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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this the 7th day of November 2019,

Veterans Day will be celebrated this coming Monday and Connecting would like to recognize those in our readership family who are veterans of the nation's armed forces.

If you are a veteran, send along your Branch of Service and your Years of Service. And, if you like, relay in about 150 words or fewer, how we can best honor those who died in service to their country.

Have a great day!

Paul

AP reporter recounts covering fall of Berlin Wall in 1989



FILE - In this early Friday morning, Nov. 10, 1989 file photo, East Berliners get helping hands from West Berliners as they climb the Berlin Wall which has divided the city since the end of World War II, near the Brandenburger Tor (Brandenburg Gate). The citizens facing the West celebrate the opening of the order that was announced by the East German Communist government hours before. (AP Photo/Jockel Finck, File)



In this Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019 photo, Frieder Reimold the former Berlin bureau chief of The Associated Press' German service talks to AP reporter Kirsten Grieshaber during an interview with the Associated Press in Berlin, Germany. On Nov. 9, 1989, Frieder Reimold was the AP staffer who sent out the iconic AP news alert, "DDR oeffnet Grenze," or "East Germany opens border" that further accelerated events that night. (AP Photo/Markus Schreiber)

By KIRSTEN GRIESHABER

BERLIN (AP) - After months of overtime writing about upheaval and protests in East Germany, AP's Frieder Reimold settled in on Nov. 9, 1989, to watch a televised evening briefing by Guenter Schabowski, a member of the Communist country's Politburo.

History didn't give Reimold a break that night. About an hour into the rambling news conference, Schabowski mentioned that East Germany was lifting restrictions on travel across its border into West Germany. Pressed on when the new regulations would take effect, he looked at his notes and stammered, "As far as I know, this enters into force ... this is immediately, without delay."

It was so offhanded that it took Reimold a little time to recognize the implications of the statement - that East Germany was opening the Berlin Wall and the heavily fortified border with West Germany. Carefully, Reimold, then the Berlin bureau chief of The Associated Press' German service, typed out what has become his iconic alert: "DDR oeffnet Grenzen" - "East Germany opens borders."

At first, nothing happened. In the days before the smartphone, news traveled more slowly. But less than one hour later, as West German broadcasters and West Berlin radio station RIAS began picking up the AP alert at the top of the hour in their news programs, East Berliners began jamming border crossings in Berlin. Border guards had received no orders to let anyone across, but within hours gave up trying to hold back the crowds.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Adolphe Bernotas.

Berlin Wall, the Newseum and Al Neuharth



Bill Kaczor ([Email](#)) - I recently traveled to WDC to get one last look at the Newseum before it closes at the end of the year. Its collection includes part of the Berlin Wall and a massive "Death Tower," where East German guards could watch for people trying to escape over the wall into West Berlin (photos attached). Back in the day, some enterprising Berliners did a booming business by selling baseball-size pieces of the wall. I have one sitting on a shelf in my garage right next to a piece of barbed wire from the DMZ in Korea. I took plenty of pictures at the Newseum that I

have posted on flickr to remember it by. I tried to get as much AP stuff as possible. The Berlin Wall pictures are on the fourth page of the album. Click [here](#) for a link.



The Newseum, now foundering in a sea of red ink, was the brainchild of Al Neuharth, whom I knew fairly well while working for Gannett News Service in Tallahassee during the 1970s. Although I was the No. 2 guy in a two-person bureau, Al knew me and read my stories because, among other things, I covered his then-wife, Lori Wilson, who was a state senator. Al often would pop into the bureau unannounced. On one occasion he took me and Bureau Chief John Hanchette to cover a speech he gave to the Florida Economic Club. Al made news by criticizing then-Gov. Reubin Askew for what he contended were his anti-business policies. It was a bit of a surprise because Al had been rather chummy with Askew until then. We came up with the theory, but never pursued it, that he was upset because Askew had vetoed one of Wilson's bills. Neuharth also hosted annual gatherings for Gannett's Florida editors during legislative sessions that would feature speeches by the governor and/or candidates for governor and other notable politicians, which also attracted coverage by other media. One of my favorite moments came at the 1980 gathering when I told Al, just in case he didn't already know, that I no longer worked for him and had joined the AP. Al, whose first job after college was with the AP in South Dakota, approved of my move. He probably realized it resulted in a significant salary increase.

Besides growing Gannett into the nation's biggest chain of mostly little newspapers, Neuharth launched USA Today in part by "borrowing" staff and resources from the existing Gannett papers. A lot of us thought USA Today was overreach, but that was

typical Neuharth. The Newseum as it turns out also was another case of overreach. It is a grandiose building on some of the nation's most valuable real estate filled with a lot of stuff that isn't directly related to the news business. I'm sorry to see it go, though, but perhaps it can be reincarnated on a smaller scale. If you get a chance, see it before it's gone. If not, take a look at my pictures.

'Practice, practice, practice': 5 tips from my music side hustle, which has taken me to Carnegie Hall



Marty Steinberg - CNBC editor by day, cellist by night - heads out for a gig. Courtesy Adam Jeffery | CNBC

Marty Steinberg ([Email](#)) - Gigs are a way to get started in the game of life. A little job can turn into a steady one, or evolve into an entrepreneurial endeavor. The latter is what happened with me.

In decades as a musician, I have played at hundreds of weddings, private parties, and concerts, and have performed at big-name venues including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Although I've made thousands of dollars a year as a moonlighting musician since 2001, playing wedding gigs and teaching cello students doesn't feel like work. It's a joy.

Here are five of the most important takeaways I've learned from my success as a musical entrepreneur that can help you start, and excel in, your own side hustle.

Read more [here](#).

Raleigh bureau bids farewell to Emery Dalesio after 27-year AP career



The Raleigh, N.C., bureau bids farewell to reporter Emery P. Dalesio, second from right, at a pizza lunch, Oct. 29, 2019, in Raleigh, N.C. Dalesio spent 27 years at AP.

From left, back row: Skip Foreman, Jonathan Drew, Aaron Beard and Emery Dalesio. From left in front: Jeffrey Collins (from the Columbia, S.C., bureau), Allen Breed, Joedy McCreary, Gerry Broome and Martha Waggoner. (AP Photo/Joedy McCreary) Martha notes that she did the math and this group has 220 years of experience with AP.

College football's early beginnings at College of New Jersey/Princeton



Dick Kazmaier '52 carries the ball in a 1949 win over Yale. Two years later, he won the Heisman Trophy.

College football was born in the middle of New Jersey on November 6, 1869, when a band of students from the College of New Jersey - it was not dubbed Princeton for another quarter-century -- took a short train ride up to New Brunswick for an athletic contest against their counterparts from Rutgers College, nee Queens College. The students had a long, rambunctious rivalry, including tussles over possession of two small Revolutionary War cannons and regular meetings on the baseball diamond. But on this Saturday they met in a new game the undergraduates based loosely on English rugby rules, with 25 players to a side seeking to kick a ball into the opponent's goal, which Rutgers managed six times to Princeton's four in that first collegiate football game.

The NCAA is celebrating the sesquicentennial this Saturday at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y., in a nationally televised game that pits Princeton against not

Rutgers - the Scarlet Knights now play in the Big Ten - but Ivy League rival Dartmouth; both are unbeaten.

Our Connecting colleague Chris Connell ([Email](#)) chronicled Tiger football history in this colorful article for the Princeton Alumni Weekly. Click [here](#) to read the article.

AP's David L. Ammons inducted into Department of Communication's Hall of Fame at University of Washington

BRINGING TOGETHER A PASSION FOR WRITING, PUBLIC POLICY, AND GOVERNMENT | HALL OF FAME 2019 INDUCTEE: DAVID L. AMMONS

Every year, the UW Department of Communication honors outstanding alumni who are making a difference in their careers, and out in their communities, by inducting them into the Department's Alumni Hall of Fame. On October 9, 2019, we celebrated the accomplishments of this year's honorees-Adie Simmons, William H. Lord, and David L. Ammons-in the presence of their friends and families. We thank them for their service to the community, and wish them the best.



Excerpted from the story:

Ammons went to work for the Associated Press (AP) in Seattle right out of college. After a year in Seattle, he transferred to Olympia in July of 1971. Thus began his 37-year tenure as the longest-serving capitol reporter in state history, much of it as president of the press corps.

"It was wonderful to have a front row seat to the action. I looked at my role as teaching, and informing people across the state about what was going on in Olympia, and why it was important," explains Ammons. "I spent a lot of time in my career trying to reconnect people with their

government. Even then, as now, people were cynical and down on government. Particularly when I became a columnist, I found it interesting to be able to write big picture stories about developments in the news."

As soon as he got to Olympia, Ammons learned that to educate and inform people, he would have to translate the "government rhetoric" into something relatable. "I learned quickly that I couldn't be seduced by the government lingo," he says. "One of the crusty old members of the press corps-Adele Ferguson from the Bremerton Sun-sat me down one day and said, 'I write for the shipping folk in Bremerton. When they open the paper, I want them to be interested and engaged. I want it to be in plain English, spritely written, and not sound like a government bureaucrat.' I took that to heart very early on. [She advised me] to think of it like talking to your neighbor across the fence."

The other important challenge for Ammons was learning how to navigate the divisive partisanship of Olympia. "I had to figure out how to stay in a place where I could listen to both sides, and could personally see that nobody had the corner on the truth," he explains. "I learned to listen to everyone, including the back-bench freshmen of the minority party. That helped me build relationships that enabled me [in the future] as those people became speakers, or majority leaders, or committee chairs. They knew me, I knew them. The most important facet for a good political reporter is being a good listener."

In addition to politics, the Olympia bureau covers everything that happens in the region. Ammons was excited, therefore, by the opportunity to cover the eruption of Mount St. Helens. "We knew the mountain was starting to be active in 1980. I remember flying around the mountain with Governor Ray," recalls Ammons. "When it erupted, I was designated as the lead AP reporter, and my stories went all over the world."

The experience sharpened Ammons' ability to describe visuals, as he reported the incredible sights he encountered every day to another writer in Seattle who would then put the story together. Ammons remembers a close call: "The landscape had changed overnight. It was astonishing visually, and in every other way. Places I camped at on Spirit Lake were no longer there. One time, we were on a helicopter, and had to hightail it out of there because a blast of steam eruption was about to hit us. It was both exhausting and exhilarating."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Marty Thompson.

A guide to a good reporter's kit on leaving these shores

Charlie Hanley ([Email](#)) - Kevin Noblet's recent offering of an AP foreign correspondent's guide from the 1980s reminded me of a handy list compiled at the

turn of the 1900s by Richard Harding Davis, a guide to a good reporter's kit on leaving these shores. After a "bed, cooking kit, and chair," plus "two collapsible water-buckets" and "two collapsible brass lanterns," he goes on (I for one never left without one housewife)....

A War Correspondent's Kit

Two boxes of sick-room candles.

One dozen boxes of safety matches.

One axe. The best I have seen is the Marble Safety Axe, made at Gladstone, Mich. You can carry it in your hip-pocket, and you can cut down a tree with it.

One medicine case containing quinine, calomel, and Sun Cholera Mixture in tablets.

Toilet-case for razors, tooth-powder, brushes, and paper.

Folding bath-tub of rubber in rubber case. These are manufactured to fold into a space little larger than a cigar-box.

Two towels old, and soft.

Three cakes of soap.

One Jaeger blanket.

One mosquito head-bag.

One extra pair of shoes, old and comfortable.

One extra pair of riding-breeches.

One extra pair of gaiters. The former regulation army gaiter of canvas, laced, rolls up in a small compass and weighs but little.

One flannel shirt. Gray least shows the dust.

Two pairs of drawers. For riding, the best are those of silk.

Two undershirts, balbriggan or woollen.

Three pairs of woollen socks.

Two linen handkerchiefs, large enough, if needed, to tie around the throat and protect the back of the neck.

One pair of pajamas, woollen, not linen.

One housewife.

Two briarwood pipes.

Six bags of smoking tobacco; Durham or Seal of North Carolina pack easily.

One pad of writing paper.

Stories of interest

Former Twitter employees charged with spying for Saudi Arabia by digging into the accounts of kingdom critics (Washington Post)

By Ellen Nakashima and Greg Bensinger

The Justice Department has charged two former Twitter employees with spying for Saudi Arabia by accessing the company's information on dissidents who use the platform, marking the first time federal prosecutors have publicly accused the kingdom of running agents in the United States.

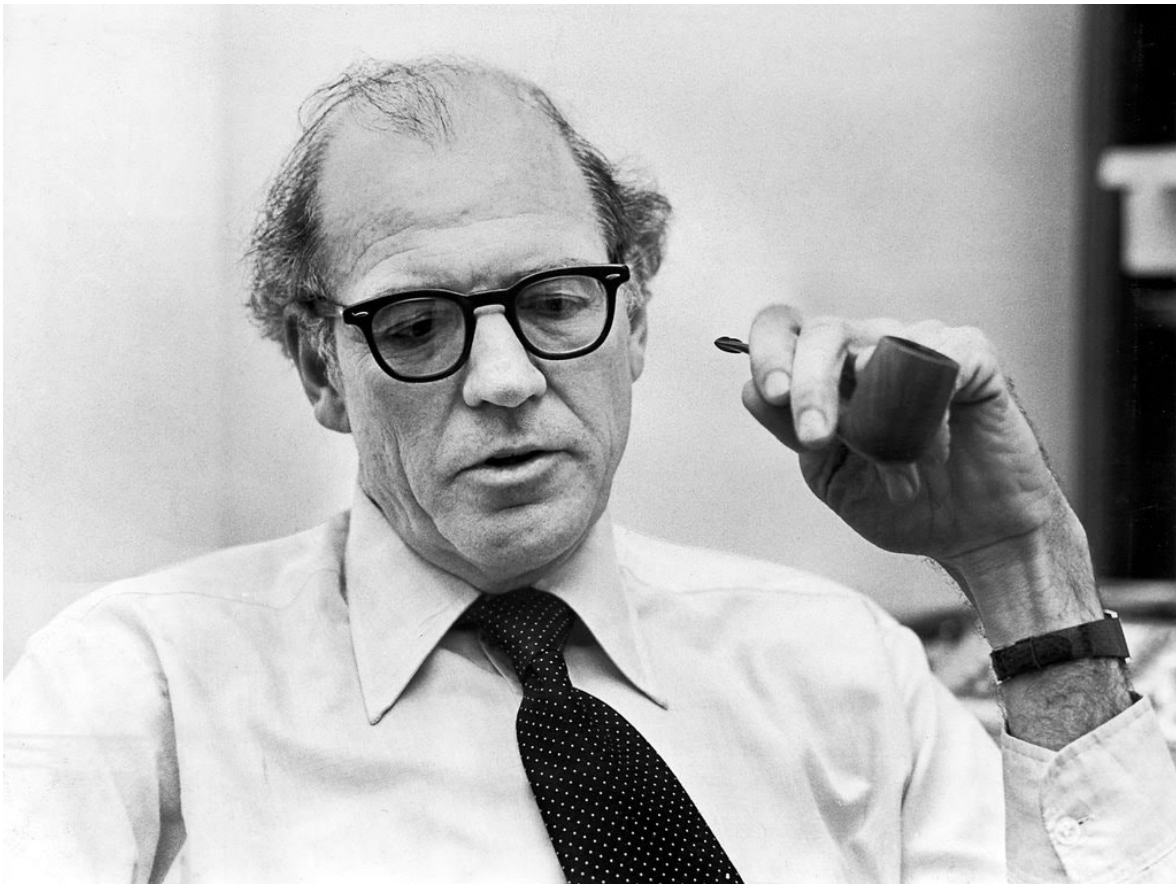
One of those implicated in the scheme, according to court papers, is an associate of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who the CIA has concluded likely ordered the assassination of journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Istanbul last year.

The case highlights the issue of foreign powers exploiting American social media platforms to identify critics and suppress their voices. And it raises concerns about the ability of Silicon Valley to protect the private information of dissidents and other users from repressive governments.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Dennis Conrad.

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Ray Jenkins, Newspaperman Who Covered Civil Rights Era, Dies at 89 (New York Times)



**Ray Jenkins in his White House office in 1980, when he was a press aide to President Jimmy Carter. It was one of several roles he held in a distinguished 40-year career.
Credit: Teresa Zabala/The New York Times**

By Katharine Q. Seelye

Ray Jenkins, the city editor of The Alabama Journal, was eating a bologna sandwich at his desk on April 5, 1960, and thumbing through a week-old copy of The New York Times when a full-page ad caught his eye.

Prominent liberals, including Eleanor Roosevelt and Jackie Robinson, were appealing for money for a legal-defense fund for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, who was facing a trial in Alabama on perjury charges - a good local angle for The Journal.

The ad, titled "Heed Their Rising Voices," castigated Alabama officials for what it called "an unprecedented wave of terror" against leaders of the civil rights movement.

Within minutes, Mr. Jenkins tapped out 13 paragraphs about the ad; his article appeared in the paper that afternoon.

Apparently no one else had noticed the ad until then - The Times sold 394 papers a day in Alabama in 1960. And so Alabama officials were startled and enraged after reading Mr. Jenkins's report, which pointed out that the ad contained some factual errors.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Richard Chady.

Today in History - November 7, 2019



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Nov. 7, the 311th day of 2019. There are 54 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 7, 1972, President Richard Nixon was re-elected in a landslide over Democrat George McGovern.

On this date:

In 1862, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln replaced replace Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan as commander of the Army of the Potomac with Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside.

In 1912, black boxing champion Jack Johnson was indicted in Chicago for allegedly violating the Mann Act with a white woman, Belle Schreiber. (Johnson was convicted and sentenced to a year in prison; he fled the U.S., later returning to serve his term. The Mann Act was also known as the White Slave Traffic Act, but was used in all types of cases.)

In 1917, Russia's Bolshevik Revolution took place as forces led by Vladimir Ilyich Lenin overthrew the provisional government of Alexander Kerensky.

In 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won an unprecedented fourth term in office, defeating Republican Thomas E. Dewey.

In 1962, Richard M. Nixon, having lost California's gubernatorial race, held what he called his "last press conference," telling reporters, "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore."

In 1966, John Lennon first met Yoko Ono at the Indica Gallery in London.

In 1967, Carl Stokes was elected the first black mayor of a major city - Cleveland, Ohio.

In 1973, Congress overrode President Richard Nixon's veto of the War Powers Act, which limits a chief executive's power to wage war without congressional approval.

In 1991, basketball star Magic Johnson announced that he had tested positive for HIV, and was retiring. (Despite his HIV status, Johnson has been able to sustain himself with medication.)

In 2001, the Bush administration targeted Osama bin Laden's multi-million-dollar financial networks, closing businesses in four states, detaining U.S. suspects and urging allies to help choke off money supplies in 40 nations.

In 2005, President George W. Bush, in Panama, defended U.S. interrogation practices and called the treatment of terrorism suspects lawful, saying, "We do not torture."

In 2013, shares of Twitter went on sale to the public for the first time; by the closing bell, the social network was valued at \$31 billion.

Ten years ago: In a victory for President Barack Obama, the Democratic-controlled House narrowly passed, 220-215, landmark health care legislation to expand coverage to tens of millions lacking it and place tough new restrictions on the insurance industry. David Haye won the WBA heavyweight title with a majority decision over Nikolai Valuev in Nuremberg, Germany.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama authorized a broad expansion of the U.S. military mission in Iraq that called for boosting the total number of American troops there to about 3,100.

One year ago: A gunman killed 12 people at a country music bar in Thousand Oaks, Calif., before apparently taking his own life as officers closed in; the victims included a man who had survived the mass shooting at a country music concert in Las Vegas. After more than a year of blistering attacks from President Donald Trump, Attorney General Jeff Sessions was pushed out of that post. The White House suspended the press pass of CNN correspondent Jim Acosta after he and Trump had a heated confrontation during a news conference. (A federal judge later ordered the administration to immediately return Acosta's press credentials; the White House dropped its effort to bar Acosta but warned he could have his credentials pulled again.) Eighty-five-year-old Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg fractured three ribs in a fall in her office.

Today's Birthdays: Former U.S. Sen. Rudy Boschwitz, R-Minn., is 89. Actor Barry Newman is 81. Actor Dakin Matthews is 79. Singer Johnny Rivers is 77. Former supermodel Jean Shrimpton is 77. Singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell is 76. Former CIA Director David Petraeus is 67. Jazz singer Rene Marie is 64. Actor Christopher Knight (TV: "The Brady Bunch") is 62. Rock musician Tommy Thayer (KISS) is 59. Actress Julie Pinson is 52. Rock musician Greg Tribbett (Mudvayne) is 51. Actress Michelle Clunie is 50. Documentary filmmaker Morgan Spurlock is 49. Actor Christopher Daniel Barnes is 47. Actors Jeremy and Jason London are 47. Actress Yunjin Kim is 46. Actor Adam DeVine is 36. Rock musician Zach Myers (Shinedown) is 36. Actor Lucas Neff is 34. Rapper Tinie (TY'-nee) Tempah is 31. Rock singer Lorde is 23.

Thought for Today: "All forms of totalitarianism try to avoid the strange, the problematic, the critical, the rational. To do so, they must deny the metropolitan spirit, equalize everything in city and country, and retain a center which is not the center of anything because everything else is swallowed up by it." [-] Paul Tillich, American theologian (1886-1965).

Got a story or photos 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:

- **Second chapters** - You finished a great career. Now tell us about your second (and third and fourth?) chapters of life.

- **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.

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



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