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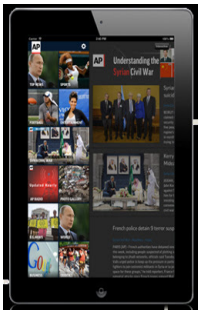

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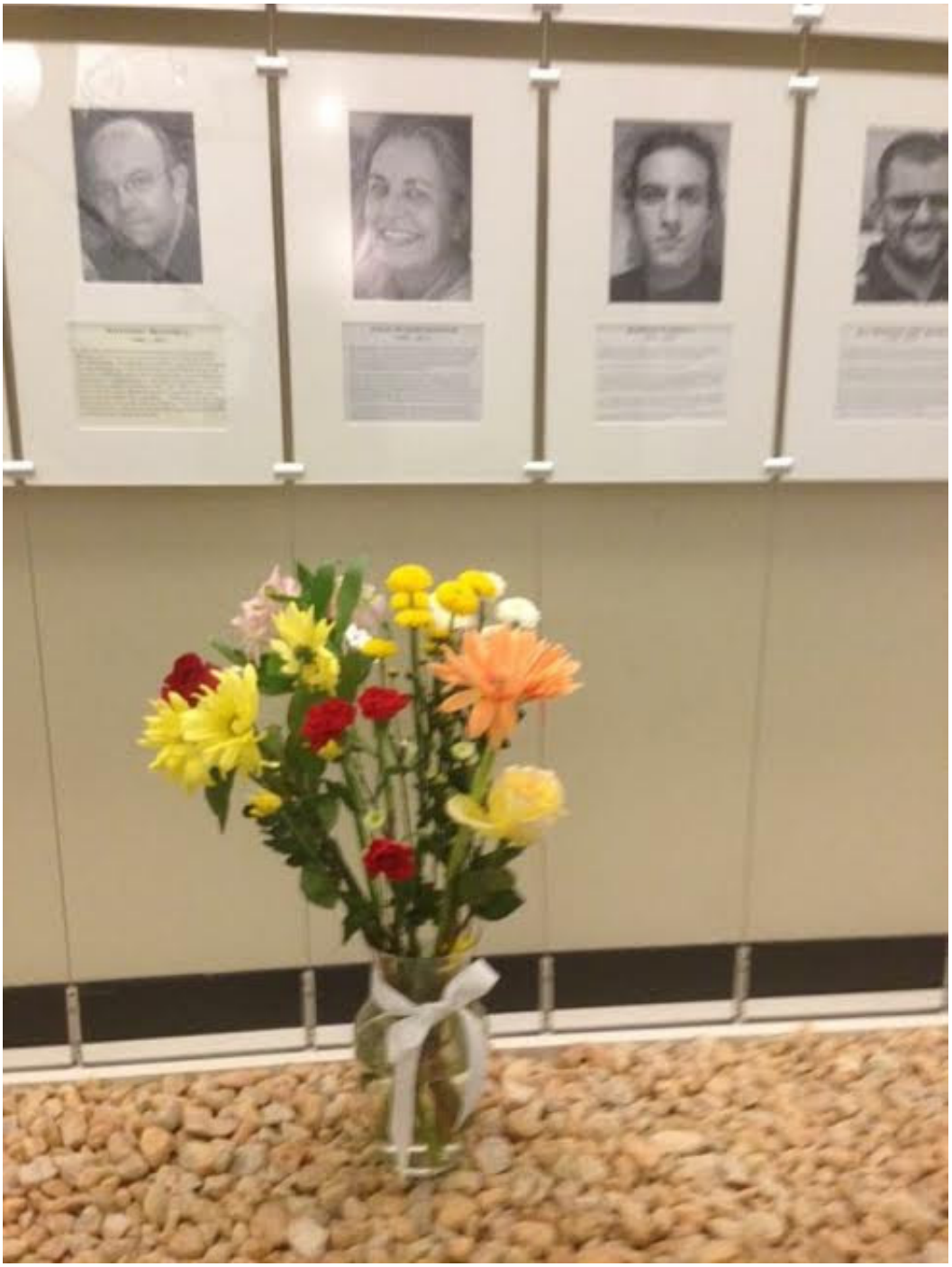

Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning,

Monday marked the second-year anniversary of the death of Associated Press photographer **Anja Niedringhaus**, and her colleague **Kathy Gannon** eloquently remembered her friend.

"Two years ago today Anja and I set out to tell the story of Afghans going to the polls," wrote Kathy, senior correspondent for Pakistan and Afghanistan based in Islamabad (and Connecting colleague).

"Anja wanted to show the world through her pictures the resilience and determination it took to cast a ballot in Afghanistan. She couldn't have been happier to be on the road again, which was a little ditty we sang just about every time we started out on an assignment. Always laughing, always happy. My last memory was her laughing. She lives forever in my heart."

Niedringhuas, an internationally acclaimed German photographer, was killed when an Afghan policeman opened fire while she and Gannon, an AP correspondent, were sitting in their car in eastern Afghanistan. **Click here** for a tribute to her work.

In New York headquarters, just outside the AP newsroom, flowers were placed under a photo of Anja on the AP's Wall of Honor.

On a lighter note, Monday was "National Hug a Newsperson Day" and our colleague Chuck McFadden, who shared the news, said, "Isn't every day?"

Paul

The knick-knacks we keep - first responses

Kent Zimmerman - This is the knick-knack I keep near my computer - a St. Louis Post-Dispatch Weatherbird with a few add-on newspaper pins, including one from a group of Latvian journalists who visited the Kansas City Bureau a long time ago. The Weatherbird, which I followed in the PD during my growing up years and the time I spent as the St. Louis correspondent, was a gift from you (Paul Stevens) after you returned from a St. Louis membership visit.

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Ed Breen - You may have created a nightmare with Department of Newspaper Knick-Knacks.

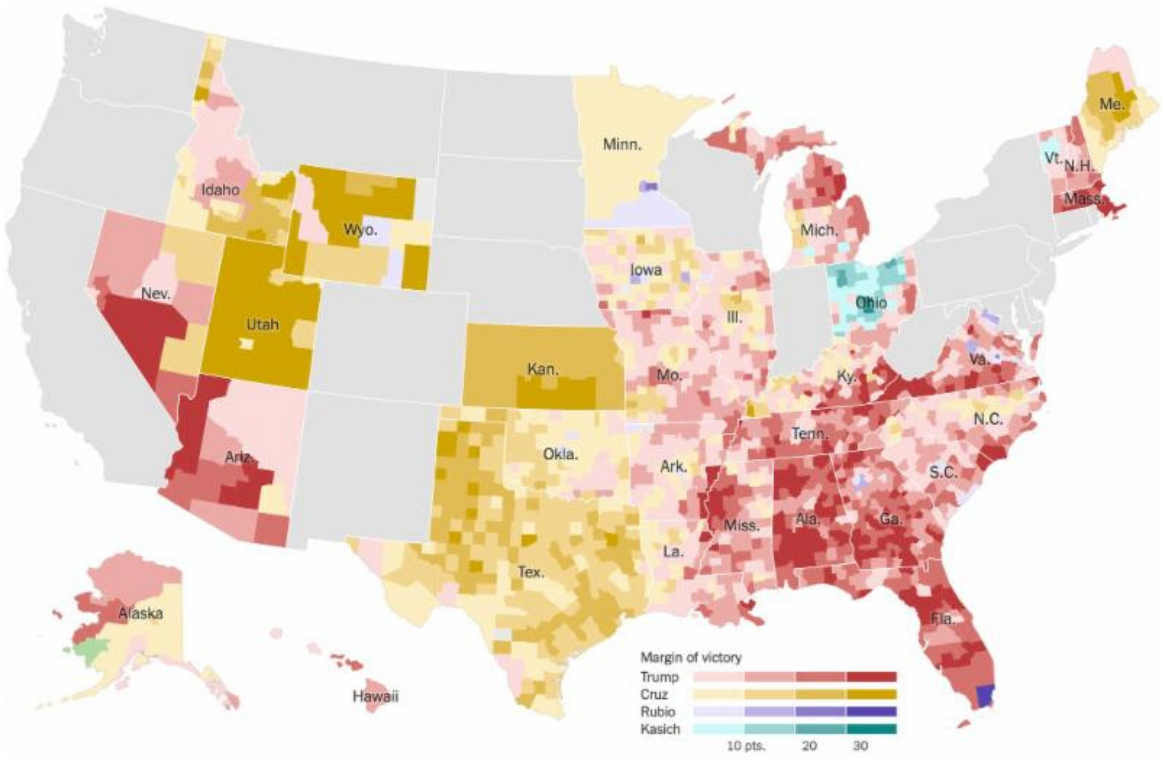
My loving spouse long ago discarded all the hardware lugged home from contests (which were once very important in our lives, as I recall).

I managed to preserve only the icon perched high atop the 1966 Indiana News Photographer of the Year trophy.

And it speaks volumes about the ravages of 50 years on our technology and attitudes.

Obviously it was modeled on someone. (Bob) Daugherty, perhaps?

How Election Results Really Work



Shared by Bob Daugherty from The New York Times, with this note, Maybe a better headline would be "How the AP....."

By WILSON ANDREWS and TOM GIRATIKANON

With 13 more Election Days, the primary season still has a long way to go. Here we answer your questions about how live election results are reported and published on the New York Times website and apps.

How does the Times get live election results?

Our live results and delegate counts are reported by The Associated Press. This is a large effort that includes sending correspondents to local government offices and having reporters gather vote tallies from state, county and other local officials, along with using data feeds from local governments. Election officials usually start releasing results after polls close.

How often are the results updated on election night?

Once The A.P. checks the vote totals, it sends updated data to The Times and other customers every three to five minutes. Race calls are sent immediately.

Times journalists have written software that automatically downloads and publishes the results, which takes only a few seconds. Don't worry about refreshing the page. Results update automatically.

How does the Times call the winner of primary races?

We rely on The A.P.'s calls. This is how The A.P. describes its process for calling races:

The responsibility for calling races rests with experienced staff in each state. They are armed with on-the-ground knowledge that no other national news organization can match. Plus, they have information on demographics, absentee and other voting history and political issues that may affect the outcome of races they must call. On election night, they are assisted by experts in A.P.'s Washington bureau who examine exit poll numbers and votes as they are counted. A "decision desk" in Washington, headed by the Washington bureau chief, has the final signoff on all top-of-the-ticket calls.

Click here to read more.

The Pulitzer Prize Photographers

Kent State Photo by John Filo

TUESDAY, MAY 10 AT 7:00 PM, NEW YORK

In recognition of the Pulitzer Centennial, The Eddie Adams Workshop and Parsons School of Design, present an evening of Pulitzer images throughout the decades with:

- **Robert H. Jackson** "Oswald Shot, Live to the World" 1964
- **John Filo** "Death on Campus" 1971
- **John White** "One Man's Chicago" 1982
- **Martha Rial** "Trek of Tears" 1988
- **Carolyn Cole** "Monrovia Under Siege" 2004
- **Daniel Berehulak** "Ebola: A Plague's Horror" 2015

Plus a conversation with Pulitzer recipients and Eddie Adams Workshop alumni: **John**

Moore, Adrees Latif, Ruth Fremson and **Tim Rasmussen**

Moderated by: **Santiago Lyon**, VP for Photography, Associated Press and **Hal Buell**, former Photo Director, Associated Press

Sponsorship is provided by Nikon, Inc. and B&H Photo

The program is organized by the Eddie Adams Workshop in collaboration and partnership with Parsons School of Design at The New School. Supporters include the Associated Press, Hal Buell Associates with encouragement from The Pulitzer Centennial Committee

Click here for a link to this story. Shared by Paul Colford.

Connecting mailbox

Loved Cecilia White's story on cameras

Peggy Walsh - I love seeing Cecilia White's piece on the cameras. I only worked in LA with her for a year but I have yet to meet a more creative soul. Her "books" created with items clipped from magazines & her wonderful wit were treasure to all that received them for special occasions.

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April Fools trickery remembered

John Willis - Thank goodness for George Zucker's vicelike grip on his ability to remember April Fools trickery some 40s years ago.....that was the word, I had forgotten. He was one heck of a bureau chief and taught us how to get on the AAA wire consistently.

Stories of interest

How ICIJ got hundreds of journalists to collaborate on the Panama Papers (Poynter)

People gather to demonstrate against Iceland's prime minister, in Reykjavik on Monday April 4, 2016. AP Photo/Brynjar Gunnarsson

The latest collaborative investigation from the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists includes a lot of ingredients. Among them:

- 11.5 million records
- 2.6 terabytes of data
- More than 370 journalists in more than 80 countries at more than 100 media organizations

The Panama Papers, which started publishing Sunday, is the biggest

collaboration so far from the consortium, a nonprofit network of based in Washington, D.C. So how do you corral that many journalists from that many organizations for an investigation of this size?

"It's something that has taken us a long time to learn," said Mike Hudson, a senior editor at ICIJ.

Click here to read more.

AND

How Reporters Pulled Off the Panama Papers, the Biggest Leak in Whistleblower History (WIRED)

WHEN DANIEL ELLSBERG photocopied and leaked the Pentagon Papers to the *New York Times* in 1971, those 7,000 pages of top secret Vietnam War documents represented what was then the biggest whistleblower leak in history-a couple dozen megabytes if it were contained in a modern text file. Almost four decades later, WikiLeaks in 2010 published Cablegate, a world-shaking, 1.73 gigabyte collection of classified State Department communications that was almost a hundred times bigger.

If there's some Moore's Law of Leaks, however, it seems to be exponential. Just five years have passed since WikiLeaks' Cablegate coup, and now the world is grappling with a whistleblower megaleak on a scale never seen before: 2.6 terabytes, well over a thousandfold larger.

On Sunday, more than a hundred media outlets around the world, coordinated by the Washington, DC-based International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, released stories on the Panama Papers, a gargantuan collection of leaked documents exposing a widespread system of global tax evasion. The leak includes more than 4.8 million emails, 3 million database files, and 2.1 million PDFs from the Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca that, according to analysis of the leaked documents, appears to specialize in creating shell companies that its clients have used to hide their assets.

Click here to read more. Both of above shared by Susana Hayward.

AND

Here's how over 400 journalists at dozens of news orgs reported out the massive Panama Papers story (Nieman)

Sunday's report of the Panama Papers detailed a global, decades-long story of bribery, arms deals, tax evasion, and financial fraud that implicates over 100 politicians and public officials. Equally impressive, however, is the project itself, which was kept secret for nearly two years despite the involvement of hundreds of reporters.

Here are some details about how the project came together.

- **It was indeed a major leak.** The entire document set, which consists of data going back 40 years, came in at 2.6 terabytes - the largest that reporters have ever had to work with. It's a thousand times larger than even the 2010 WikiLeaks Cablegate leak, totaled a mere 1.73 gigabytes. In total,the Panama Papers leak consisted 11.5 million files, including 4.8 million emails, 1 million images, and 2.1 million PDFs.

Click here to read more. Shared by Bob Sherwood.

The Strangest Presidential Campaign Ever (NPR)

Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot laughs after saying, "Watch my lips," in response to reporters asking when he plans to formally enter the presidential race. Questions came May 5, 1992, in New York City, where Perot was speaking before the American Newspaper Publishers Association. *Richard Drew/AP*

By LINTON WEEKS

Right out of the starting blocks, the presidential campaign of Donald Trump has been headline-making controversial - with stories of the candidate remarking on rape,expressing disgust with a nursing mother and calling into question Sen. John McCain's heroism as a prisoner of war.

The Hillary Clinton campaign has already had its share of oddities, as well. More than 50 percent of Americans say they do not trust her, CNN reports: "And it's likely the result of the weight of several problems that haven't gone away - particularly her use of a private email while at the State Department and her family foundation's acceptance of foreign contributions."

Meanwhile, Mike Huckabee - when speaking of President Obama's dealings with Iran - invoked the Holocaust. And Martin O'Malley sometimes plays a guitar on the campaign trail.

What is an American political campaign if not a challenge to convention, a stretching of the status quo, an ode to originality? There have already been many remarkable moments on the trails this season. But, historically speaking, which candidate's presidential campaign was the strangest ever?

Click here to read more. Shared by Richard Drew.

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It's time to reinvent the Pulitzer Prizes for this media age (Poynter)

When newspaper baron Joseph Pulitzer willed a fortune to Columbia University before his death in 1911, journalism was a vastly different profession than it is today.

Most associations like the American Society of Newspaper Editors and academic institutions that teach journalism - fixtures that professionalized the practice of newsgathering - were established later in the 20th century. Pulitzer's prizes landed in a field largely devoid of professional recognition beyond the status accorded with a larger publication, a Sunday column or a higher salary. They were a signpost for an American enterprise growing out of adolescence.

A century later, that adolescent is now in the throes of a mid-life crisis. The prizes are celebrating their hundredth birthday this year as the digital revolution continues to yank the commercial rug out from under America's newspapers. Tech companies like Facebook and Google now serve as the primary intermediaries between journalists and their audiences, wresting the power of publication and distribution away from news organizations.

Click here to read more. Shared by Susana Hayward.

Today in History - April 5, 2016

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 5, the 96th day of 2016. There are 270 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On April 5, 1976, during an outdoor demonstration against court-ordered school busing in Boston, a white teenager swung a pole holding an American flag at a black attorney in a scene captured in a Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph now known as "The Soiling of Old Glory" that was taken by Stanley Forman of the Boston Herald American. Reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes died in Houston at age 70.

On this date:

In 1614, Indian Chief Powhatan's daughter Pocahontas married Englishman John Rolfe in the Virginia Colony. England's King James I convened the second Parliament of his rule; the "Addled Parliament," as it came to be known for accomplishing nothing, lasted two months.

In 1621, the Mayflower sailed from Plymouth Colony in present-day Massachusetts on a monthlong return trip to England.

In 1764, Britain's Parliament passed The American Revenue Act of 1764, also known as The Sugar Act.

In 1895, Oscar Wilde lost his criminal libel case against the Marquess of Queensberry, who'd accused the writer of homosexual practices.

In 1915, Jess Willard knocked out Jack Johnson in the 26th round of their fight in Havana, Cuba, to claim boxing's world heavyweight title.

In 1916, Academy Award-winning actor Gregory Peck was born in La Jolla, California.

In 1925, a tornado estimated at F-3 intensity struck northern Miami-Dade County, Florida, killing five people.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order creating the Civilian Conservation Corps and an anti-hoarding order that effectively prohibited private ownership of gold.

In 1955, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill resigned his office for health reasons. Democrat Richard J. Daley was first elected mayor of Chicago, defeating Republican Robert E. Merriam.

In 1964, Army General Douglas MacArthur died in Washington, D.C., at age 84.

In 1986, two American servicemen and a Turkish woman were killed in the bombing of a West Berlin discotheque, an incident which prompted a U.S. air raid on Libya more than a week later.

In 1991, former Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, his daughter Marian and 21 other people were killed in a commuter plane crash near Brunswick, Georgia.

Ten years ago: Duke University's lacrosse coach resigned and the school canceled the rest of the season amid a burgeoning controversy involving allegations that three players on the highly ranked team had raped a stripper at an off-campus party. (The rape charges were later dropped, and the players exonerated.) Katie Couric announced she was leaving NBC's "Today" show to become anchor of "The CBS Evening News." Singer Gene Pitney was found dead in his hotel room in Cardiff, Wales; he was 66.

Five years ago: Ivory Coast's strongman leader, Laurent Gbagbo (loh-RAHN' BAHG'-boh), remained holed up in a bunker inside the presidential residence, defiantly maintaining he'd won an election four months earlier even as troops backing the internationally recognized winner encircled the home. (Gbagbo was arrested six days later.) Texas A&M won its first national women's basketball championship with a 76-70 victory over Notre Dame.

One year ago: In an Easter Sunday peace wish, Pope Francis praised a framework nuclear agreement with Iran as an opportunity to make the world safer, while expressing deep worry about bloodshed in Libya, Yemen, Syria, Iraq, Nigeria and elsewhere in Africa. Rolling Stone magazine apologized and officially retracted its discredited article about an alleged gang rape at the University of Virginia. Actor Richard Dysart, 86, died in Santa Monica, California.

Today's Birthdays: Movie producer Roger Corman is 90. Former U.S. Secretary of State and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell is 79. Country singer Tommy Cash is 76. Actor Michael Moriarty is 75. Pop singer Allan Clarke (The Hollies) is 74. Writer-director Peter Greenaway is 74. Actor Max Gail is 73. Actress Jane Asher is 70. Singer Agnetha (ag-NEE'-tah) Faltskog (ABBA) is 66. Actor Mitch Pileggi is 64. Singer-songwriter Peter Case is 62. Rock musician Mike McCready (Pearl Jam) is 50. Country singer Troy Gentry is 49. Singer Paula Cole is 48. Actress Krista Allen is 45. Country singer Pat Green is 44. Rapper-producer Pharrell (fa-REHL') Williams is 43. Rapper/producer Juicy J is 41. Actor Sterling K. Brown is 40. Country singer-musician Mike Eli (The Eli Young Band) is 35. Actress Hayley Atwell is 34. Actress Lily James is 27.

Thought for Today: "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men, even when they exercise influence and not authority, still more when you superadd the tendency or the certainty of corruption by authority." - Lord Acton, British historian (1834-1902), in a letter written on this date in 1887.

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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