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Out of the box



Cameras old and simple Images ever new

Back to work for these cameras,
some nearly a century old...

Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning!

Our colleague **Neal Ulevich** ([Email](#)) made a recent addition to his Watermargin website...and what he added is a fascinating piece of photo work that he shares with

his Connecting colleagues.

"This is not about the latest technology in photography, but some of the oldest," said Ulevich, who as an AP photographer won the 1977 Pulitzer Prize for Spot News Photography for images from a violent confrontation in Bangkok.

In his introductory page, he noted:

Kodak introduced the Brownie No. 2 box camera in 1909, and with it a new size roll film called **120**.

Other camera makers took note and made knock-offs.

Cheap and simple, millions were made over a half century. In this digital age most film types made for early cameras are history now, but **120** lives on as a professional film.

I bought most of my box cameras for a pittance at small town antique stores on the Great Plains.

The film is developed commercially. I digitize negatives with a high resolution scanner and use Adobe Photoshop to fine tune, sharpen and tone images.



[Click here](#) for a link.



One of the photos by Neal Ulevich: Tuned to the stars, the Very Large Array radiotelescope antenna near Socorro, New Mexico.

Names relating to journalism

Reaction to my call for names of communities that recall media terms yielded these first responses:

Typo, Kentucky - from Al Cross.

Cable, Wisconsin - from Bob O'Meara, of the popular summer and winter resort town. Bob added, "Alas, it was not named after the once-popular method of sending news. It was named for Ransom Reed Cable, president of a railroad that completed its line there in 1880."

Newport News, Virginia - also from Bob O'Meara, who said "It's where I left the USA from when I went to Europe in World War II." (And where Ye Olde Connecting Editor spent his last year of USAF duty at Langley AFB.)

And your days on school patrol

Your colleagues also responded to my Spotlight story, also mentioned in Wednesday's Connecting, on school patrol boys and girls.

Bill Handy: 6th Grade. Chesterbrook Elementary School. McLean, Virginia. 1961-62: We also were assigned to maintain order on school buses, a task that required us to stand in the aisles, rather than sitting. That positioned me well to see a car collide with the right-front-side of our moving bus one morning. Fender-bender only, but the driver was charged, and I went to court as a possible witness in his case. Unimpeachable, I would have been, as a school patrol. Details are fuzzy, but I think he ended up pleading guilty (perhaps intimidated by the prospect of school patrol testimony).

Don Waters: As a 5th and 6th grader, I served on the traffic safety patrol for my school, PS119 (Public School, for non-New Yorkers) in the solidly middle class center of mid-century Brooklyn. I was honored to be invited to join the patrol by its faculty adviser. The fact that she named her son as captain was my first encounter with nepotism, but I happily settled for my AAA-issued lieutenant's badge.

Have one great day!

Paul

Connecting mailbox

Joe Galloway photo sparks memories

Malcolm Barr Sr. ([Email](#)) - It was good to see the photo of a vigorous Joe Galloway at the bust of Ernie Pyle in the Aug. 8 issue of Connecting. I used to see Joe once in a while at meetings in Alexandria VA of the local chapter of the U.S. Marine Corps Combat Correspondents' Association (USMCCA), I think as far back as the 'seventies. While an AP newsman in Honolulu in the 1960s I often took visiting journalists, at their request, to visit Pyle's grave at the National Cemetery of the Pacific (otherwise known as Punchbowl). Pyle was an icon then and grew in stature as the decades passed.

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Dave Swearingen: affable administrator, encouraging leader

Lindel Hutson ([Email](#)) - I was saddened to learn of the death of Dave Swearingen. He was bureau chief when I came to Indianapolis as news editor from the NY General Desk in the early 1980s.

Dave was an affable administrator and an encouraging leader who got the most out of his people.

He was a proud New Englander who brought his accent with him, along with a siren-chasing demeanor that no story was too small to cover.

His philosophy for the big story was to surround it with enough people and make sure coverage was sufficient.

I loved Dave's competitiveness. AP and UPI were fierce competitors in those days and Indiana was a battleground state.

One of the Iranian hostages, Fred (Rick) Kupke, was from Indiana. It was a huge story at the time, January 1981.

Dave and I hatched a plan that photographer Chuck Robinson and I would fly to Washington and get on the same plane with Kupke and escort him home, hoping for exclusive words and photos.

We were successful beyond our expectations. Kupke was talkative and photogenic all the way from DC to Indianapolis.

At the Indy airport, a huge crowd of well-wishers and media was waiting.

The plane taxied in and the doors open. Out stepped Kupke, followed by Chuck and me.

The look on the faces of the waiting UPI staffers was priceless.

That wouldn't have happened without Dave's engineering.

He left the AP and returned to Maine where he was editor of papers in New Bedford and Brunswick. He returned to AP again later and worked with the communications department.

In stretch of Arizona border, migrant families keep coming



A Honduran man carries his 3-year-old son as his daughter and other son follow to a transport vehicle after being detained by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol agents Wednesday, July 18, 2018 in San Luis, Ariz. (AP Photo/Matt York)

By AP IMAGES

The 3-year-old boy with a bowl haircut and striped shirt silently clung to his father in the back of a U.S. Border Patrol truck.

Their shoes still muddy from crossing the border, the father and son had just been apprehended at a canal near a border fence in Arizona on a muggy night in July.

Before the father, son and two older children could make it any farther, a Border Patrol agent intervened and directed them through a large border gate.

The father handed over documents that showed gang members had committed crimes against his family, one of the ways immigrants who seek asylum try to prove their cases. After a wait, he and his children were hauled away in a van to be processed at a Border Patrol station about 20 miles away in Yuma.

The encounter witnessed by The Associated Press illustrates how families are still coming into the U.S. even in the face of daily global headlines about the Trump administration's zero-tolerance immigration policies. The flow of families from Central America is especially pronounced in this overlooked stretch of border in Arizona and California.

Read more [here](#).

Stories of interest

Jim Acosta's Dangerous Brand of Performance Journalism (Atlantic)



By TODD S PURDUM

he verb to accost comes from the old French that meant "to sail up close to a ship or a shoreline." CNN's Jim Acosta lived up to his patronymic (which has comparable coastal roots in Portuguese and Spanish) when he confronted White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders with guns blazing last week, demanding to know if she shared Donald Trump's belief that the press is the enemy of the American people.

Stipulate that Sanders traduces the truth each waking or speaking hour. Stipulate, too, that Acosta had just been the object of threatening and abusive taunts at a Trump rally in Florida. Even stipulate, if you wish, that his question was a cri de coeur and not a showy bid for clicks and ratings in the debased ritual of performance art that the White House briefing has become.

But acknowledge this also, please: Whenever a reporter who has not been kidnapped by terrorists, shot by an assailant, or won a big prize becomes an actor in her own story, she has lost the fight. Or in this case, reinforced the corrosive, cynical, and deeply dangerous feedback loop that has convinced Trump's most fervent supporters that his relentless brief against the press has merit: FAKE NEWS! SAD!

Read more [here](#). Shared by Paul Albright.

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ProPublica to Fund Investigative Reporting Focused on State Government (New York Times)

By John Koblin

The nonprofit news organization ProPublica announced a new initiative on Wednesday to provide funding for local news outlets to pursue investigative projects focused on state government.

In recent years, as the difficult economic environment facing the media industry has taken a particular toll on local news organizations, coverage of state governments has dropped significantly.

ProPublica's initiative, which is being financed by an undisclosed donor, is intended to "try to help fill that gap," Richard Tofel, the president of ProPublica, said in a telephone interview.

"Over the last 13 years the business results of almost every journalism organization has continued to deteriorate and that's especially acute at the local level," he said. "This project, generally, is a response to that."

Read more [here](#).

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Newspaper sues ex-reporter over control of Twitter account

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) - The owner of a Virginia newspaper is suing a former reporter for refusing to give up control of a Twitter account the paper says it owns.

BH Media Group Inc., the parent company of The Roanoke Times, filed a lawsuit Monday alleging Virginia Tech football beat reporter Andy Bitter has misappropriated trade secrets by using the account at his new job at The Athletic website.

Read more [here](#).

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Sinclair, Tribune in talks to overcome regulatory hurdles

NEW YORK (AP) - The Sinclair broadcasting company says it's in talks with Tribune Media on how to overcome regulatory hurdles to its \$3.9 billion deal to buy Tribune's 42 TV stations.

The deadline for either party to walk away from the deal is midnight on Wednesday.

Sinclair CEO Chris Ripley said Wednesday morning that the companies are working to find approaches that are best for the company, employees and shareholders. He made the comments as Sinclair reported quarterly financial results.

Read more [here](#).

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A Generation Grows Up in China Without Google, Facebook or Twitter (New York Times)

By Li Yuan

HONG KONG - Wei Dilong, 18, who lives in the southern Chinese city of Liuzhou, likes basketball, hip-hop music and Hollywood superhero movies. He plans to study chemistry in Canada when he goes to college in 2020.

Mr. Wei is typical of Chinese teenagers in another way, too: He has never heard of Google or Twitter. He once heard of Facebook, though. It is "maybe like Baidu?" he asked one recent afternoon, referring to China's dominant search engine.

A generation of Chinese is coming of age with an internet that is distinctively different from the rest of the web. Over the past decade, China has blocked Google, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, as well as thousands of other foreign websites, including The New York Times and Chinese Wikipedia. A plethora of Chinese websites emerged to serve the same functions - though they came with a heavy dose of censorship.

Read more [here](#).

Today in History - August 9, 2018



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 9, the 221st day of 2018. There are 144 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 9, 1974, Vice President Gerald R. Ford became the nation's 38th chief executive as President Richard Nixon's resignation took effect.

On this date:

In 1854, Henry David Thoreau's "Walden," which described Thoreau's experiences while living near Walden Pond in Massachusetts, was first published.

In 1902, Edward VII was crowned king of Britain following the death of his mother, Queen Victoria.

In 1936, Jesse Owens won his fourth gold medal at the Berlin Olympics as the United States took first place in the 400-meter relay.

In 1944, 258 African-American sailors based at Port Chicago, California, refused to load a munitions ship following a cargo vessel explosion that killed 320 men, many of them black. (Fifty of the sailors were convicted of mutiny, fined and imprisoned.)

In 1945, three days after the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, a U.S. B-29 Superfortress code-named Bockscar dropped a nuclear device ("Fat Man") over Nagasaki, killing an estimated 74,000 people.

In 1969, actress Sharon Tate and four other people were found brutally slain at Tate's Los Angeles home; cult leader Charles Manson and a group of his followers were later convicted of the crime.

In 1982, a federal judge in Washington ordered John W. Hinckley Jr., who'd been acquitted of shooting President Ronald Reagan and three others by reason of insanity, committed to a mental hospital.

In 1992, closing ceremonies were held for the Barcelona Summer Olympics, with the Unified Team of former Soviet republics winning 112 medals, the United States 108.

In 1995, Jerry Garcia, lead singer of the Grateful Dead, died in Forest Knolls, California, of a heart attack at age 53.

In 1997, Haitian immigrant Abner Louima was brutalized in a Brooklyn, New York, stationhouse by Officer Justin Volpe, who raped him with a broken broomstick. (Volpe was later sentenced to 30 years in prison.) An Amtrak train with more than 300 people aboard derailed on a bridge near Kingman, Arizona; 183 people were injured.

In 2004, Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols, addressing a court for the first time, asked victims of the blast for forgiveness as a judge sentenced him to 161 consecutive life sentences.

In 2014, Michael Brown Jr., an unarmed 18-year-old black man, was shot to death by a police officer following an altercation in Ferguson, Missouri; Brown's death led to sometimes-violent protests in Ferguson and other U.S. cities.

Ten years ago: Todd Bachman, the father of 2004 volleyball Olympian Elisabeth "Wiz" Bachman, was stabbed to death by a Chinese man in Beijing in an apparently random attack just hours after the start of the Olympic Games. (The assailant took his own life.) Mariel Zagunis led a U.S. sweep of the women's saber fencing for the first American medals of the Games. Comedian Bernie Mac died in Chicago at age 50.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama promised to work with Congress on "appropriate reforms" for the domestic surveillance programs that stirred criticism at home and abroad. President Obama signed into law a measure restoring lower interest rates for student loans. Infamous drug lord Rafael Caro Quintero walked free after 28 years in prison when a Mexican court overturned his 40-year sentence for the 1985 kidnap and killing of U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency agent Enrique Camarena.

One year ago: North Korea's army said it was studying a plan to create an "enveloping fire" in areas around the U.S. territory of Guam with medium- to long-range ballistic missiles. Prosecutors in Florida said golfer Tiger Woods had agreed to plead guilty to reckless driving and would enter a diversion program that would allow him to have his record wiped clean; he'd been charged with DUI in May when he was found asleep in his car, apparently under the influence of a prescription painkiller and sleeping medication.

Today's Birthdays: Basketball Hall of Famer Bob Cousy is 90. Actress Cynthia Harris is 84. Tennis Hall of Famer Rod Laver is 80. Jazz musician Jack DeJohnette is 76. Comedian-director David Steinberg is 76. Actor Sam Elliott is 74. Singer Barbara Mason is 71. Former MLB All-Star pitcher Bill Campbell is 70. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player John Cappelletti is 66. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player Doug Williams is 63. Actress Melanie Griffith is 61. Actress Amanda Bearse is 60. Rapper Kurtis Blow is 59. Hockey Hall of Famer Brett Hull is 54. TV host Hoda Kotb (HOH'-duh KAHT'-bee) is 54. Actor Pat Petersen is 52. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Deion Sanders is 51. Actress Gillian Anderson is 50. Actor Eric Bana is 50. Producer-director McG (aka Joseph McGinty Nichol) is 50. NHL player-turned-assistant coach Rod Brind'Amour is 48. TV anchor Chris Cuomo is 48. Actor Thomas Lennon is 48. Rock musician Arion Salazar is 48. Rapper Mack 10 is 47. Actress Nikki Schieler Ziering is 47. Latin rock singer Juanes is 46. Actress Liz Vassey is 46. Actor Kevin McKidd is 45. Actress Rhona Mitra (ROH'-nuh MEE'-truh) is 43. Actor Texas Battle is 42. Actress Jessica Capshaw is 42. Actress Ashley Johnson is 35. Actress Anna Kendrick is 33.

Thought for Today: "The truth is lived, not taught." - Hermann Hesse, German-born Swiss poet and author (born 1877, died this date in 1962).

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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