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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning!

Gone viral on social media is the photo above by **Ben Sturner**, taken from the terrace of his Long Island City, Queens, apartment, on the eve of the 14th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

A story on the photo showing a rainbow appearing to originate from the World Trade Center by NBC4 New York leads off today's issue of Connecting.

Connecting apologizes to **Ebony Reed**, director of business development/local markets based in Boston, for referring to her as Emily Reed in Thursday's edition. Several of you outpointed the error to me and Ebony most graciously accepted my apology.

Ebony was honored by the Boston Business Journal as one of its 2015 40 Under 40 honorees - business and civic leaders who are making a major impact in the community while also improving the civic health of the Boston area through volunteer work and other forms of philanthropy. A panel of editors from the BBJ reviewed over 375 nominations this year. Key factors in choosing honorees were professional accomplishments and civic engagement. This year's 40 Under 40 class is the 18th since the Business Journal launched the program in 1998 and represents a wide variety of industry sectors.



Paul

Rainbow Appears Over World Trade Center on Eve of 9/11

By Michelle Kim
NBC4 New York

Photos showing a rainbow appearing to originate from the World Trade Center on the eve of Sept. 11 are quickly being shared online as they elicit emotional responses from admirers.

Ben Sturner, CEO of sports marketing company Leverage Agency, stepped outside onto the terrace of his apartment in Long Island City, Queens Thursday morning, part of his daily routine to check the weather. He has an unobstructed view of the World Trade Center and the Manhattan skyline from across the East River.

It was just after 7 a.m., and "I see this rainbow, and it's coming from the World Trade Center and it's the most gorgeous rainbow I've ever seen," he told NBC 4 New York over the phone. "I took out my phone and started snapping photos."

He posted them to his social media accounts, convinced others were posting images of the same beautiful scene. But he didn't find any others showing the same angle.

Once people started noticing his photos online, the responses started pouring in.

One woman tweeted him, "Best birthday present in 14 years. This picture of hope and renewal that I feel coursing through me and out my fingertips. Thank you."

One woman commented on the photo as shared on NBC 4 New York's Facebook page: "The message: let this rainbow be a sign of peace, strength and forgiveness. They are all angels, resting in peace. 9/11/01."

Another commenter said: "I'm on the bus and nearly cried when I saw this. Full body goosebumps."

And thousands of others have chimed in, describing the photo as "beautiful," "mysterious" and "incredible."

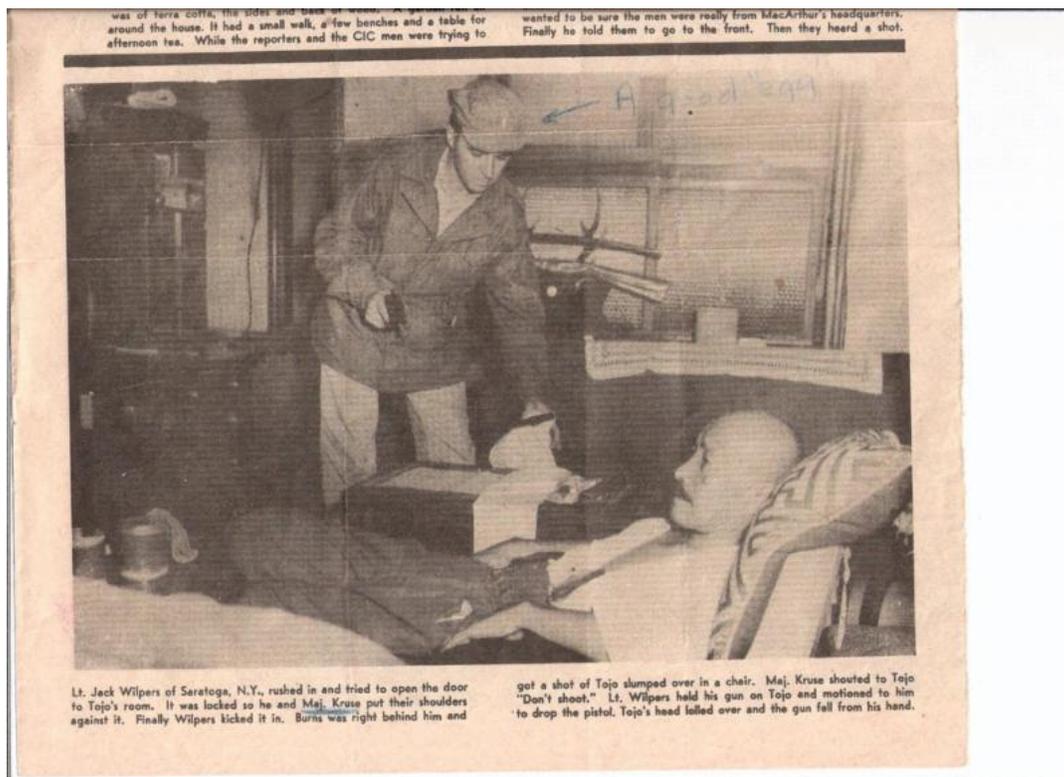
Sturner, who moved to New York City from North Carolina 12 years ago and wasn't in the city on Sept. 11, said he's touched that so many people have found their own special meaning in what he calls "a magical rainbow."

"You never know when you see something that could be moving," he said.

"It gives me chills," he said of the reaction.

Click [here](#) for a link to the story

70 years ago: Capture of Hideki Tojo



By **CHRIS CAROLA** ([Email](#))

Today, Sept. 11, is the 70th anniversary of the capture of former Japanese prime minister Hideki Tojo, nine days after Japan formally surrendered to officially end World War II.

Among the squad of U.S. Army personnel who took Tojo into custody was a bookmaker's son from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. He spoke briefly to Associated Press reporters at the scene, then didn't utter another word to the AP - or any other media outlet - about the capture until I finally convinced him to do so 65 years later.

And I owe it all to a hurricane and a free hat.

During the early 1990s, three years after rejoining the AP at our Albany bureau, I was interviewing a lawyer in Saratoga Springs when a comment I made about my interest in World War II prompted him to retrieve a photocopy of an old Yank magazine article from his bookshelf. The article was about the capture of Tojo at his home in suburban Tokyo on Sept. 11, 1945, by five American Army intelligence officers.

The article featured a photo (above) of a bleeding Tojo lying on a divan after shooting himself in the chest. According to the caption, standing over him with a Colt .45 trained on the wounded Japanese general was "Lt. Jack Wilpers of Saratoga, N.Y." Wilpers was credited with helping keep Tojo alive long enough for an American medical team to get

him to a hospital. Tojo recovered and was hung as a war criminal three years later.

The lawyer said Wilpers was his brother-in-law. I said I'd really like to interview Wilpers, so the lawyer got on the phone and called him up. One of Wilper's sons, John, answered the call. I told him who I was and what I wanted, and was met with laughter. The younger Wilpers said he too was a journalist, and his father hadn't even told his own children about his wartime exploits, including the Tojo capture.

At the time of the phone call, Jack Wilpers was a few years into his retirement after a post-war career with the CIA. After that initial call, I tried several other times to get an interview with him, only to be rejected. I even wrote him a letter at the suggestion of an older AP staffer, followed up by a phone call to his suburban Washington, D.C., home. Jack Wilpers answered this time, said he received the letter and thanked me for the courtesy, but said he wasn't interested in giving interviews to anyone.

Over the years I would occasionally Google his name to see if he had given any interviews. He hadn't. Then in early 2010, Wilpers was in the news: He had received a belated Bronze Star for his role in Tojo's capture. Wilpers received the medal during a ceremony held at the Pentagon that February. The Washington Post did a story, but the article didn't mention his New York roots, nor did it contain Wilpers' account of the capture.

I didn't see the story until I did an online search just before going off on vacation late that summer. Then-Albany News Editor Rik Stevens knew about my longtime quest to get an interview, so I mentioned to him that Wilpers had talked to at least one media outlet and might be willing to speak with the AP. I said I'd give it another try after returning from vacation the day after Labor Day.

I headed to Westport, Mass., where my brother and I have been renting beach houses since the late 1980s. Our weeklong stay wasn't supposed to end until the Saturday of Labor Day weekend, but with Hurricane Earl making its way up the East Coast we decided to head home a day early. So on that Thursday I biked to a nearby town beach I rarely visited to spend a few last hours by the ocean and watch the surfers taking advantage of the big waves.

I spread out a towel and took out a book and a hat, one of the tens of thousands the Saratoga Race Course has given away over the years. I looked up and noticed a man walking past with a surf board _ and wearing the exact same hat. I struck up a conversation and learned his family was originally from Saratoga. When I asked his family's name, replied Wilpers. I said: "Tell your old man I'm still pissed off at him for not talking to me about capturing Tojo."

The man with the surfboard was John Wilpers, Jack's son. John also vacationed every year in Westport. I asked him to please let his father know I was going to call him again for an interview. John said he would.



John J. Wilpers Jr., left, with his son, John J. Wilpers III, and daughter, Helen Wilpers Read, who are holding a photo of their father standing over wounded World War II Japanese leader Hideki Tojo that appeared in publications worldwide. (AP photo)

I returned to work that Tuesday and called Jack Wilpers, now a widower. Although his son had given him a heads-up about my call, he was hesitant at first. After a while he began providing details of his role in capturing Tojo. I phoned him again the next day to fill out some details, and my story moved on AP national and international wires on Sept. 10, 2010, a day before the 70th anniversary of Tojo's capture.

I've kept in contact with John Wilpers, so after Jack passed away on Feb. 28, 2013, I was the first reporter the family notified. I wrote Jack's obituary for the AP's national wire, beating the Washington Post and New York Times, both of which used some of my 2010 interview for their obits.

I still vacation in Westport, as does John Wilpers. Each summer since 2010 we've exchanged emails about our vacation plans but have yet to meet up. When we do, I'll hand him a brand new Saratoga racetrack hat.

Connecting mailbox

Kent Prince - Faye Prince, wife of retired New Orleans news editor Kent Prince, rescued one of those little brass plates when teletype printers were decommissioned. She hooked it onto a pull chain from a ceiling light and converted it into a necklace, "Property of The Associated Press." She wore it Sunday at the retirement party for Jack Elliott in Jackson, Mississippi, although it was so small it probably didn't show in the AP group picture. Although not full-time AP property like her husband, Faye ran AP election vote counting operations for years in Louisiana, Mississippi and sometimes Arkansas.



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Bob Haring - Interesting but sad piece about (death of) Gaylord Shaw. I worked with him when I was Tulsa correspondent, but also worked with his brother, Robert. Robert did not remain with AP and I lost contact with him after I left Oklahoma. But Gaylord was one of the brightest young men I worked with (along with Chris Connell, John Dorfman, Paul Recer and several others).

A side note to Gaylord Shaw. AP at one time had two Robert Shaws. One was Gaylord's brother, who worked in Oklahoma, and the other, not related, was in Little Rock and eventually became bureau chief there. When I was in Little Rock, he was a high school sports intern (along with Bill Simmons).

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Gene Herrick - I enjoyed the story by Joseph Benham's, about drinking holes and hotels on 51st street, near the AP's old headquarters at 50 Rock.

There was a yarn, sold as being true, that circulated around the AP system in the late 40's. It went like this: One of AP's editors, known for his amorous sortie trips to a little hotel on 51st., across from the office and observable from the AP office, made one of his lunchtime trips for a romantic rendezvous. Some of the "Boys" waited an appropriate time, judging a heightened time, and placed a phone call to the room. When the fellow answered, the spies advised him that they could see him in action. They hung up. Later the lover reported an immediate deflation of the operation, and expressed his anger at the joke.

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Ray Newton - on quotes to hang in a newsroom wall, Thursday's Connecting:

My favorite quote to hang on the wall-newsroom, classroom and later, my home office:

"It's a newspaper's duty to print the news and raise Hell." Chicago Times, 1861.

Second favorite: "Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets." Napoleon.

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Mike Sniffen - Joseph Benham's piece on 50 Rock watering holes wouldn't be complete without mention of Hurley's Saloon, a long, narrow bar with black wood walls and white tile floors which long occupied the northeast corner of 6th Avenue and 49th Street. It's since moved to the theater district.

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Joe McKnight - I thought you might be interested in the attached 1945 picture of the old Dallas (TX) News building. I think this was made before it became the Dallas Morning News. The late Robert A. (Bob) Jarboe (1923-2008) joined AP at Dallas in 1945 as a wirephoto operator, and after a few years worked briefly in same job at Miami before returning to Dallas. He transferred in 1976 to Des Moines as a photographer where he retired in 1985. He included this picture in a book of vignettes about his work as operator and photographer over a 40-year career. He sent me a copy of his book in 2003 or 2004. His obituary in APWorld for Winter 2008 noted that the death of Mary, one of his three daughters, the previous February left Jarboe heart-broken.

Connecting profile - Dean Golembeski

Dean Golembeski ([Email](#)) joined the AP in the Hartford, CT, (HF) bureau in January 1980 and remained there until November 1989. During that time he served as newsman, sports editor, state Capitol reporter, news editor and special writer. Since leaving the AP, Dean has held a variety of jobs, primarily in higher education and now is the associate vice president for communications at the University of New Haven. He has worked at Xerox, helped start a trading card company and a comic book company, and led communications at a U.S. national nuclear physics research lab conducting basic scientific research. Dean also has worked as a communications consultant and freelance writer/editor for a variety of clients since leaving the AP.



He adds: "I also have created a website where I am posting some of my reporting adventures. I am hoping to open to the site to those who worked with me so they can share their stories: <https://djgolembeski.atavist.com/>

Kathleen Hennessey rejoins AP from LA Times

AP Washington chief of bureau **Sally Buzbee**, in a staff note:



I'm very pleased to let you know that Kathleen Hennessey (left) will be re-joining the AP later this month as a reporter at the White House. Kathleen is an excellent source reporter who will bring wide experience, deep policy knowledge and clear, strong writing to our team.

Kathleen has covered national politics, Congress and the White House for the Los Angeles Times, the Chicago Tribune and other papers in the Tribune Publishing chain in recent years. She began her career as an intern in the LA Times Washington

bureau.

Kathleen first joined the Associated Press in 2005 as a statehouse temp in Carson City, Nevada, and worked for AP for five years covering politics, development and entertainment in the Las Vegas bureau before returning to Washington with

Tribune.

She is a 1998 graduate of Boston College, where she studied American history, and she holds a master's degree from UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism. Kathleen was born and raised in St. Paul, Minn., and lives on Capitol Hill with her husband, Bill, and their three boys.

She will start Sept. 28. Please join me in most enthusiastically welcoming her.

Stories of interest

The slow death of baseball box scores in newspapers (Poynter)

Forget "Dick and Jane." I learned to read by studying the baseball box scores in the newspaper. Many of you probably did the same if sports dominated your early years.

Once you deciphered the code, the box score provided almost everything you needed to know about a game. It told you that Mickey Mantle went 1 for 3 with a run scored as the result of his 36th homer of the season. Or that Sandy Koufax recorded 13 strikeouts in shutting out the Giants.

The box score has been a staple of newspapers since the 1800s. Yet like everything else in the ever changing world of media, its future is precarious in print editions, as sports editors wrestle with diminishing space and resources. They also wonder if running the box scores is essential given their instant availability on a multitude of websites.

Click [here](#) to read more.

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Changing campaign coverage starts with the bus (Columbia Journalism Review)

Orioles 5, Mets 4

NEW YORK	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Granderson rf	5	1	1	0	.251
DnMrphy 2b	4	1	2	2	.282
Cespedes dh	4	0	1	0	.274
Duda 1b	3	0	1	0	.247
Uribe 3b	3	0	0	0	.247
d'Arnaud c	3	1	0	0	.256
Conforto lf	2	0	0	0	.222
a-Cddyer ph-lf	1	0	1	0	.249
W.Flores ss	4	1	2	2	.255
Lagares cf	4	0	1	0	.260
TOTALS	33	4	9	4	

BALTIMORE	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Machado 3b	4	0	2	0	.300
G.Parra rf	4	0	1	0	.288
A.Jones cf	3	2	2	1	.283
C.Davis 1b	3	1	1	0	.258
Schoop 2b	4	1	1	2	.301
Clevenger dh	4	0	2	1	.406
J.Hardy ss	4	0	0	0	.225
Urrutia lf	4	1	1	1	.211
Joseph c	3	0	0	0	.252
TOTALS	33	5	10	5	

New York	100	110	100-4	9	0
Baltimore	000	102	101-5	10	0

No outs when winning run scored. a-singled for Conforto in the 9th. **LOB:** New York 6, Baltimore 6. **2B:** Granderson (23), Duda (28), M.Machado (25), A.Jones (22), C.Davis (20). **HR:** Dan.Murphy (9), off U.Jimenez; W.Flores (12), off Givens; Schoop (9), off Syndergaard; A.Jones (23), off Robles; Urrutia (1), off C.Torres. **RBIs:** Dan.Murphy 2 (47), W.Flores 2 (46), A.Jones (64), Schoop 2 (24), Clevenger (6), Urrutia (5). **SB:** Cespedes (3), M.Machado (16), G.Parra (1), C.Davis (2).

NEW YORK	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Syndergaard	5	8	3	3	2	6	3.17
Verrett	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.68
Robles BS , 2-2	1	1	1	1	0	2	4.00
Clippard	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.38
C.Torres L , 4-5	0	1	1	1	0	0	3.83

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
U.Jimenez	5	5	3	3	4	6	3.97
Givens	1½	1	1	1	0	1	1.86
Matusz	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.27
O'Day	¾	0	0	0	0	1	1.15
Britton W , 4-0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1.80

Syndergaard pitched to 3 batters in the 6th. C.Torres pitched to 1 batter in the 9th. **Inherited runners-scored:** Verrett 1-0, O'Day 1-0. **Umpires:** H, Tom Woodring; 1B, Dan Iassogna; 2B, CB Bucknor; 3B, Lance Barrett. **Time:** 3:01. **A:** 36,165 (45,971).



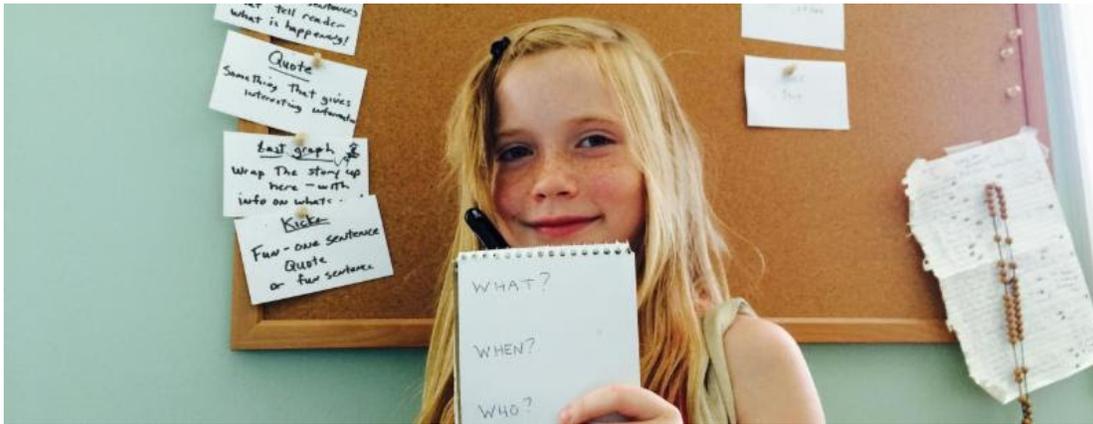
IN THE BOYS ON THE BUS, Timothy Crouse famously portrayed the traveling press corps for the 1972 presidential campaign as a pack, too often with interchangeable vantage points, sources, and, therefore, stories. That year, Rolling Stone's Hunter S. Thompson utilized a new gadget to file remotely: the fax machine. Forty-three years after Nixon vs. McGovern, the bubble "on the bus" remains, though the bus itself has changed.

More than a year before the 2016 election, only Hillary Clinton has a robust enough operation to offer a press bus. Traveling with candidates is enormously expensive, and with more than 20 candidates to cover and a front-loaded primary season, media outlets are taking mixed approaches. Organizations such as the AP and The Washington Post often assign reporters to bounce among several candidates-the number of true "embeds" seems down compared with other years, reporters there say, though that may change as campaigns gather steam. The Huffington Post will pick its spots for drop-in coverage, rather than embed with any one candidate for an extended stretch. "I think there's obvious benefits on the bus that we're forfeiting," HuffPost Political Editor Sam Stein said. "On the flip side, we won't have the risk of succumbing to a bubble mentality." That bubble is only more confining with tighter Web deadlines that limit chances to roam the crowds and chat with locals. And, with Twitter-minded journalists quick to pounce on gaffes, flubs, and tiffs, campaigns have grown increasingly guarded. For digital natives like BuzzFeed, whose politics desk has expanded to 15, including six full-time campaign correspondents who work on the road and in home offices, the investment in being there may have more to do with branding than with enabling original reporting.

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Is this 8-year-old's newspaper better than yours? (CJR)



Hilde Lysiak, 8, is learning the basics of journalism through her own monthly newspaper, The Orange Street News. (All photos by Joe Pompeo)

HILDE LYSIK HOPPED ON HER BIKE and pedaled south past the old Selinsgrove Inn, past the farmers market with the Amish couple selling home-grown veggies and pies, past the local police station where no one was around to answer the door, and over the green truss bridge above Penns Creek before hanging a right onto a shady road that hugs the river. It was a brilliant July Saturday morning in Selinsgrove, a quaint hamlet of about 5,000 in Pennsylvania's Susquehanna River Valley, where Hilde publishes Selinsgrove's only monthly newspaper, The Orange Street News.

Today was Selinsgrove's sixth annual Ta-Ta Trot, a 5K that drew some 2,100 runners and raised more than \$71,000 to fight breast cancer—a feel-good story, for sure, but Hilde wasn't interested. There was hard news to chase.

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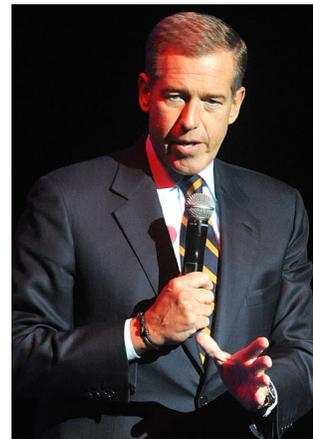
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Brian Williams to Start at MSNBC on Sept. 22 (New York Times)

Brian Williams, the beleaguered former anchor of NBC's "Nightly News," will start in his new position at the cable news network MSNBC on Sept. 22, an NBC News spokesman said on Thursday.

Mr. Williams's return to the air at the ratings-challenged news network coincides with Pope Francis's arrival in Washington for his United States visit. Exact details about what Mr. Williams will be doing once he returns were not disclosed.

In February, NBC suspended Mr. Williams for six months without pay as the anchor of NBC's evening newscast after he fabricated his experience in a helicopter attack in Iraq. In his new role, Mr. Williams will work as an anchor of breaking news and special reports at MSNBC.



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Use an ad blocker? The Washington Post is now probably blocking you (Geekwire)

Old-school major newspaper organizations have had to try out a lot of methods to drive revenue, but this is a new one: The Washington Post is stopping people who use ad blockers from reading the site.

The news comes from BuzzFeed, which reported that "The Washington Post has begun intermittently redirecting desktop users to a subscription page if they are using the popular Adblock software."

Sure enough, when I tried to read a piece today using Chrome, it redirected me to a subscription page. Again and again.

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The Final Word

12 tips for writing fast - or at least faster (Poynter)

By ROY PETER CLARK

To be a good writer, you have to learn to write slow. Some sentences or passages just take a long time. But slow writing need not be the norm. In journalism, the goal should be fast writing - or at least faster writing.

I'm a pretty fast writer, but not the fastest. That distinction might go to Bill Blundell, formerly of The Wall Street Journal and author of *The Art and Craft of Feature Writing*. I once attended a workshop with Bill in which the class was assigned a news feature story. We all had access to the same information. In the allotted time, I managed to squeeze out a couple of clumsy paragraphs. Blundell, who nervously chewed paper (literally), knocked off three pages in no time, good enough to be published the next morning.

Ray Holliman, a sports writer from Alabama, may have been the fastest writer in journalism history. The St. Petersburg Times used to send him to cover the late night West Coast football games, knowing that Ray could deliver on deadline. More than one sports writer told me, "Ray was always the first one out of the press box."

When it comes to spot news, I would declare that CBS radio correspondent Peter King is Johnny-on-the-spot. I've watched him take a fat document from NASA, digest it in no time, and turn it into a 90-second report before the competition can stir its coffee. I've studied writers like Blundell, Holliman, and King and have come up with a list of fast-writing

strategies that may not turn you into a fast writer, but will make you faster. (Jane Caplan, wife of the great medical ethicist Arthur Caplan once told me, "When Arthur cleans the house, it is never really clean, but it is cleaner.")

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Today in History - September 11, 2015

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Sept. 11, the 254th day of 2015. There are 111 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 11, 2001, America faced an unprecedented day of terror as 19 al-Qaida members hijacked four passenger jetliners, sending two of the planes smashing into New York's World Trade Center, one into the Pentagon and the fourth into a field in western Pennsylvania, resulting in nearly 3,000 deaths.

On this date:

In 1714, the forces of King Philip V of Spain overcame Catalan defenders to end the 13-month-long Siege of Barcelona during the War of the Spanish Succession.

In 1789, Alexander Hamilton was appointed the first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury.

In 1814, an American fleet scored a decisive victory over the British in the Battle of Lake Champlain in the War of 1812.

In 1857, the Mountain Meadows Massacre took place in present-day southern Utah as a 120-member Arkansas immigrant party was slaughtered by Mormon militiamen aided by Paiute Indians.

In 1936, Boulder Dam (now Hoover Dam) began operation as President Franklin D. Roosevelt pressed a key in Washington to signal the startup of the dam's first hydroelectric generator.

In 1941, groundbreaking took place for the Pentagon. In a speech that drew accusations of anti-Semitism, Charles A. Lindbergh told an America First rally in Des Moines, Iowa, that "the British, the Jewish and the Roosevelt administration" were pushing the United States toward war.

In 1954, the Miss America pageant made its network TV debut on ABC; Miss California, Lee Meriwether, was crowned the winner.

In 1962, [The Beatles](#) completed their first single for EMI, "Love Me Do" and "P.S. I Love You," at EMI studios in London.

In 1974, Eastern Airlines Flight 212, a DC-9, crashed while attempting to land in Charlotte, North Carolina, killing 72 of the 82 people on board. The family drama "Little House on the Prairie" premiered on NBC-TV.

In 1984, country star Barbara Mandrell was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Nashville, Tennessee, that claimed the life of the other driver, Mark White.

In 1985, Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds cracked career hit number 4,192 off Eric Show (rhymes with "how") of the San Diego Padres, eclipsing the record held by Ty Cobb.

In 1997, Scots voted to create their own Parliament after 290 years of union with England.

Ten years ago: Weeping relatives marked the fourth anniversary of 9/11 with prayers, solemn remembrances and heartfelt messages at the site where the World Trade Center collapsed. Japanese voters handed Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's ruling coalition a landslide victory in elections for the lower house of parliament. Roger Federer blew away [Andre Agassi](#) 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (1), 6-1 to capture a second straight U.S. Open and sixth Grand Slam title. Sportscaster Chris Schenkel died in Fort Wayne, Indiana, at age 82.

Five years ago: Speaking at the Pentagon, President Barack Obama appealed to the nation to honor the memory of the Sept. 11 victims by hewing to the values of diversity and tolerance. In New York, a morning ceremony of remembrance gave way to an afternoon of protests and counter-protests over a proposed Islamic center near ground zero. A gunman in rural eastern Kentucky killed five people before turning the shotgun on himself. Kim Clijsters won a second consecutive U.S. Open championship and third overall, easily beating Vera Zvonareva (zvahn-uh-RAY'-vuh) 6-2, 6-1. Actor Kevin McCarthy, 96, died in Hyannis, Massachusetts.

One year ago: In a joint statement, 10 Arab states promised to "do their share" to fight Islamic State militants, but NATO member Turkey refused to join in. South Korean teen Hyo-Joo Kim made history with the lowest round in a major tournament, a faultless 10-under 61 to open the Evian Championship.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Betsy Drake is 92. Former Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii, is 91. Actor Earl Holliman is 87. Comedian Tom Dreesen is 76. Movie director Brian De Palma is 75. Singer-actress-dancer Lola Falana is 73. Rock musician Mickey Hart (The Dead) is 72.

Singer-musician Leo Kottke is 70. Actor Phillip Alford is 67. Actress Amy Madigan is 65. Rock singer-musician Tommy Shaw (Styx) is 62. Sports reporter Lesley Visser is 62. Actor Reed Birney is 61. Singer-songwriter Diane Warren is 59. Homeland Security Secretary Jeh (Jay) Johnson is 58. Musician Jon Moss (Culture Club) is 58. Actor Scott Patterson is 57. Rock musician Mick Talbot (The Style Council) is 57. Actress Roxann Dawson is 57. Actor John Hawkes is 56. Actress Anne Ramsay is 55. Actress [Virginia Madsen](#) is 54. Actress Kristy McNichol is 53. Musician-composer Moby is 50. Syrian President Bashar al-Assad is 50. Business reporter Maria Bartiromo is 48. Singer Harry Connick Jr. is 48. Rock musician Bart Van Der Zeeuw is 47. Actress Taraji (tuh-RAH'-jee) P. Henson is 45. Actress Laura Wright is 45. Rock musician Jeremy Popoff (Lit) is 44. Blogger Markos Moulitsas is 44. Singer Brad Fischetti (LFO) is 40. Rapper Mr. Black is 38. Rock musician Jon Buckland (Coldplay) is 38. Rapper Ludacris is 38. Rock singer Ben Lee is 37. Actor Ryan Slattery is 37. Actress Ariana Richards is 36. Actress Elizabeth Henstridge is 28. Actor Tyler Hoechlin (HEK'-lihn) is 28. Country singer Charles Kelley (Lady Antebellum) is 34. Actress Mackenzie Aladjem is 14.

Thought for Today: "A hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is braver five minutes longer." - Ralph Waldo Emerson, American poet and essayist (1803-1882).

Got a story to share?



Got a story to share? A favorite memory of your AP days? Don't keep them to yourself. Share with your colleagues by sending to Ye Olde Connecting Editor. And don't forget to include photos!

Here are some suggestions:

- **Spousal support** - How your spouse helped in supporting your work during your AP career.
- **My most unusual story** - tell us about an unusual, off the wall story that you covered.
- **"My boo boos - A silly mistake that you make"** - a chance to 'fess up with a memorable mistake in your journalistic career.
- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.
- **Volunteering** - benefit your colleagues by sharing volunteer stories - with ideas on such work they can do themselves.
- **First job** - How did you get your first job in journalism?
- **Connecting "selfies"** - a word and photo self-profile of you and your career, and what you are doing today. Both for new members and those who have been with us a while.

- **Life after AP** for those of you who have moved on to another job or profession.
- **Most unusual** place a story assignment took you.

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