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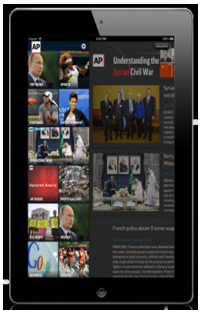

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A Russian police officer holds a puppy, named Dobrynya, before presenting it to French police in the French Embassy in Moscow, Russia, Monday, Dec. 7, 2015. Russian police puppy Dobrynya will take place of a French service dog Diesel which died in a special operation held in Paris on November 18. AP Photo/Pavel Golovkin

Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning!

Contrary to the wishes of Dudley, our Connecting greeting dog, top billing in today's issue of Connecting goes to a puppy named Dobrynya. AP Images highlighted this great photo from Moscow on Facebook.

Here are stories of interest.

Paul

NPR and The New York Times teamed up to make election reporting faster

By BENJAMIN MULLIN
Poynter

Although its monopoly on election night race calls has weakened in recent years, The Associated Press is still the authority when it's time to tell America who won (and who lost) an election.

That's why journalists are bound to pay attention when The AP changes the way it distributes race calls and polling returns to its network of subscribers.

They did earlier this year, when the newswire released an updated version of its elections API - the interface by which journalists access The AP's information. The shift posed a problem for The New York Times, said Jeremy Bowers, an interactive news developer for the newspaper.

The crux of the quandary is that many news organizations, including The New York Times, have built software that isn't compatible with The AP's new and improved way of distributing elections results, Bowers said. By and large, news organizations transfer data using FTP, a somewhat dated protocol for moving information between networked computers.

There's nothing wrong with FTP - it still gets the job done - but news organizations that rely on it exclusively could be at a big disadvantage come election night. The reason? Owing to extra processing time required to transfer files en masse, FTP typically lags behind The AP's other protocol by more than a minute. And on election night, when states are being called in real-time, minutes matter. Seconds matter.

Click here to read more.

Connecting mailbox

A going-away present for Terry Anderson

As someone who has been both fortunate and unfortunate enough to witness the banalities of systemic injustice, I leave your class remorseful at the conclusion of this chapter of my life. I was raised my entire life to remain silent by a single mother who did not wish to disrupt the system for the safety and well being of her own child. Yet in the course of one semester, you have taught me something invaluable; never stay silent at the hands of oppressior Before I ever even became a student of yours, I was distrustful of men who looked like yourself for fear that my voice would be dismissed and my narrative invalidated in the same way my mother's was. Instead, you managed to shatter every preconcieved notion I had of allyship. You proved to me that eduction, empathy, and open-mindedness will always triumph in an often bleak world For that, I am eternally grateful. I thank you so much for being a gift to so many young minds. It has been a privilege to learn under you. Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors.

Damian Gonzalez

Terry Anderson - Today (Wednesday) was the last class day at the University of Florida, and likely the last class I'll be teaching, as I move to rural Virginia. But I couldn't have gotten a better going-away present than these notes, handed to me by a student in each of my two classes. (One is shown above.)

There are definitely chickens and horses in my plan, but I'm also going to be working with George Mason University on a Center for Independent Journalism, focusing on what we used to call freelancers, who provide a larger and larger

portion of our International news. I'm reluctantly giving up on teaching, at least for a while.

Retiring? Who does that?

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Ode to the Press-Scimitar

Brian Horton - My couplet offering is an homage to the newspaper I delivered as a youngster, years before its demise in 1983.

As some papers die and many get slimmer,
I still mourn the loss of the *Memphis Press-Scimitar*

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In wake of NY Times front-page editorial on gun control

Detroit Free Press

FREE PRESS EDITORIAL

WE STAND TOGETHER

Vile bigotry against Muslims is an assault on our freedom, our community and the diverse fabric that makes up Michigan

America's Muslim community has its deepest roots here in southeast Michigan, home to more Middle East immigrants than any other part of the country.

For more than a century, our Muslim friends and neighbors chose Detroit for the good jobs the auto industry provided, the economic opportunity those jobs afforded, and a diverse community built by generations of immigrants.

From Poland, from Ireland, from Italy and Germany and Africa, from the Middle East and all corners of the world, we've come together to build a community complex in layered tradition, of such depth and richness that newcomers can comfortably live two stories. The homeland need not be forgotten for the promise of American opportunity to take hold.

From many, we are one. And we are better for the variance and unity among us.

So when Donald Trump says America should close its borders to Muslim immigrants, he's not just attacking a fundamental American strength.

He's attacking us — our community, our neighbors, the rich, diverse fabric that makes up southeast Michigan.

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Hank Ackerman - Don't know how many other papers have done this in the wake of the NYT's editorial.

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Jesse Holland previews upcoming book

Jesse Holland - AP Race, Ethnicity & Demographics reporter - previews for the Journalists Roundtable Christmas party at the Newseum his new book, The Invisibles: The Untold Story of African American Slavery at the White House on December 5. The book, which will be Jesse's second, goes on sale on January 1, and autographed copies are available for purchase by clicking **this link**.

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Joni Baluh Beall (AP's Birthday Maven) - To Chuck McFadden's comment on not recognizing names of younger people in Today in History's Birthdays:

About 20 years ago, Lou Boccardi gave the me job of putting younger celebrities in the birthday lists. I'm still on the job.

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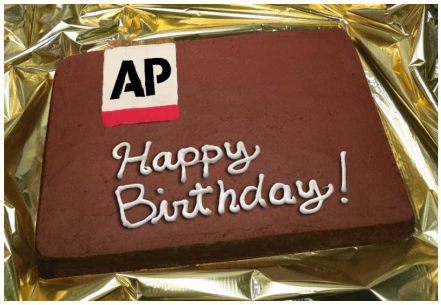

To

Rachel Ambrose (Email)

Welcome to Connecting

Jim Drinkard (Email)

Stories of interest

Is ISIS trying to start World War III? (CNBC)

By DAVID L. PHILLIPS

Radical Islamic leaders have suggested that killing Americans and their allies, whether civilian or military, is an obligation of every Muslim. The Islamic State is driven by an ideology of hatred and destruction and its actions suggest that it wants a third world war between infidelity and Islam. To this end, it appears that ISIS is trying to lure the U.S. into deploying a large ground force in Syria and Iraq - so it can kill more Americans.

The United States cannot ignore the ISIS threat. Nor should it deploy a large ground force, and risk getting caught in quagmire. Washington needs a counter-terrorism strategy, which is based on a better understanding of the Islamic State's ideology, goals, and history.

ISIS is comprised of religious fanatics and zealots. They have a warped and wrong interpretation of the Quran, which they use to justify sensational violence. ISIS members are bound together by hatred of the West and the shared goal of martyrdom.

Click here to read more. Shared by Seymour Topping, who noted: "This is an article that all our people should see. I can vouch for the distinguished author, David L. Phillips, from long experience."

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NPR talk-show legend Diane Rehm will retire from broadcasting next year
(Washington Post)

Diane Rehm, the host of one of public radio's longest-running and most popular news

discussion programs, will retire next year, ending nearly 40 years on the air.

A retirement date has not been firmly established, but Rehm, who is 79, says she will end her eponymous program, produced by Washington public station WAMU-FM (88.5), after the presidential election in November.

"My thinking is that I'll stay on the air until the election because I really want to see how this will go," Rehm said in an interview Tuesday. "My feeling is, I have a number of ideas and I'm perfectly happy doing something different...where I'm not forced to get up at 5 a.m. every morning to prepare for a show. I've been doing that for 37 years. Maybe I'll get to sleep until 7 or 7:30 a.m., like other people do."

Click here to read more. Shared by Bob Daugherty.

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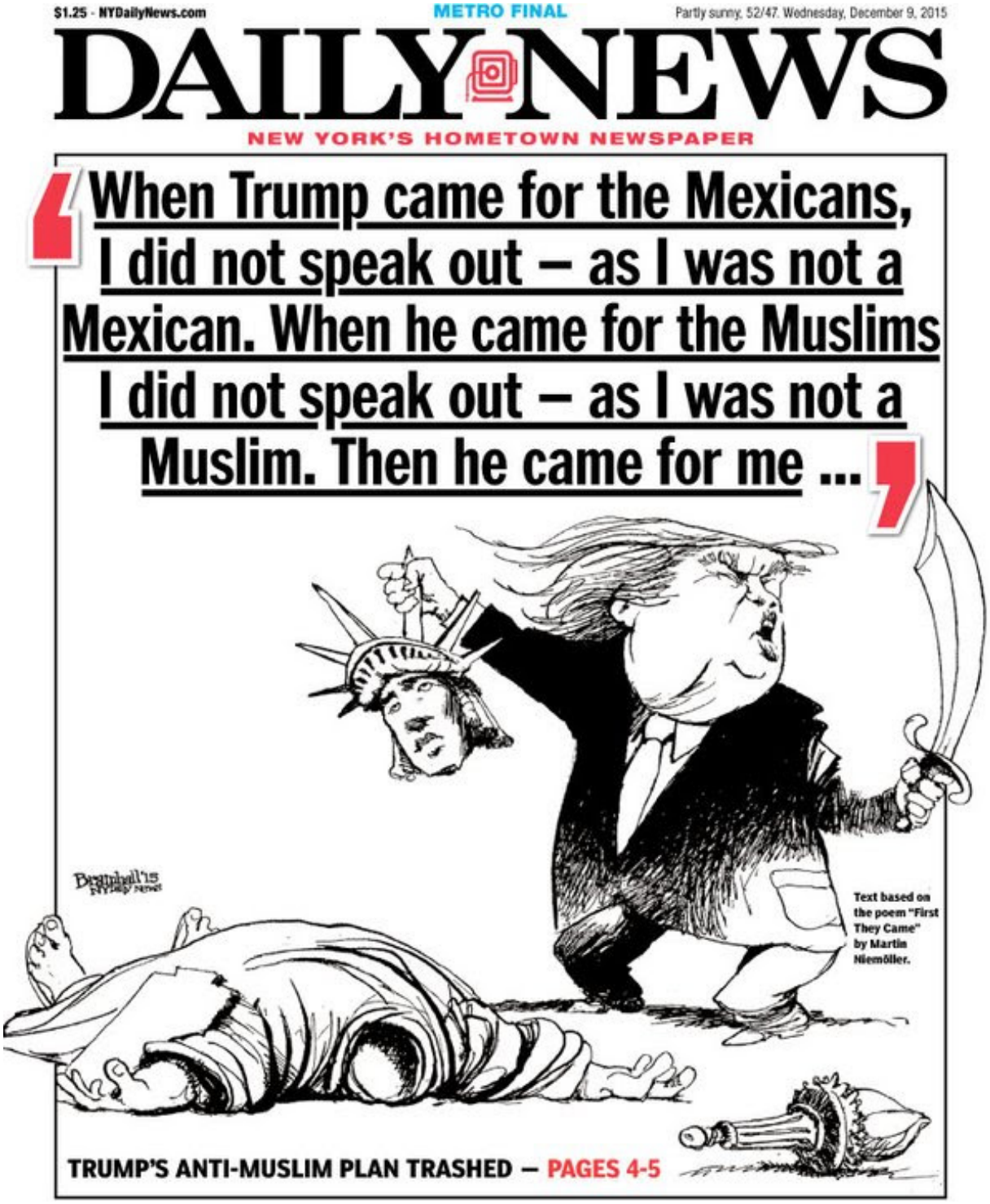
Donald Trump Beheads Statue of Liberty on Wednesday's NY Daily News Cover



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NEW YORK'S HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

"When Trump came for the Mexicans, I did not speak out – as I was not a Mexican. When he came for the Muslims I did not speak out – as I was not a Muslim. Then he came for me ..."

Text based on the poem "First They Came" by Martin Niemöller.

TRUMP'S ANTI-MUSLIM PLAN TRASHED – PAGES 4-5

As always, the New York Daily News is having a field day with its covers. Hence its Wednesday edition targeting Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's call to ban all Muslims from immigrating to the United States until further notice.

The quoted 39-word headline adapts the famous anti-Nazi poem of Pastor Martin Niemöller, which targeted those Germans who refused to stop the Nazi party's rise to power during the 1930s. Of course, instead of chastising its readers for allowing Nazi

Germany to come about, the NY Daily News cover is targeting Trump and his most recent comments about barring Muslims from America.

Click here for link to this story

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I was on an all-female panel on a news show for the first time - and it rocked (Poynter)

By KELLY McBRIDE
Poynter

As an expert on media ethics, I've been a frequent guest on radio and television programs for more than a decade. But this week was a first for me: When I joined the CBC's morning news show, The Current, to talk about the ethics of which name to call the terrorist group fighting for control of Iraq and Syria, all of the other guests were women. *And* the host was a woman.

We were not talking about parenting, dating, the glass ceiling or any other topic that could be perceived as a women's issue. We were talking about the meaning of the words world leaders and journalists use to describe the most dangerous terrorism organization in the world.

I'm a veteran of live broadcast talking shows. Having an all-women panel in this segment created a notable difference for me as a participant. I suspect the audience had a different experience too, but you'll have to listen to it and decide for yourself.

Click here to read more.

Today in History - December 10, 2015

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 10, the 344th day of 2015. There are 21 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 10, 1905, the O. Henry short story "The Gift of the Magi" was published in the New York Sunday World Magazine under the title "Gifts of the Magi."

On this date:

In 1520, Martin Luther publicly burned the papal edict demanding that he recant, or face excommunication.

In 1817, Mississippi was admitted as the 20th state of the Union.

In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt became the first American to be awarded the Nobel

Peace Prize for helping to mediate an end to the Russo-Japanese War.

In 1915, the Irving Berlin song "I Love a Piano" was copyrighted by Berlin's music company in New York.

In 1931, Jane Addams became the first American woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; the co-recipient was Nicholas Murray Butler.

In 1948, the U.N. General Assembly adopted its Universal Declaration on Human Rights.

In 1950, Ralph J. Bunche was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, the first black American to receive the award.

In 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. received his Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, saying he accepted it "with an abiding faith in America and an audacious faith in the future of mankind."

In 1967, singer Otis Redding, 26, and six others were killed when their plane crashed into Wisconsin's Lake Monona.

In 1972, baseball's American League adopted the designated hitter rule on an experimental basis for three years.

In 1984, South African Bishop Desmond Tutu received the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1994, Yasser Arafat, Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin received the Nobel Peace Prize, pledging to pursue their mission of healing the anguished Middle East.

Ten years ago: A Nigerian jetliner crashed while landing in Port Harcourt, Nigeria, killing all but two of the 110 people on board. A U.N. conference on global warming ended in Montreal with an agreement by more than 150 nations (not including the United States) to open talks on mandatory post-2012 reductions in greenhouse gases. Chief U.N. nuclear inspector Mohamed ElBaradei (ehl-BEHR'-uh-day) accepted the Nobel Peace Prize. Former Sen. Eugene McCarthy, 89, died in Washington. Actor-comedian Richard Pryor, 65, died in Encino, California. Reggie Bush was named winner of the Heisman Trophy (however, Bush forfeited the trophy in 2010 because of improper benefits he'd received while a star running back at Southern California).

Five years ago: The Norwegian Nobel Committee honored Chinese literary critic Liu Xiaobo (lee-OO' show-BOH'), imprisoned for urging political reform, by presenting his $1.4 million Nobel Peace Prize diploma and medal to an empty chair. A federal jury in Salt Lake City convicted street preacher Brian David Mitchell of kidnapping and raping Elizabeth Smart. (Mitchell was later sentenced to life in prison.)

One year ago: Current and former CIA officials pushed back against the Senate Intelligence Committee's report released the day before which concluded that the United States had brutalized scores of terror suspects during interrogations, calling the report a political stunt by Senate Democrats which tarnished a program that saved American lives. NFL owners moved quickly and unanimously to change the league's personal conduct policy, announcing it would hire a special counsel to oversee initial discipline.

Today's Birthdays: Soap opera creator Agnes Nixon is 88. Former Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter (YEYE'-tur) is 85. Actor Tommy Kirk is 74. Actress Fionnula Flanagan is 74. Pop singer Chad Stuart (Chad and Jeremy) is 74. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ralph Tavares is 74. Actress-singer Gloria Loring is 69. Pop-funk musician Walter "Clyde" Orange (The Commodores) is 69. Country singer Johnny Rodriguez is 64. Actress Susan Dey is 63. Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich is 59. Jazz musician Paul Hardcastle is 58. Actor-director Kenneth Branagh (BRAH'-nah) is 55. Actress Nia Peeples is 54. TV chef Bobby Flay is 51. Rock singer-musician J Mascis is 50. Rock musician Scot (cq) Alexander (Dishwalla) is 44. Actress-comedian Arden Myrin is 42. Rock musician Meg White (The White Stripes) is 41. Rapper Kuniva (D12) is 40. Actor Gavin Houston is 38. Violinist Sarah Chang is 35. Rock musician Noah Harmon (Airborne Toxic Event) is 34. Actor Patrick John Flueger is 32. Actress Raven-Symone is 30.

Thought for Today: "You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving." - Amy Carmichael, American missionary (1867-1951).-

Got a story 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:

- 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.

- **Life after AP** for those of you who have moved on to another job or profession.

- **Most unusual** place a story assignment took you.

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