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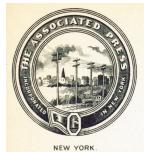
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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning!

Here are stories of interest, beginning with your reaction to your pet peeves on misused words or phrases - stemming from the chart in Monday's Connecting.

The responses so far:

George Hanna - Here's one I heard recently: "expecially" And how about unneeded or redundant words and phrases? I'm thinking of "going forward." Or "on

the ground." Or at "that point in time."

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David Smyth - Everything large or humongous is "massive" these days. Tornadoes are massive. Hurricanes and other storms are massive. So are forest fires, security leaks, revolutions and hot air balloons. Request to TV anchors: Ease off a bit. This is a massive mishandling of a massively overworked word.

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Peggy Walsh - My "favorite" pet peeve is flags being flown at "half mast" instead of "half staff" on buildings. I talk to the TV all the time to remind the reporters that buildings don't float.

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Peter Leabo - nucular -- No, it's "nuclear" (... and one would hope that leaders with that power could learn how to pronounce it)

Alleged (everything) -- The fear of libel has escalated the use of "alleged" to all new heights of stupidity. "The alleged shooting ..." No, there *was* a shooting. "The alleged victim died ..." No, there really *was* a dead body.

"It has not been determined if speed was a factor in the accident." -- Well, first of all, we're not sure it was an accident (see below) and I'd say that speed probably *was* a factor. If the cars had been stopped, the crash probably wouldn't have happened. Maybe "excessive speed" was a factor.

Accident vs crash -- A crash is a statement of fact. Accident implies intention, or lack thereof. (And a wreck is usually the result of a crash, rarely a verb.)

Black ice -- All ice on the road is *NOT* black ice!!! Black ice is a very specific condition that causes the ice on the road to become virtually invisible ... and therefore, especially (kind of like espresso) dangerous! <grin>

And please feel to correct me if I'm allegedly wrong.

Connecting mailbox

Sally Jacobsen enters Order of Green Eyeshade

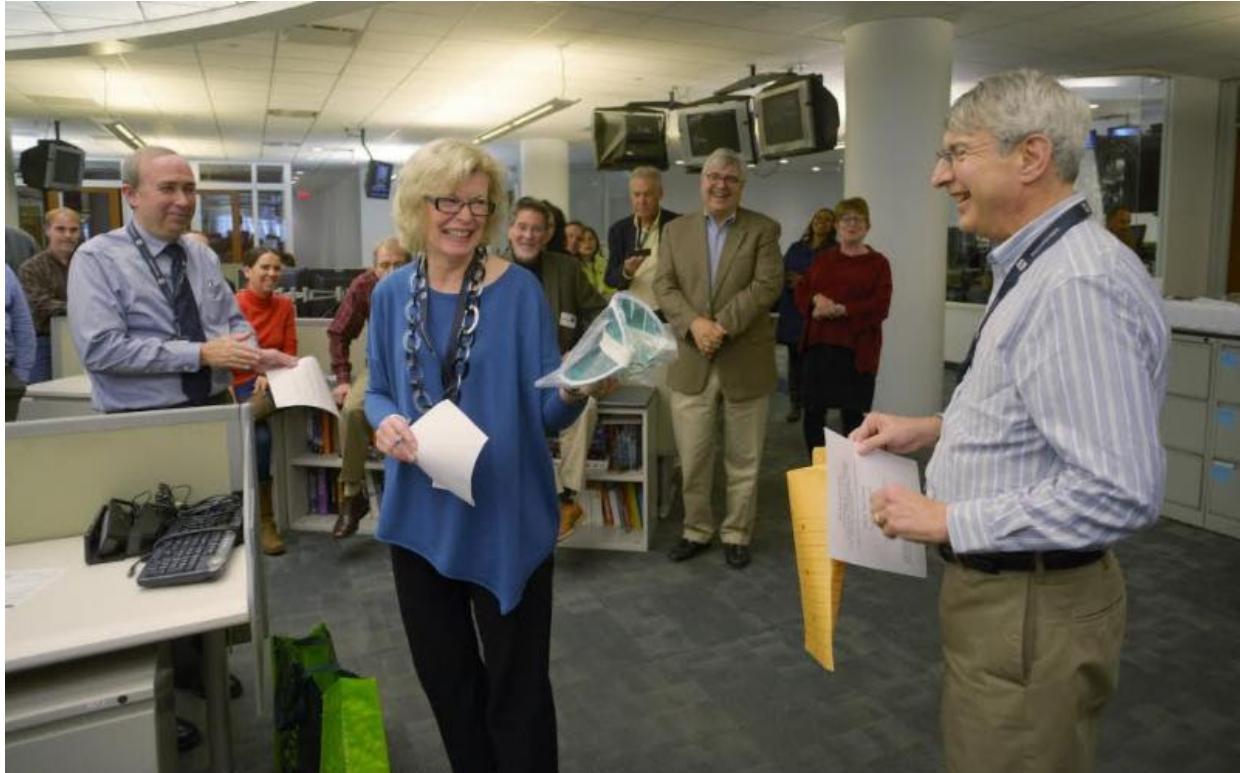


Photo by Patrick Sison

Tom Kent -- I was doing the physical presentation in NY as Dave Minthorn, on the phone, inducted Sally Jacobsen into the Order of the Green Eyeshade, which requires no further explanation. She's holding the eyeshade Dave sent, and I've got the proclamation that he drew up and I printed out.

In the photo, from left: Luke Sheridan, Jerry Schwartz, Bree Fowler, G.G. LaBelle, Sally, Marcus Eliason, Mary Sedor (partially obscured), Jenni Sohn, David Crary, Rick Pienciak, John Daniszewski, Jean Maye, Kathleen Carroll and me.

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Jay Gould controlled Western Union and the AP?

Joseph Benham - I finally got around to reading *Mornings on Horseback*, David McCullough's biography of Teddy Roosevelt, and was surprised that it says that famed Robber Baron financier Jay Gould "controlled Western Union and through it The Associated Press."

I've collected a lot of books on journalism history, starting with Oliver Gramling's *AP, the Story of News*, and a few books on the era in American history that included the Robber Barons, and this is the first time I've seen any

supposed connection between Gould and the AP.

Since Connecting mentions AP Archivists from time to time (I assume they're what we called the people in the Morgue in my General Desk days), I wonder if they or any of your other contributors can shed any further light on this. I don't have a biography of Gould in my library.

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Power of the printed word



Rob Viehman - The Kansas City Star ran out of newspapers today and had to print more to meet the demand of everyone wanting to keep a copy for their coverage of the Royals World Series victory. How many people do you think saved an Internet story or TV broadcast about the Royals? Exactly none. Believe in the power of the printed word.

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Hair Goddess - exploring the issues of hair

Yvette Walker - I thought I would share my new book with my Connecting colleagues. Here you go - I wrote and edited, and many journalists (sadly, no AP folks that I know of) contributed chapters. It's really good!

HAIR GODDESS is an anthology of stories about race, beauty, culture and the politics of hair.

14 women and one man explore the issues of hair, both natural and straight, as it relates to our race, culture and the political standards of today. "Hair Goddess" is an incredible book filled with a variety of viewpoints -- male and female, diverse, humorous and poignant. Available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Createspace: Click on this link - <https://www.createspace.com/5772176>

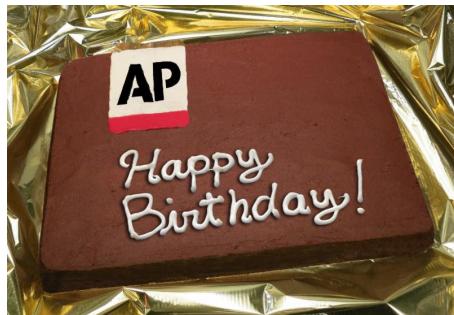
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A Kinky Curly Wavy Straight Anthology

Edited by Yvette B. Walker

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



To

Dena Sattler ([Email](#))

Stories of interest

New York Times publisher Arthur Sulzberger announces

succession plan (Politico)

At a staff meeting Monday morning, New York Times publisher Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, Jr. announced that the company has initiated a succession process, and that a deputy publisher will be named within two years, according to a source. (A Times spokesperson confirmed that the remarks were made.)

"One of the challenges of any business is succession, and that certainly holds true for family succession planning," Sulzberger said, according to remarks he had prepared for the newspaper's annual "State of the Times" all-staff meeting, and provided to POLITICO by the Times.



"I've been in my role as publisher for more than 20 years and I've hit my mid-sixties, so it should come as no surprise that the task of choosing my successor has begun. Within two years we intend to name a deputy publisher.

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The Final Word

Taiwanese animation of Royals' World Series victory is one of a kind



Kansas City Star: The Royals' World Series win over the Mets was done by Taiwanese animators and it is a site to behold.

Click on this link for the video - <http://www.kansascity.com/sports/spt-columns-blogs/for-petes-sake/article42388875.html>

Today in History - November 3, 2015

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 3, the 307th day of 2015. There are 58 days left in the year. This is Election Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 3, 1900, the first major U.S. automobile show opened at New York's Madison Square Garden under the auspices of the Automobile Club of America.

On this date:

In 1839, the first Opium War between China and Britain broke out.

In 1903, Panama proclaimed its independence from Colombia.

In 1911, the Chevrolet Motor Car Co. was founded in Detroit by Louis Chevrolet and William C. Durant. (The company was acquired by General Motors in 1918.)

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won a landslide election victory over Republican challenger Alfred M. "Alf" Landon.

In 1954, the Japanese monster movie "Godzilla" was released by Toho Co.

In 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 2, the second manmade satellite, into orbit; on board was a dog named Laika (LY'-kah) who was sacrificed in the experiment.

In 1960, the Meredith Willson musical "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" opened on Broadway with Tammy Grimes in the title role.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson soundly defeated Republican Barry Goldwater to win a White House term in his own right.

In 1970, Salvador Allende (ah-YEN'-day) was inaugurated as president of Chile.

In 1979, five Communist Workers Party members were killed in a clash with heavily armed Ku Klux Klansmen and neo-Nazis during an anti-Klan protest in Greensboro, North Carolina.

In 1986, the Iran-Contra affair began to come to light as Ash-Shiraa, a pro-Syrian Lebanese magazine, first broke the story of U.S. arms sales to Iran.

In 1994, Susan Smith of Union, South Carolina, was arrested for drowning her two young sons, Michael and Alex, nine days after claiming the children had been abducted by a black carjacker.

Ten years ago: Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby

, pleaded not guilty to a five-count felony indictment in the CIA leak case. (Libby was later convicted, but had his 30-month prison sentence commuted by President George W. Bush.) Merck and Co. won its first court battle over its Vioxx painkiller when a New Jersey state jury found the drugmaker had properly warned consumers about the risks of the medication.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama acknowledged that Democrats had taken "a shellacking" in midterm elections. The Federal Reserve announced a plan to buy \$600 billion in Treasury bonds over the next eight months in an attempt to boost lending and stimulate the economy. Former Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin died in Moscow at age 72.

One year ago: Thirteen years after the 9/11 terrorist attack, the resurrected World Trade Center opened for business, marking an emotional milestone for both New Yorkers and the nation. Tom Maglione, 77, one half of the brother duo who had hosted National Public Radio's "Car Talk," died near Boston.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Peggy McCay is 88. Actress Lois Smith is 85. Actress Monica Vitti is 84. Former Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis is 82. Actor-

dancer Ken Berry is 82. Actor Shadoe Stevens is 69. Singer Lulu is 67. Comedian-actress [Roseanne Barr](#) is 63. Actress [Kate Capshaw](#) is 62. Comedian Dennis Miller is 62. Actress Kathy Kinney is 62. Singer Adam Ant is 61. Actor Dolph Lundgren is 58. Rock musician C.J. Pierce (Drowning Pool) is 43. Olympic gold medal figure skater Evgeni Plushenko is 33. Actress Julie Berman (TV: "General Hospital") is 32.

Thought for Today: "Love is never merely an amiable tolerance of whatever form human frailty and folly may take." - Josiah Royce, American philosopher (1855-1916).

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.
- **"My boo boos - 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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