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Colleagues,

Day II of the leadership change at The New York Times and it appears the world of news continued to turn. Some items of interest:

News about the AP

[AP, Guardian, three newspapers challenge lethal injection secrecy in landmark Missouri lawsuit](#)

The growing secrecy adopted by death penalty states to hide the source of their lethal injection drugs used in executions is being challenged in a new lawsuit in Missouri, which argues that the American people have a right to know how the ultimate punishment is being carried out in their name.



[AP Global Media Services and NewSource Globo team up in Brazil](#)

The Associated Press and Globo have announced a four-year agreement, through their AP Global Media Services (GMS) and NewSource Globo units, to provide international broadcasters with

comprehensive media services and facilities at major events taking place in Brazil, including the FIFA World Cup, the 2016 Olympic Games and the Pope's visit in 2017.

FOX Sports, AP announce agreement to sell sports data company STATS LLC to equity firm

FOX Sports and The Associated Press announced Thursday that they have agreed to sell their sports data company, STATS LLC, to Vista Equity Partners, a leading San Francisco-based private equity firm with over \$12 billion in committed capital focused on investing in software, data and technology-enabled services companies.

AP's Daniszewski to speak at Arab Media Forum in Dubai

John Daniszewski, vice president and senior managing editor for international news, is scheduled to speak at the 13th Arab Media Forum next week. His topic: "The Future of News Media in the Region." Daniszewski became AP's senior managing editor for international news in 2009 after three decades as a reporter, editor and correspondent who has been on assignment in more than 70 countries in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and Asia.

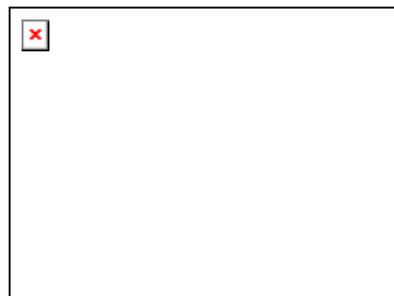


AP Vietnam book cover photographer to be honored

Award-winning war photographer and **Art Greenspon** will be awarded an HMOR - Honorary Member of the Regiment - by the U.S. Army's 327th Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). In an official ceremony Monday at the 101st division headquarters at Fort Campbell, K.Y., he will be welcomed as a member of the unit in recognition of his iconic 1968 war photograph, "Help From Above," which he took while on a five-day patrol with A Company, 2nd Battalion/327th Regiment in the A Shau Valley in South Vietnam.

The Archivist's Update

With this month's Archivist's Update from AP, we feature an image of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps of the 4th WAAC training center at Fort Devens, Mass. The women marched as part of a ceremony observing the first anniversary of the founding of the Auxiliary Corps. Women were given military status in 1942 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a law creating the WAAC.



Connecting mailbox

Charlie Monzella The D-Day article in Wednesday's Connecting reminds me that there was an interesting story that the late **Marty Lederhandler** used to tell about his experience using carrier pigeons to get photos back to AP in England after the invasion of Europe. I

don't remember whether Marty went ashore on D-Day, or a little later. Either he wrote, or I used his quotes to write, a story for the AP Log a number of years ago about how one pigeon with a roll of Marty's film tied to its leg ended up in Germany, and a photo attributed to Lederhandler appearing in a German newspaper. Marty had a copy of that newspaper and I used it to illustrate the AP Log story. Since I gave all my personal copies of the AP Log to you for the Archives, I was wondering if there is some way to come up with that story. It is fascinating and is part of AP lore.

Where in the West is Bob Meyers?

Connecting colleague [Robert Meyers](#), well into his cross-country biking trip from California to Georgia, checked in Thursday from the Lone Star State: Covered some ground. I'll camp tonight by the road a few miles from Kent, Texas, and head for Alpine tomorrow. Spoke speak has more detail but the gist of it is coming down to the Rio Grande on Sunday after crossing 8,233-foot Emory Pass in blustery winds. Followed the dry riverbed of the Rio Grande through alfalfa, wheat, barley and onion fields all lush with the river's water and one pecan grove after the other. Into Texas on Tuesday and stayed in an El Paso hotel which made me ready for a 96-mile day out to Sierra Blanca to camp in the town park. Out through dry country with wide vistas and not much going on. Looking forward to the moon rising as last night's full moon. A map 20 miles back made it look like I might be getting close to the first third complete.



Happy Birthday:



[Joe McGowan](#)

(retired AP chief of bureau, Denver)

[Joe May](#)

(retired publisher at Mexico, Mo.)

Stories of interest

[Leaked New York Times innovation report is one of the key documents of this media age](#) (shared by Carol Ann Riha)

The full report of the newsroom innovation team that was given six full months to ask big questions about the Times' digital strategy as one of the world's leading news organizations gives itself a rigorous self-examination.



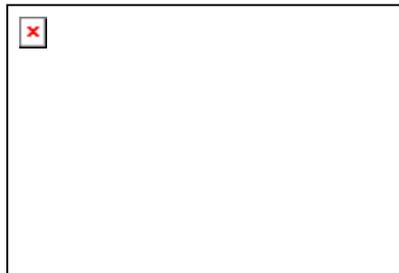
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[What the death of homepages means for the future of news](#)

The New York Times lost 80 million homepage visitors-half the traffic to the nytimes.com page-in two years. That's according to a graphic taken from an internal review of Times digital strategy obtained by BuzzFeed.

[Politico: Journalism has a woman problem](#)

At The New York Times, **Jill Abramson** is out and **Dean Baquet** is in. On the same day across the pond, **Natalie Nougayrede** was so tired of personal attacks she quit her top post at Le Monde. And at Bloomberg, half-a-dozen men have been put in key positions over Washington coverage, after the first woman to run the bureau left earlier this year.



[Jill Abramson and the Times; what went wrong](#)

In the gossipy world of New York journalism, the firing of **Jill Abramson** from her position as the executive editor of the Times provoked a veritable explosion of talk, posts, and Instagram pictures of the objects of

interest. And a day after her dismissal, even more details are emerging about why **Arthur O. Sulzberger, Jr.**, the paper's publisher, felt compelled to dismiss yet another executive editor whom he himself had anointed.

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[Margaret Sullivan: What leadership change might mean for Times readers](#)

[Prospect of Baquet's exit to Bloomberg loomed over Times' decision](#)

[In 2006 speech to AP members during his high profile budget fight with Tribune, Baquet urged editors to push back against cuts, take on challenges](#)

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[The internet of things will thrive by 2025](#)

Many experts surveyed for the Pew Research Center Internet Project marking the 25th anniversary of the Web say the rise of embedded and wearable computing will bring the next revolution in digital technology.

[Net neutrality: A made-for-web debate](#)

The complex issue of net neutrality is not likely to be dinner conversation for many in the U.S. Still, the Federal Communications Commission vote could dramatically impact the flow of digital content Americans receive, not to mention the bottom line for many major U.S. technology and content companies.

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[The unspoken issue in the net neutrality debate \(video\)](#)

Lance Ulanoff, Mashable editor at large, and CNBC's **Jon Fortt** discuss the new rules being announced of an Internet "fast lane" and suggest cable companies suffer from a "trust gap."

[Timesvideo: Barbara Walters's biggest moments](#)

A look back at the memorable interviews that Barbara Walters has done over her 50 years in television.

[Hotel staffer who leaked Jay Z security video fired; reportedly paid \\$250,000 by TMZ](#)

The person who leaked the elevator security footage showing **Beyonce's** sister **Solange** hitting and kicking **Jay Z** got VERY rich - right before they got fired.

[Nigerian journalists struggle to cover #BringBackOurGirls](#)

Ever since Boko Haram began its insurgency in 2009, local news organizations have found it increasingly difficult to report on the group, hampered by dwindling resources, instability in the areas most affected by insurgents, and the terrorists' own hostility to the press.

[Veteran business journalist named new director of Reynolds Center](#)

Micheline Maynard, a former New York Times senior business correspondent, will be the new director of the Donald W. Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism at Arizona State University's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

[Cuban blogger to launch island's first independent online newspaper](#)

Cuba's prize-winning blogger, **Yoani Sanchez**, is launching the island's first independent digital newspaper next week to challenge the communist-ruled country's state-controlled media.

[Decline of The Salt Lake Tribune a conspiracy with the Mormom church?](#)

It is hard to lay blame for newspaper layoffs in any one place. But the economic challenges at the Tribune don't stem from troubled balance sheets alone. And no one in Salt Lake City, or even Utah, is at the controls, making tough calls while simultaneously cultivating a healthy future for the newspaper. Digital First and its CEO, **John Paton**, are calling the shots. And Paton answers to a New York City hedge fund which specializes in making money.

[Martinez: an old dog scratching at the door](#)

Retired Los Angeles Times columnist and Pulitzer Prize-winner **Al Martinez** writes about a recent round of serious illnesses but his quest to recover and carry on at age 84.

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