconduct allegations against her husband were the work of a "vast right-wing conspiracy."

Ten years ago: Condoleezza Rice, in her first day on the job as Secretary of State, reached out by phone to European allies and partners in the war on terrorism and echoed President George W. Bush's inaugural charge to promote liberty across the globe. Frail survivors and humbled world leaders remembered the victims of the Holocaust as they marked the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camp Auschwitz.

Five years ago: Acknowledging that "change has not come fast enough," President Barack Obama vowed in his State of the Union address to get jobless millions back to work while fighting for ambitious overhauls of health care, energy and education. Apple CEO Steve Jobs unveiled the iPad tablet computer during a presentation in San Francisco. J.D. Salinger, the reclusive author of "The Catcher in the Rye," died in Cornish, New Hampshire, at age 91. Actress Zelda Rubinstein died in Los Angeles at age 76.

One year ago: Mexico essentially legalized the country's growing "self-defense" groups, reaching an agreement with vigilante leaders to incorporate the armed civilian outfits into old and largely forgotten quasi-military units called the Rural Defense Corps. Folk singer and activist Pete Seeger, 94, died in New York.

Today's Birthdays: Actor James Cromwell is 75. Actor John Witherspoon is 73. Rock musician Nick Mason (Pink Floyd) is 71. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nedra Talley (The Ronettes) is 69. Ballet star Mikhail Baryshnikov is 67. Political commentator Ed Schultz is 61. Chief U.S. Justice John Roberts is 60. Country singer Cheryl White is 60. Country singer-musician Richard Young (The Kentucky Headhunters) is 60. Actress Mimi Rogers is 59. Rock musician Janick Gers (Iron Maiden) is 58. Actress Susanna Thompson (TV: "Arrow") is 57. Political and sports commentator Keith Olbermann is 56. Rock singer Margo Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 54. Rock musician Gillian Gilbert is 54. Actress Bridget Fonda is 51. Actor Alan Cumming is 50. Country singer Tracy Lawrence is 47. Rock singer Mike Patton is 47. Rapper Tricky is 47. Rock musician Michael Kulas (James) is 46. Actor-comedian Patton Oswalt is 46. Actor Josh Randall is 43. Country singer Kevin Denney is 39. Tennis player Marat Safin is 35. Rock musician Matt Sanchez (American Authors) is 29. Actor Braeden Lemasters (TV: "Betrayal"; "Men of a Certain Age") is 19.

***Thought for Today: "When a true genius appears, you can know him by this sign: that all the dunces are in a confederacy against him." - Jonathan Swift, Anglo-Irish satirist (1667-1745).***

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