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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning!

We lead today's issue with sad news of the death of photographer **Russell McPhedran**, who worked at the Sydney bureau of The Associated Press for 18 years - the longest-serving photo editor in Sydney AP. He died Monday at the age of 82.

The Sydney Morning Herald published some of his best images, and there are remarkable shots. [Click here](#) for a link. If you have a favorite memory of working with Russ, please send it along to share with your colleagues.

On the Indy 500: I have hesitated to weigh in with the great Indianapolis 500 stories that have been featured in Connecting over the past week. I was Indianapolis chief of bureau for two-plus years but attended the 500 as a civilian and not a journalist.

But I do have a 500 story.

Legendary AP special correspondent **Hugh Mulligan** came to town for a speech before the Pulliam Journalism Fellowship class and I gladly escorted him during his brief stay. On a free afternoon, he asked me if we could drive out to see the Indy 500 track and adjacent museum. We had a great time visiting the museum but when we got back to my CoBmobile, we found it had a flat tire.

Mulligan never let me forget that - and somehow the story got slight embellishment over the years - surprise, surprise - that we were somehow on the actual Indy track in my four-cylinder Ford Taurus when it happened.



Hugh Mulligan

Julie Pace is a new mom - from today's POLITICO Playbook:



WELCOME TO THE WORLD -- Julie Pace, Washington bureau chief at the AP, and Michael Ferenczy, a consultant at McKinsey and Co., on Tuesday welcomed William James Pace Ferenczy (Will for short).

"He's named for Mike's late father, Bill, and my dad, Jim. He instantly started crying at the first political reference uttered in our hospital room -- the kid had good instincts! So we're going to try to keep the conversation to happier topics for awhile."

Congratulations to Julie ([Email](#)) and Mike.

Have a great day!

Paul

Award-Winning Former AP Photographer Russell McPhedran Dies



One of the defining images of the Munich Olympics in 1972. A Palestinian on the balcony of [Block 31 Connolly Strasse](#) where 12 Israeli weightlifters and wrestlers were taken hostage during the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich. Photo: Russell McPhedran

By DENNIS PASSA

Former Associated Press photographer Russell McPhedran, whose balcony photo of a hooded terrorist at the 1972 Munich Olympics became one of the iconic images of the 20th century, has died after a heart-related illness. He was 82.

McPhedran, who was inducted into the Australian Media Hall of Fame last November, worked at the Sydney bureau of the Associated Press from 1985 until his retirement in

2003. He was the longest-serving photo editor at the Sydney bureau of the AP.

"Few photographers take a picture powerful enough to enter the permanent consciousness of a nation, let alone become instantly recognizable around the world. Russell McPhedran, or Russ as his mates call him, has a clutch of them," friend and former colleague Michael Bowers said in writing a tribute for McPhedran's Hall of Fame induction.



The Glasgow, Scotland-born McPhedran arrived in Sydney with his parents in 1950 and became a copy boy for The Sun newspaper in Sydney. He later spent four years on Fleet Street in London, during which time the subjects of his photographs included The Beatles and Ronnie Biggs, who was better-known as the Great Train Robber.

The most famous photo of his career came during a scheduled rest day for McPhedran at the track and field events at the Munich Olympics. McPhedran, then working in the Australian media, was tipped off that something was happening at the athletes' village.

On Sept. 5, 1972, members of the Palestinian "Black September" group attacked Israelis at the Munich Games, killing an athlete and a coach and taking nine others hostage. The hostages died later during a botched rescue attempt at a military airfield outside Munich.

In all, 11 Israelis were killed in the siege that shocked the world and ushered in a new era of global terrorism. McPhedran's photo appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald; a near-identical AP photo was published widely.

McPhedran covered seven more Olympic Games, the last at Sydney in 2000 with The AP.



The wall of Buckingham's department store collapses during the fire in Oxford Street on Anzac Day 1968.

"The adrenalin rush you get when you have taken what you know is a great picture is fantastic, you know you have done it," McPhedran told Bowers.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Brian Horton. (Dennis Passa is AP's sports writer in Australia who has known the McPhedran family for nearly 30 years.)

[Click here](#) for a Deadspin story on the story behind the photo of the hooded terrorist at the 1972 Olympics.

AP Photo of the Day



President Donald Trump, Vice President Mike Pence and first lady Melania Trump walk with Tony Kim, Kim Hak Song and Kim Dong Chul, Americans who were formerly detained in North Korea, at Andrews Air Force Base on May 10. They were released from captivity on May 9. | Alex Brandon/AP Photo

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A great section for those who love photography



Dan Even ([Email](#)) - For our photographer friends, and just lovers of good photography: NY Times on April 27 ran a great single section ``Scenes Unseen: The Summer of '78''. It's a 46-page section of pictures of the summer in NY that year, all photos never before published and taken by newspaper photogs (8 different) out on strike. Commissioned by the city park commissioner but never published then. Not only great photography, but a portrait of a much ``lazier'' time in America.

[Click here](#) to view the section.

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A lead he thought would never leave the Indy press room

Hal Bock ([Email](#)) - My friend, Bruce Lowitt, reminded me of another memorable Indy episode.

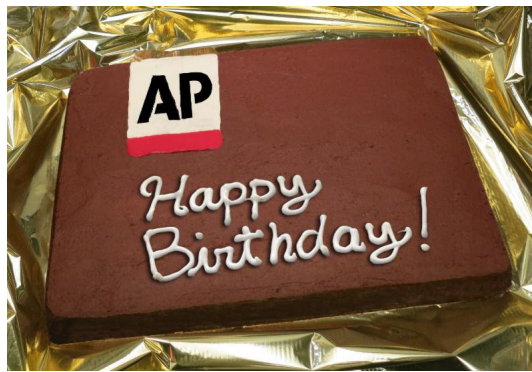
There was a year when a bunch of new drivers, sons of Indy veterans, were in the race. Bruce was assigned to the story and produced this lead:

"They emerged from the womb with a vroom."

I nearly choked on my funnel cake when I saw that and warned him to ditch it. I said it would only get him in trouble. He insisted on staying with it and we bet \$5 it would never make it out of the Indy press room.

It was not the only \$5 I lost to him.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



To

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Welcome to Connecting



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Stories of interest

Denver Post Journalists Go to New York to Protest Their Owner (New York Times)



Thomas Peele, a reporter for the Bay Area News Group, which includes The Mercury News of San Jose, Calif., speaking during a protest on Tuesday outside Alden Global Capital in Manhattan. Credit: Joshua Bright for The New York Times.

By Katherine Rosman and Jaclyn Peiser

Noelle Phillips, a reporter for The Denver Post, was among the journalists who took part in a protest against the newspaper's hedge-fund owner in Midtown Manhattan on Tuesday. Along with a dozen other sign-wielding protesters from newspapers across the country, Ms. Phillips chanted slogans outside the Lipstick Building, where

Alden Global Capital, the company behind the newspaper chain Digital First Media, has its headquarters.

"As a reporter, what do you do when someone won't answer your questions?" she said. "You go knock on their door."

Journalists at The Post have taken the lead in making public their displeasure with Alden and Digital First Media, the owner of more than 90 publications nationwide, including The Orange County Register, The Pioneer Press of St. Paul and The Mercury News of San Jose, Calif.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Sibby Christensen.

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Donald Trump just accidentally revealed something very important about his 'fake news' attacks (CNN)

Analysis by Chris Cillizza, CNN Editor-at-large

(CNN) On Wednesday morning, President Donald Trump sent out a tweet bashing the media. Nothing new there.

But, this tweet was different: Trump unintentionally revealed the false premise on which his relentless calls of "fake news" is based.

Here's the tweet:

"The Fake News is working overtime. Just reported that, despite the tremendous success we are having with the economy & all things else, 91% of the Network News about me is negative (Fake). Why do we work so hard in working with the media when it is corrupt? Take away credentials?"

Put aside the authoritarian -- but ultimately empty -- threat about taking away the media's "credentials," and focus instead on this sentence: "91% of the Network News about me is negative (Fake)."

Read more [here](#). Shared by John Hartzell.

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Trump's latest shot at the press corps: 'Take away credentials?' (CNN)

By Brian Stelter and Kaitlan Collins

President Trump has mused privately during his nearly 16 months in office about revoking reporters' press credentials, according to multiple people familiar with his comments.

On Wednesday, he brought it up publicly, tweeting "take away credentials?" as a question.

If he intended to provoke a reaction, he succeeded. Some journalists expressed outrage at the idea. Others dismissed it as typical Trump bloviating.

The White House Correspondents Association, which represents the press corps, expressed concern about the tweet.

Read more [here](#). Shared by John Hartzell.

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The Salt Lake Tribune faces layoffs, cuts to print offerings

By Tony Semerad

The owner and publisher of The Salt Lake Tribune has ordered staff cuts and a review of shrinking its print edition in light of continued losses in circulation and advertising revenues.

Paul Huntsman, who acquired Utah's largest newspaper in 2016, relayed those impending changes and financial difficulties in a 50-minute newsroom meeting with staff Tuesday, saying specifics on layoffs, reducing print pages and other content changes would be forthcoming within a week.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Doug Pizac.

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NBC says no culture of harassment in its news division

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) - NBC's internal investigation following Matt Lauer's firing says it doesn't believe there is a culture of sexual harassment at the news division and that current news executives weren't aware of the former "Today" show anchor's behavior until the complaint that doomed him.

Investigators also said more needs to be done to ensure that the more than 2,000 employees at NBC News can talk about bad behavior without fearing retaliation, leading NBC News Chairman Andy Lack to establish a way this can be done outside the company.

Despite releasing the report publicly, NBC was criticized for not allowing outsiders to look at its practices. Some suggested it damages the report's credibility.

"No one is going to be fully candid when speaking to management for fear of losing their jobs," said Eleanor McManus, a co-founder of Press Forward, an organization of women who worked in the news industry and experienced sexual misconduct.

Read more [here](#).

The Final Word

One space between each sentence, they said. Science just proved them wrong. (Washington Post)

By AVI SELK

In the beginning, the rules of the space bar were simple. Two spaces after each period. Every time. Easy.

That made sense in the age of the typewriter. Letters of uniform width looked cramped without extra space after the period. Typists learned not to do it.

But then, at the end of the 20th century, the typewriter gave way to the word processor, and the computer, and modern variable-width fonts. And the world divided.

Some insisted on keeping the two-space rule. They couldn't get used to seeing just one space after a period. It simply looked wrong.

Some said this was blasphemy. The designers of modern fonts had built the perfect amount of spacing, they said. Anything more than a single space between sentences was too much.

And so the rules of typography fell into chaos. "Typing two spaces after a period is totally, completely, utterly, and inarguably wrong," Farhad Manjoo wrote in Slate in 2011. "You can have my double space when you pry it from my cold, dead hands," Megan McArdle wrote in the Atlantic the same year. (And yes, she double-spaced it.)

Read more [here](#). Shared by Mike Holmes.

Today in History - May 10, 2018



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, May 10, the 130th day of 2018. There are 235 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On May 10, 1968, the "Night of the Barricades" began in Paris' Latin Quarter as tens of thousands of student protesters erected obstacles against riot police; in the pre-dawn hours of May 11, the police moved in, resulting in violent clashes that left hundreds of people injured. Preliminary peace talks between the United States and North Vietnam began in the French capital.

On this date:

In 1611, Sir Thomas Dale arrived in the Virginia Colony, where, as deputy governor, he instituted harsh measures to restore order.

In 1775, Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys, along with Col. Benedict Arnold, captured the British-held fortress at Ticonderoga, New York.

In 1818, American patriot Paul Revere, 83, died in Boston.

In 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis was captured by Union forces in Irwinville, Georgia.

In 1869, a golden spike was driven in Promontory, Utah, marking the completion of the first transcontinental railroad in the United States.

In 1924, J. Edgar Hoover was named acting director of the Bureau of Investigation (later known as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or FBI).

In 1933, the Nazis staged massive public book burnings in Germany.

In 1940, during World War II, German forces began invading the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Belgium and France. The same day, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain resigned, and Winston Churchill formed a new government.

In 1960, the nuclear-powered submarine USS Triton completed its submerged navigation of the globe.

In 1978, Buckingham Palace announced that Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon were divorcing after 18 years of marriage.

In 1984, the International Court of Justice said the United States should halt any actions to blockade Nicaragua's ports (the U.S. had already said it would not recognize World Court jurisdiction on this issue).

In 1994, Nelson Mandela took the oath of office in Pretoria to become South Africa's first black president. The state of Illinois executed serial killer John Wayne Gacy, 52, for the murders of 33 young men and boys.

Ten years ago: Presidential candidate Barack Obama erased Hillary Rodham Clinton's once-imposing lead among Democratic superdelegates as he added endorsements from Utah, Ohio, Arizona and the Virgin Islands. A tornado in Picher, Oklahoma, killed eight people. Jenna Bush married Henry Hager, the son of a Virginia Republican party official, at the Bush family ranch in Crawford, Texas.

Five years ago: The Internal Revenue Service apologized for what it acknowledged was "inappropriate" targeting of conservative political groups during the 2012 election to see if they were violating their tax-exempt status. U.S government scientists said worldwide levels of carbon dioxide, the chief greenhouse gas blamed

for global warming, had hit a milestone, reaching an amount never before encountered by humans.

One year ago: All but ignoring the unfurling drama over Russia and the U.S. election, President Donald Trump sought to advance prospects for cooperation between the former Cold War foes in Syria and elsewhere in a rare Oval Office meeting with Vladimir Putin's top diplomat, Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov (sir-GAY' lahv-RAWF').

Today's Birthdays: Author Barbara Taylor Bradford is 85. Rhythm-and-blues singer Henry Fambrough (The Spinners) is 80. Actor David Clennon is 75. Writer-producer-director Jim Abrahams is 74. Singer Donovan is 72. Singer-songwriter Graham Gouldman (10cc) is 72. Singer Dave Mason is 72. Actor Mike Hagerty is 64. Sports anchor Chris Berman is 63. Actor Bruce Penhall is 61. Former Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., is 60. Actress Victoria Rowell is 59. Rock singer Bono (BAH'-noh) (U2) is 58. Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev., is 58. Rock musician Danny Carey (Tool) is 57. Actor Darryl M. Bell is 55. Playwright Suzan-Lori Parks is 55. Model Linda Evangelista is 53. Rapper Young MC is 51. Actor Erik Palladino is 50. Rock singer Richard Patrick (Filter) is 50. Actor Lenny Venito is 49. Actor Dallas Roberts is 48. Actress Leslie Stefanson is 47. Actor-singer Todd Lowe is 46. Country musician David Wallace (Cole Deggs and the Lonesome) is 46. Actress Andrea Anders is 43. Race car driver Helio Castroneves is 43. Rock musician Jesse Vest is 41. Actor Kenan Thompson is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jason Dalyrimple (Soul For Real) is 38. Rock musician Joey Zehr (The Click Five) is 35. Singer Ashley Poole (Dream) is 33. Actress Odette Annable is 33. Actress Lindsey Shaw is 29. Actress Lauren Potter is 28. Olympic gold medal swimmer Missy Franklin is 23.

Thought for Today: "Creative minds always have been known to survive any kind of bad training." - Anna Freud, Austrian-born psychoanalyst (1895-1982).

Got a story or photos 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:

- **Second chapters** - You finished a great career. Now tell us about your second (and third and fourth?) chapters of life.

- **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.

- **Most unusual** place a story assignment took you.



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