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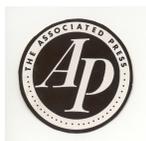
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Our Cyber Monday deal - Woof, Woof!



Colleagues,

Good Monday morning!

It is Cyber Monday, as if you didn't already know that when you logged onto the Internet this morning. Connecting can think of no Cyber deals better than the addition of the young guy above as our new associate editor.

Ollie is 5 months old, already been for a walk this morning in his goofy puppy way, a labradoodle who will grow into those paws. A rescue dog, the latest lucky canine to become a Stevens Dog. That's granddaughter Sophie with me greeting him to his new world.

Here's hoping your Thanksgiving holiday was safe and happy.

Connecting took a few days off - so I am counting on you to get the week started with your contributions.

Plans have now been firmed up for a Celebration of Life honoring **Susan Linnee** in New York City. Susan, who rose from a radio stringer in Latin America to become a groundbreaking Associated Press bureau chief in Spain and Kenya, died early this month at age 75.

DATE: Saturday, January 13, 2018 (Martin Luther King holiday weekend in U.S.)

TIME: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. EST

LOCATION: Loft/residence of dear friend Hanne Tierney, [133 Wooster Street \(Corner of Prince & Wooster in Manhattan\)](#), New York City, 10012.

FORMAT: No formal presentation, but there will be a slide show/tribute running. Impromptu comments/tributes/toasts are welcome.

Available: Libations and light appetizers.

RSVP: For planning, it will be helpful if you can indicate your intentions to attend (regrets not necessary) by e-mail to paul.linnee@gmail.com

(Thanks to Jeff Baenen for sharing.)

Here's to a great week!

Paul



Is it assault or harassment? AP decides 'misconduct' is a more encompassing word choice

By ANNE GLOVER, Poynter

Is touching someone without their permission the same as exposing yourself to a subordinate?

Is ogling someone or forcing a sloppy kiss on them the same as masturbating in front of them?

Journalists and pundits alike are having to grapple with an ever-expanding "degree of disgusting behavior" scale as they write about allegations of sexual harassment and even sexual assault in the wake of the #metoo movement.

So it's no wonder that questions are being raised about what language to use when describing the awful conduct the stories are documenting.

Enter the Associated Press with a new guideline that attempts to capture the scope of each aggression without diminishing it.

In a blog post Tuesday, John Daniszewski, AP's vice president of standards, laid out his reasoning for using a new term: sexual misconduct.

"'Sexual harassment' has a particular legal meaning. It is, per Webster's New World College Dictionary, 'inappropriate, unwelcome, and, typically, persistent behavior, as by an employer or co-worker, that is sexual in nature, specifically when actionable under federal or state statutes,'" he wrote.

"While that definition is broad, encompassing many kinds of misbehavior, the word 'harassment' is too mild to describe some of the activities that have been alleged in recent weeks. Beyond mere harassment, these have ranged to allegations of assault, serious abuse, pedophilia and even rape."

Misconduct, he wrote, "encompasses a broader range of sexual misbehavior and does not run the risk of diminishing some of the alleged acts."

He goes on to advise his colleagues that they should be as specific as they can about the actual actions that a person is being accused of - such as groping, unwanted kissing, disrobing or verbal or physical abuse or assault.

You could probably make a point that misconduct doesn't quite capture the depth of the experience for the victim, either. After all, the definition for that is "unacceptable or improper behavior, especially by an employee or professional person." Unacceptable is pretty strong, but improper is weaker than harassment.

And yet, other synonyms fall short or seem stilted as well. Put sexual in front of these and see how it sounds:

Misdeeds

Offenses

Misbehavior

Transgressions

Wrongdoing

So misconduct, while not perfect, seems as good a word as any to use in headlines, display type, chyrons or stories.

And as long as we're discussing what language to use in these stories, here are some words to stay away from:

Scandal. The word itself has become shorthand for just about any misdeed, from embezzling to living a double life. It also somewhat implies consenting people who are parties to it. That's far from the case with sexual harassment or assault victims.

Sex. To say something like "He forced her to have sex" implies that it was a benign act, not a violent or aggressive act.

Claimed. This has always been frowned upon, as it is seen as an opinion and not a declaration. Better to say "said."

Proclaimed. As in "proclaimed his innocence." See above.

Reportedly. A really quick way to diminish your credibility. In stories like this, avoid at all costs.

Shenanigans. This might be a word that someone says in a quote or an email response, but it should be paraphrased if at all possible. After all, this is not harmless fun and games.

This is likely a list that will grow as more stories get told and the media becomes more adept at honing in on precise language that lays out facts and helps ensure credibility.

[Click here](#) for a link to this story. Shared by Bob Daugherty.

The AP - My Launch Site

NORMAN ABELSON ([Email](#)) - The Associated Press forged for me a life-long career in writing that would, in all likelihood, have been impossible without the knowledge, discipline and self-reliance I gained in my years with The AP.

I'd like to take a step back in time, to recall those long-ago years, and bring back for a moment the good AP people who helped send me on my way.

A 20-year-old college drop-out, I was working in an artificial ice-making plant with no career plans. Through a chance meeting my dad had with an AP editor, I lucked out, and in 1951 secured a job as a swing-shift copy-boy at the AP's Boston bureau. I had always enjoyed writing, but had no idea what to do with it. Now an unexpected opportunity was dropped in my lap.

During the next two years, while moving up the line to chief copy-boy, I received a Class A, hands-on education in journalism. And, my gosh, what a great bunch of "professors" I had to teach me how to write, and show me what it took to be a good news reporter.

At first, I would shyly look over their shoulders as the reporters typed out their stories; then I listened to the questions they asked when collecting news over the phone. At the end of my shift, I would read the entire report. Often, I would hang around after my hours, and some of the reporters, especially during the night and overnight shifts, would give me writing lessons, at times letting me tap out obituaries and sports briefs. As I watched them blue-pencil my halting efforts, I learned the importance of good editing.

These 65+ years later, I still can see those great fellows, and remember some of their valuable contributions. I recall them now with gratitude. The toughest, and scariest, lessons came from Frank Murphy, the day editor. He was a cigar-chewing, old school type, a genius at stringing together a row of curses to hurl at hapless copy boys. But through the curses and yelling, if one listened, there were also lessons about how to write it tight, write it fast and "for crissakes, get it right!" Murphy also was responsible for assigning me my first AP by-line: A roundup of an unusually high number of fire deaths during one month across New England.

Jimmy Smith, on the second-shift radio desk, would let me sit in for him briefly, writing copy, while he attended to American Newspaper Guild business. He was our Guild rep, and got me involved in the union.

Joe Kelly, the night editor, was the opposite of Murphy: Soft-spoken (most of the time), patient, and more than willing to tutor a tyro, thirsting for an AP writing

assignment. Jim Colligero, the overnight man, was the one who was most liberal with letting me write longer pieces to the wire.

Tom Horgan, a retired Navy captain, and a deskman, was the person who got me the job. His endless sea stories enchanted me. On his annual month-long vacations he'd take his big, old wooden sailing vessel on an ocean adventure, and write about it for National Geographic. He took me along on a couple of brief sailing trips up to Marblehead, and, once, even let me take the helm.

Thanks to those men, I did get a writing assignment: a temporary spot on the AP team covering the 1953 session of the Maine legislature. My teachers there were extraordinary. Bob Crocker, the Augusta correspondent, was not only a patient and kind instructor, but also opened his home to a lonely young man away for the first time. Bill Langzettel, the Portland night editor, was a no-nonsense, former merchant seaman with a blazing typewriter that banged out perfect prose.

The first piece I nervously turned in to him probably ran about 500 words. Bill glanced at it, and then put his blue pencil at the start of the second graf, and didn't stop excising everything until he reached the start of the last one. He said, "Nice try, kid," as he handed the now-brief item to the puncher. At the end of the shift, I stared morosely out the State House newsroom window, contemplating a return to my former job in the ice-plant. But Bill came up beside me, said something like "Don't worry, you'll do fine," and took me out for supper at a Chinese restaurant.

The Maine experience helped me land my first full-time AP assignment in Concord, N.H. I was further educated there by three correspondents: Bob Tagen, also a classy jazz trumpeter; Joe Kamin, a world-class political writer, and Gordon Glover, who became my life-long comrade.

Also, from time to time, when a big story like New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation presidential primary rolled around, I got to see in action - and work with - old pros, like Relman "Pat" Morin and Jack Bell.

After nearly 15 years with The AP, I went on to be press secretary to a U. S. Senator, Washington speech writer, political operative, op-ed writer, National Public Radio commentator, university writing teacher and author of three books.

My mother taught me it's never too late to express appreciation. So, thank you, to all those good folks who befriended and showed me how.

And thank you, Associated Press.

Connecting sky shot - Sahara Desert



Kevin Walsh ([Email](#)) - Sunrise over the Sahara Desert. Taken near Mazourga, Morocco, about 20 miles from the Algerian border.

FBI gave heads-up to fraction of Russian hackers' US targets

By **RAPHAEL SATTER, JEFF DONN and DESMOND BUTLER**

WASHINGTON (AP) - The FBI failed to notify scores of U.S. officials that Russian hackers were trying to break into their personal Gmail accounts despite having evidence for at least a year that the targets were in the Kremlin's crosshairs, The Associated Press has found.

Nearly 80 interviews with Americans targeted by Fancy Bear, a Russian government-aligned cyberespionage group, turned up only two cases in which the FBI had provided a heads-up. Even senior policymakers discovered they were

targets only when the AP told them, a situation some described as bizarre and dispiriting.

"It's utterly confounding," said Philip Reiner, a former senior director at the National Security Council, who was notified by the AP that he was targeted in 2015. "You've got to tell your people. You've got to protect your people."

The FBI declined to discuss its investigation into Fancy Bear's spying campaign, but did provide a statement that said in part: "The FBI routinely notifies individuals and organizations of potential threat information."

Three people familiar with the matter - including a current and a former government official - said the FBI has known for more than a year the details of Fancy Bear's attempts to break into Gmail inboxes. A senior FBI official, who was not authorized to publicly discuss the hacking operation because of its sensitivity, declined to comment on when it received the target list, but said that the bureau was overwhelmed by the sheer number of attempted hacks.

Read more [here](#).

Cold War drama caught on video as N. Korean soldier escapes



By FOSTER KLUG

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - It's 3:11 p.m. on a cold, gray day on the North Korean side of the most heavily armed border in the world, and a lone soldier is racing toward freedom.

His dark olive-green jeep speeds down a straight, tree-lined road, past drab, barren fields and, headlights shining, across the replacement for the Bridge of No Return, which was used for prisoner exchanges during the Korean War. The shock of soldiers watching the jeep rush by is palpable from the video released Wednesday, and no wonder: They're beginning to realize that one of their comrades is defecting to the South.

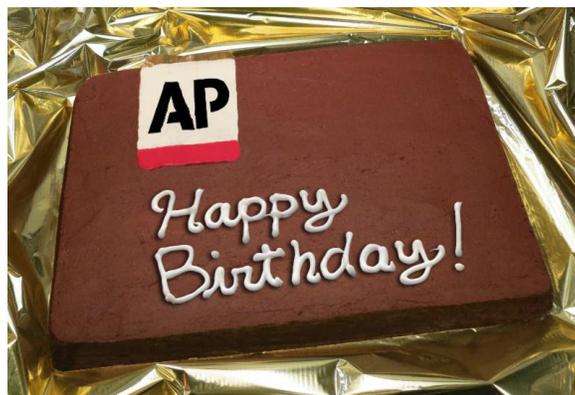
They sprint after him.

The jeep slows and turns at a monument to North Korean founder Kim Il Sung, the staging point for North Korean tours of the area.

The border is near, South Korea just beyond it.

Read more [here](#).

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Wally McNamee Could Beat the Competition and Also Be a Lifelong Friend (NPPA)

By TOM BURTON

For more than 40 years, Wally McNamee was a photographer who had an instinct for being in the right place to capture photos that defined the events of an era, from the civil rights movement to Vietnam War veterans to world leaders and the Olympics. Along the way, some of the most recognized photojournalists of the time knew McNamee both as a lifelong friend and as someone who could routinely beat them out for the best photo from an assignment.

McNamee died on November 17, 2017, in Virginia. He was 84. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on December 2, 2017, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, [2609 N.](#)

[Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia](#). The family asks that memorial contributions be sent to The Committee to Protect Journalists.

McNamee enjoyed his career because "He lived and breathed the news," said his son Win McNamee, who is a photojournalist for Getty Images. "He was a newsman through and through."

Win described his father as someone who loved hosting parties, the comradery of photographers, and his family.

"Aside from being my father, he was also my very best friend," Win said. "If you were an admirer of his abilities as a news photographer you'd be ten times more impressed by his abilities and talents as a father."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Doug Pizac.

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Time Inc. Sells Itself to Meredith Corp., Backed by Koch Brothers (New York Times)

By **SYDNEY EMBER** and **ANDREW ROSS SORKIN**

Time Inc. announced on Sunday night that it had sold itself to the Meredith Corporation, in a deal backed by Charles G. and David H. Koch, the billionaire brothers known for using their wealth and political connections to advance conservative causes.

Under the terms of the deal, Meredith will pay \$18.50 a share for Time Inc. - the publisher of once-premier glossy titles including Time, Sports Illustrated and People - in an all-cash transaction valued at nearly \$3 billion. The boards of Time Inc. and Meredith finalized the deal on Sunday evening.

Meredith, which publishes popular monthly magazines like Family Circle and Better Homes and Gardens, has arranged for a \$650 million cash infusion from the Koch brothers through their private equity arm, Koch Equity Development.

The deal is expected to close in the first quarter of 2018.

It was not clear how much influence, if any, the Kochs would wield over Meredith or Time Inc. The brothers have long sought to shape political discourse through their support of nonprofit organizations, universities and think tanks but have never owned their own media company.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Cliff Schiappa.

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In retaliatory move, Putin signs media 'foreign agents' law (CNN)

By Marilia Brocchetto, Eric Levenson and Hadas Gold, CNN

(CNN) - Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed amendments into law that will allow foreign media outlets in Russia to be listed as "foreign agents," according to state-run news agency Sputnik news.

Russian officials have said the change is a retaliatory response to the US government's request that RT, the Russian TV network, register its American arm as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA).

Sputnik reports the amendments signed by Putin had been previously approved by both chambers of the Russian parliament.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Scott Charton.

Today in History - November 27, 2017



By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Nov. 27, the 331st day of 2017. There are 34 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 27, 1967, the Beatles album "Magical Mystery Tour" was released in the United States by Capitol Records.

On this date:

In 1815, the constitution for the Congress Kingdom of Poland was signed by Russian Czar Alexander I, who was also king of Poland.

In 1901, the U.S. Army War College was established in Washington, D.C.

In 1910, New York's Pennsylvania Station officially opened.

In 1924, Macy's first Thanksgiving Day parade - billed as a "Christmas Parade" - took place in New York.

In 1937, the musical revue "Pins and Needles," produced by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, opened in New York.

In 1942, during World War II, the Vichy French navy scuttled its ships and submarines in Toulon (too-LOHN') to keep them out of the hands of German troops.

In 1945, General George C. Marshall was named special U.S. envoy to China by President Harry S. Truman to try to end hostilities between the Nationalists and the Communists.

In 1953, playwright Eugene O'Neill died in Boston at age 65.

In 1962, the first Boeing 727 was rolled out at the company's Renton Plant.

In 1978, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone (mahs-KOH'-nee) and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White. (White served five years for manslaughter; he committed suicide in Oct. 1985.)

In 1983, 181 people were killed when a Colombian Avianca Airlines Boeing 747 crashed near Madrid's Barajas airport.

In 1989, a bomb blamed on drug traffickers destroyed a Colombian Avianca Boeing 727, killing all 107 people on board and three people on the ground.

Ten years ago: Israeli and Palestinian leaders meeting at a Mideast conference in Annapolis, Maryland, agreed to formally restart peace talks. Washington Redskins safety Sean Taylor died a day after being shot in his Florida home by an intruder. Bill Willis, a Hall of Fame guard with the Cleveland Browns and Ohio State's first black football All-American, died in Columbus, Ohio, at age 86. Dr. J. Robert Cade, inventor of Gatorade, died at age 80.

Five years ago: U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice met privately with three Republican senators who had indicated they would block her possible nomination to be U.S. secretary of state; they said afterward that they were even more troubled by her initial explanation of the attack that killed four Americans in Benghazi, Libya. (The following month, Rice withdrew from consideration to be secretary of state.) The government said consumer confidence reached its highest level in nearly five years, with the help of rising home values, more hiring and lower gas prices.

One year ago: President-elect Donald Trump claimed that "millions" had voted illegally in the national election, scoffing at Hillary Clinton's nearly 2 million edge in the popular vote and returning to his campaign mantra of a rigged race even as he prepared to enter the White House in less than two months. Argentina won its first

Davis Cup title when Federico Delbonis swept past Ivo Karlovic in straight sets to complete a stunning 3-2 comeback win over Croatia.

Today's Birthdays: Author Gail Sheehy is 80. Footwear designer Manolo Blahnik is 75. Academy Award-winning director Kathryn Bigelow is 66. TV host Bill Nye ("Bill Nye, the Science Guy") is 62. Actor William Fichtner (FIHK'-nuhr) is 61. Caroline Kennedy is 60. Academy Award-winning screenwriter Callie Khouri is 60. Rock musician Charlie Burchill (Simple Minds) is 58. Jazz composer/big band leader Maria Schneider is 57. Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty is 57. Rock musician Charlie Benante (Anthrax) is 55. Rock musician Mike Bordin (Faith No More) is 55. Actor Fisher Stevens is 54. Actress Robin Givens is 53. Actor Michael Vartan is 49. Rapper Skoob (DAS EFX) is 47. Actor Kirk Acevedo is 46. Rapper Twista is 45. Actor Jaleel White is 41. Actor Arjay Smith is 34. Actress Alison Pill is 32. Actress Lashana Lynch (TV: "Still Star-Crossed") is 30. Actress-singer Aubrey Peeples is 24.

Thought for Today: "You must be in tune with the times and prepared to break with tradition." - James Agee, American author, poet and critic (born this date in 1909, died 1955).

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!

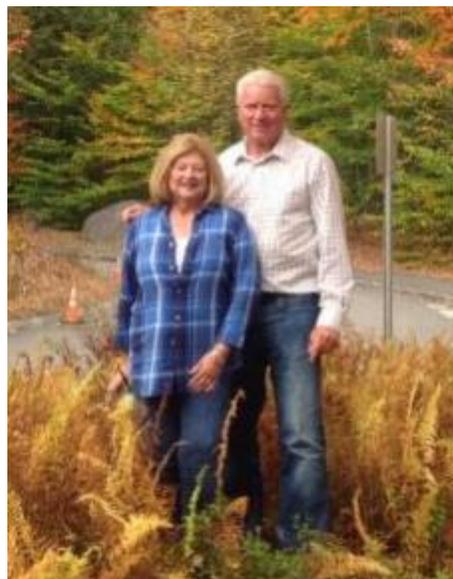
Here are some suggestions:

- **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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