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Colleagues,

Good Monday morning - and here's to a great week ahead.

Our Connecting profile for this Monday shines on **Brent Kallestad**, whose 39-year AP career included a variety of assignments - newsman, broadcast executive, sports writer and statehouse correspondent.

I know you'll enjoy following his AP journey that took him Sioux Falls to Fargo to Minneapolis to Bismarck and back to Minneapolis and to Kansas City and finally to Tallahassee. Whew!

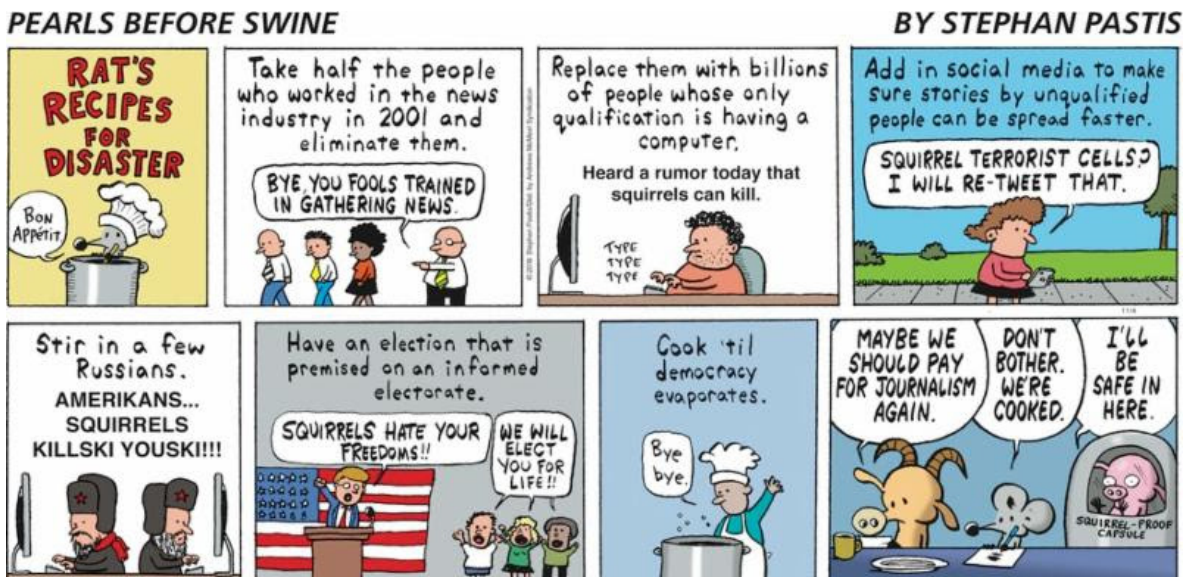
Two reminders:

The Connecting book issue will come out next week - and if you have written a book in the past year and want your colleagues to know more about it, please send me this information - title of book, 300-word synopsis, image of the cover, and your headshot photo.

Are you a military veteran? If so, send me a note this week with your branch of service, years served and 100 words or so what your service meant to your career in the news business (or if not in news, the career you pursued). I will publish what I receive in next Monday's issue - on the day Veterans Day 2018 is observed.

And last but not least...

Connecting colleague **Paul Albright** spotted and shared this cartoon by **Stephan Pastis**. Nothing further needs to be said other than - hits home, doesn't it?



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Connecting profile

Brent Kallestad



Brent Kallestad at the Peterhof Palace in St. Petersburg, Russia, in September 2018.

What am I doing these days?

Enjoying life as much as possible as I approach six years of retirement from AP. After a half dozen comparatively short stops during the AP years, home has become Tallahassee, FL for this Dakota lad.

Have now been here for 32 years and during that time accumulated close friends from a variety of groups, including church, former work colleagues, neighbors and family. Two of the kids and four grandchildren live in Tallahassee. Second son, Grant, lives in Sarasota and oldest, Adam, is now in Okinawa with wife and daughter in his most recent assignment with NCIS. Grant, an airborne combat engineer, spent almost six years in the Army and served in Afghanistan while Adam, a Navy Russian linguist, spent five months in Iraq in 2004 as a personal security adviser.

The Beginning:

Dating back to grade school I have delivered papers as a boy, covered high school basketball, edited my high school and South Dakota Boys' state newspaper, the Sunshine Scribe (1962). I also benefited from two courses in 1968 at the Defense Information School (Basic Military Journalism and Broadcast Specialist), finishing

my Navy days as a Journalist Third Class (E-4) in the public information office of Rear Admiral Robert J. Stroh at NAS Jacksonville.

Finished my degree afterward at the University of South Dakota (which had disqualified me twice earlier for academic concerns that resulted in the Navy enlistment). Married by this time, I worked 20 hours a week in the Sports Information office and also served as the sports director at KVRA-KVRF radio doing prep and Coyote football and basketball play-by-play and hosting a Saturday morning coaches show.

AP Calling

Terry Devine, who had been my roommate at Boys State a decade earlier, was working part-time for AP in Sioux Falls as he finished up his degree at South Dakota State and encouraged me to apply to AP. I applied, got the job and started with AP in Sioux Falls on May 30, 1972. Terry graduated and went to Pierre.

Couldn't have asked for a better situation either. Bill Wertz was the correspondent who Ben Brown had in charge of South Dakota. Ben was the Minneapolis bureau chief in charge of Minnesota and both Dakotas. Little did I know that in three months I'd be "acting" correspondent in Fargo since I was just halfway through my probation period when I transferred.

We typed our stories and handed them to teletype operators in Sioux Falls during the daytime and punched tape ourselves on nights and weekends. The first month I was in the bureau we had a flood in the Black Hills that killed 255 people, Sen. George McGovern win the Democratic presidential nomination and subsequently dumped his running mate while visiting the Hills.

Nineteen months in Fargo (Adam was born there) and loved the Fargo Forum and its folks. As with all of the North Dakota newspapers, AP was family. Gary Clark was correspondent in Bismarck during this time and it was the start of a lifelong friendship with he and Fay. Still punched copy in Fargo.

Then on to Minneapolis in May 1974 as the bureau sportswriter (to this day covered the last Vikings' teams to reach the Super Bowl). Tony Dungy was the quarterback at the University of Minnesota, Herb Brooks the hockey coach. Rod Carew was winning batting titles every year and Fran Tarkenton was setting since-broken NFL passing records so a lot of stories got strong play around the country. We also ran a weekly sports column, "Down to the Wire," under my byline aimed at Thursday PMs in Minnesota and Dakotas. My second boy, Grant, was born in the cities.

With the boys nearing school age I took up COB Joe Dill's offer to become correspondent in Bismarck and see how well I might take to politics and overseeing a half dozen staffers. Although unversed in the sales arena since by paperboy days, AP also handed me its broadcast sales responsibilities for the state. It was during the summer of 1978 that future DC chief of bureau Sandy Johnson began her AP career on our staff at Bismarck as did Jeff Baenen, who went on to a long and productive career as the broadcast editor in Minneapolis.

Then back to Minneapolis as Broadcast Executive for both Dakotas, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Spent just 13 months in Bismarck.

Two years as BE and onto Kansas City in February 1981 as General Broadcast Executive for the Midwest, spanning 18 states in the middle of the country from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. My two youngest (daughter Blair and Reed) were born during my time in KC where I was blessed as well professionally with a great sales staff and a secretary who kept track of everyone's whereabouts and the paperwork moving.

Future AP broadcast department VP Jim Williams, Steve Crowley, Pat Adsit Kreger, John Schweitzer, Don Blohowiak and Gerald Jackson were among the sales reps that made that experience so rewarding and memorable. Meanwhile, Clark was now COB in New Orleans, Paul Stevens was in Indianapolis, John Lumpkin in Des Moines, and AP legends Fred Moen (another South Dakotan) in Kansas City and Dion Henderson in Milwaukee. Broadcast depended so much on COB's and COC's for success and it was a time we enjoyed great synergy. Pardon my flashbacks to my home state, but during this period another South Dakota product, the late Jerry Nachtigal, was starting his AP career. One of those you knew from the get-go that he would go far. And yet another South Dakota find during that period was Diana Jensen Heidgerd, our longtime broadcast editor in Dallas. Believe she is from the same hometown as Al Neuharth.

It was a great deal of fun working in the broadcast division under the leadership of VP Roy Steinfort. My first immediate boss was George Otwell, the GBE in the central division. The man was born to sell.

In February 1984 VP Steinfort asked me to become AP's corporate sales manager and wanted me in DC. It came at a time that returning to editorial was on my mind a great deal since that was my passion from my youth. Roy, who by the way, was a joy to work for because everyone knew exactly where they stood, relented on the move and allowed me to remain in Kansas City. With four kids in tow now, it was too much to be away from home and I resigned to briefly take a management role with a Minneapolis-based financial services firm. Fortunately, AP kept me in mind. I was back in 18 months.

By now, Stevens was in KC and Clark in Miami, looking for a correspondent able to handle a staff, politics and covering a rapidly growing force in college football, Florida State. Wick Temple was then AP's personnel chief and my former boss during my time as the Minneapolis sportswriter. I always looked at Wick as the consummate AP man. Anyway, I applied after nine months of re-acclimating to the company technology and routine in KC, and got the Tallahassee position.

Florida: A newsman's dream



Former AP Tallahassee correspondents at grand opening of new Tallahassee bureau in March 1988. From left, back row: Jere Moore, John Van Gieson, Bill Gibson, Malcolm Johnson, David Powell and Miami CoB Gary Clark. Front row, from left: Allen Morris, Hendricks Chandler, and Brent Kallestad.

Arrived here on Oct. 15, 1986, my sixth move for AP in just over 14 years. And just in time for that year's hotly contested governor's race. Coming to Florida then was particularly special in view of the many great papers in the state, not to mention the competition among their very talented Capitol bureaus. It was also when lawmakers were on their way to passing a services tax that was foolishly repealed shortly after taking effect in 1987.

That services tax story was perhaps the most compelling, continuing story that really didn't come to an end until the spring of 1988 when the sales tax was raised by a penny in Florida to offset the anticipated loss of revenue from the services tax repeal. Florida is a low tax state across the board and there has never been any signs of enough political courage to bring up the subject despite the state's massive

needs, particularly in education where it lags well behind in most national comparisons.



Brent in 1990

I wrote a weekly column again in the Sunshine State. This time though it was on politics and it was named "Florida Focus." Going back to high school and the Navy, it was my fourth column, but first one on politics and government shenanigans. Also called upon to do a lot of analysis pieces.

Handling both sports and politics in addition to posting schedules and all the fun of an administration position was quite a challenge since it involved working virtually nonstop from August through the bowl season in even numbered years with elections and the Seminoles. (Especially during the 2000 recount!)

The recount, oh yes

Tallahassee was ground zero for the free world from election day until mid-December. Five weeks plus of 17-18 hour days compounded by well-meaning suggestions from all corners of the earth (it seemed). Fortunately, we received a lot of help from some of AP's best who joined us in Tallahassee from around the country that offset the unnecessary, if well-being, distractions. (It's similar during a hurricane, but storms move faster than a deadlocked presidential election.)

Florida State's run of 14 straight 10-win plus seasons that included a pair of national titles and two Heisman trophy winners during that time was also coming to an end. I continued to cover the Seminoles through the 2012 season as I hung 'em up as they say at the end of March in 2013. Their coach, Bobby Bowden, was a rarity among his peers since he enjoyed the media and regularly produced terrific quotes. The Florida beat writers joined him every Sunday morning for breakfast and follow up on the day's previous game.

But what a ride. Sitting on the pages of history as they turn ... in Florida alone whether it was the 1987 Papal visit to Miami, a major hurricane, the BP oil spill, Ted Bundy's final days (Dan Sewell was our star on that coverage). I worked with so many talented folks including many still at AP.

Hobbies:

As far as my interests, baseball has been No. 1 since collecting cards as a boy. I am in a Fantasy Baseball League that was established a few years prior to my arrival in Tallahassee. Also belong to a "guys" baseball travel group that takes a week each summer to visit a Major League park. Did Milwaukee this year with a day off to visit Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Eight of us in our group.



Kathy and I also keep a busy travel schedule with at least one major trip annually. Gone 20 days this year for a couple days in Scotland to catch the Tatro performance at the castle in Edinburgh and then on to Norway where we picked up a two-week Viking cruise through the Scandinavian countries, Poland, Germany, Estonia and a couple really full days in St. Petersburg, Russia. (Photo at left)

Doing the Rocky Mountaineer for a couple days next summer as part of a 10-day visit from Vancouver to Calgary that takes us to Banff and Lake Louise. Pretty well completes our other visits to Canada in recent years from the Maritime provinces, Toronto, Montreal and Victoria Island.

In all, have visited Japan three times been back to Hawaii (stationed at Pearl in the '60s) a half dozen times since 1995, and all but three U.S. states (Connecticut, New Hampshire and Vermont). Approaching 40 foreign countries overall, mostly in Europe. Travel has been in my blood ever since my Navy days.

Who was most important person in my career?

Ben Brown, who hired me and promoted me twice. He promoted the virtues of AP and his efforts in Minneapolis alone boosted the careers of Tom Brettingen, Gary Clark, Bill Wertz and Jim Wilson among others.

Would I do anything different?

Good question. AP transferred me six times and at considerable expense to them the last couple of moves. Before going to the broadcast division Keith Fuller, then our GM, Joe Dill and my former wife and I had lunch in Grand

Forks, N.D. Fuller told me that I would be among his next three COB selections. A week later, central division GBE, George Otwell met me in a Minneapolis hotel with news be the new BE for Minnesota, Wisconsin and the Dakotas. Looking back I may have been a bit more forceful about my personal ambitions although the one COB job I would have preferred at that time would have been Minneapolis. COBs George Moses, Ben and Joe Dill had done a great job developing the AP presence in Minnesota and the Dakotas and I had served as correspondent in three of the Dakotas bureaus and sportswriter in Minneapolis.



Brent (center) with Rachel La Corte and Adam Yeomans at an AP 150th Birthday party in Miami in 1998. Adam is now AP regional director for the South, based in Nashville. Rachel is AP's veteran Olympia correspondent.

I continue to have the greatest admiration for the folks who contributed over time to what I consider the greatest news organization in the world. I wish I could name all of the AP men and women I admire greatly, but it would be at risk of inadvertently leaving some out. Although I realize times are more difficult today in our fast-changing world, we were there for the golden years in print journalism.

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An audacious idea, a devastating result: AP counts tens of thousands more migrants killed, disappeared worldwide



The father of Majdi Barhoumi, missing since a Europe-bound migrant voyage in 2011, holds pictures of his son at his home in Tunisia. (AP Photo/Nariman El-Mofty)

BY DAVID BEARD, Poynter

Lori Hinnant's achievement was posted worldwide Thursday morning: the documented discovery of tens of thousands more migrants who had died or disappeared over the past four years.

Hailed by non-government agencies, the AP journalist's database, relying on forensic evidence and data from thousands of interviews with migrants, tallied 56,800 people as of Monday - nearly double the total of a more narrowly focused count attempted by the U.N.'s International Organization on Migration. The AP also compiled information from other international groups and requested missing persons reports and death records.

The count - again, 56,800 people - includes at least 3,861 dead and missing migrants on the route from Mexico to the United States.

How did Hinnant and her team do the counting? "Honestly, as recently as four weeks ago, I was not sure this was going to work," the Paris-based Hinnant told me via Skype.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Valerie Komor.

Connecting mailbox

Chatting with the President

Jim Hood (Email) - My favorite memory of the Jimmy Carter years? It would have to be the time I got stuck making small talk with the Georgian for an excruciating 15 or 20 minutes.

The folksy -- or pseudo-folksy, if you prefer -- Carter had agreed to do a nationwide call-in show on CBS Radio, the first ever by a sitting president. The idea was that he would take calls from just plain folk around the country and respond wisely and forthrightly.

Now, there had been plenty of talk shows, perhaps even a surfeit, in the preceding decades. I had even hosted a few myself, which might be why Dave Fitzpatrick asked me to help with the arrangements.

Fitzpatrick was by then a producer with CBS News. He had previously been a newspaper reporter in Phoenix when I was a somewhat irreverent radio newshound. I was by this time based in Kansas City as an AP Broadcast Executive, sort of a Wichita lineman of the news business.

Fitzpatrick, never shy about asking for favors, rang me up and asked that I talk with Carter on the phone for a minute or two to confirm that everything was working. Sort of a mic check, as we say in the talking-head biz.

I agreed, having little else to occupy me on a Saturday morning in Kansas City, and soon I was speaking with the Great Man Himself.

"How are you today, Mr. President?" I asked, much more politely than was my usual habit with elected officials. "Jes' fine, Mr. Hood," he drawled. "How you?"

It was not the most penetrating conversation. Fitzpatrick had pleaded with me not to be rude or overly inquisitive and not to ask Carter any "real" questions. So after a few minutes, we had pretty much run out of things to say.

At that point, Fitzpatrick came on the line and His Honor and I breathed a sigh of relief, hoping the call was over. But it was not to be.

"We're having some problems. The levels are all over the place and the isolating thermosizer (or something like that) isn't modulating correctly," an unknown engineer chimed in.

"Keep talking, guys. Uh, Mr. President, please," Fitzpatrick stammered.

Not to stretch this story out but it took about 15 minutes for the self-styled Tiffany Network to figure out how to handle a phone call while the Leader of the Free World and I talked about such topics as where to eat in Kansas City (neither of us had a clue), who would be in the World Series (ditto) and whether the peanut soup that had suddenly appeared on every D.C. restaurant menu was any good (not really, he said).

Mercifully, we were finally excused. A bit later, I listened as Mr. President fielded a series of calls that, in retrospect, were not a whole lot more interesting than our stilted conversation about the price of peanut oil. If nothing else, the experience reminded me of how happy I was to have escaped the on-air side of the news business.

Years later, I would look back fondly on this introverted politician. After becoming AP's General Broadcast Editor and being wheedled into attending various banquets and self-congratulatory awards ceremonies, I found myself frequently set upon by such champion talkers as Al D'Amato, Mario Cuomo and Rudy Giuliani, any of whom could have talked Carter under the table in no time.

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A 71-year-old stamp so pertinent today

John Brewer ([Email](#)) - The Pulitzer stamp keeps echoing with me. That 1947 stamp (the year I was born) is so pertinent to today - the vital role the press plays in our nation and the indisputable role immigrants like Joseph Pulitzer have played.



The stamp's backdrop is the Statue of Liberty -- another American symbol that's shockingly out of favor with the party in power.

Indeed, the image of the Statue of Liberty seals the deal, representing the beacon Lady Liberty has been in our history to the "huddled masses yearning to breathe free."

And, of course, this recognition of Pulitzer further symbolizes the importance of the press - his endowment of both the coveted prize that bears his name and Columbia University's revered School of Journalism.

Makes me wonder who the stamp designer was to convey all that on such a small bit of paper. Thank goodness for stamp collecting!

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More on redundancies

Claude Erbsen ([Email](#)) -

fellow classmates

fellow shipmates

fellow teammates

...and all kinds of fellow xxxmates

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Steve Graham (Email) - On Saturday, October 20, 2018, KOIN TV tripled the output transmit power of our transmitter.

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Robert Kimball (Email) - Lake Superior State University's 43rd Annual List Of Banished Words

The wordsmiths at Lake Superior State University eschewed "fake news" and released LSSU's 43rd annual List of Words Banished from the Queen's English for Mis-use, Over-use and General Uselessness.

"We've drilled down and unpacked tons of pre-owned words and phrases deemed impactful by hundreds of nominators during 2017," said an LSSU spokesperson. "Let that sink in."

LSSU's word banishment tradition is now in its fifth decade, and was started by the late W. T. Rabe, a public relations director at Lake Superior State University.

Read more [here](#).

Best of the Week

Staffers respond to synagogue shooting with coordinated multiformat coverage



People gather near the Tree of Life Congregation synagogue in Pittsburgh, where a shooter opened fire Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018, killing 11 people and wounding six. AP Photo / Gene J. Puskar

News of a shooting at a Pittsburgh synagogue broke on a Saturday morning that found many AP staffers still covering the spate of pipe bomb attacks against prominent critics of President Trump.

First word that something was happening came around 10:30 a.m. from a stringer cultivated by regional photo editor Jackie Larma. Within minutes Pittsburgh photographers Gene Puskar and Keith Srakokic were rushing to the scene, providing some of the first images and text feeds. Colleagues from Pennsylvania rushed in on their day off, joined by a seemingly endless list of colleagues elsewhere volunteering to help out.

Reports about the extent of the attack were spotty, with competitors variously reporting "multiple fatalities" or different single-digit tallies. Washington law enforcement reporter Eric Tucker, pivoting from pressing federal sources about the mail bombs, immediately sought solid details on the synagogue shooting. From his post in Harrisburg, reporter Marc Levy went to work on sources in state government and law enforcement. Between them, Tucker and Levy enabled the AP to break word that at least 10 had died - the final toll would be 11 - in what would become the worst attack on Jews on American soil.

The AP stayed focused on reporting only verifiable facts, avoiding traps that snared several competitors.

Their joint APNewsBreak was one of several push alerts that The Washington Post sent with AP credit throughout the day, an unusual move on one of the most consequential national stories of the year. Smart on-the-ground reporting from national writers Adam Geller and Allen Breed rounded out our all-formats coverage. These were just a few of the highlights of a seamless and extraordinary effort by colleagues around the country too numerous to list.

Saturday's main text story on the synagogue attack alone racked up 160,000 pageviews on apnews.com and the app, with Newswhip showing more than 5,000 instances of customer use of synagogue text in a little more than 24 hours after it broke. Though the shooting happened on a Saturday, it accounted for three of the top dozen video downloads of the week, highlighted by a chilling interview with a shooting survivor who hid in a closet, recorded by New York videographer Robert Bumsted and Philadelphia newswoman Maryclaire Dale. Throughout, the AP stayed focused on reporting only verifiable facts, avoiding traps such as the one that snared several competitors: one of the elderly synagogue victims was not, in fact, a Holocaust survivor.

AP's photos were widely used as well, particularly a series of poignant shots by Philadelphia photographer Matt Rourke, who raced across the state in time to join Puskar at the first vigil for victims that night. And Larma's strong relationship with the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette ensured the hometown paper made time amid its own coverage to share its strongest images from the scene, which AP distributed to the world.

For headlining an extraordinary multi-format collaboration that kept the AP in a commanding position on a second straight major breaking story, Puskar, Srakotic, Rourke, Tucker, Levy, Dale and Bumsted share the Best of the Week award.

Best of the States

AP scores multiple scoops on sprawling mail bomb investigation



Law enforcement officials gather outside a U.S. Postal Service of facility after reports that a suspicious package was found in Atlanta, Oct. 29, 2018. The FBI said authorities recovered the suspicious package that was address to the cable network CNN. AP Photo / David Goldman

When an explosive device was found at the suburban New York property of liberal megadonor and conspiracy theorist boogeyman George Soros, it raised a few eyebrows with just two weeks to go until the midterm election. When a second device was found addressed to Hillary Clinton, the mail bombs targeting critics of President Trump became the dominant story in the country, political and otherwise, for the better part of a week.

The AP broke the news of the connection between the Soros and Clinton devices, making it clear something broader was afoot, the first in a series of scoops keying a sprawling, days-long effort across regions and formats. We were also first to report that at least one of the packages had the return address of U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, and that the packages had a half-dozen stamps on them, a key detail amid questions about how they were delivered; and that the package addressed to U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters intercepted in Los Angeles had the same markings and characteristics of the five others before it. And we were among the first to confirm the suspect's ID.

Driving the coverage of the investigation into what became more than a dozen homemade bombs sent to prominent Democrats was the Washington law enforcement crew comprised of Colleen Long, Mike Balsamo, Michael Biesecker and Eric Tucker, and law enforcement writers Jim Mustian in New York and Curt

Anderson in Miami. Like a host of their colleagues, they worked long hours over the course of several days to keep the AP out front; Long had to be hushed by a flight attendant as her plane prepared to take off because her conversation with a source about bomb components was scaring her fellow passengers.

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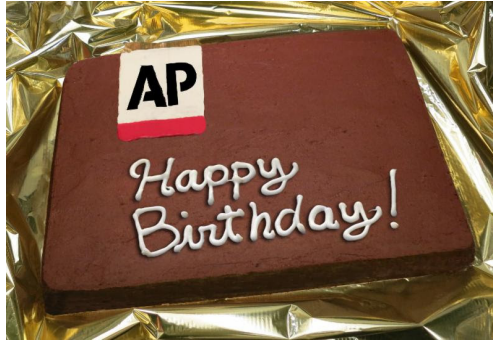
Those scoops highlighted a sweeping effort that involved heavy contributions in the field and at publishing centers across the country and even overseas, complemented by distinctive takeouts. Among the more widely used stories by customers: a fast but deep profile of the bombing suspect, co-bylined by Washington reporters Michael Biesecker and Stephen Braun and relying heavily on reporting from Miami intern Ellis Rua, who also captured strong photos from the club where the suspect worked as a DJ.

In the background, numerous other staffers ensured not just that the AP broke news but that it held to its standards. Notably, Alyssa Goodman and Aaron Jackson on the New York photo desk painstakingly verified the authenticity of images of the devices that spread rapidly without attribution on other outlets.

Play across formats was overwhelming. NewsWhip tracked Friday's mainbar alone, on the suspect's arrest, getting more than 125,000 page views on apnews.com and the app. AP was first or alone on a variety of live video positions and other edits, including being the only agency to be live outside Columbus Circle amid CNN's evacuation, courtesy of a Bambuser shot from New York videographer Joe Frederick. The play there was telling too: Edits on the mail bombs accounted for more than half of the 100 most downloaded videos of the week.

For their beats highlighting the AP's broad, collaborative and competitive effort, Long, Tucker, Balsamo, Biesecker, Braun, Mustian, Anderson and Rua share this week's Best of the States prize.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

About the Jewish mourners' prayer on the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette front page



By DAVID M. SHRIBMAN

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From the executive editor's desk:

When you conclude there are no words to express a community's feelings, then maybe you are thinking in the wrong language.

That's what prompted me to consider whether an excerpt from a 10th century prayer might be the appropriate gesture - of respect, of condolence - for a 21st century audience mourning its dead, whether family, friend, congregant, neighbor or, simply, Pittsburgher.

The result was a front-page headline spread across the top of the Friday Post-Gazette (and at the top of post-gazette.com) that featured the opening of the Jewish mourners' prayer, known by heart by regular Shabbat observers in our community's many synagogues, bringing our readers to the heart of the incident that has marked our community, and displaying the heart of this community, including of course the Post-Gazette community.

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

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RSF blacks out Eiffel Tower for slain journalists, a month after Khashoggi death

At the request of Reporters Without Borders (RSF), the Eiffel Tower's lights were turned off for a minute at 6:30 p.m. today (November 1) on the eve of the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists to pay tribute to Saudi newspaper columnist Jamal Khashoggi and all the other journalists in the world whose murders have so far gone unpunished.

While the lights were extinguished, a minute of silence was observed by RSF secretary-general Christophe Deloire and all those gathered with him on Place de Varsovie, the square located opposite the Eiffel Tower, on the other bank of the River Seine.

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

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Christiane Amanpour Interviews an Actress and An Author About a New Movie and Biography of Journalist Marie Colvin

The film, "A Private War," has just opened to excellent reviews.

Actress Rosamund Pike & Journalist Lindsey Hilsum

The disappearance of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi puts the spotlight on reporters who put their lives on the line. Celebrated correspondent Marie Colvin gave her life in Syria, and now the Hollywood actress Rosamund Pike plays her in a new film. She joins the program along with Colvin's friend and fellow journalist Lindsey Hilsum, who has written a new biography about her life.

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

Today in History - November 5, 2018



By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Nov. 5, the 309th day of 2018. There are 56 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 5, 1968, Republican Richard M. Nixon won the presidency, defeating Democratic Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and American Independent candidate George C. Wallace.

On this date:

In 1605, the "Gunpowder Plot" failed as Guy Fawkes was seized before he could blow up the English Parliament.

In 1911, aviator Calbraith P. Rodgers arrived in Pasadena, Calif., completing the first transcontinental airplane trip in 49 days.

In 1935, Parker Brothers began marketing the board game "Monopoly."

In 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won an unprecedented third term in office as he defeated Republican challenger Wendell L. Willkie.

In 1956, Britain and France started landing forces in Egypt during fighting between Egyptian and Israeli forces around the Suez Canal. (A cease-fire was declared two days later.)

In 1974, Democrat Ella T. Grasso was elected governor of Connecticut, becoming the first woman to win a gubernatorial office without succeeding her husband.

In 1985, Spencer W. Kimball, president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, died at age 90; he was succeeded by Ezra Taft Benson.

In 1987, Supreme Court nominee Douglas H. Ginsburg admitted using marijuana several times in the 1960s and 70s, calling it a mistake. (Ginsburg ended up withdrawing his nomination.)

In 1990, Rabbi Meir Kahane (meh-EER' kah-HAH'-nuh), the Brooklyn-born Israeli extremist, was shot to death at a New York hotel. (Egyptian native El Sayyed Nosair (el sah-EED' no-sah-EER') was convicted of the slaying in federal court.)

In 1992, Malice Green, a black motorist, died after he was struck in the head 14 times with a flashlight by a Detroit police officer, Larry Nevers, outside a suspected crack house. (Nevers and his partner, Walter Budzyn, were found guilty of second-degree murder, but the convictions were overturned; they were later convicted of involuntary manslaughter.)

In 1994, former President Ronald Reagan disclosed he had Alzheimer's disease.

In 2009, a shooting rampage at the Fort Hood Army post in Texas left 13 people dead; Maj. Nidal Hasan, an Army psychiatrist, was later convicted of murder and sentenced to death.

Ten years ago: One day after being elected president, Barack Obama began filling out his new administration, selecting Illinois Rep. Rahm Emanuel to be White House chief of staff. A case of postelection nerves on Wall Street sent the Dow industrials plunging nearly 500 points.

Five years ago: Republican Gov. Chris Christie won a resounding re-election victory in Democratic-leaning New Jersey, while Democrat Terry McAuliffe prevailed in Virginia's gubernatorial contest. Toronto Mayor Rob Ford acknowledged for the first time that he had smoked crack "probably a year ago" when he was in a "drunken stupor," but he refused to resign despite immense pressure to step aside as leader of Canada's largest city. India launched its first spacecraft bound for Mars; the Martian Orbiter Mission, or MOM, reached the red planet in Sept. 2014.

One year ago: A gunman armed with an assault rifle opened fire in a small South Texas church, killing more than two dozen people; the shooter, Devin Patrick Kelley, was later found dead in a vehicle after he was shot and chased by two men who heard the gunfire. (An autopsy revealed that he died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.) President Donald Trump arrived in Japan for the start of a 12-day, five-country Asian trip. Shalane Flanagan became the first American woman to win the New York City Marathon since 1977; Geoffrey Kamworor of Kenya was the men's winner.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Chris Robinson is 80. Actress Elke Sommer is 78. Singer Art Garfunkel is 77. Singer Peter Noone is 71. TV personality Kris Jenner is 63. Actor Nestor Serrano is 63. Actress-comedian Mo'Nique is 60. Actor Robert Patrick is 60. Singer Bryan Adams is 59. Actress Tilda Swinton is 58. Actor Michael Gaston is 56. Actress Tatum O'Neal is 55. Actress Andrea McArdle is 55. Rock singer Angelo Moore (Fishbone) is 53. Actress Judy Reyes is 51. Actor Seth Gilliam is 50. Rock musician Mark Hunter (James) is 50. Actor Sam Rockwell is 50. Country singers Heather and Jennifer Kinley (The Kinleys) are 48. Actor Corin Nemec is 47. Rock musician Jonny (cq) Greenwood (Radiohead) is 47. Country singer-musician Ryan Adams is 44. Actor Sebastian Arcelus is 42. Actor Sam Page is 42. Actor Luke Hemsworth is 38. Actor Jeremy Lelliott is 36. Actress Annet Mahendru (MAH'-hehn-

droo) is 33. Rock musician Kevin Jonas (The Jonas Brothers) is 31. Actor Landon Gimenez is 15.

Thought for Today: "Examine what is said, not him who speaks." - Arab proverb.

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.

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- **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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