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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this Oct. 14, 2021,

AUTHORS ALERT! HAVE YOU WRITTEN A BOOK IN THE PAST YEAR?

If you have written a book in the past year, Connecting would like to feature it in our annual listing of books authored by Connecting colleagues. The book issue will appear in a couple weeks – so this is an invitation to send me the following: Name of book, jpg image of the cover and your headshot, and 300 words on the book including where it can be purchased. Send along the information soon.

Our colleague **Ted Anthony** wrote about William Shatner's brief entry into space, in a wire story that Connecting published Wednesday. The Canadian Broadcasting Corp. interviewed Ted and we lead with its Q-and-A story.

My thanks to colleague **Peg Coughlin** for publishing Connecting for the past few issues while Linda and I explored the Outer Banks of North Carolina. She did a great job. One of our highlights: Kitty Hawk and the Wright Brothers Memorial.

Have a good day – be safe, stay healthy!

Paul

Why sending William Shatner to space was 'a marketing victory' for Jeff Bezos



Blue Origin's New Shepard rocket latest space passengers from left, Audrey Powers, William Shatner, Chris Boshuizen, and Glen de Vries raise their hands during a media availability at the spaceport near Van Horn, Texas, Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021. (AP Photo/LM Otero)

CBC Radio

By sending William Shatner on a brief trip into space, Jeff Bezos has crafted a narrative of optimism and hope, instead of one about, for example, the privatization in space flight or the ethics of Amazon's labour policies, says culture writer Ted Anthony.

Shatner, 90, who portrayed Capt. James T. Kirk on the original Star Trek series and films, made history as the oldest person in space on Wednesday as he blasted off in a rocket built by the Amazon CEO's company, Blue Origin.

But Star Trek's post-capitalist, utopian vision of space exploration is a far cry from the modern reality of celebrities riding rockets funded by billionaires.

Anthony, a culture writer and self-professed Star Trek fan, recently wrote about these contrasting ideals for The Associated Press. Here is part of his conversation with As It Happens host Carol Off.

[What] does Jeff Bezos get out of this? Why do you think it was so important to him to have William Shatner there?

Jeff Bezos gets the aura of Star Trek surrounding his space endeavour. It's an interesting sort of overlay in that as we look at the increasing sort of privatization of some of space travel, at the same time, we're bringing in this modern myth about what space travel could be that is something that, as Star Trek has represented, has generally been good and positive and humanistic and ethical.

Bezos stands to benefit greatly from having those traits associated with his own business. And for him, I think it's definitely a marketing victory.

Read more [here](#).

And these snapshots with Captain Kirk







Ted Anthony ([Email](#)) re his son Mason: Ahead of Shatner in space this morning: That time back in 2008 when hardcore "Star Trek" fan Mason, at 5, drew a picture of the Enterprise and I took it to the man himself and watched as he put it up on the bulletin board of his office in LA. "Not too many people draw me the Enterprise anymore," he said. Click [here](#) for the story Ted was doing in LA when he spent the day with him in '08.

Ted reports that Mason is in his first year of college at La Roche University outside Pittsburgh, and is still binge-watching old episodes of 'Star Trek' late at night. "He has learned to build PCs from scratch, which I do not think is a coincidence given that he grew up steeped in the sense that aboard the Enterprise, the ship could be saved by rerouting various junctions or assembling something from its parts on the fly."



Lee Perryman ([Email](#)) - “Bill” and I met, and had a few quality minutes chatting behind the curtains, at Awesome Con in Washington, D.C., on May 30, 2015. Bob Jacobs, who worked with me on the ENPS team, was/is with NASA and arranged the visit.

Connecting mailbox

Nick Ut remembers his brother



Nick Ut (Email) - I send you two pictures to remember my old brother Huỳnh Thanh My who was killed on assignment for AP on Oct. 10, 1965, in Mekong Delta during Vietnam War.

Huỳnh Thanh My was one of the toughest photographers of the Vietnam War. He had a Bachelor of Arts Degree and for several years he carried heavy network news equipment around the battlefield for CBS, until he was lured to AP in 1963 to work as a staff photographer.

In May 1965, he was wounded by machine gun fire but returned to the front lines as soon as he was released from the hospital. While covering a fight between the Viet Cong and SVN Rangers in the Mekong Delta later that year, Huynh Thanh My was wounded in the chest and arm. As he waited to be evacuated by helicopter, the enemy overran the makeshift aid station and killed the wounded. Nearly the entire Saigon Press Corps marched in Huynh Thanh My's funeral procession to the Mac Dinh Chi cemetery.

Huynh left behind his 19-year-old widow and seven-month-old daughter. I was hired by the AP in 1966 and covered the rest of the war, winning a Pulitzer Prize in 1973. I retired from the AP Los Angeles bureau in 2017 after 51 years with the AP.

After my brother was killed, I keep thinking of him every day. I love my brother so much.

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Recruiting a new generation to her beloved typewriter



Sister Donalda Kehoe ([Email](#)) – who is Connecting’s most avid champion of the typewriter – is trying to spread that love to a new generation of her family. Sister D is shown here with her great-great niece Nora, 2 years old. They met recently for the very first time. Sister D created a beautiful acrostic poem of Nora’s name that hangs in her room.

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Memories of Bill Mauldin do not fade

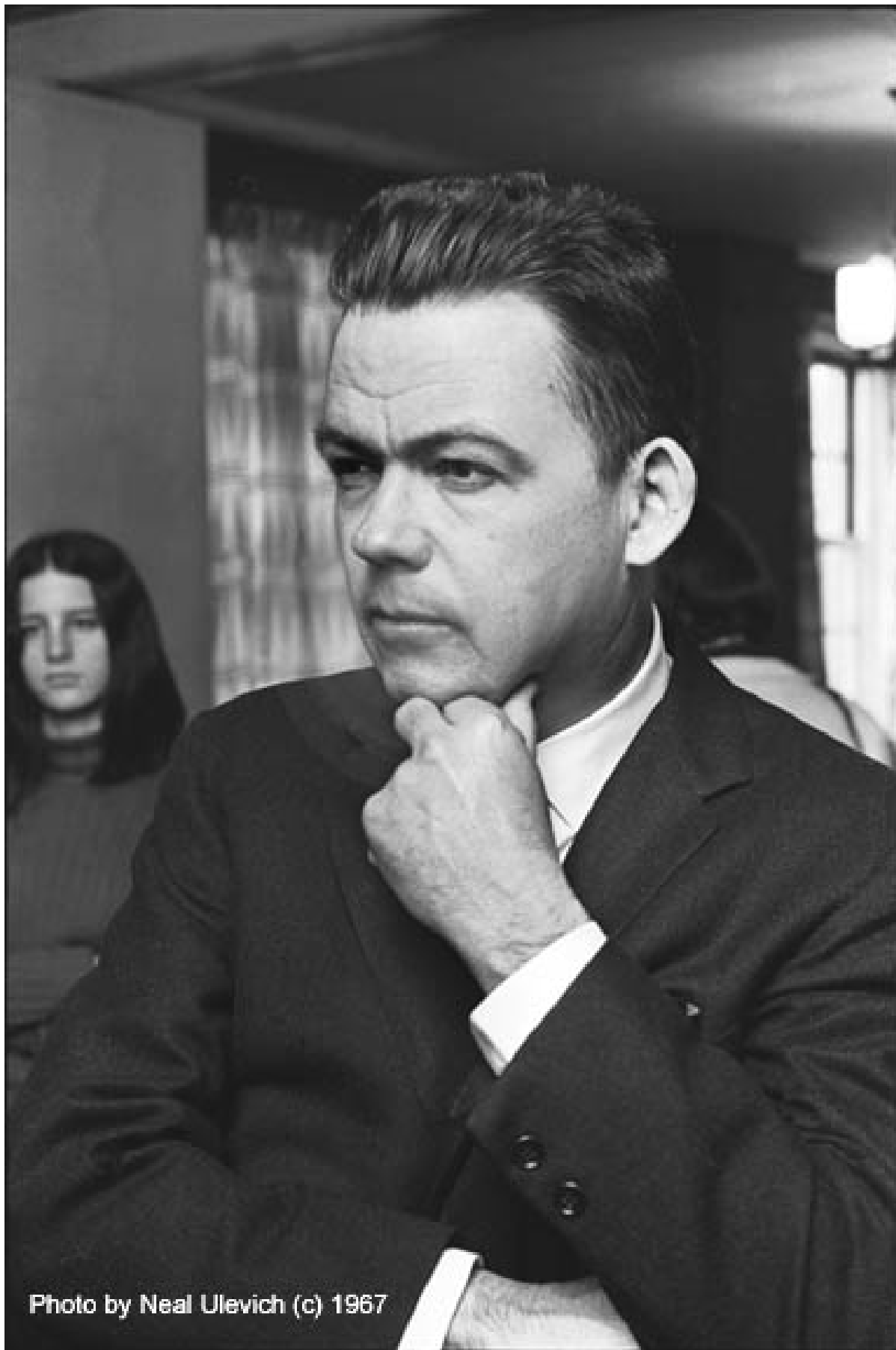


Photo by Neal Ulevich (c) 1967



Neal Ulevich ([Email](#)) - The decades pass but memories of Bill Mauldin do not fade. His work and his personality echo across the years. I saw him, talked briefly, when I was a student at the University of Wisconsin in 1967. Mauldin addressed a student audience then, very entertaining. I made this snap of him 54 years ago.

Of more recent vintage, I saved one of his classic drawings of Willie and Joe. It resonated after my own Jeep died on a road trip, age 400,000 miles.

Chuck Yeager becomes an ace in a day

By Marc Lancaster
WW2 on Deadline

On Oct. 12, 1944, the Associated Press moved a two-paragraph story from London that was printed in a few dozen newspapers back home:

Four Luftwaffe fighter planes went down over Hannover, Germany, Thursday before the flaming guns of Lt. Charles E. Yeager, Hamilton, W. Va., who a few days ago went to General Eisenhower personally asking permission to return to combat.

Yeager, who was wounded over Berlin last March, dived into two Germans so fiercely he made them bail out, crashed a third into the ground and the fourth plane came apart while the pilot was snap rolling in an effort to escape the West Virginian's wrath.

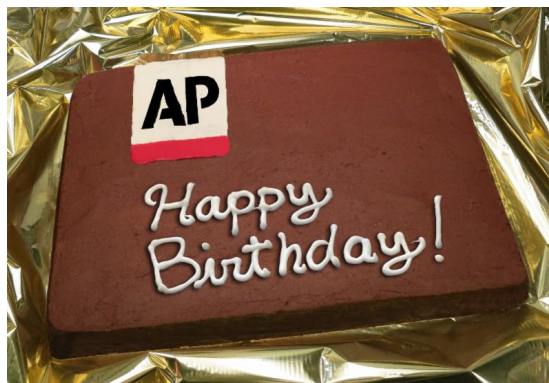
The following day, the AP sent a two-paragraph update noting that Yeager's total for the day had been upped to five after fellow pilots reported seeing him down an additional German fighter.



The 21-year-old Yeager, who had joined the Army Air Forces three years earlier as a mechanic, already had two victories to his credit before the dogfight that officially made him an ace.

Read more [here](#).

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Under the Taliban, it's harder than ever to be an Afghan journalist (NPR)

ISLAMABAD — The nightmares come easy and often for Afghan journalist Taqi Daryabi.

When they do, the 22-year-old reporter for the Afghan newspaper Etilatroz is instantly transported back to a dank room in a Taliban-run police station, where a group of former fighters brutally beat him and his colleague Nematullah Naqdi last month for covering a women's protest in Kabul.

"All of them started beating me with whatever they had in their hands — with whips, batons, with rubber, with wood," says Daryabi, who is still in and out of the hospital for treatment of his lacerations. "With whatever torturing tool they had, they beat me until I passed out."

Read more [here](#).

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ESPN's Adam Schefter Latest Person to Face Heat in Jon Gruden Email Scandal: TRAINA THOUGHTS (Sports Illustrated)

JIMMY TRAINA

1. The NFL's investigation into the Washington Football Team that led to the discovery of offensive emails sent by Jon Gruden between 2011 and '18 has now unearthed an email from ESPN's Adam Schefter that is causing a big stir in the journalism world.

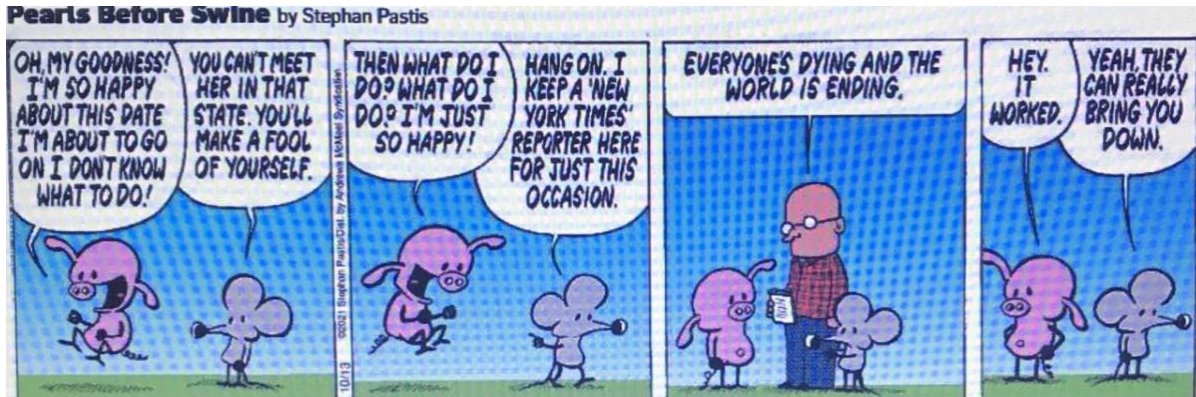
The Los Angeles Times reported that in July 2011, Schefter emailed a complete draft of a story about the NFL lockout that ESPN was publishing that day to then WFT president Bruce Allen.

"Please let me know if you see anything that should be added, changed, tweaked," Schefter wrote. "Thanks, Mr. Editor, for that and the trust. Plan to file this to espn about 6 am"

While giving Allen the chance to change the story is bad, that "Mr. Editor" line is so cringe.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Dennis Conrad.

The Final Word



Shared by Bruce Lowitt, Adolphe Bernotas.



Celebrating AP's 175th

AP store for 175th, vintage merchandise



The AP has created a store with 175th anniversary merchandise available for purchase, as well as items branded with some of AP's most historic logos.

Click [Here](#).

AP Through Time: A Photographic History



AP Through Time: A Photographic History” - created by Director of Corporate Archives, Valerie Komor, is a keepsake commemorating AP’s 175th year. Small in size (6 ¾ x 6 ¾ in.), it is organized chronologically in eight segments that trace the broad outlines of AP’s development from 1846 to the present: Beginnings, Evolution, New Century, Modernity, Expansion, One World, Speed, and Transformation. Click [here](#) to view and make an order.

Today in History - Oct. 14, 2021



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Oct. 14, the 287th day of 2021. There are 78 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On Oct. 14, 1947, U.S. Air Force Capt. Charles E. (“Chuck”) Yeager (YAY’-gur) became the first test pilot to break the sound barrier as he flew the experimental Bell XS-1 (later X-1) rocket plane over Muroc Dry Lake in California.

On this date:

In 1066, Normans under William the Conqueror defeated the English at the Battle of Hastings.

In 1586, Mary, Queen of Scots, went on trial in England, accused of committing treason against Queen Elizabeth I. (Mary was beheaded in February 1587.)

In 1933, Nazi Germany announced it was withdrawing from the League of Nations.

In 1939, a German U-boat torpedoed and sank the HMS Royal Oak, a British battleship anchored at Scapa Flow in Scotland's Orkney Islands; 833 of the more than 1,200 men aboard were killed.

In 1944, German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel took his own life rather than face trial and certain execution for allegedly conspiring against Adolf Hitler.

In 1964, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. Soviet leader Nikita S. Khrushchev was toppled from power; he was succeeded by Leonid Brezhnev as First Secretary and by Alexei Kosygin as Premier.

In 1968, the first successful live telecast from a manned U.S. spacecraft was transmitted from Apollo 7.

In 1981, the new president of Egypt, Hosni Mubarak (HOHS'-nee moo-BAH'-rahk), was sworn in to succeed the assassinated Anwar Sadat. Mubarak pledged loyalty to Sadat's policies.

In 2001, as U.S. jets opened a second week of raids in Afghanistan, President George W. Bush sternly rejected a Taliban offer to discuss handing over Osama bin Laden to a third country.

In 2008, a grand jury in Orlando, Fla. returned charges of first-degree murder, aggravated child abuse and aggravated manslaughter against Casey Anthony in the death of her 2-year-old daughter, Caylee. (She was acquitted in July 2011.)

In 2014, a second nurse at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas came down with Ebola after contracting it from a dying patient. (The nurse, Amber Joy Vinson, was later declared free of the disease.)

In 2017, a truck bombing in Somalia's capital killed more than 500 people in one of the world's deadliest attacks in years; officials blamed the attack on the extremist group al-Shabab and said it was meant to target Mogadishu's international airport, but the bomb detonated in a crowded street after soldiers opened fire.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama cast himself as a savior of the U.S. auto industry as he stood in a once-shuttered Michigan assembly plant with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak to boast of a new trade deal and the auto bailout he'd pushed through Congress. In Tokyo, Japan's Kohei Uchimura (koo-hay oo-chee-mur-uh) gave the home fans what they wanted, becoming the first man to win three titles at the world gymnastics championships.

Five years ago: A judge in Connecticut dismissed a wrongful-death lawsuit by Newtown families against the maker of the rifle used in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting massacre, citing a federal law that shielded gun manufacturers from most lawsuits over criminal use of their products.

One year ago: Facebook and Twitter took steps to limit the spread of an unverified political story about the son of Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden that was published by the conservative-leaning New York Post; the moves led to cries of censorship from the right. The U.S. Postal Service agreed to reverse changes that slowed mail service, settling a lawsuit filed by Montana Gov. Steve Bullock amid a pandemic that was prompting many more people to vote by mail. The Supreme Court ruled that the Trump administration could end census field operations early, in a blow to efforts to make sure minorities were properly counted. First lady Melania Trump said 14-year-old Barron Trump had tested positive at one point for the coronavirus but subsequently tested negative. Post Malone won nine honors at the 2020 Billboard Music Awards.

Today's Birthdays: Classical pianist Gary Graffman is 93. Movie director Carroll Ballard is 84. Country singer Melba Montgomery is 84. Former White House counsel John W. Dean III is 83. Fashion designer Ralph Lauren is 82. Singer Sir Cliff Richard is 81. Singer-musician Justin Hayward (The Moody Blues) is 75. Actor Greg Evigan is 68. TV personality Arleen Sorkin is 66. World Golf Hall of Famer Beth Daniel is 65. Singer-musician Thomas Dolby is 63. Actor Lori Petty is 58. Philadelphia Phillies manager Joe Girardi is 57. Actor Steve Coogan is 56. Singer Karyn White is 56. Actor Edward Kerr is 55. Actor Jon Seda is 51. Country singer Natalie Maines (The Chicks) is 47. Actor-singer Shaznay Lewis (All Saints) is 46. Actor Stephen Hill is 45. Singer Usher is 43. TV personality Stacy Keibler is 42. Actor Ben Wishaw is 41. Actor Jordan Brower is 40. Director Benh Zeitlin is 39. Actor Skyler Shaye is 35. Actor-comedian Jay Pharoah is 34. Actor Max Thieriot is 33.

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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