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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning - as we welcome the new month of November!

There were no trick or treaters in the Los Angeles bureau on Halloween Wednesday, but newsman **Andrew Dalton** kept his head warm with this quasi-costume. He said fellow staffer **Amanda Myers** was rooting through the drawers and closets in the bureau to come up with some impromptu costumes for people - and handed him the hat.

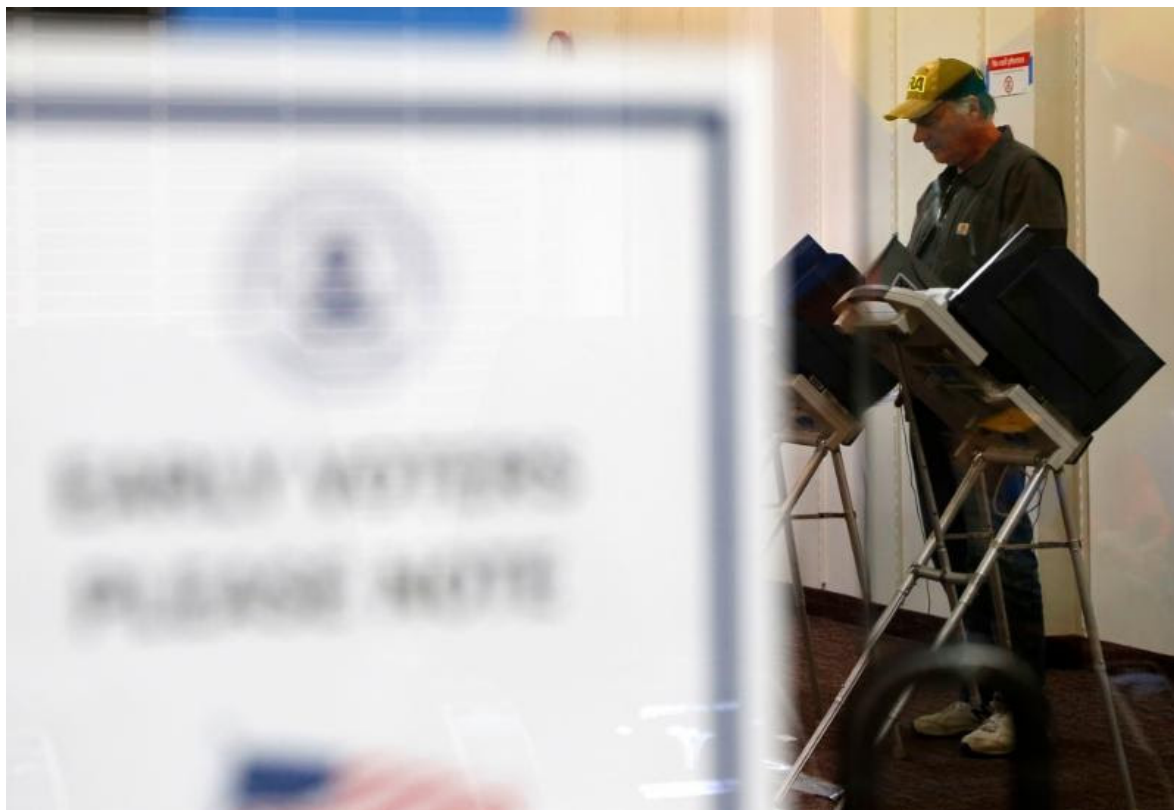
Here is one last reminder about Connecting's upcoming book issue:

If you have written a book in the past year, please share the following information on it with your colleagues who may soon be in the shopping mode for the upcoming holidays: Name of book and a synopsis of no more than 300 words, a jpg image of the book cover and a jpg headshot of you, where your book can be purchased, including a link. We will publish information on your books early this month.

Have a great day!

Paul

AP announces coverage plans for midterm elections



Randy Wick fills his midterm election ballot at an early voting poll at a mall in Bloomington, Illinois, Oct. 25, 2018. (AP Photo/Martha Irvine)

With 36 states holding gubernatorial contests and control of the U.S. House and Senate in play, the stakes are high in the midterm elections on Tuesday, when The Associated Press will be uniquely positioned to count the votes and report the results.

AP has reporters working in every statehouse through the year, and on election night its proven network of over 4,000 stringers will be deployed across the country to help gather vote counts. With a history of accuracy dating to 1848, AP's vote count is considered by news organizations and the audiences they serve to be the definitive source of race results. No other national news organization can match AP's footprint, on-the-ground knowledge or the deep expertise of our elections team in Washington.

AP's coverage began long before the first ballots were cast. The national politics team, headed by U.S. Political Editor Steven Sloan, endeavors to break news while providing clarity and crucial context.

Read more [here](#).

Yes, Carol, that really is a wolf napping on a Wyoming road

Jim Spehar ([Email](#)) - It's no wonder Carol Robinson was able to last for 35 years in the AP trenches. Most of those years had to be a walk on the beach after her initiation "managing" Roy Steinfort. It was always enjoyable during my time as a Broadcast Executive to hear a cheerful, friendly voice on the other end of the line when calling in from the road and reassuring to know that "the trains would run on time" when you needed administrative help while touring the hinterlands. I'm sure that attitude and demonstrated competence carried over as she advanced in her career.

I recall one memorable phone call, pre-cell phone days, back to AP Broadcast world headquarters. Taking the long route between member calls in Sheridan and Buffalo, I stopped at the only pay phone on the wooden porch of the general store in tiny Story, WY, at the foot of the Bighorn Mountains. Dialing up DC or NY (don't remember which served as home base at the time), I told Carol she wouldn't believe

what I was seeing. Taking a mid-day nap in the middle of the unpaved main drag was a wolf, probably a hybrid and someone's pet but worthy of note nonetheless.

I hope she has great plans (or even no plans at all) for the next chapter of life where "every day is Saturday."

About that paste in cut-and-paste

Paul Albright (Email) - Bob Manning asked Connecting readers (Oct. 31 edition) what glue pots were used for in the AP office where he worked. I don't know about the AP, but glue pots were definitely used for cut and paste by copy editors at the Rocky Mountain News (Denver) when I was a teen-age copy boy in the 1950s. I do not recall ever seeing any glue pots in conjunction with AP bureaus, then or later.

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Jeff Barnard (Email) - We used glue dispensed from oil dispensers to put the sheets of paper we pull from our manual typewriters. If we wanted to change the order of paragraphs or rewrite one, we could indeed cut and paste. I think we did that so the typesetter wouldn't get things out of order.

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Henry Bradsher (Email) - Bob Manning raises the question of what purpose glue pots served. Not having been a copy boy, I'm not sure what the answer was in newspaper offices, but I know what we used glue for in the Moscow bureau in the 1960s.

As winter set in along about October, our building's janitor (and my family's part-time babysitter), Tonya, would mix up some flour and water, tear some teletype paper into strips, and paste the strips to the cracks at the sides of the poorly constructed windows to keep the frigid blasts of air that seemed to come out of Siberia from penetrating the office.

Come spring, which usually meant May, they came down again, but the weather seldom encouraged us actually to open the windows.

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Larry Hamlin (Email) - Bob, you are exactly right! It was used for "cut-and-paste"...

We actually called it "paste". The copy editor would take very long stories from the Teletypes, cut strips containing paragraphs and/or sentences, paste them on a blank 8"x10" sheet of paper, make editing marks, and hand it to an operator to be "punched" and sent on one of many "wires". Now, they do it with the click of a mouse button!

My first job with the AP was copy boy in Oklahoma City. The paste was the one thing I liked least about my chores. It came to us in powder form and had to be mixed with warm water. The consistency was extremely important. Too thin, it would soak through the paper and make a mess. Too thick, it wouldn't spread. Either way, you got yelled at!! Those copy editors were a little testy about their paste!

Fresh paste had to be mixed several times during the day. The paste was applied using a small paint brush. I don't remember the exact type of container we used for the "paste pots", but I do remember they were clear glass... maybe a small bowl. I remember the paste would always dry in the pots and on the brushes and about the only way to get it off was to soak them overnight.

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Dave Tomlin (Email) - In Columbus in the 70s, we kept glue and a brush in a coffee cup on the broadcast desk and used it to paste together bits and pieces of text for upcoming "splits" so they could be hung in one piece on the teletype operator's easel.

More than once I slapped the glue on a piece of copy and then dumped the brush into my own coffee cup.

Connecting mailbox

On the pronunciation of Sikh

Jeff Williams ([Email](#)) - cites Today's Highlight in History from Wednesday's Connecting that read - On Oct. 31, 1984, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by two Sikh (seek) security guards.

Jeff notes: The half-dozen Sikhs that I know pronounce their religion as Sick, not Seek. Maybe you could make a definitive decision on this by calling the Punjab....

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What happened to mantra, report the news, don't make the news?

Joe Edwards ([Email](#)) - I see reporters from various media outlets, including several from AP, on cable TV shows giving their opinions on news developments. What happened to the honored AP mantra "report the news. Don't make the news.?"

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Jackie's return to Tallahassee a good excuse for lunch



Jackie Hallifax, who moved back to her hometown, Bath, N.Y., last year, was back in Tallahassee for a friend's wedding and lunch on Tuesday with three of her former AP

colleagues, all now retired. In the photo are, from left: Bill Kaczor, Jackie, Eldon Cort and Brent Kallestad.

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Archivists reunite at Lupa!



Valerie Komor provides this photo showing the current and former AP corporate archives' staff at dinner at Lupa Restaurant in Greenwich Village, October 30, 2018. "Collectively, we have more than 100 years of archival experience gathered here!" she said.

Starting with Valerie in front and going around the table: Valerie Komor, Billy Levay (Winthrop Group). Sarit Hand, Joyce LeeAnn Joseph (New York Times), Francesca Pitaro, Sam Markham (Winthrop Group), Anna Bekker (Rare Book Cataloger, Private Collection)

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His redundancy list has a new entry

Redundancies to be avoided:

Easter Sunday
 funeral services
 first annual
 during the winter months
 Incumbent congressman
 Jewish rabbi
 a pair of twins
 new record
 old record
 hot water heater
 The company will close down next week.
 Jones, Smith and Brown all went fishing
 Autopsy to determine the cause of death
 dead body
 at 8:30 p.m. tonight
 12 noon
 12 midnight
 state of Alabama
 at his own expense
 owns his own home
 past history
 baby kittens/puppies
 free gift
 tuna fish
 controversial issue (noncontroversial issue is impossible)

demolish, destroy (these words mean to do away with completely)

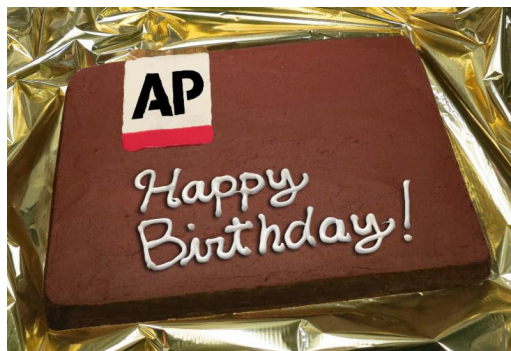
Totally destroyed and totally demolished are redundant phrases. Partially destroyed and partially demolished are incorrect. Use instead: damaged (or heavily damaged)

unique. This means one of a kind. If two or more exist, it can't be unique. Don't use almost unique, rather unique, somewhat unique. Use unique, unusual or rare.

Ed Williams (Email) - Thanks to Joe Frazier for pointing out in Tuesday's issue of Connecting that "Jewish synagogue" is redundant. I had never thought about it. During my 30 years of teaching journalism at Auburn University, I lectured to my students about Strunk and White's command of "omitting needless words" and writing clearly and concisely.

Thanks to Joe, I will add Jewish synagogue to my redundancy list that I used in class (see above).

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Father of AP Detroit sports writer

Lawyer in civil rights struggle, Michael Trister, dies at 77



In this April 2016 photo provided by the Trister family, lawyer Michael Trister, left, and his son Noah, an Associated Press sports writer in Michigan, pose for a photo for Michael's wife Nancy Duff Campbell as they were visiting Barcelona, Spain. Michael Trister, a civil rights lawyer forced from a teaching post at the University of Mississippi in one of the last spasms of segregationist control at that Southern university in the 1960s, has died. Trister's wife said he died Oct. 20 in Washington after battling pancreatic cancer. He was 77. (Nancy Duff Campbell/Courtesy of the Trister family via AP)

By JEFF AMY

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) - A civil rights lawyer forced from a teaching post at the University of Mississippi in one of the last spasms of segregationist control at that Southern university in the 1960s has died.

Michael Trister died Oct. 20 in Washington after battling pancreatic cancer, said his wife, Nancy Duff Campbell. He was 77.

"He always said his years in Mississippi were very formative," Campbell told The Associated Press in an interview Tuesday.

Trister made headlines in 1968 when state officials forced him from his Ole Miss law school position.

He was one of a number of young law professors hired in that era in a foundation-financed effort to inject new blood into the law school. But it didn't take long for Trister to rankle segregationists, particularly when he invited U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy to speak at Ole Miss in 1966. That was four years after Kennedy helped push through enrollment of the first African-American student at Ole Miss - James Meredith - in the face of rioters opposed to racial integration.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Dave Zelio, who said Michael Trister is the father of AP Sports Writer Noah Trister in Detroit. Dave said Noah told him: "Jeff (Amy) sent me some of the opposition research files the 'Mississippi Sovereignty Commission' kept on my dad. You can probably guess what that group was all about."

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How the BBC built one of the world's largest collaborative journalism efforts focused entirely on local news (Nieman)



By **TARA GEORGE**

Three large regional news publishing companies in the U.K. executed a coordinated public condemnation in June against what they saw as the British government's preferential treatment of the south in its handling of a national rail crisis.

Fueled by a sense of outrage over massive train cancellations and delays, the publishers put aside years of historic competition and came together around the #onenorth campaign, simultaneously publishing front page stories and a joint editorial in approximately two dozen papers, shaming the government to heed them and act.

Joined by a handful of hyperlocal news publishers, the #onenorth coverage was picked up by radio and television and spread widely on social media, becoming a graphic display of the kind of power that three erstwhile competitors, Reach plc, Newsquest and Johnston Press, could wield if they buried their hatchets and collaborated.

Read more [here](#).

The Final Word

Why Some People Hate Being Hugged, According to Science (Time)

By **MELISSA LOCKER**

If you hate being hugged, the world can be a challenging place. You never know when someone you're meeting for a quick coffee will approach you, arms open wide, coming in for an embrace.

Your options are limited: you can awkwardly dodge the gesture, stick out your hand for a handshake, or submit to the unwanted bear hug.

Regardless of whether you are pro or anti-embrace, here's everything to know about the human behavior of hugging:

Read more [here](#).

Today in History - November 1, 2018



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Nov. 1, the 305th day of 2018. There are 60 days left in the year. This is All Saints Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 1, 1952, the United States exploded the first hydrogen bomb, code-named "Ivy Mike," at Enewetak (en-ih-WEE'-tahk) Atoll in the Marshall Islands.

On this date:

In 1512, Michelangelo's just-completed paintings on the ceiling of the Vatican's Sistine Chapel were publicly unveiled by the artist's patron, Pope Julius II.

In 1765, the Stamp Act, passed by the British Parliament, went into effect, prompting stiff resistance from American colonists.

In 1861, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln named Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan General-in-Chief of the Union armies, succeeding Lt. Gen. Winfield

Scott.

In 1870, the United States Weather Bureau made its first meteorological observations.

In 1936, in a speech in Milan, Italy, Benito Mussolini described the alliance between his country and Nazi Germany as an "axis" running between Rome and Berlin.

In 1949, an Eastern Airlines DC-4 collided in midair with a Lockheed P-38 fighter plane near Washington National Airport, killing all 55 people aboard the DC-4 and seriously injuring the pilot of the P-38.

In 1950, two Puerto Rican nationalists tried to force their way into Blair House in Washington, D.C., in a failed attempt to assassinate President Harry S. Truman. (One of the pair was killed, along with a White House police officer.)

In 1968, the Motion Picture Association of America unveiled its new voluntary film rating system: G for general, M for mature (later changed to GP, then PG), R for restricted and X (later changed to NC-17) for adults only.

In 1973, following the "Saturday Night Massacre," Acting Attorney General Robert H. Bork appointed Leon Jaworski to be the new Watergate special prosecutor, succeeding Archibald Cox.

In 1989, East Germany reopened its border with Czechoslovakia, prompting tens of thousands of refugees to flee to the West.

In 1991, Clarence Thomas took his place as the newest justice on the Supreme Court.

In 1995, Bosnia peace talks opened in Dayton, Ohio, with the leaders of Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia present.

Ten years ago: Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain plunged through the final weekend of their marathon race for the White House; McCain poked fun at his campaign's financial shortcomings and his reputation as a political maverick in an appearance on NBC's "Saturday Night Live." Machinists union members ratified a new contract with The Boeing Co., ending an eight-week strike.

Five years ago: A man carrying a bag with a note that said he "wanted to kill TSA" opened fire with a semi-automatic rifle at a security checkpoint at Los Angeles International Airport, killing a TSA officer and wounding two others. (Gerardo Hernandez, 39, became the first TSA officer in the agency's 12-year history to be killed in the line of duty. Paul Ciancia pleaded guilty to murder and 10 other charges in exchange for prosecutors dropping efforts to seek the death penalty; he was sentenced to life plus 60 years.) A U.S. drone strike killed Hakimullah Mehsud (hah-kee-MUH'-lah meh-SOOD'), leader of the Pakistani Taliban.

One year ago: Federal prosecutors brought terrorism charges against the man accused in the Manhattan truck rampage a day earlier that left eight people dead; prosecutors said Sayfullo Saipov had asked to display the Islamic State group's flag in the hospital room where he was recovering from police gunfire. President Donald Trump tweeted that the suspect in the truck attack should get the death penalty. Prompting celebrations in a city still recovering from Hurricane Harvey, the Houston Astros won their first World Series championship, beating the Dodgers 5-1 in Game 7 in Los Angeles.

Today's Birthdays: World Golf Hall of Famer Gary Player is 83. Country singer Bill Anderson is 81. Actress Barbara Bosson is 79. Actor Robert Foxworth is 77. Magazine publisher Larry Flynt is 76. Country singer-humorist Kinky Friedman is 74. Actress Jeannie Berlin is 69. Music producer David Foster is 69. Actress Belita Moreno is 69. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ronald Khalis Bell (Kool and the Gang) is 67. Country singer-songwriter-producer Keith Stegall is 64. Country singer Lyle Lovett is 61. Actress Rachel Ticotin is 60. Rock musician Eddie MacDonald (The Alarm) is 59. Apple CEO Tim Cook is 58. Actress Helene Udy is 57. Rock singer Anthony Kiedis (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 56. Pop singer-musician Mags Furuholmen (a-ha) is 56. Rock musician Rick Allen (Def Leppard) is 55. Country singer "Big Kenny" Alphin (Big and Rich) is 55. Singer Sophie B. Hawkins is 54. Rapper Willie D (Geto Boys) is 52. Country musician Dale Wallace (Emerson Drive) is 49. Actress Toni Collette is 46. Actress-talk show host Jenny McCarthy is 46. Rock musician Andrew Gonzales is 46. Actor David Berman is 45. Actress Aishwarya Rai (ash-WAHR'-ee-ah rye) is 45. Rock singer Bo Diddley is 43. Actor Matt Jones is 37. Actress Natalia Tena is 34. Actor Penn Badgley is 32. Actor Max Burkholder is 21. Actor-musician Alex Wolff is 21.

Thought for Today: "Good taste is the worst vice ever invented." - Dame Edith Sitwell, English poet (1887-1964).

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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