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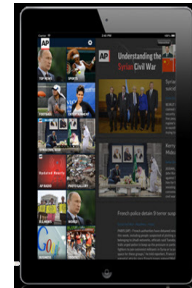
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## WON FOR THE AGES

### Cubs claim NL pennant, ending long World Series drought



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One drought down, one to go. Wrigleyville erupted in a joyous celebration Saturday night when the Cubs' 73-year World Series wait at long last came to an end. When Yasel Puig hit into a double play for the final out of a 5-0 victory over the Dodgers in Game 6 of the National League Championship Series, the Cubs sealed a date with the Indians in the 2016 Fall Classic, beginning Tuesday night in Cleveland.



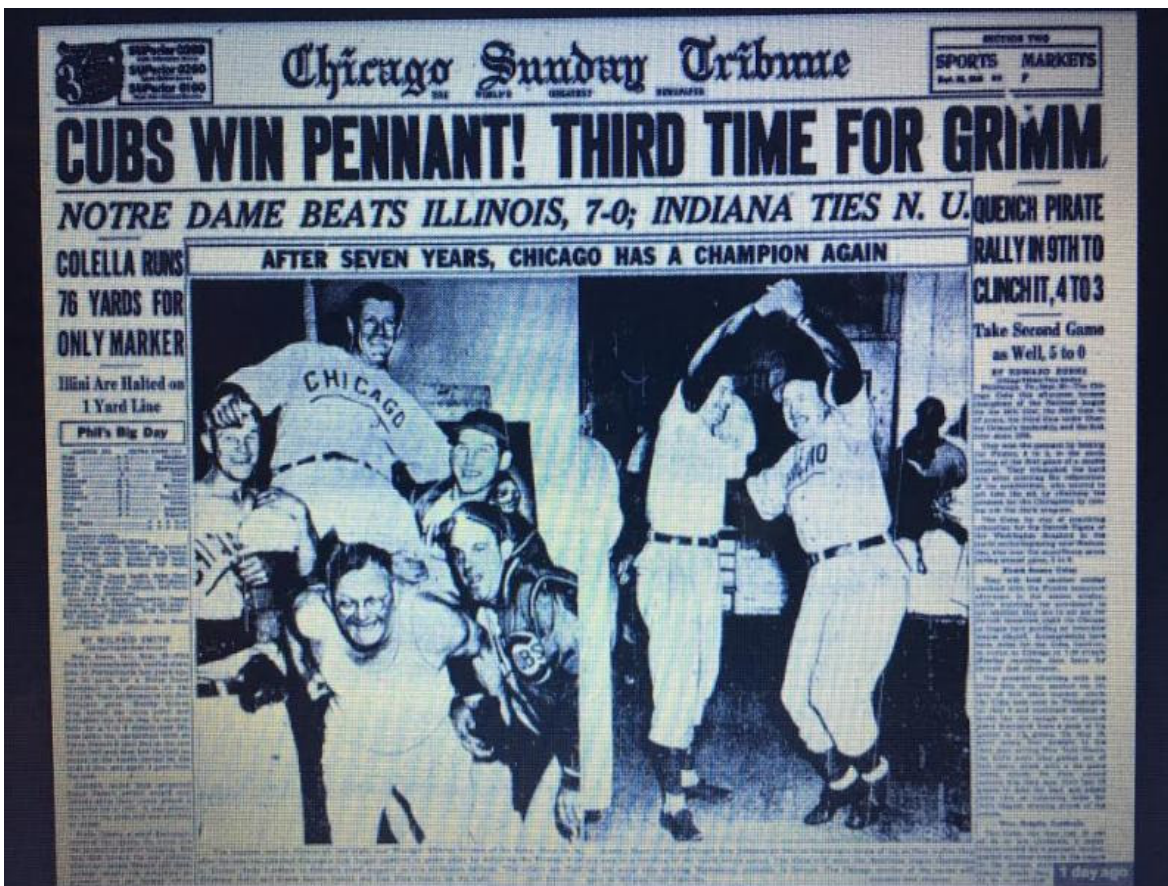
It's OK to say it: our loud roar, Chicago. The Cubs are National League champions. The Cubs are in the World Series. Let those words sink in for a few days before the games -- and all the trepidation and anxiety they will bring -- begin Tuesday. For now, it's time for Cubs fans to raise a glass to the million who never got to say that simple sentence: The Cubs are in the World Series. Chicago Sports

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Colleagues,

Good Monday morning - and here's to a great week ahead for us all - especially fans of the Chicago Cubs and the Cleveland Indians, who square off Tuesday for the start of the 2016 World Series.

The front pages of the Chicago Tribune, from Sunday and from 1945, need little explanation for Cubs fans. And they show a bit of change of style in how news is presented. And who'd have guessed in 1945 that advertising would appear on Page One.

Connecting's mailbox filled up over the weekend with most interesting submissions by your colleagues. Thank you!

In followup to the story in Saturday's edition on the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Jack Simms**, former deputy AP sports editor and bureau chief in Louisville and Boston, we lead off today with a recounting of Jack's AP days that were part of a video script at his birthday party. Thanks to his daughter **Jane Love** for sharing with his colleagues.



Today's issue features the latest membership rolls of the exclusive **Connecting 100/90/80 Club**, of which Jack is a member. Send along to me any updates.

Paul

## Jack Simms' journey through his AP career

With his master's from LSU, Jack Simms became a writer-editor at the Atlanta AP office (in 1951) where he worked with some of the world's best journalists. Jack soon became a strong editor and adequate reporter and got to cover several events that most of the younger reporters were denied, including, legislature, Georgia Tech football and basketball.

After seven years, he was promoted to correspondent of the Tampa office where AP staffed state and regional interest stories. He received national acclaim for reporting on the sinking of a student cruise ship on an around-the-world trip. Four of the students drowned and all were from prominent New York area families. Jack talked his way aboard the Coast Guard vessel going in the Gulf to check on the Panamanian freighter that had picked up the



**1960 Miss Universe pageant in Miami Beach**

survivors. He climbed the net onto the freighter, which was under quarantine because it was coming from a foreign port. He interviewed the survivors as the ship steamed toward Tampa and used ship-to-shore radio to send his exclusive stories to the AP Miami office. As the freighter reached port, Jack tossed several rolls of film to an AP staffer below before customs could confiscate them. Customs threatened a \$10,000 fine for illegally boarding, but nothing came of it. Jack's pictures ran with his story in virtually every major U.S. newspaper.

Shortly thereafter, a source told Jack, Mary Hemingway could be in Tampa. She had disappeared after Ernest Hemingway's death, and perhaps had defected to Cuba. Jack found Mary and her secretary in the hotel across the street from his office and arranged to meet her in the lounge for a cocktail that evening. Just one, because she was tired. Well, on the 4<sup>th</sup> martini, Mary was telling about the two trunks she brought from Cuba with Papa Hemingway's unpublished works. One

manuscript later became a book, and Jack got a well-published exclusive news story.

Jack became Chief of Bureau for Kentucky in the fall of 1961, which put him in charge of news, photo and transmission staffs in Louisville, Lexington and Frankfurt. The AP covered the state with those reporters. Jack participated in setting up coverage and was an editor during four Kentucky Derbys, always a huge story. Also, one final four basketball tournament. But, mostly he spent time with unhappy editors and publishers who wanted a better service and were unwilling to finance it. He thought he left them fairly happy.



**Scene from the Boston bureau**



**And from a staff gathering at the Simms' home**

Boston, what a fantastic sports town, with the Patriots, World Champion Celtics, Bruins and Red Sox as well as university activities. Jack spent a great deal of time dealing in sports. He was the Boston Bureau Chief for five states. Jack did a lot of editing, particularly for the younger staffers who weren't quite there yet, and a lot of membership work with the radio, TV and newspapers. Two stories stand out. Albert DeSalvo escaped from state prison in '69 and residents in the Boston area were scared to death. Of course, all of you know who Albert DeSalvo was. He was the Boston Strangler. Jack wrote the story of his capture, a meek character, surrendering to police in a dry goods store at Lawrence. He had not been definitely identified as the strangler until his attorney, F. Lee Bailey, asked him, as strategy, to identify himself as The Boston Strangler in a different court case. Bailey had told Jack the previous Friday that he was going to do that and the AP was alone with the story.

The other was the inquest of US Senator Ted Kennedy after the car he was driving ran off the bridge in the middle of the night, and Mary Jo Kopechne drowned at Chappaquiddick. Jack edited and his teletype operators transmitted to the nation's largest newspapers more than 10,000 words of the transcript non-stop when it was released.

Now for Jack's mafia story. AP state house reporter, David Nyan, made friends with a few who it turned out were at least fringe area with the mafia. Nyan wanted to go underground to develop a story and Jack approved. Later, Jack was in the bar at the office building on a Friday after quitting time. A guy came up and said, "I like your tie." Jack thanked him, and the man said, "You know Nyan has a wife and a very small baby." Jack said, "You know Nyan?" He replied, "Nyan has disappeared but his wife and baby haven't, but they could." Jack said, "You want my tie?" "Yea." Jack said "I want Nyan back at the State House tomorrow morning." David was back the next day, and Jack never saw his tie or the man again.

Six years in Bean Town was enough, and he headed to New York City in July 1971. As Deputy General Sports Editor, he was in charge of AP sports news for daily newspapers throughout the United States and around the world. Look at today's *Opelika-Auburn News* or *Birmingham News*. Virtually everything sports that isn't local comes from the Associated Press-standings, schedules, game stories, features, tons of it.

In New York, Jack's many luncheons and social hours became the basis for news releases. One day he attended a luncheon with news about a charter flight that one of the airlines was inaugurating to Puerto Rico. Attendees included the celebrities who were to play in an inaugural golf tournament. At home, Jack told his son, "the guy on my left at lunch was Joe DiMaggio and the one on my right was Mickey Mantle." John Simms was into music and not much into sports. He replied, "Ok."

Jack also was AP press captain for several major events such as the Super Bowl, World Series, and the Masters at Augusta. He made the assignments and edited all the copy on those events. In the fall of 1973, he was sent to Atlanta to seek the *Journal-Constitution* as subscribers for a high-speed sports wire being started. Got through there Thursday afternoon and went to the Florida football game in Auburn. The English Department Head, Walton Patrick, told Jack Auburn was creating a journalism department and asked him to apply for the job as head. It was an exciting chance to go back home. The following July, Jo, Jack, John and Jane arrived in Auburn, Jack as the founding head professor of the journalism department. He served in that role for 18 years.

After Jack was back in Auburn, the AP called him to work the summer Olympics in Montreal '76, Moscow '80, Los Angeles '84 and Seoul '88. He was supervisor of the International Press Pool.



**And the Simms family in May - from left: Lassie Jo Simms (wife), Jane Love (daughter), Tom Love (son-in-law), Jack Thomas Booth (great grandson, named after Jack and Tom), April Jo Love (granddaughter), Jack Simms.**

## Connecting mailbox

### *Boyhood Memories of Wrigley Field*

**Hal Buell** ([Email](#)) - Jubilant crowds will soon gather at Chicago's Wrigley Field to watch the Cubs seek an end to the notorious Cub Curse. Memories abound. I grew up on Chicago's North Side just a 10-minute trolley ride from the home of the Cubbies.

My boyhood dream and ambition included playing right field after my Cub hero Bill Nicholson retired. Alas all I mustered as a teenager with the Winnemac Park Northlights is best described as "all field; no hit". Right fielders in postwar Chicago had to hit.

A seat in the Wrigley Field stands over first base, paid for by savings from my grocery delivery boy earnings, was a twice a season treat. I often wondered what it was like to watch the game from those apartment roofs across the street from Wrigley.

Football season brought the Bears to Wrigley field in the decades before the Bears moved to Soldier Field. Sid Luckman passed Chicago to four NFL championships. His Sunday afternoon Bear game was reason for a bunch of us to gather on the street outside Wrigley where we would wait for field goals or point after touchdown kicks that sent a ball over the left field wall and into Waveland Ave. There were no nets in those days. As the tallest kid in our crowd my assignment was to smack the ball - as in a basketball tip off - to pals on the edge of the crowd. There were some rough guys in that melee. We never got a ball but I still recall the sore ribs I took home, the gift of competitor elbows.

In my college days, we frequented the best pizza joint north of Madison Avenue located across the street from Wrigley. As a commuter student at Northwestern it was my obligation to guide fellow Wildcats from out of town to Chicago hot spots. That included a place for "real" pizza remarkably better than the effete stuff sold in saloons west of Evanston. I recall also that the beer was colder but that may be selective memory at work.



The pizza joint is gone, the Bears now play downtown in the big stadium, the trolley has given way to more modern transportation but Wrigley Field remains a reminder of a boyhood past.

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## ***Two of his weirdest election nights***

**Carl Leubsdorf** ([Email](#)) - The account of Election Nights past by my former colleague and longtime friend Walter Mears reminded me of two of the weirdest election nights in my 15 years with the AP.

One was the 1972 Ohio Democratic presidential primary. I had been dispatched to Columbus to write the Ohio leads while WRM was doing the over-all mains, but it was evident from the outset we might have a problem. There was no statewide preference vote, just the contests for district and at-large delegates. Sens. George McGovern and Hubert Humphrey were the main rivals, but some of Ohio's biggest political names had signed on prematurely with Sen. Edmund Muskie, whose candidacy by then had collapsed. But of course, they were still hopeful of getting elected as delegates.

Still, we recognized the only way to determine a winner would be which candidate's at-large slate elected the most delegates. But on Election Day, the contest for the at-large delegates was very close between the Humphrey and McGovern slates (the establishment slate trailed badly), and the vote count was slow. This was before the era of exit polls. By the time I left Columbus for Washington the next day, AP still had not declared a winner, though it was clear McGovern had won something of a moral victory by running so close in a state where the support of organized labor should have guaranteed Humphrey the bulk of the delegates.

It was not until two nights later, in a phone conversation I conducted from my bed in Washington with Burl Osborne, the new Columbus chief of bureau, that we declared Humphrey the winner. (PS: That was my first encounter with Burl, who later hired me to be the Washington Bureau Chief of The Dallas Morning News.)

The other was a special congressional election in 1974, chiefly noteworthy as the last one in which President Richard Nixon campaigned before his resignation that August. The two candidates were a popular state representative named "Bingo" Bob Traxler, so known because he had helped legalize bingo games at churches, and a longtime congressional aide named James Sparling, who was the favorite for the seat that had been held by a GOP congressman who had been named a federal judge.

During Nixon's visit, I visited such colorfully named towns as Bad Axe and Ugly, and had the help of two up-and-coming young AP reporters, Jon Wolman, later Washington Chief of Bureau and Executive Editor, and Owen Ullmann. I stayed to write the main on Election Night, and Traxler jumped into an early lead. As always, we wanted to be first to call the race, which was the prerogative of the Chief of Bureau, Rich Oppel, later to become editor of the Charlotte Observer and Austin American-Statesman. One of my best congressional sources, Pete Teeley, was helping Sparling and, as the vote count mounted in mid-evening, he explained where the outstanding votes lay and told me that there was no way his man could catch up. I looked around for Oppel, didn't see him and called New York, declaring Traxler elected. When Rich returned, he asked what was new. "We called it," I told him. Fortunately, I was right.

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## ***Rich Clarkson, a Kansan, honored in Missouri***



**Rich Clarkson photographing Indiana coach Bobby Knight in 2001**

**Mike Tharp** ([Email](#)) - In the latest chapter of the Border Wars between Kansas and Missouri, University of Kansas alum (and Connecting colleague) Rich Clarkson was awarded the Missouri Honor Medal for Distinguished Service in Journalism.

Rich got the award Oct. 14 during a ceremony on the University of Missouri campus. In 2007 he received the William Allen White Award from KU. He's one of the most influential photojournalists of the last 50 years.

We saw each other in January in Eugene, Ore. He had spearheaded a project to produce a book of the late Brian Lanker's pictures called 'From the Heart,' for which I was honored to write the captions. It was unveiled at the Schnitzer Museum on the U of Oregon campus. Brian worked for Rich in Topeka and they later collaborated on several books.

And Rich has been an enormous influence on my life and career, as I wrote in this column - accessed by [clicking here](#). The column begins:

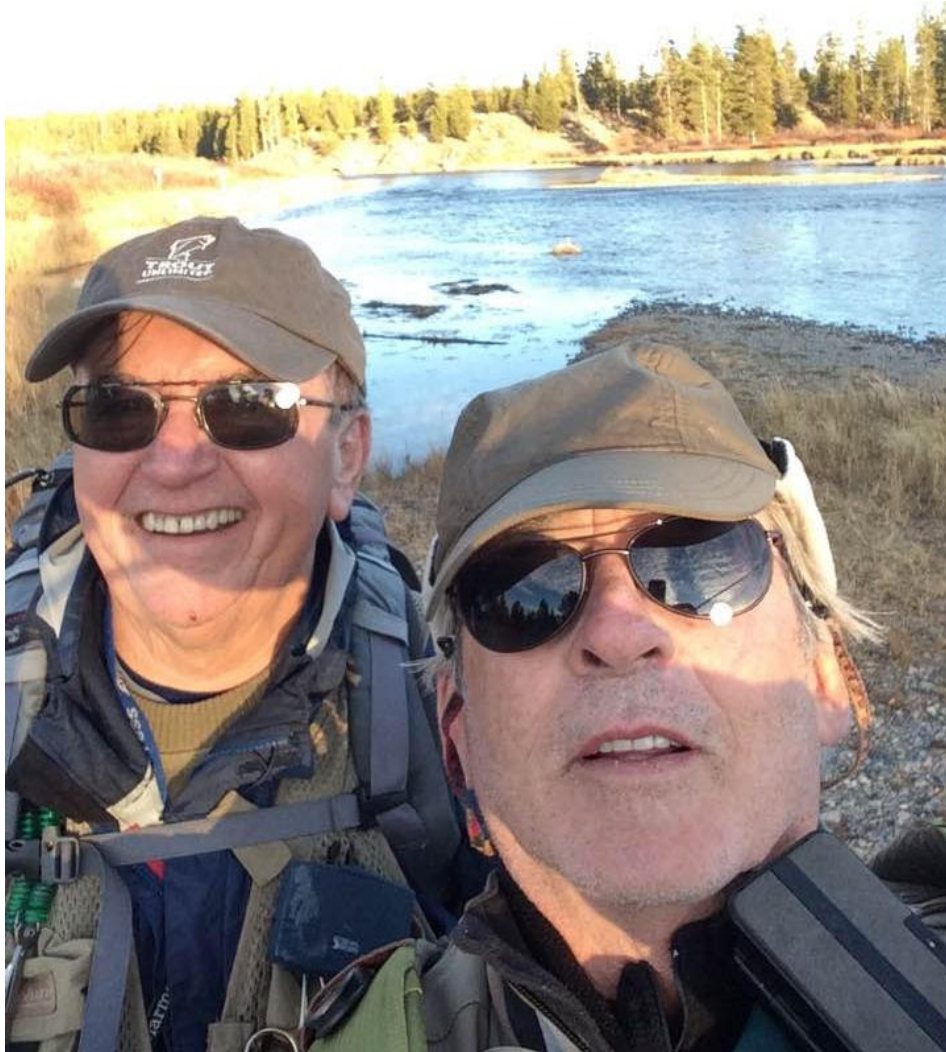
*I held the ladder.*

*In what must be one of the justifiably least-noticed agate-type footnotes to the history of American journalism, I held the ladder.*

*For Rich Clarkson. One of America's best photojournalists of the past 50 years. For the first-ever camera shot through a glass backboard at a basketball game. A shot that's so routine now that fans yawn when they see snarling players' faces around the peach-colored rim, HD fury 10 feet high.*

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***Words he liked to hear - 'I hear you like fly fishing'***



**Kevin Noblet** ([Email](#)) - Here are Bill Kronholm (at left) and I as we wrapped up our annual late-October sojourn to the Madison River in and around Yellowstone Park. Bill's been making the trip for something like two decades, maybe more, and I've tagged along since 2003, when he dropped by my desk in New York to introduce himself by saying, "I hear you like fly fishing." At the time, I was AP's deputy business editor and Bill was editor for the West, based in Helena. He described how brown and rainbow trout run up the river every fall to spawn in waters enriched by the park's famed hot springs. Then he suggested I might like to join him to fish for them. He didn't need to ask twice.

The trip requires some stamina: We hike in waders for miles all day long on trails along the river, seeking out good spots to toss a fly. And I think a little insanity helps too, because the weather in Yellowstone this time of year can be pretty harsh, with wind, rain or snow and temperatures as low as the teens. You can spend a lot of time clearing the ice out of your rod guides. This year was pretty good, with most days getting into the high 30's and even 40's, and as you can see our last day was full of sun. Of course, the park's wildlife is part of the fun--you can get chased out of a fishing hole by a herd of bison, and grizzlies aren't unheard of, although I've yet to run into one, thankfully. In past years, other AP alum have been in on the trip, including John MacDonald, John Kuglin and Rick Spratling. Recently it's been just Bill and me.



Bill retired in 2006, and he and wife Joyce remain in Helena, a town they clearly love. He'd started with AP in Columbus and also worked in the Nashville and D.C. bureaus. I started with AP in New Orleans in 1980, and did stints in Argentina, Chile and Puerto Rico before moving back stateside to be deputy international editor in New York, where I later was business editor before resigning in 2008. I then spent some years at Dow Jones and The Wall Street Journal before retiring last year, and I now divide my time between Port Chester, N.Y. and Barkhamsted, Ct., where wife Joan and I have a place on a good trout river.

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## ***Their conversation was 5 out of 5***



**Claudia DiMartino (Email)** - Great conversation at lunch at Marco Polo Restorante in the Carroll Gardens section of Brooklyn, N.Y. The international beats covered by the people at this table range from the Middle East to Asia. From left are: Hal Buell, Richard Pyle, Kelly Tunney, Earleen Fisher and Edie Lederer. The food was very good and the ambiance was fashionable and comfortable. Zagat gives it a 4.2/5. The conversation was 5/5. (Photographer: Claudia DiMartino/Fresheye)

## **Connecting wishes Happy Birthday**



To

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## **Connecting '80s/'90s/100 Club**

*(EDITOR'S NOTE: If you are on this list and you've gained a year, drop me a note. Same if you qualify for admission to the club and would like to be listed.)*

### **100's**

**Max Desfor - 102**

**George Bria- 100**

### **90's:**

**Carl Bell - 91**

**Albert Habhab - 90**

**Elaine Light- 92**

**Joe McKnight - 90**

**Sam Montello - 92**

**Jack Simms - 90**

**Joy Stilley - 94**

**Seymour Topping - 94**

**Harold Waters - 93**

## 80's:

**Mercer Bailey** - 89  
**Malcolm Barr** - 83  
**Ben Brown** - 82  
**Hal Buell** - 85 On april 28  
**Sibby Christensen** - 81  
**Otto Doelling** - 81  
**Phil Dopoulos** - 83  
**Mike Feinsilber** - 82  
**Lew Ferguson** - 82  
**George Hanna** - 86  
**Bob Haring** - 82  
**Gene Herrick** - 89  
**Kathryn Johnson** - 89  
**Joe McGowan** - 84  
**Walter Mears** - 81  
**Reid Miller** - 81  
**Charlie Monzella** - 84  
**Richard Pyle** - 81  
**Gordon Sakamoto** - 80  
**Joe Somma** - 82  
**Arlon Southall** - 84  
**Hank Waters** - 85  
**Paul Webster** - 84  
**Joe Yeninas** - 81  
**George Zucker** - 82

## Stories of interest

***Eleanor Roosevelt's 'mistress' died heartbroken and alone***  
(New York Post)



**Lorena Hickok (third from left) and Eleanor Roosevelt (second from right).  
Photo/Bettman Archive**

**By BROOKE HAUSER**

They called each other "darling," "dear one" and "heart." They told each other "je t'aime" and "j'adore," and wrote more than 3,000 letters to one another.

"All day I've thought of you . . . Oh! I want to put my arms around you, I ache to hold you close," the normally reserved Eleanor Roosevelt wrote in March of 1933 to her beloved. No, not her husband, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, but a brilliant, bourbon-drinking, cigarette-smoking Associated Press reporter named Lorena Hickok, or Hick.

Their romance is at the center of Susan Quinn's engrossing double biography, "Eleanor and Hick: The Love Affair That Shaped a First Lady."

While Quinn is not the first to tell the tale of Eleanor and Hick, she brings new depth to their epic, three-decade-long love story.

[Click here](#) to read more. Shared by Lew Ferguson.

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## ***AT&T CEO pledges journalistic independence for CNN***

CNN: AT&T has never owned a news division before. Now, assuming its \$85 billion deal to acquire Time Warner passes regulatory muster, it will take control of CNN, one of the world's biggest news organizations.

Journalists at the network, myself included, immediately had questions about how AT&T will approach its role as a steward of news.

AT&T CEO Randall Stephenson has already given some thought to this subject.

"Ensuring the public that CNN remains independent from an editorial perspective is critical," Stephenson said in an email shared with a group of top journalists and media CEOs on Sunday.

Stephenson's email described CNN as "an American symbol of independent journalism and First Amendment free speech."

[Click here](#) to read more.

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## **In a policy change, Facebook will allow more newsworthy graphic content** (Poynter)

Facebook seems to have heard publishers who complained that it was censoring the news.

In a blog post Friday, two executives at Facebook announced that the social network intends to relax its policies regulating content that is "newsworthy, significant, or important to the public interest - even if they might otherwise violate our standards."

Joel Kaplan, vice president for global public policy, and Justin Osofsky, vice president for global operations and media partnerships, explained the coming

change:

*In the weeks ahead, we're going to begin allowing more items that people find newsworthy, significant, or important to the public interest - even if they might otherwise violate our standards. We will work with our community and partners to explore exactly how to do this, both through new tools and approaches to enforcement. Our intent is to allow more images and stories without posing safety risks or showing graphic images to minors and others who do not want to see them.*

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

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### ***Nonsense paper written by iOS autocomplete accepted for conference*** (Guardian)

A nonsensical academic paper on nuclear physics written only by iOS autocomplete has been accepted for a scientific conference.

Christoph Bartneck, an associate professor at the Human Interface Technology laboratory at the University of Canterbury in New Zealand, received an email inviting him to submit a paper to the International Conference on Atomic and Nuclear Physics in the US in November.

"Since I have practically no knowledge of nuclear physics I resorted to iOS autocomplete function to help me writing the paper," he wrote in a blog post on Thursday. "I started a sentence with 'atomic' or 'nuclear' and then randomly hit the autocomplete suggestions.

"The text really does not make any sense."

[Click here](#) to read more. Shared by John Willis.

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## ***Newsonomics: Here are 10 storylines we'll be talking about into 2017*** (Nieman)

By **KEN DOCTOR**

It's been a remarkable year for the nation, and its press. Transfixed by the Trump phenomenon, election anxiety has all but consumed us. But soon, what has felt like a national colonoscopy will soon be over, and the press will march (or at least step) forward. As we consider the most newsworthy U.S. press happenings of this year, let's start projecting forward to 2017. Tronc may well disappear early into it, but in a sons-also-rise scenario, the Murdochs and the Sulzbergers maintain center stage, and the future of Gannett and GateHouse - two companies that collectively own almost one in five U.S. dailies - becomes even more important. Let's take 10 storylines of 2016 and extend them into the year ahead.

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## **Today in History - October 24, 2016**



**By The Associated Press**

Today is Monday, Oct. 24, the 298th day of 2016. There are 68 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On Oct. 24, 1962, a naval quarantine of Cuba ordered by President John F. Kennedy went into effect during the missile crisis.

**On this date:**

In 1537, Jane Seymour, the third wife of England's King Henry VIII, died 12 days after giving birth to Prince Edward, later King Edward VI.

In 1648, the Peace of Westphalia (west-FAY'-lee-uh) ended the Thirty Years War and effectively destroyed the Holy Roman Empire.

In 1861, the first transcontinental telegraph message was sent by Chief Justice Stephen J. Field of California from San Francisco to President Abraham Lincoln in Washington, D.C., over a line built by the Western Union Telegraph Co.

In 1936, the short story "The Devil and Daniel Webster" by Stephen Vincent Benet was published in The Saturday Evening Post.

In 1939, DuPont began publicly selling its nylon stockings in Wilmington, Delaware. Benny Goodman and His Orchestra recorded their signature theme, "Let's Dance," for Columbia Records in New York.

In 1945, the United Nations officially came into existence as its charter took effect.

In 1952, Republican presidential candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower declared in Detroit, "I shall go to Korea" as he promised to end the conflict. (He made the visit over a month later.)

In 1972, Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson, who'd broken Major League Baseball's color barrier in 1947, died in Stamford, Connecticut, at age 53.

In 1980, the merchant freighter SS Poet departed Philadelphia, bound for Port Said (sah-EED'), Egypt, with a crew of 34 and a cargo of grain; it disappeared en route and has not been heard from since.

In 1991, "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry died in Santa Monica, California, at age 70.



In 1996, TyRon Lewis, 18, a black motorist, was shot to death by police during a traffic stop in St. Petersburg, Florida; the incident sparked rioting. (Officer James Knight, who said that Lewis had lurched his car at him several times, knocking him onto the hood, was cleared by a grand jury and the Justice Department.)

In 2002, authorities apprehended Army veteran John Allen Muhammad and teenager Lee Boyd Malvo near Myersville, Maryland, in the Washington-area sniper attacks. (Malvo was later sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole; Muhammad was sentenced to death and executed in 2009.)

Ten years ago: American officials unveiled a timeline for Iraq's Shiite-led government to take specific steps to calm Baghdad and said more U.S. troops might be needed to quell the bloodshed. The St. Louis Cardinals gained a 2-1 World Series edge as they defeated the Detroit Tigers 5-0. (Before Game 3 began, baseball players and owners finalized a five-year collective bargaining agreement.)

Five years ago: President Barack Obama offered mortgage relief to hundreds of thousands of Americans during a visit to Las Vegas. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, visiting Yokota Air Base in Japan, lashed out at North Korea for "reckless and provocative" acts and criticized China for a secretive expansion of its military power. The Texas Rangers beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-2 for a 3-2 World Series edge.

One year ago: A motorist plowed into a crowd during the Oklahoma State University homecoming parade, killing four people and injuring dozens more; Adacia Chambers has pleaded not guilty to four counts of second-degree murder. In a video released on Facebook, President Barack Obama called for capping standardized testing at 2 percent of classroom time, saying, "Learning is about so much more than just filling in the right bubble." Actress Maureen O'Hara, 95, died in Boise, Idaho.

Today's Birthdays: Football Hall-of-Famer Y.A. Tittle is 90. Rock musician Bill Wyman is 80. Actor F. Murray Abraham is 77. Movie director-screenwriter David S. Ward is 71. Actor Kevin Kline is 69. Former NAACP President Kweisi Mfume (kwah-EE'-see oom-FOO'-may) is 68. Country musician Billy Thomas (Terry McBride and the Ride) is 63. Actor Doug Davidson is 62. Actor B.D. Wong is 56. Actor Zahn McClarnon is 50. Singer Michael Trent (Americana duo Shovels & Rope) is 39. Rock musician Ben Gillies (Silverchair) is 37. Singer-actress Monica Arnold is 36. Actress-comedian Casey Wilson is 36. Rhythm-and-blues singer Adrienne Bailon (3lw) is 33. Actor Tim Pocock is 31. R&B singer-rapper-actor Drake is 30. Actress Shenae Grimes is 27. Actress Eliza Taylor is 27. Olympic gold medal gymnast Kyla Ross is 20. Actor Hudson Yang is 13.

***Thought for Today: "There are three things which the public will always clamor for, sooner or later: namely, Novelty, novelty, novelty." - Thomas Hood, British poet (1799-1845).***

## 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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