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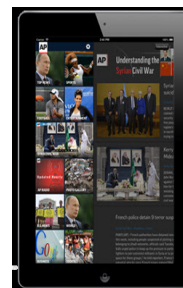
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## Of dogs and ducks...

Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning!

Connecting colleague **Andy Lippman** ([Email](#)) writes:

Bravo to Ben Brown for having me giggling all morning at the image of him trying to steer the publisher's boat (see Tuesday's Connecting). It was just like Ben to bring the family. I know the Stevens' too made some bureau chief trips a family affair.

And Andy's right about the Stevens, with this example that came to mind from our visit to New Mexico for an AP reunion last weekend:

Early into my job as Albuquerque bureau chief, Linda and our daughters Jenny and Molly, 6 and 3, along with our standard poodle Chauncey, accompanied me on my first membership visit to Silver City in 1980 in picturesque but rugged southwest New Mexico. The family overnighted at a hotel and the next morning slept in while I, accompanied by Chauncey, drove to the Daily Press to introduce myself as their new AP bureau chief. The Press' **Jack Walz**, **Bill Ely** and **Bill Archibald** never let

me forget that sight of the two of us pulling into the front of the newspaper - Chauncey sitting in the front seat as my navigator. They'd never seen a bureau chief traveling with his dog - but always asked about Chauncey on future visits.

My friend and Connecting colleague **Ralph Gage** brought to mind another favorite New Mexico story when he dropped me an email the other day about whether I attended the Deming duck races while in the Land of Enchantment last weekend. Glad you asked, Ralph.

Deming is not far from Silver City - and on an early membership visit there, over a few beers (just a few!) Deming Headlight editor **Harold Cousland** and I and a few others "hatched" the idea of a duck race that would bring life to the small town during its summer doldrums. I returned home to Albuquerque but Hal (now deceased) took the idea to city leaders - and the idea "flew" well with them. That was in 1980. Last weekend, The Great American Duck Race marked its 37<sup>th</sup> edition and attracted 10,000 people to Duck Downs. [Click here](#) for the web site. Which proved to Ralph - a key executive of the World Company of Lawrence, Kansas, that later bought the Headlight - that, hey, these AP bureau chiefs aren't so bad after all.



Andy and I invite you to share your own stories about unusual, even strange situations you were put in by members, and/or favorite stops along your travels. We know those stories are out there!

Paul

## Connecting mailbox

### *The meaning of 'politically correct'?*

**Terry Anderson** ([Email](#)) - I don't know which is worse - that a major U.S. university or the New York Times does not understand that the phrase "politically correct" is universally a derisive label used by those who like to engage in racist, sexist and other derogatory and harmful speech and acts, and want to silence anyone who calls them out on their hateful behavior.

Referring to this story in the Times:

## ***University of Chicago Strikes Back Against Campus Political Correctness***

The anodyne welcome letter to incoming freshmen is a college staple, but this week the University of Chicago took a different approach: It sent new students a blunt statement opposing some hallmarks of campus political correctness, drawing thousands of impassioned responses, for and against, as it caromed around cyberspace.

"Our commitment to academic freedom means that we do not support so-called trigger warnings, we do not cancel invited speakers because their topics might prove controversial, and we do not condone the creation of intellectual 'safe spaces' where individuals can retreat from ideas and perspectives at odds with their own," John Ellison, dean of students, wrote to members of the class of 2020, who will arrive next month.

It was a not-so-veiled rebuke to the protests calling for limits on what kinds of speech should be condoned on campus, and who should be allowed to speak, that have rocked Yale, Wesleyan, Oberlin and many other colleges and universities in recent years. Some alumni, dismayed by the trend, have withheld donations from their alma maters.

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## ***Almost an urban legend - and wrong!***

**Dave Lubeski** ([Email](#)) - I know I am more than a week behind in bringing this up, but I didn't see any other reaction to it and it's something that bothers me a little bit. In the August 22 Connecting, the story titled: From Vietnam to Los Angeles: Photographer who captured iconic image on one road sees end of another.

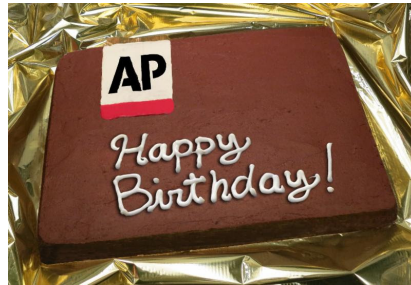
It was a Los Angeles Times story with byline credit to Ahn Do. The first graph read: Nick Ut stood on a road in a village just outside of Saigon when he spotted the girl - naked, scorched by American napalm and screaming as she ran. He raised his camera and snapped the photo that changed his life.

Every account I've read about that photo was that it was South Vietnamese napalm, not the Americans. A South Vietnamese air force pilot mistook the villagers for the

enemy and dropped the napalm. It's almost urban legend that the American forces were responsible for the attack and the injury to Kim Phuc and others.

If somebody brought that up and I missed it, please disregard, but it seems that this mistake if made frequently regarding the photo.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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## Stories of interest

### ***Trump print pool rotation includes blacklisted outlets*** (Politico)

The print pool rotation for covering Donald Trump will include outlets that his campaign has blacklisted.

BuzzFeed, the Huffington Post, POLITICO and The Washington Post are among the blacklisted outlets that will be part of the pool rotation, which begins this week....BuzzFeed is the first outlet to act as official print pooler, through which reporters send out shared reports about Trump's activities to the rest of the outlets on the pool rotation.



"We just wanted to thank you for your patience over the past few weeks," reads an email sent to the Trump pool list, which will be managed by reporters from The New York Times and Time magazine. "But we are pleased to announce that after some start-and-stop negotiations with the Trump campaign, we are debuting our full print pool this week, starting with BuzzFeed today in Washington."

[Click here](#) to read more.

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## ***Rieder: Scrutiny of Clinton more important than ever*** (USA Today)

**By REM RIEDER**

We'll stipulate that it's hard to imagine a major party presidential candidate who needs as much scrutiny as Donald Trump.

Unlike his rival, Hillary Clinton, who has been under a media microscope for decades, Trump jumped into the race tabula rasa as far as a political track record is concerned. He has since shown a penchant for firing off incendiary one-liners of doubtful veracity. He has exhibited few signs that he has the chops or the gravitas to serve as the leader of the free world, let alone be entrusted with the nuclear codes. And reporting on his adventures in business has raised questions about his vaunted management skills. His refusal to release his income tax records like everyone else does is not exactly cause for reassurance.

But that hardly means Clinton should get a free pass. As the drip-drip-drip controversies over her private email server and the Clinton Foundation underscore, there is plenty to examine in Clinton's past.

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## ***Tribune Tower to be sold to CIM Group*** (Crain's)



The owner of the Block 37 development in the Loop has agreed to pay \$240 million for Tribune Tower, a long-awaited deal that could lead to a major redevelopment of the iconic building.

Tribune Media, which owns the 36-story tower at 435 N. Michigan Ave., said that it has reached an agreement to sell the property and a site next door to CIM Group, a Los Angeles-based developer. CIM will pay \$205 million in cash when the sale closes and an additional \$35 million at a later date, based on the satisfaction of certain unspecified conditions, according to a Tribune Media statement.

CIM has been a busy investor and developer in Chicago since it bought Block 37 in 2012. It recently completed the Marquee at Block 37, a 690-unit apartment tower atop the State Street mall. The firm is also developing a 397-unit apartment building in the Loop and recently bought the 39-story office tower at 440 N. LaSalle St.

"Tribune Tower is a prominent property with a rich history that has been a feature of the Chicago skyline for nearly a century. It's in an area that, today, is attracting new businesses and residents," Avi Shemesh, CIM co-founder and principal said in the statement. "After being active in the Chicago market for more than a decade, we have recently made several compelling investments that have expanded our growing presence in the city."

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# The Final Word

***Wanted: One journalist to write, edit, layout, and deliver a newspaper***



EARLIER THIS MONTH, Suzanne Ashe left her apartment and car in Anchorage and hopped onto a seaplane with her Chihuahua mix Blanca. The pair flew about 500 miles southeast to Skagway, a town of less than 1,000 year-round residents in the Alaska Panhandle, which had gained fame in the late-1890s as a supply post for the Klondike Gold Rush. The "Gateway to the Klondike" is a favorite stop for cruise liners nowadays. But it remains a point of entry for a small handful of people still seeking adventure.

"Walking down the boardwalk," Ashe says, "you can just imagine people heading out to find fame and fortune and small nuggets of gold."

Ashe is something of a prospector in her own right, albeit one seeking a far less glamorous prize. She recently joined the biweekly Skagway News to fill out its one-person newsroom. Whereas journalists at strained metro and national newspapers have remarked for years about having to do more with less-Web updates, Twitter, multimedia, in addition to their regular reporting-they have nothing on Ashe in her new role.

"As the editor/reporter," the listing for her job explained, "you will be responsible for writing every story, laying out every issue, sending it to the printers and picking it up in Whitehorse, [Yukon Territory], two hours away. You and our business manager are also responsible for distributing the papers throughout town and mailing them to the Lower 48."



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## Today in History - August 31, 2016



**By The Associated Press**

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 31, the 244th day of 2016. There are 122 days left in the year.

### **Today's Highlight in History:**

On Aug. 31, 1886, an earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 7.3 devastated Charleston, South Carolina, killing at least 60 people, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

### **On this date:**

In 1881, the first U.S. tennis championships (for men only) began in Newport, Rhode Island.

In 1916, the musical revue "The Big Show," featuring the song "Poor Butterfly" by Raymond Hubbell and John Golden, opened at New York's Hippodrome.

In 1939, the first issue of Marvel Comics, featuring the Human Torch, was published by Timely Publications in New York.

In 1941, the radio program "The Great Gildersleeve," a spinoff from "Fibber McGee and Molly" starring Harold Peary, debuted on NBC.

In 1954, Hurricane Carol hit the northeastern Atlantic states; Connecticut, Rhode Island and part of Massachusetts bore the brunt of the storm, which resulted in some 70 deaths.

In 1965, the U.S. House of Representatives joined the Senate in voting to establish the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In 1972, at the Munich Summer Olympics, American swimmer Mark Spitz won his fourth and fifth gold medals in the 100-meter butterfly and 800-meter freestyle relay; Soviet gymnast Olga Korbut won gold medals in floor exercise and the balance beam.

In 1980, Poland's Solidarity labor movement was born with an agreement signed in Gdansk (guh-DANSK') that ended a 17-day-old strike.

In 1986, 82 people were killed when an Aeromexico jetliner and a small private plane collided over Cerritos, California. The Soviet passenger ship Admiral Nakhimov collided with a merchant vessel in the Black Sea, causing both to sink; up to 448 people reportedly died.

In 1991, Uzbekistan (ooz-bek-ih-STAHN') and Kyrgyzstan (keer-gih-STAHN') declared their independence, raising to ten the number of republics seeking to secede from the Soviet Union.

In 1996, three adults and four children drowned when their vehicle rolled into John D. Long Lake in Union, South Carolina; they had gone to see a monument to the sons of Susan Smith, who had drowned the two boys in Oct. 1994.

In 1997, a car crash in Paris claimed the lives of Princess Diana, Dodi Fayed and their driver, Henri Paul.

Ten years ago: Iran defied a U.N. deadline to stop enriching uranium. President George W. Bush, addressing an American Legion convention in Salt Lake City, predicted victory in the war on terror, likening the struggle against Islamic fundamentalism with the fight against Nazis and communists. Police in Norway recovered the Edvard Munch (AYD'-vart moongk) masterpieces "The Scream" and "Madonna" two years after masked gunmen grabbed the national art treasures in front of stunned visitors at an Oslo museum.

Five years ago: The Wartime Contracting Commission issued a report saying the U.S. had lost billions of dollars to waste and fraud in Iraq and Afghanistan and stood to repeat that in future wars without big changes in how the government awarded and managed contracts for battlefield support and reconstruction projects. Betty Skelton Erde (ur-dee), 85, an aviation and auto racing pioneer once called the fastest woman on Earth, died in The Villages, Florida.

One year ago: President Barack Obama, opening a three-day visit to Alaska, painted a doomsday scenario for the Arctic and beyond if climate change wasn't dealt with fast: entire nations submerged underwater, cities abandoned and refugees fleeing in droves as conflict broke out across the globe. The State Department released roughly 7,000 pages of Hillary Rodham Clinton's emails, including about 150 emails that were censored because they contained information deemed classified. Frazier Glenn Miller, a white supremacist who admitted killing three people at two suburban Kansas City Jewish sites, gave jurors in Olathe, Kansas, a Nazi salute after they convicted him of murder and other charges for the shootings. (The same jury sentenced Miller to death.)

Today's Birthdays: Japanese monster movie actor Katsumi Tezuka is 104. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Frank Robinson is 81. Actor Warren Berlinger is 79. Rock musician Jerry Allison (Buddy Holly and the Crickets) is 77. Actor Jack Thompson is 76. Violinist Itzhak Perlman is 71. Singer Van Morrison is 71. Rock musician Rudolf Schenker (The Scorpions) is 68. Actor Richard Gere is 67. Olympic gold medal track and field athlete Edwin Moses is 61. Rock singer Glenn Tilbrook (Squeeze) is 59. Rock musician Gina Schock (The Go-Go's) is 59. Singer Tony DeFranco (The DeFranco Family) is 57. Rhythm-and-blues musician Larry Waddell (Mint Condition) is 53. Actor Jaime P. Gomez is 51. Baseball pitcher Hideo Nomo is 48. Rock musician Jeff Russo (Tonic) is 47. Singer-composer Deborah Gibson is 46. Rock musician Greg Richling (Wallflowers) is 46. Actor Zack Ward is 46. Golfer Padraig Harrington is 45. Actor Chris Tucker is 44. Actress Sara Ramirez is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tamara (Trina & Tamara) is 39.

***Thought for Today: "Every man in the world is better than someone else and not as good someone else." - William Saroyan, American author (1908-1981).***

## 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.

- **"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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