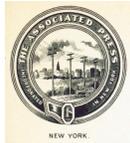

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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning!

Some of you are still bleary-eyed and dead-tired from Election Night and its aftermath.

But for the rest of us, Connecting shares a few stories of interest from the night that make most Republicans smile broadly today.

Speaking of broad smiles, I dare you to read the first item of Stories of Interest and one, not be hungry from the photo of the pizza, and two, not smile as you read why sports writers hate election night. Even if you never were a sports writer.

One more reminder: If you are a veteran of military service, send me your memories of your time in the service for a special feature early next week on Veterans Day. Send along to me at: stevenspl@live.com I have heard from about 30 Connecting colleagues so far.

Paul

EWU, AP partner on national elections results



Connecting colleague **Peg Coughlin** ([Email](#)) - one of AP's election coordinators - shares this student newspaper article on one of AP's four national vote-entry centers, this one at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Washington, where she has worked for the last week. The other three are the SDC (Spokane Data Center), EEC (Eastern Election Center at headquarters) and CTC (Cranbury Technical Center).

By Jeff Bunch
Eastern Washington University

As the votes are counted late into the night for the Nov. 4, 2014 national election, Eastern Washington University will play a vital role in reporting the results.



Results from 27 states will be tallied by The Associated Press in Spokane County, the majority of those efforts happening in Eastern Washington University's Pence Union Building (PUB). EWU has been a partner with AP since the 2000 election, helping to provide students, facilities and support for all scenarios.

Dana Bloch, *shown at left*, Director of the Spokane data center and a 24-year AP veteran, has been working with a team of national AP elections staff, alongside technical teams from Eastern and CenturyLink for the past two weeks to ready for the big night that occurs every other year.

EWU plays a crucial role in the effort. Eastern's campus police provide security at

the door, the dining staff carts in water bottles, facilities make sure all runs smoothly, and a professor provides student oversight. Even an EWU electrician stands at the ready to hard-wire a generator to keep the operation running if needed.

However, the heart of the effort is run by the well-oiled machine that is the AP's Elections team. They have been doing this for a long time and recruited and trained the group of 260 workers at EWU, along with another 100 in Spokane, as part of the AP's Western Election Center.

"Eastern was really the first of the large vote entry centers (in 2000) and that worked out so well that we expanded out into some extra space that we had out in the East Coast," said Bloch during a brief respite in the mid-afternoon, just before the first results started to come into the center.

The majority of the workers are current Eastern students, a tradition that arose out of a relationship between the AP and EWU's Journalism program. Among the veterans in the room were Eastern journalism graduates dating back to the 1980s, along with community members who were interested in participating.

Those who want to help tally the results had to undergo training leading up to Tuesday's election and were being supervised by a combination of AP national staff and some "triage" experts. Asked if any unanticipated situations come up on a regular basis, Bloch replied dryly with a grin, "Only every election."

Bloch also had another prominent thought as he readied for the night: sited in the heart of a university, with largely a group of eager students, this was a real-life lesson in the mechanics of the democratic process.

"Absolutely, it's just so much fun to be a part of it, from my perspective, and I like to watch the students be exposed to this side of it," said Bloch. "Most people think that election results just appear on TV and that's that, but it actually takes an event like this to make it happen. There's no standardized election coverage across the country other than what the media does and what we do specifically."

Click [here](#) for a link to this story.

Red and Blue in Black and White

From deepest Provence, France, here is a commentary by Connecting colleague **Mort Rosenblum** ([Email](#)) -

It's not so much about Republicans or Democrats; good ones and certifiable loonies sit on both sides, and you can't run a brand-name democracy without opposing parties working together to chart a grand course while quibbling over detail. It is about the level to which certain Orwellian farm characters have lowered us.

After votes were sorted out, BBC chose an opening clip to explain results to a wider world. A Republican winner at an ecstatic celebration exulted: "We're gonna make 'em squeal!" She meant, it was clear, those who thought differently from her and her particular beliefs. Stand your ground until they squeal. Porcine mentality.

The Constitution is pretty clear on this. Legislators swear to serve all Americans. The oath of office leaves out those 7 billion benighted animals who insist on sharing America's planet, but logic suggests it is in our interest to keep them in mind. Not, apparently, for those who want bonfires so they can rise from the ashes like that big bird. (Yeah, I know its name, but I'm a fair and balanced reporter from Arizona.)

It will be a rough couple of years, but perhaps sanity and responsibility might make inroads. The real test is two years away, and we have time to overcome apathy and ignorance. This is not -- however some might read it -- a political statement. We simply need to make sure that neither big money nor bald lies prevail, and we entrust the White House, Congress, and state governments to sentient homo sapiens who understand what is at stake for us all.

Yeah, I realize this sounds hopefully naive. What's the alternative?

Lagier: Calm down, everyone

Jim Lagier ([Email](#)) - Calm down, everyone. The election is not the end of the world. Chuck Todd, the newly smooth talking, vacuous moderator of Meet the Press, pronounced the election a "horrendous" repudiation of Barack Obama on NBC News tonight.

Relax. I watched the press conference with Barack Obama today. He didn't cry. He seemed in control of his faculties. I question--please forgive me--the White House press jerks who interrogated him. Don't these people, with their rude, inconsequential, nonsensical, trivial questions, realize how they appear to the American people?

More importantly this very important news today: The transcendent admission of the Yankees' Alex Rodriguez, highest paid baseball player at \$30 million a year and worth \$300 million, that he took drug enhancing drugs. Please shed a tear.

Election News Guide: A new order in Washington

By CALVIN WOODWARD

WASHINGTON (AP) - A look at the postelection political order and how it came to be:

CONFLICT AND COMMON GROUND

The incoming Republican majority in the Senate and expanded majority in the House might take action to approve the long-delayed Canada-to-Texas Keystone XL oil pipeline, joined by some Democratic lawmakers who



support the environmentally contentious project. Also, Sen. Mitch McConnell, in line to become Senate majority leader, could make common cause with President Barack Obama on trade agreements and some tax changes. But plenty of conflict looms in the even more sharply divided government. Immigration policy is one likely flashpoint.

BIPARTISAN HAPPY HOUR?

Obama says he'd like to drink bourbon with McConnell the Kentuckian. The two have rarely met one on one. The president tried to call McConnell after midnight to congratulate him on the big night for the GOP but the senator was in bed; they talked later Wednesday.

SCORECARD

Republicans claimed at least 52 seats in the next Senate, a gain of seven, with the outcome still to be decided in Alaska, Virginia and Louisiana, which has a runoff election Dec. 6.

House Republicans expanded their majority, swelling their numbers to heights not seen for perhaps 60 years. They added more than a dozen members and were on track to meet or exceed the 246 seats they held during President Harry S. Truman's administration.

GOVERNORS

Highlights: Republicans scored upsets in Maryland, Massachusetts and Illinois; won hard-fought re-election in presidential swing states including Florida, Ohio, Illinois; and prevailed in Wisconsin, where Gov. Scott Walker may use his victory as a springboard for the 2016 GOP presidential nomination contest. They also flipped Arkansas and held on in Kansas, where Gov. Sam Brownback narrowly won re-

election.

In Colorado, Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper won a nail-biter that was not decided until late Wednesday morning. So did Democratic Gov. Dannel Malloy in a Connecticut contest decided even later. Democrats achieved a turnover in Pennsylvania, where Tom Wolf ousted Gov. Tom Corbett.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

McConnell, in a message meant in part for tea partiers who've blocked budget progress in the past: "There will be no government shutdown or default on the national debt."

McConnell, on Obama's vow to change immigration policy unilaterally if Congress doesn't act: "It's like waving a red flag in front of a bull to say if you guys don't do what I want I'm going to do it on my own."

Obama on the election results: "To everyone who voted, I want you to know that I hear you. To the two-thirds of voters who chose not to participate in the process yesterday, I hear you, too. All of us have to give more Americans a reason to feel like the ground is stable beneath their feet, that the future is secure, that there is a path for young people to succeed, and that folks here in Washington are concerned about them."

WHAT NOW?

In short, much talk of a bipartisan working relationship in Washington. Easier said than done.

The GOP Senate takeover complicates Obama's agenda in his final two years in office and places more expectations on Republicans to use their dual legislative majorities to govern, not just hold up what Obama wants to do.

But Obama can still veto GOP legislation. Senate Democrats can employ the same delaying tactics on GOP initiatives that Republicans have used against them.

Still, it's a new order. The levers of power that come with the majority - committee chairmanships, enhanced abilities to launch investigations that embarrass Democrats, increased budget influence and more - now will fall to the GOP.

SO OBAMA'S HEALTH LAW IS DEAD?

No. It's alive.

Repealing "Obamacare" has been the Republican rallying cry for four years. But they might not be any closer to that goal.

The president is bound to veto bills repealing his chief domestic accomplishment. Republicans would need a two-thirds vote in each chamber to override Obama. Senate Democrats could delay a straightforward repeal bill.

A potentially more promising route for Republicans would be to pick off unpopular parts of the law, such as some of its taxes and mandates.

If they ever do succeed in repealing the health care overhaul, Republicans could find themselves in a tight spot: What would they do about the estimated 10 million uninsured people who have gained coverage as a result of the law?

HOW THEY DID IT

On the march to Senate control, the GOP switched open seats that had been held by Democrats to their column. Then they added Arkansas, where incumbent Democrat Mark Pryor lost a closely fought race to Republican Tom Cotton. Colorado made it five pickups. Republicans avoided possible losses in Kansas, Georgia and Kentucky. Then came victory in North Carolina, for a net gain of six seats, and the Democratic Senate majority was toast.

A Republican turnover in Iowa made it a gain of seven.

ALSO ON THE BALLOT

Nearly 150 ballot measures were decided Tuesday. Oregon and the District of Columbia legalized the use of recreational pot. In Colorado and North Dakota, voters rejected measures that opponents feared could lead to bans on abortion, while Tennessee voters approved a measure that will give state legislators more power to regulate abortion. Voters in four states approved minimum wage increases.

Associated Press writers Kimberly Hefling, Nedra Pickler, Eric Tucker, Ken Thomas and Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar contributed to this report.

Onward!, to 2016



By DYLAN BYERS
Politico

The 2016 Presidential Campaign Season -- which officially started last May, then again last July, and then countless times after that -- is now, really, truly, officially upon us. Hillary Clinton is the obvious frontrunner among Democrats, and Jeb Bush and Rand Paul stand neck-and-neck for the GOP nomination, per the RealClearPolitics aggregate polling. Here then is a post-midterm round-up of the best pieces with an eye toward Nov. 8, 2016... a mere 734 days away.

Jonathan Chait, "The Democrats Have 2 Choices Now: Gridlock or Annihilation":

A cardinal fact of American politics that has emerged during the Obama years is that demographic forces are slowly and inexorably driving the electorate leftward. But the Republican Party has its own corresponding advantages. Its voters turn out for elections reliably, not just in spasms of quadrennial excitement. ... [That] brings us to two conclusions, both of them disquieting. The first is that Democrats stand almost no visible prospect of attaining a government majority. ... The second conclusion is simpler, and more bracing: Hillary Clinton is the only thing standing between a Republican Party even more radical than George W. Bush's version and unfettered control of American government.

Maggie Haberman, "After Drubbing, All Eyes on Hillary Clinton":

As Democrats wake up this morning reeling from an electoral spanking, the 2016 presidential race will unofficially begin - with the main focus on the woman who is all but certain to seek her party's nomination a second time. ... Clinton will face enormous pressure to declare - and fast ... The fact that Tuesday's election that was seen largely as a statement against Obama may give Clinton some wiggle room with

her own base to create distance from him. But a newly minted Republican Senate helps her to solve the problem of how to run against Washington.

Tom Jensen, "Political Landscape in 2016 Heavily Favors Democrats":

New Public Policy Polling surveys of the battleground states both for this year's Senate races and for the 2016 Presidential race find broad support for key economic issues like increasing the minimum wage, passing the Paycheck Fairness Act, allowing people to refinance student loans at lower rates, and avoiding cuts to Social Security and Medicare. Democrats have much more credibility on these issues with voters in the key states for 2016, and Republicans will be in big trouble in the next election if they continue to impede progress on them.

Ari Fleischer, "What The GOP Must Do to Win in 2016":

America is a tale of two electorates. On Tuesday, the GOP won big. The next election is likely to involve a very different group of voters, and Republicans need to realize that what worked in 2014 won't work in 2016. If Republicans aren't wise, this victory could be short-lived. ... By my count, approximately a dozen Republicans are considering running for president ... As the primary proceeds, the candidates need to keep their eyes on the prize. A conservative ideology will be a winning ideology if it's presented in a manner that unifies and uplifts. Competition is healthy in all things ... But if Republicans engage in that fight in a manner that alienates large portions of a general electorate that will be out in full force in 2016, this week's victory is sure to be fleeting.

Rich Lowry, "Jeb" (from Nov. 3):

I was at an event featuring [Jeb Bush] the other night. ... If he runs, it is very much going to be the "kinder and gentler/compassionate conservative" tradition of his father and brother. ... Jeb will be positioning himself as the optimistic, pragmatic problem-solver in implicit contrast to the current image of congressional Republicans. ... Pulling this off without sounding as though he is constantly scolding his own party will, to say the least, be tricky. ... All the signals are that he is preparing to run. But the hurdles that he's set out for making a go of it - that he can run joyfully and that he can in good conscience subject his family to the rigors of the process - are still high.

TIME Magazine, "The Starting Gun: Your Guide to the 2016 GOP Primary Field":

[A]s the starting gun sounds on 2016, all signs point to another unwieldy pack of candidates competing, in many cases, for the same segments of their party. Here is a look at the top contenders openly considering a run. ... Jeb Bush: The Other Son ... Scott Walker: The Main Street Fighter ... Rand Paul: The Reinventor ... Mike Pence: The Stalwart ... Rick Santorum: The Believer ... Ted Cruz: The Evangelist ... Chris Christie: The Tough Talker ... Rick Perry: The Do-Over ... Marco Rubio: The Next Generation ... Mike Huckabee: The Pastor ... Bobby Jindal: The Wonk ... John Kasich:

The Pragmatist ...

Here. We. Go.

Connecting mailbox

From Journalist to "Political Strategist"

Mike Doan ([Email](#)) - He came to my Kiplinger retirement party. He came to one of my choral concerts. So I called up former U.S. Sen. Larry Pressler to have lunch. He answered: "Let's go to the Cosmos Club." I should have known something was up.

"I am going to run for the Senate again," he told me after the iced tea came. "Will you run my Facebook page?"

As a journalist, I was not supposed to take sides in a political race. But I had been retired for five years and quite frankly I had nothing else I had to do. He had no money. He had no chance. This could be fun. *(Photo of Mike at right)*



And it was fun. Pressler's goal was to be the deciding vote in the Senate as a former Republican running in South Dakota as an independent. My dream was to be the king-maker, the power behind the throne, as in Karl Rove.

Pressler felt that my journalistic background would carry credibility, and it did when I made a pitch to other reporters. He called me regularly for media advice during the campaign. I wrote a few op-ed pieces, and most important built up a following on Facebook, part of it by spending his money. You can buy ads on Facebook targeting specific audiences at very little cost. For about \$200, I could reach just about everyone with a Facebook account in South Dakota. We had over 1,300 "friends" by the campaign's end.

I knew very little about South Dakota, and I wanted to see for myself. So with my own money, I flew out to Sioux Falls to campaign with Sen. Pressler for four days. We even rode bikes together on Sioux Falls' main bike trail.

The highlight was a candidates' forum at a library in which a fringe gubernatorial candidate brought with him a fake shotgun. The detectors at the entrance would have nailed anyone who stole a library book, but I guess guns were OK. The candidate pointed the fake shotgun to his stomach to demonstrate that a member of one candidate's Cabinet could not have committed suicide as alleged but must have been murdered. We concluded that this was the story, not Pressler's talk. But the local paper didn't carry a word about it. A school kid who brought the fake gun

to school would have been expelled or suspended, but I guess this was acceptable.

Another highlight was visiting the Sioux Falls bureau of The Associated Press, a company I wrote for from 1966 to 1979. A young editor recounted to me that in the old days, reporters used to rip stories off the wire from long reams of paper that used to hang out of the AP machine. Huh? They don't still do that?

Just as the campaign seemed to be drifting, a poll came out shocking the political establishment. Pressler had 32% of the vote, just three points behind the Republican, who had been considered a shoe-in! Suddenly, Pressler was a celebrity, appearing on national TV shows. Both the Republicans and Democrats poured money into the state, attacking him. Previously ignored, he was now the target of a smear campaign and I was busier than ever. The three largest papers in the state even endorsed him.

On election day, Republican Mike Rounds won, and Pressler only took 17% of the vote, a disappointment. But I have never seen him happier than when he is campaigning. And I can cross "political operative" off my bucket list.

(Mike Doan was an AP editor in the Portland, Las Vegas, San Francisco and Washington bureaus from 1966 to 1979.)

Ed Sullivan once worked as AP reporter

Kevin Noblet ([Email](#)) writes to share that while it may be common knowledge that Ed Sullivan once was an AP reporter, he didn't know it until he read this today. Click [here](#).

If you think it may be news for others, feel free to share. It caught my eye because I live in Port Chester, a largely blue-collar town that now is 65% Latino and has a wide variety of Latin American restaurants and other businesses where Joan and I feel very at home, after our years in that part of the world for the AP.

Connecting sky shot - Athens



Connecting colleague Doug Anstaett ([Email](#)) - executive director of the Kansas Press Association - shares his photo of the Temple of Zeus in Athens. Parthenon is in upper background. Doug and his wife Lucinda visited there in the last week of October.

That's G-E-O-R-G-E W-A-L-L-A-C-E

Joe McKnight ([Email](#)) - If it's not too late for election memories:

George Wallace was elected governor of Alabama in November, 1961. After his election was called, he held a news conference shortly after midnight in the city room of the Birmingham News. He passed out cigars to reporters, saying, "It's my baby now."

When a reporter asked him how it felt to win, his initially response was "I don't give a damn what you write about me, just spell my name right," and he spelled it G-E-O-R-G-E W-A-L-L-A-C-E."

A few weeks later, he spoke at a Birmingham civic club and seemed to have trouble talking in complete sentences.

Tibet's Exiles



In this Friday, June 6, 2014 photo, Exile Tibetan Dorjee Tashi adjust the beret he calls "Che Guevera cap" as he poses for a photograph in front of a flag of Tibet in his room in New Delhi, India. Tashi had just returned from a protest rally when he received news of his father's death in a voice message stored on his phone. His one wish was to meet his father again and considers this unfulfilled wish as part of his karma. (AP Photo/Tsering Topgyal)

By Tsering Topgyal

When I was 8 years old, my parents paid a smuggler to take me across the Himalayas, a weeks-long walk over the mountains from Tibet to India. It was a trek that tens of thousands of other Tibetans have taken since the Dalai Lama fled a failed 1959 uprising against Chinese rule.

My parents must have had their reasons to send me here; they must have had the best of intentions. But 18 years later, I still don't know why they did it. They are not political people. They are small farmers who raise barley and a few yak in a rural area not far from Lhasa, the Tibetan capital. I have not seen them since I left.

As a boy, I hardly thought about them. I was in a new country, part of a community-in-exile the Dalai Lama had created in India. I lived in a school with hundreds of other Tibetan refugee children. But as I grew older I began to long for them.

Today, we occasionally talk on the phone, and that has helped keep us together despite the distance. But long silences often fill our conversations. Over the years, our relationship has only grown more complex, more limited.

It is a relationship so many Tibetan refugees understand. These photos, all of

Tibetans who have not seen their parents since coming to India, are my attempt to understand the ideas of family, home, belonging and nostalgia. Some of us cling to family artifacts, some cling to old photos. We learn not to cry as our mothers weep on the telephone, fearing we will make them feel even worse.

Across the years, and with so much distance, everything changes. Time heals many wounds, but also works in strange ways.

Tsering Choephel, a Tibetan who left home 23 years ago, said he sometimes dreams of seeing his family again. Often, he mourns the fact that he barely misses them.

"The great tragedy of my life is not being separated from my family, but being separated from the sensibility of missing them, after living without them for decades."

Tsering Topgyal, a Tibetan refugee based in New Delhi, has been talking photos for The Associated Press since 2011.

Click [here](#) for more images.

Welcome to Connecting



Jerry Jackson ([Email](#)) - I started with AP in September 1976 as a BE (Broadcast Executive) taking over Nancy Shipley's territory after she was promoted to bureau chief in Nashville. I retired in December 2003 after 28 years of being on the road starting with selling our product to radio and television stations, and finishing my career over on the radio side, having traveled over a million miles in good old AP cars along with spending many nights in Holiday Inns.

On a personal note, we live in Tellico Village, Loudon, Tennessee, on Lake Tellico. Remember the Snail Darter holding up a TVA dam in mid to late 70s? Great, and many AP stories about that creature. Anyway, check us out at www.tellicovillage.org We have three 18 hole golf courses, great boating and fishing, along with about any

activity one might want, i.e. bridge, woodworking, kayaking, etc. One of my favorite activities here is the fastest growing sport in America now, Pickleball. Being a tennis player most of my life, this was a natural and a great sport for us older folks. We have close to 400 players here.

Stories of interest



[Where's our damn pizza? Why sports hates election night.](#)

Election Night is one of the best nights to be a journalist. The thrill of news breaking all night. The adrenaline rush of chasing down breaking news as it's happening, of reporting things the moment you confirm them. The knowledge that you are reporting on something that is important to your readers' lives and, on occasion, is truly historic. The camaraderie of working late and working together common goal.

Election Night is awesome.

Unless you work in the sports department.

We in the sports department generally hate Election Night. We roll our eyes at the cityside reporters who talk about working late into the night, who have to deal with fast-breaking news, taking results over the phone, juggling numbers, getting quotes and writing fast stories on tight deadlines.

And we hate the pizza.

We hate the fact that citysiders working late get food provided for them. Election Night Pizza is a bonafide thing, it's part of the allure of working the night for

citysiders, and it's the thing we in sports hate the most.

We hate it because the work citysiders do on Election Night is the same work we in sports do every ... damn ... night. Working late into the night, having to deal with fast-breaking news, taking results over the phone, juggling numbers, getting quotes and writing fast stories on tight deadlines. We do this literally every night.

And we never got pizza. We never had food provided for us in the newsroom. We never celebrated or bragged about the food provided for us. We did our jobs. Every night. Without pizza.

It's petty.

It's totally and completely petty. It's awful. It makes us look jealous and small. It's not a good look for sports journalists. It reeks of insecurity.

It's totally and completely hypocritical, too. Sports reporters have food available for them in press rooms at games, from high school to the pro level - something that never happens at a city council meeting (to be fair, reporters at pro sports pay for their food). So to complain about the one night that citysiders get food is a bit self-righteous on our part.

It's not an attitude to be proud of, but it comes from a real place. When you work in sports, you're always reminded that you work in the Toy Department. That what you do isn't Real Journalism. That the news desk serves as the Fourth Estate and the Public Watchdog, safeguarding democracy and providing a voice for the voiceless while you are doing fluffy stories about meaningless games, are too close to the people you cover, never write critical words and aren't doing serious work. There's always a bit of underlying tension between sports and news journalists at the same paper.

I feel like this attitude may be changing slightly. Digital news had made everyone - sports and news - write and update news live on a constant online deadline. One of the journalists I interviewed for my dissertation pointed out that sports used to be its own little island in the newsroom, and that digital news has forced sports to become part of the newsroom. Likewise, the constant demands of online news have citysiders doing a lot more live-deadline writing than they did 5-10 years ago.

But there's still this feeling that when you work in sports, your work is fundamentally of disrespected by your news colleagues.

Election Night Pizza is symbolic of this attitude. Seeing your cityside colleagues rewarded and celebrating the work you do every night is annoying.

It's petty. Terribly petty. But it's how sports feels on Election Night.

(From the Sports Media Guy blog)

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[Fox, CNN types helped train GOP candidates](#)

Fox News media trainer Jon Kraushar and CNN commentator S.E. Cupp helped train Republican Senate candidates in how to deal with the media, our colleagues Edward-Isaac Dove, Manu Raju and John Bresnahan report.

In an effort to avoid any Todd Aiken-like gaffes, the National Republican Senatorial Committee put on a media-training bootcamp for candidates ahead of the midterms. NRSC trackers met the candidates at the airport, watching them as "soon as they poked their heads through the security doors." Then, it was two full days of training.

Kraushar, a communications consultant who does most of the on-camera training for Fox News, helped train the candidates to face the camera. Cupp "conducted mock interviews to help prepare them for the grilling they'd get from the media."

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[Media Note: Free Press Statehouse Reporters to Leave Paper](#) (Bob Daugherty)

Nancy Remsen and Terri Hallenbeck, who make up the Burlington Free Press' two-person Statehouse bureau, are leaving the paper, according to sources close to the situation.

The circumstances surrounding the departures are not entirely clear, nor is their timing. Both reporters filed stories in Tuesday's Free Press and would normally helm the paper's election night coverage.

Last month, all but four Free Press reporters and editors were required to apply for new jobs at the paper with different responsibilities as part of a restructuring mandated by corporate owner Gannett Company, Inc. According to one source, Remsen and Hallenbeck were informed last Thursday they had been transferred from the Statehouse bureau to new positions covering community news. Both declined.



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[Newseum CEO departs amid fundraising struggles](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) - The chief executive of the Newseum and its parent organization the

Freedom Forum is resigning from the museum of journalism and the First Amendment after three years at the helm of an institution struggling to cover its costs.

On Tuesday, James Duff announced plans to return to his previous post as chief administrative officer of the U.S. Courts under an appointment by Chief Justice John Roberts. When the chief justice calls, "it's hard to say no," he said. Duff had led the Newseum since 2011. He will stay on as a consultant through the end of 2014 to help raise funds for programs.

For many years the Newseum was led by former journalists from Gannett Co. and USA Today. It will now return to their care, at least for now. Former USA Today editor Peter Prichard has been named the Newseum's CEO, pending a search for a new chief executive. Jan Neuharth, daughter of Newseum founder Allen Neuharth, will be the Freedom Forum CEO.

AP Best of the States

This week's Best of the States winner takes us to the northernmost communities in America. San Diego-based photographer and video journalist Greg Bull, Seattle-based photographer/VJ Ted Warren and Juneau Correspondent Becky Bohrer traveled to some of the remote towns in Alaska, to tell the story in words and images of the toughest ground game in politics.

In Barrow, they met a cast of characters that included Gabe Tegoseak, a Democratic operative going door-to-door on the icy streets to get out the vote in one of the nation's hardest-fought Senate races, one that could determine whether the GOP takes control of the upper chamber in distant Washington, D.C.

"It's exciting that people in this small community could shape America," Tegoseak said. "But it's true."

The multiformat package, which ran on Oct. 27 ahead of Tuesday's elections, showed readers and viewers what it takes to get out the vote in a place where citizens are busy stashing away whale meat for the long winter, and where the handful of roads dead-end in the tundra not far from the edge of town.

The success of their storytelling shows the importance of detailed coordination and collaboration between the formats. Bull and Warren _ who were on double duty, shooting both photos and video _ along with Bohrer extensively discussed their plans with each other and their editors before boarding flights to Barrow and a second location - the remote southern Alaska town of Petersburg.

That front-loading meant that, once in Barrow and Petersburg, they wasted no time getting the elements needed to bring the story to life. This was key considering the epic journeys required to reach Barrow and Petersburg, neither of which is

accessible by road. Bohrer, Bull and Warren took several flights to reach these remote towns by plane, meaning they had to use their time on the ground efficiently, while still getting the detail that brought these places to life.

The photos, video and text received wide play online, in print and on TV stations across the country. That included wide use inside Alaska, even among members who do not normally use AP copy. The Alaska Dispatch News used the story and photos prominently on the front page of its website all day and into the following day. The video was one of the most downloaded of the week.

For producing a true multi-platform package with equally rich storytelling in each format, and for showing how one of the most remote places in America factors into the outcome of this week's closely-watched midterm elections, Bull, Warren and Bohrer share this week's \$300 Best of the States prize.

(Shared by Valerie Komor)

The Final Word

AP Images remembers Franklin Reyes Marrero



Photographer Franklin Reyes Marrero: 1975 - 2014

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.

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.

One of his images is shown above. Click [here](#) for more of his images.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Nov. 6, the 310th day of 2014. There are 55 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 6, 1984, President Ronald Reagan won re-election by a landslide over former Vice President Walter Mondale, the Democratic challenger.

On this date:

In 1814, Adolphe Sax, the inventor of the saxophone, was born in Dinant, Belgium.

In 1854, America's "March King," John Philip Sousa, was born in Washington, D.C.

In 1860, former Illinois congressman Abraham Lincoln defeated three other candidates for the presidency: John Breckinridge, John Bell and Stephen Douglas.

In 1861, Confederate President Jefferson Davis was elected to a six-year term of office.

In 1928, in a first, the results of Republican Herbert Hoover's presidential election victory over Democrat Alfred E. Smith were flashed onto an electric wraparound sign on the New York Times building.

In 1934, Nebraska voters approved dissolving their two-chamber legislature in favor of a nonpartisan, single (or "unicameral") legislative body, which was implemented in 1937.

In 1944, British official Lord Moyne was assassinated in Cairo, Egypt, by members of the Zionist Stern gang.

In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower won re-election, defeating Democrat Adlai

E. Stevenson.

In 1962, Democrat Edward M. Kennedy was elected Senator from Massachusetts.

In 1977, 39 people were killed when the Kelly Barnes Dam burst, sending a wall of water through Toccoa Falls College in Georgia.

In 1990, about one-fifth of the Universal Studios backlot in southern California was destroyed in an arson fire.

In 2012, President Barack Obama was elected to a second term of office, defeating Republican challenger Mitt Romney.

Ten years ago: An Ivory Coast airstrike killed nine French peacekeepers and an American aid worker, prompting France to wipe out the country's modest air force. The designers of SpaceShipOne, the first privately manned rocket to burst into space, were handed a \$10 million check and the Ansari X Prize trophy.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama signed a \$24 billion economic stimulus bill, hours after the government reported that the unemployment rate had hit 10.2 percent in Oct. 2009 for the second time since World War II.

One year ago: Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, testifying before the Senate Finance Committee on the nation's health care law, was blistered by Republicans who bluntly challenged her honesty, pushed for her resignation and demanded unsuccessfully that she concede President Barack Obama had deliberately misled the public about his signature domestic program. At the Country Music Association Awards, Miranda Lambert won her fourth straight female vocalist of the year award while her husband, Blake Shelton, won album of the year and male vocalist - a category he also won for the fourth year in a row.

Today's Birthdays: Actress June Squibb (Film: "Nebraska") is 85. Director Mike Nichols is 83. Country singer Stonewall Jackson is 82. Singer Eugene Pitt (The Jive Five) is 77. Singer P.J. Proby is 76. Country singer Guy Clark is 73. Actress Sally Field is 68. Pop singer-musician Glenn Frey (The Eagles) is 66. Singer Rory Block is 65. Jazz musician Arturo Sandoval is 65. TV host Catherine Crier is 60. News correspondent and former California first lady Maria Shriver is 59. Actress Lori Singer is 57. Actor Lance Kerwin is 54. Rock musician Paul Brindley (The Sundays) is 51. Education Secretary Arne Duncan is 50. Rock singer Corey Glover is 50. Actor Brad Grunberg is 50. Actor Peter DeLuise is 48. Actress Kelly Rutherford is 46. Actor Ethan Hawke is 44. Actress Thandie Newton is 42. Model-actress Rebecca Romijn (roh-MAYN') is 42. Actress Zoe McLellan is 40. Actress Nicole Dubuc is 36. Actress Taryn Manning is 36. Actress Katie Leclere (LEH'-klehr) is 28. Singer-songwriter Ben Rector is 28. Actress Emma Stone is 26. Actress Mercedes Kastner is 25.

Thought for Today: "Quotation is a serviceable substitute for wit." - Oscar Wilde (1854-1900).

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