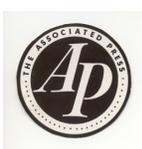

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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning - especially if you are a Republican!

Congratulations to our colleagues involved in election coverage last night - and to those who remain busy today as some races remain to close to call.

A couple reminders:

Fall of the Berlin Wall

The 25th-year observance of the fall of the Berlin Wall will take place next weekend, on Sunday, Nov. 9. If you were involved in coverage of this historic event, or have a memory to share involving it, send along to me at stevenspl@live.com

Honoring Connecting vets

Veterans' Day 2014 will be observed a week from tomorrow, on Tuesday, Nov. 11. If you are a military veteran, send along your branch of service and years of service for recognition of Connecting veterans. Along with this information, if you care to share a memory from your military service, please include. Send to

me at stevenspl@live.com by the end of the week.

Here are some stories of interest, leading off with sad news of the death of an AP photographer in Cuba, **Franklin Reyes Marrero**, the fourth AP journalist killed while on assignment this year.

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AP photojournalist dies in car crash in Cuba

HAVANA (AP) - An Associated Press photographer in Cuba, **Franklin Reyes Marrero**, has died in a car accident while returning from an assignment west of Havana.

Reyes, 39, was driving from the port of Mariel on Monday after working on a story about the Cuban economy. He apparently hit a patch of gravel and lost control of his car, which crossed into oncoming traffic and collided with another vehicle, police and medical officials said. They said he died at the scene.



The two occupants of the other car died later. Police did not release their identities.

Reyes is the fourth AP journalist killed on assignment this year. In April, photographer Anja Niedringhaus was shot and killed by a police commander in Afghanistan. And in August, video journalist Simone Camilli and translator Ali Shehda Abu Afash were killed by an explosion of leftover ordnance in the Gaza Strip.

"Franklin Reyes was a vibrant and enthusiastic member of our team in Cuba, and proud to be working for AP," said the news cooperative's president and chief executive officer, Gary Pruitt.

"He was an integral part of AP's team in Cuba. His passion and professionalism were exemplary and his energy, talent and good company will be deeply missed," said AP Director of Photography Santiago Lyon.

Among other assignments, Reyes helped cover Pope Benedict XVI's visit to Cuba and the damage wrought by Hurricane Sandy.

"Franklin was smart, funny, an excellent colleague, journalist and photographer,

said Enric Marti, regional photo editor for Latin America and the Caribbean. "His pictures will speak for him forever."

Reyes' relatives remembered him as a man dedicated to his wife, Gricell Fernandez Mendez, and other family members, often presenting them with landscape photos as gifts.

"He was an exceptional man, a great son, a great husband," said his mother-in-law, Gricel Mendez.

Born in Havana, Reyes began his career as a warehouse employee at the state-run newspaper Juventud Rebelde. He took a photography course offered by Cuba's official journalists' association and became a professional. The newspaper sent him to Mexico and Venezuela, and his photos were published in a book. He began to work for AP in 2009.

In addition to his wife, Reyes is survived by his parents and brother.

Connecting mailbox

Another election-night memory

Doug Pizac ([Email](#)) - Here is another election night memory.

It was 1994 and I had been in Salt Lake City just two months having transferred from Los Angeles. The senatorial race was between incumbent Republican Orrin Hatch and Democrat Pat Shea who had little chance of winning. I sent a stringer to Shea's home late that afternoon to get an early picture for the AM cycle while I made one of Hatch. The stringer came back with a photo of Shea in his living room writing his concession speech for later that night. I moved the picture of him basically conceding the race two hours before the polls closed. He lost by some 40 percentage points. I remember the voting stopped at 8:00 p.m. whereupon our bureau called the race for Hatch a minute later. It was the easiest and fastest election night that I covered during my 30+ years with AP.

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Nick Ut receives Lucie Award



AP photographer **Nick Ut** holds his Lucie Award for Achievement in Photojournalism after the 12th Annual Lucie Awards in New York on Sunday. From left, AP Vice President and Director of Photography **Santiago Lyon**, retired photo chief **Hal Buell**, **Ut** and AP President **Gary Pruitt**. Buell presented the award to Ut during the Carnegie Hall ceremony honoring achievement in various areas of photography. Ut is a photographer in the AP's Los Angeles bureau. (Photo courtesy John Montalvo) *(Shared by Chuck Zoeller)*

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Remembering Fran Lewine at JAWS 2014



AP UN Correspondent **Edie Lederer** (right in photo above) interviews AP special correspondent **Linda Deutsch** in honor of their former AP colleague **Fran Lewine** at the JAWS (Journalism and Women Symposium) 2014 conference in La Quinta, California. In the photo on the screen at left is a young Fran Lewine talking with a young Pat Nixon.

Since Fran's passing in 2008, JAWS has conducted an interview at its gathering each year with a woman considered a trailblazer in journalism. Previous interviewees were Peg Simpson, Jean Gaddy Wilson and Geneva Overholser. Traditionally, the interviewers were Linda and Edie. This year, the younger JAWS members asked that they turn the tables and have Edie interview Linda about her legendary career covering high-profile trials. Linda agreed with the proviso that next year she will interview Edie about her ground-breaking career as a war correspondent. Photos of Fran scrolled on a screen and JAWS member

Judy Miller gave an overview of her history covering the White House and Washington politics for AP and CNN.

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The last leaves before winter spell fun!

Joe McGowan ([Email](#)) - shares this photo of his granddaughter, Brandie Bolton, who turned 9 on Oct. 25, playing in the leaves and taking advantage of good weather

before temperatures turn colder in Colorado. . She lives in unincorporated area east of Aurora, on the far east side of Denver. Her parents are Greg and Colleen Bolton. Joe's daughter Colleen was born in Indianapolis while Joe was CoB there.

Surrounded by lots of love

Retired Kansas City broadcast editor

Jim Bagby ([Email](#)) is surrounded by grandkids - the offspring of Mike and Kristin Calhoun, who all live in the Fayetteville, Ark., area. Kristin is the only daughter of Jim and Joann. The grandkids are, from left: Landon James, Hayley and Blake. Blake graduated in May from John Brown University with a degree in piano. Jim notes Blake's



reply when asked how he planned to make a living with that: "Go into business, like my dad." He is, not surprisingly, between jobs right now.

Welcome to Connecting



Jacqui Podzius Cook ([Email](#)) - I still miss my AP life sometimes, even 13 years

later. I was in Indy from 1991-1994; GEN desk from 1994-1996; Cleveland from 1996-1997 and then finally Chicago from 1997-2001. I left and came back a few times in there, like a lot of people, but wasn't away very long. My current job is associate director of communications and marketing for The Joint Commission in suburban Chicago. Patient safety isn't QUITE the same adrenaline rush ...

Stories of interest

[That Awkward Moment When Journalists Must Write About Their Employer](#)

So this is awkward.

Journalists are told to avoid conflict of interest, but then are faced with covering themselves when they make news.



Like when there is a layoff.

Or when someone plagiarizes something.

Or even when their company creates a new app or names a new company position.

Most news organizations go ahead and cover themselves, wading into the nitty gritty of both their successes and failures.

But Bloomberg News is rare. It has a policy that forbids it from covering itself. That means no employee-to-employee interviews. And no Michael Bloomberg.

Other reporters acknowledge the sometimes tangled web that can be weaved when reporting on their own company.

Within the story, about the AP:

Associated Press

The Associated Press bases its policy on covering itself on the "newsworthiness" of changes within AP, said Paul Colford, director of media relations.

Examples of areas subject to coverage? Colford said in an email that could include the hirings of key staff, product launches, legal cases being pursued by AP lawyers on behalf of the company and/or its editorial staff.

In order for the AP to be fully transparent to its global network of customers,

Colford said it is important for AP to report on itself from time to time, including episodes involving errors in its coverage.

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[ISIS Beheads Four Journalists In Mosul: Reports](#)

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The four victims are thought to be among the 12 journalists, all of them Iraqi, that the group formerly known as ISIS abducted last week. International Business Times was not able to independently confirm the reports.

Since ISIS entered Iraq this summer and declared a caliphate, the militants have been on a crusade against media activists and journalists. Mosul security officials said that the militants captured at least 19 journalists in Mosul in the past three weeks.

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[NYT reporter bashes Washington Post over Secret Service reports](#)

The Washington Post has been defending its coverage of the Secret Service recently after several reports have surfaced questioning the Post's sources. On Monday night, New York Times reporter Eric Lipton joined the fray, eliciting some sharp responses from Washington Post reporter David Nakamura and Deputy National Politics Editor Peter Wallsten.

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[Rieder: Sad setbacks for Omidyar's journalism dream](#)

At a time when the journalism world was struggling with intense financial pressures brought on by digital transformation, Pierre Omidyar's bold plan was a source of great excitement for those who care about the field.

The eBay founder was going to sink \$250 million into a brand new news outlet that would publish ambitious articles about significant subjects.

But not just that. In a blog post last December, Omidyar said his new venture would cover "politics, government, sports, entertainment and lifestyle, arts and culture, business, technology, and investigative news."

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[Steven Brill-Jill Abramson startup comes into focus](#)

Steven Brill, the journalist and media entrepreneur, shared some details with Capital about the longform journalism startup he's building with former New York Times executive Jill Abramson.

Abramson first mentioned the startup at a Boston University panel discussion on Oct. 20; she discussed the project again at a Journalism and Women Symposium event over the weekend.

The crux of the project has previously been reported: the two will oversee an operation that will churn out one lengthy story per month. Contributing writers will be paid on average about \$100,000 for a piece that is longer than a magazine story but shorter than a book.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Highlight in History:

On Nov. 5, 1914, Britain and France declared war against the Ottoman Empire; Britain also annexed Cyprus.

On this date:

- 1605, the "Gunpowder Plot" failed as Guy Fawkes was seized before he could blow up the English Parliament.

- 1781, the Continental Congress elected John Hanson of Maryland its chairman, giving him the title of "President of the United States in Congress Assembled."

- 1872, suffragist Susan B. Anthony defied the law by attempting to cast a vote for President Ulysses S. Grant. (Anthony was convicted by a judge and fined \$100, but she never paid the fine.)

- 1912, Democrat Woodrow Wilson was elected president, defeating Progressive Party candidate Theodore Roosevelt, incumbent Republican William Howard Taft and Socialist Eugene V. Debs.

- 1938, Samuel Barber's "Adagio for Strings" and "Essay for Orchestra" made their world debuts on the NBC Blue radio network as they were performed by the NBC Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Arturo Toscanini.
- 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won an unprecedented third term in office as he defeated Republican challenger Wendell L. Willkie.
- 1964, NASA launched Mariner 3, which was supposed to fly by Mars, but the spacecraft failed to reach its destination.
- 1968, Republican Richard M. Nixon won the presidency, defeating Democratic Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and American Independent candidate George C. Wallace.

In 1974, Democrat Ella T. Grasso was elected governor of Connecticut, becoming the first woman to win a gubernatorial office without succeeding her husband.

In 1989, death claimed pianist Vladimir Horowitz in New York at age 86 and singer-songwriter Barry Sadler in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, at age 49.

In 1990, Rabbi Meir Kahane (meh-EER' kah-HAH'-nuh), the Brooklyn-born Israeli extremist, was shot to death at a New York hotel. (Egyptian native El Sayyed Nosair (el sah-EED' no-sah-EER') was convicted of the slaying in federal court.)

In 1994, former President Ronald Reagan disclosed he had Alzheimer's disease.

Ten years ago: The Kremlin announced that Russia had given final approval to the Kyoto Protocol on global warming. In a surprise reversal, the Chilean army for the first time assumed institutional responsibility for widespread human rights violations during the dictatorship of General Augusto Pinochet.

Five years ago: A shooting rampage at the Fort Hood Army post in Texas left 13 people dead; Maj. Nidal Hasan, an Army psychiatrist, was later convicted of murder and sentenced to death.

One year ago: Republican Gov. Chris Christie won a resounding re-election victory in Democratic-leaning New Jersey, while Democrat Terry McAuliffe prevailed in Virginia's gubernatorial contest. Toronto Mayor Rob Ford acknowledged for the first time that he had smoked crack "probably a year ago" when he was in a "drunken stupor," but he refused to resign despite immense pressure to step aside as leader of Canada's largest city. India launched its first spacecraft bound for Mars; the Martian Orbiter Mission, or MOM, reached the red planet in Sept. 2014.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Chris Robinson is 76. Actress Elke Sommer is 74. Singer Art Garfunkel is 73. Actor-playwright Sam Shepard is 71. Singer Peter Noone is

67. TV personality Kris Jenner is 59. Actor Nestor Serrano is 59. Actress-comedian Mo'Nique is 56. Actor Robert Patrick is 56. Singer Bryan Adams is 55. Actress Tilda Swinton is 54. Actor Michael Gaston is 52. Actress Tatum O'Neal is 51. Actress Andrea McArdle is 51. Rock singer Angelo Moore (Fishbone) is 49. Actress Judy Reyes is 47. Actor Seth Gilliam (TV: "Teen Wolf") is 46. Rock musician Mark Hunter (James) is 46. Actor Sam Rockwell is 46. Country singers Jennifer and Heather Kinley (The Kinleys) are 44. Actor Corin Nemec is 43. Rock musician Jonny (cq) Greenwood (Radiohead) is 43. Country singer-musician Ryan Adams is 40. Actor Sam Page is 38. Actor Jeremy Lelliott is 32. Actress Annet Mahendru (MAH'-hehn-droo) (TV: "The Americans") is 29. Rock musician Kevin Jonas (The Jonas Brothers) is 27. Actor Landon Gimenez (TV: "Resurrection") is 11.

Thought for Today: "The line of least resistance was always the most difficult line in the long run." -- Peter Cheyney, English author (1896-1951).

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