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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning!

"When's Bob get in?"

"Whether it was the Super Bowl, Masters, Oscars or political conventions - the list of events goes on - that's what everyone on the photo team wanted to know," wrote **Denis Paquin (Email)** - AP's deputy director of photography in New York, on news that AP photojournalist **Bob Graves** plans to retire in January after a 51-year career in Chicago.



**Bob Graves**

"Bob arrived armed with every piece of information needed to get the job done," Denis continued. "Whatever the pressure, there was no drama when Bob was there. We will miss the Bob 'grin' and his steady, unstoppable pace.

**Mark Elias (Email)** shared that his memories of Chicago AP "were made all the better because of Bob Graves. He was a part of a great crew during the time I was based there, from 1983-1994. During that time I watched him grow from a young AP staff member to a helluva photo editor and more importantly a great Man."

We lead today's issue with a wonderfully written story in MidcenturyModern by our colleague **Ted Anthony (Email)**, a 26-year AP veteran who is now serving as AP's director of digital innovation - a job he took earlier this year after four years as director of AP Asia-Pacific News in Bangkok.



**Ted's sons with their grandfather**

Ted lost his father, **Edward Mason Anthony Jr.**, in 2015 and he writes about the special bond they shared - including the 7-Eleven microwave burrito called The Bomb.

Have a great day!

Paul

## ***The Last 90 Seconds***

# **A fading father, a ticking clock, and one final snack for the road.**



Photos by Ted Anthony

By **TED ANTHONY**

## I. THE SANDWICH (AND A BEER) GENERATION

When I was a little boy, in the late 1970s and early 1980s, I attended grade school on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh, where my father was a professor of linguistics. Because we spent our days in the same part of town, he would often drive me to school in the morning and pick me up afterward.

My father was someone who liked to know the terrain of the area where he lived. He liked to take a different route back to our house each day, always alternating, and he'd show me how they related to each other - and, by extension, how the neighborhoods of Pittsburgh and the little towns that circumscribed it related to each other as well. "You can't just get where you're going," he would say. "You have to understand the landscape and how it fits together."

My father also liked snacks.

These two guiding principles fit together quite nicely, for each route home tended to produce different snack alternatives for the two of us. "A snack for the road," he'd call it.

Read more [here](#).

## AP sees increased interest in race coverage

From this morning's **Politico Morning Media**:

Speaking of awareness of racial issues, the news outlets that pay the Associated Press to run its copy are increasingly seeing the business case for covering race, said Sonya Ross, the AP's race and ethnicity editor on a panel last night organized by Richard Prince, founder of the "Journal-isms" blog.

POLITICO's P.J. Joshi reports that Ross highlighted how the coverage appeals particularly to the coveted millennial demographic. Even as AP clients (and AP itself) have cut back on staff, Ross said her team has been growing since it was created in 2010. "The overall goal is to chronicle the changing demographics," she said.

## Former AP newsman Dennis Anderson included in story on war, remembrance





**Garrett Anderson at the grave of Marine Pvt. Joseph Otto Turley.**

**Joe Galloway** ([Email](#)) - Dennis Anderson, who I hired as a reporter for UPI Los Angeles bureau and who later worked for AP, is mentioned in this story about war and remembrance:

### **Marine Iraq Vet Secures Corrected Headstone for Great-Uncle Killed in WWI**

**By Richard Sisk, Military.com**

The century-old wrong done to a Marine private fatally wounded on the last day of battle in World War I will finally be made right this coming Veterans Day at Arlington National Cemetery, thanks to another Marine who worked to correct the record on his behalf.

Arlington officials have approved a small ceremony on Nov. 11 at the grave of Marine Pvt. Joseph Otto Turley in Section 18, site 1345, to mark the installation of a new headstone with his correct date of death: Nov. 12, 1918.

For Garrett Anderson, Turley's great-nephew and a Marine veteran of Fallujah, it's the culmination of an undertaking that required him to delve into U.S. and family history to unearth the true story of his uncle's service.

The new tombstone with the correct date "means we didn't forget," said Anderson, who was a Lance Corporal with the 1st Battalion, Third Marines, at the second battle of Fallujah in November 2004 in Iraq. "It's part of the human experience -- to bring home our dead with dignity."

The ceremony will be the culmination of years of research by Anderson and his father, Dennis Anderson, a former editor and reporter for United Press International and the Associated Press, that began with the revelations found in an old trunk that was the keepsake of a great aunt.

Read more [here](#).

## New-member profile - Mark Huffman

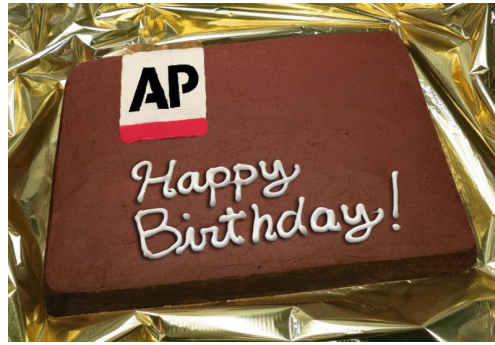
**Mark Huffman** ([Email](#)) - worked at AP Radio in Washington from 1976 to 1986, and today is still amazed that he got that opportunity at such a tender age (24-34). He's been a news anchor/host for Westwood One, anchor at CBS MarketWatch Radio and freelanced as a writer for Reuters New Media and the UPI Science and Technology desk.

He's been a writer for ConsumerAffairs.com for the last 14 years, also producing a daily radio feature for the site.

He and his wife Luci live in Richmond, Va.



## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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## Welcome to Connecting



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## Stories of interest

***Bridging the age gap - How do older journalists adapt in an industry that suddenly feels foreign?*** (CJR)

By Michael A. Lindenberger

John Archibald, 55, has seen plenty of change in the Alabama newsroom where he has worked for more than three decades, but none that has run its course faster than in the last six years. In 2012, three newspapers, including The Birmingham News, where Archibald started in 1986, merged into the Alabama Media Group with a shared website, AL.com. Of the roughly 100 journalists working in the newsrooms, nearly two-thirds were laid off. Now, roughly half a dozen of those who survived remain on staff after a roster of mostly younger reporters, editors, video journalists, producers, designers, and data whizzes were hired to fill some of the vacancies.

The new company has put a premium on innovation and even entirely new brands as AL.com has steadily grown its online audience. Printed newspapers are now produced just three days a week. Projects like its series of highly produced videos of everyday Alabamians reading verses from Walt Whitman's "Song of Myself" have won it widespread praise.

In the wake of the upheaval, Archibald, who won this year's Pulitzer Prize for commentary for his coverage of state politics, says he initially lost sleep worrying about the job he loved. "The thing that kept me awake at night was the fear of not being able to do that work," he says. Since then, he's mostly put those fears aside, but for mid- and late-career journalists working in American newsrooms, the anxiety is real and comes in many flavors. The changes in Alabama have been dramatic, but they are only a more pronounced expression of the same trend in most American daily newspapers. Reductions in overall headcount-and the replacement of older journalists with younger ones (who bring a native fluency to digital work) through buyouts, layoffs, or even simple attrition-have been underway for the better part of a decade. The American Society of News Editors stopped trying to estimate the number of journalists working for daily US newspapers after 2015, the year it projected fewer than 33,000 employees in daily newsrooms. That figure came down from 55,000 as recently as 2007, and while the fears of what continued cutbacks portend are shared throughout the industry, it is older journalists who are having to struggle to adapt to a field that is altogether different than the one in which they started.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Craig Armstrong.

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***Younger generations are actually better at telling news from opinion than those over age 50*** (Nieman)



By **CHRISTINE SCHMIDT**

Those pesky kids with their smartphones don't know the days of print newspapers separating the news pages from the opinion section. But they're not necessarily the ones we have to worry about discerning news statements from opinions, according to a new analysis from the Pew Research Center.

Based on a survey Pew conducted in February and March, Americans ages 18-49 were more likely to accurately categorize factual statements as facts and opinion statements as opinions. A third of that age range correctly identified all five news items in a test, compared to 20 percent of those over age 50, and 44 percent of the younger grouping correctly identified all opinion items, compared to 26 percent of their elders.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***'They really treat us well': Trump leans on local media ahead of midterms*** (Politico)

By **JASON SCHWARTZ** and **CHRISTOPHER CADELAGO**

President Donald Trump left the podium in Missoula, Montana last Thursday, after spending most of his rally bashing the "fake news media," and, almost immediately, headed over to a reporter waiting for him backstage.

The interview wasn't with someone from CBS or CNN or even Fox News, but the local ABC and Fox station.

With Trump's views on the national media unambiguously clear - he had reminisced earlier that evening about the time a year ago when Montana Rep. Greg Gianforte body-slammed a reporter - reporter Angela Marshall asked the president what he thought of the importance of local news.

"Very important, local news is very important, they really treat us well," Trump said, with his walk-off song, The Rolling Stones' "You Can't Always Get You Want," still

playing in the background. "Local news, people have no idea how important that is, but we've been getting great treatment."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Bob Daugherty.

## The Final Word

### ***The 5 Most Germ-Filled Places In Your Office- And How to Protect Yourself*** (Time)

By CASSIE SHORTSLEEVE

Just getting to work can be a bacteria-ridden experience. The subway is full of it, as are stair railings and revolving doors. But once you finally sit down at your desk for the day, you're still exposed.

The germiest places tend to be high-traffic areas where a lot of different people touch the same surface, and your office is no exception. But by taking one main precaution-washing your hands regularly-you'll reduce your risk for getting sick. Here are five of the most bacteria-filled spots in your workplace.

Read more [here](#).

## Today in History - October 24, 2018



## By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 24, the 297th day of 2018. There are 68 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 24, 1972, Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson, who'd broken Major League Baseball's color barrier in 1947, died in Stamford, Connecticut, at age 53.

### On this date:

In 1648, the Peace of Westphalia (west-FAY'-lee-uh) ended the Thirty Years War and effectively destroyed the Holy Roman Empire.

In 1861, the first transcontinental telegraph message was sent by Chief Justice Stephen J. Field of California from San Francisco to President Abraham Lincoln in Washington, D.C., over a line built by the Western Union Telegraph Co.

In 1931, the George Washington Bridge, connecting New York and New Jersey, was officially dedicated (it opened to traffic the next day).

In 1939, nylon stockings were sold publicly for the first time, in Wilmington, Delaware.

In 1940, the 40-hour work week went into effect under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

In 1945, the United Nations officially came into existence as its charter took effect.

In 1952, Republican presidential candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower declared in Detroit, "I shall go to Korea" as he promised to end the conflict. (He made the visit over a month later.)

In 1962, a naval quarantine of Cuba ordered by President John F. Kennedy went into effect during the missile crisis.

In 1980, the merchant freighter SS Poet departed Philadelphia, bound for Port Said (sah-EED'), Egypt, with a crew of 34 and a cargo of grain; it disappeared en route and has not been heard from since.

In 1989, former television evangelist Jim Bakker (BAY'-kur) was sentenced by a judge in Charlotte, N.C., to 45 years in prison for fraud and conspiracy. (The sentence was later reduced to eight years; it was further reduced to four for good behavior.)

In 2002, authorities apprehended Army veteran John Allen Muhammad and teenager Lee Boyd Malvo near Myersville, Maryland, in the Washington-area sniper attacks. (Malvo was later sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole; Muhammad was sentenced to death and executed in 2009.)

In 2005, civil rights icon Rosa Parks died in Detroit at age 92.

Ten years ago: Singer-actress Jennifer Hudson's mother and brother were found slain in their Chicago home; the body of her 7-year-old nephew was found three days later. (Hudson's estranged brother-in-law was convicted of the murders and sentenced to life in prison.) A Russian Soyuz capsule touched down in Kazakhstan after delivering the first two men to follow their fathers into space, a Russian and an American, to the international space station.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama made a plea for Republican cooperation on immigration, telling a White House event, "Rather than create problems, let's prove to the American people that Washington can actually solve some problems." In an apparent first, a majority-female officiating crew worked an NCAA college football game; head linesman Yvonda Lewis, line judge Tangela Mitchell, field judge Sebrina Brunson and back judge Krystle Apellaniz were part of the seven-person



crew for the Division II game between Miles and Lane, which Miles won, 38-26. Former World Bank economist Augusto Odone, 80, who defied skeptical scientists to invent a treatment to try to save the life of his little boy wasting away from a neurological disease (and who was portrayed by Nick Nolte in the 1992 film "Lorenzo's Oil"), died in Aquilino Terme, Italy.

One year ago: Republican Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona announced that he would not seek re-election in 2018; he'd been critical of the path the GOP had taken under President Donald Trump. Fats Domino, the rock 'n' roll pioneer whose hits included "Blueberry Hill" and "Ain't That a Shame," died in Louisiana at the age of 89. Actor Robert Guillaume, who won Emmy awards for his portrayal of the sharp-tongued butler in the sitcoms "Soap" and "Benson," died in Los Angeles at 89. In a game that began in 103-degree heat, the Los Angeles Dodgers opened the World Series with a 3-1 victory over the Houston Astros in Los Angeles; Clayton Kershaw was the winning pitcher in his World Series debut.

Today's Birthdays: Rock musician Bill Wyman is 82. Actor F. Murray Abraham is 79. Movie director-screenwriter David S. Ward is 73. Actor Kevin Kline is 71. Former NAACP President Kweisi Mfume (kwah-EE'-see oom-FOO'-may) is 70. Country musician Billy Thomas (Terry McBride and the Ride) is 65. Actor Doug Davidson is 64. Actor B.D. Wong is 58. Actor Zahn McClarnon is 52. Singer Michael Trent (Americana duo Shovels & Rope) is 41. Rock musician Ben Gillies (Silverchair) is 39. Singer-actress Monica Arnold is 38. Actress-comedian Casey Wilson is 38. Rhythm-and-blues singer Adrienne Bailon (3lw) is 35. Actor Tim Pocock is 33. R&B singer-rapper-actor Drake is 32. Actress Shenae Grimes is 29. Actress Eliza Taylor is 29. Actor Ashton Sanders (Film: "Moonlight") is 23. Olympic gold medal gymnast Kyla Ross is 22. Actor Hudson Yang is 15.

**Thought for Today: "Three passions, simple but overwhelmingly strong, have governed my life: the longing for love, the search for knowledge and unbearable pity for the suffering of mankind." -- Bertrand Russell, English philosopher (1872-1970).**

## 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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