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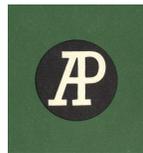
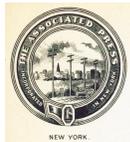
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Colleagues,

Thank you for the birthday greetings! But I must admit to a Senior Moment.

I had hoped there would be a wealth of contributions for today's edition, to help disguise the apology for an error I committed in Tuesday's Connecting relating to the story on our colleague **Terry Anderson**. But not so.

The story I shared from the Cleveland Plain Dealer on Terry was written six years ago, not recently, and I give thanks to several of you who wrote to point this out. Terry was released from captivity 26 years ago, not 20 years ago. If you'd still like to see the Plain Dealer story from 2011, [click here](#). My apologies.



But - borrowing the adage, when life gives you lemons, make lemonade...

It did prompt colleague **Sibby Christensen** to write and share the above photo, and ask, "I wonder how many of us still have the Terry Anderson homecoming badge. A crowd of us wore them when he arrived via motorcade in front of 50 Rock, just after his release." She added, "He shares space on my b-board with Thomas Paine, Will Shakespeare and Queen Elizabeth I. Pretty intellectual crowd."

Now I hope you return to sending your contributions to the newsletter so Ye Olde Connecting Editor doesn't age any more than he has.

One more thing - I thought I would share my latest Spotlight feature in my hometown Messenger of Fort Dodge, Iowa. The story published Sunday relates to the **Honor Flight program** that brings veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam to



Washington for a day to see memorials to those wars and other landmarks. The program is nationwide - and if it exists where you live, it is well worth a story.

[Click here](#) for a link to my story. The photo shows my dad during an Honor Flight in 2010, at the World War II Memorial and near the inscriptions of Anzio and Rome - two of the campaigns he took part in as an Army artillery officer. I was his guardian for the flight.

Have a great day,

Paul

## AP Exclusive: Top gossip editor accused of sexual misconduct

By JAKE PEARSON and JEFF HORWITZ

NEW YORK (AP) - The top editor for the National Enquirer, Us Weekly and other major gossip publications openly described his sexual partners in the newsroom, discussed female employees' sex lives and forced women to watch or listen to pornographic material, former employees told The Associated Press.

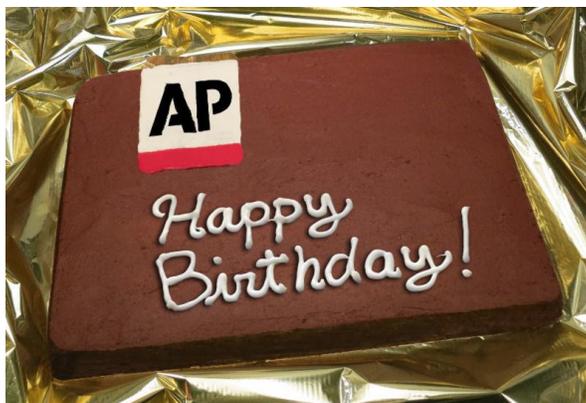
The behavior by Dylan Howard, currently the chief content officer of American Media Inc., occurred while he was running the company's Los Angeles office, according to men and women who worked there. Howard's self-proclaimed nickname was "Dildo," a phallus-shaped sex toy, the former employees said. His conduct led to an internal inquiry in 2012 by an outside consultant, and former employees said he stopped working out of the L.A. office after the inquiry.

Howard quit soon after the report was completed, but the company rehired him one year later with a promotion that landed him in the company's main office in New York. It was not clear whether Howard faced any discipline over the accusations. AP is not aware of any sexual harassment allegations involving Howard since he was rehired.

The AP spoke with 12 former employees who knew about the investigation into Howard's behavior, though not all were aware of every detail. The outside investigator hired to examine complaints about Howard's behavior also confirmed to AP that he completed a report.

Read more [here](#).

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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## Stories of interest

***Don't blame the election on fake news. Blame it on the media.*** (CJR)

By Duncan J. Watts and David M. Rothschild

SINCE THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, an increasingly familiar narrative has emerged concerning the unexpected victory of Donald Trump. Fake news, much of it produced by Russian sources, was amplified on social networks such as Facebook and Twitter, generating millions of views among a segment of the

electorate eager to hear stories about Hillary Clinton's untrustworthiness, unlikeability, and possibly even criminality. "Alt-right" news sites like Breitbart and The Daily Caller supplemented the outright manufactured information with highly slanted and misleading coverage of their own. The continuing fragmentation of the media and the increasing ability of Americans to self-select into like-minded "filter bubbles" exacerbated both phenomena, generating a toxic brew of political polarization and skepticism toward traditional sources of authority.

Alarmed by these threats to their legitimacy, and energized by the election of a president hostile to their very existence, the mainstream media has vigorously shouldered the mantle of truth-tellers. The Washington Post changed its motto to "Democracy Dies in Darkness" one month into the Trump presidency, and The New York Times launched a major ad campaign reflecting the nuanced and multifaceted nature of truth during the Oscars broadcast in February. Headline writers now explicitly spell out falsehoods rather than leaving it to the ensuing text. And journalists are quick to call out false equivalence, as when President Trump compared Antifa protesters to Nazis and heavily armed white supremacists following the violence in Charlottesville.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Investigative journalism is tough for local newsrooms with fewer resources. The Abrams Nieman Fellowship focuses on that need*** (Nieman)

By SHAN WANG

Local news: It's how people are informed about what's happening in their communities, it's what gets them to care about their communities, and it's what gets local governments in turn to care for the communities they represent. When accountability journalism disintegrates at the local level, all of this topples, and the consequences of a news desert can cascade up to the national level.

The Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard, with funding from the Abrams Foundation, will support up to three fellowships next year for U.S. journalists working in local news, with the aim of improving the health of the local investigative journalism ecosystem in the U.S. (The Abrams Foundation, among its many program areas, has supported recent journalism initiatives such as Frontline's new longform documentary podcast series.)

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Steven Spielberg's homage to *The Washington Post* is a fine movie, but not history*** (Poynter)



**By JAMES WARREN**

Steven Spielberg didn't seek any counsel from Neil Sheehan about the newspaper stories central to "The Post," Spielberg's new drama about the Pentagon Papers that stars Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks. And, at least as of a few days ago, nobody had sent Sheehan a DVD or a link.

Indeed, he hadn't really known much about the film that premieres this week until I passed along post-screening word to his wife, the journalist Susan Sheehan, that Hanks' character, the late Washington Post editor Ben Bradlee, verges on obsessed with Sheehan in the movie.

Indeed. It's 1971 and Hanks' Bradlee hasn't seen the byline of Sheehan, one of his generation's finest journalists, who gained fame covering the Vietnam War, first for United Press International and then The Times. It's been months, Bradlee frets in the movie. Sheehan, who is not portrayed, must be up to something. And it must be big.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***My Experience at Charlie Rose Went Beyond Sexism*** (Esquire)

**BY REBECCA CARROLL**

In 1997, I joined the production team of Charlie Rose's popular interview show. I was the only black journalist on staff. At the time, there was little to no recognition of what it meant to be black and female in a workplace dominated by white men. Twenty years later, in this watershed moment of examination and reckoning as one powerful white man after another is disgraced following allegations of sexual misconduct ranging from harassment to assault, we're still not talking about the ramifications for black women-or the broader connection to structural racism in America.

Charlie Rose's show, a news program celebrating the art of the conversation, seemed like a perfect fit for me. I wasn't a classically trained journalist or broadcast producer, but at 27 years old I'd published three interview-based books about race in America with a major publishing house. At Hampshire College, the private liberal arts school known for its alternative curriculum, I had found my way to the Studs Terkel model of journalism: conversations as a way to tell stories.

Six months into my position at Charlie Rose, Charlie promoted me from writer to producer. The environment, though, felt increasingly toxic and degrading. Nearly everyone on staff was publicly berated almost once a week, taking us to task on our journalism skills or sensibility about what does and doesn't make a good show. We witnessed his lecherous behavior toward female staff and guests. Charlie openly objectified the women on the show, talked about their sex appeal with male guests, and derided more than one female staffer about who she was sleeping with in front of the entire staff.

Read more [here](#).

## **The Final Word**

You're braver  
than you  
believe, and  
stronger than  
you seem, and  
smarter than  
you think.

*A.A. Milne*

## Today in History - December 6, 2017



## By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 6, the 340th day of 2017. There are 25 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlights in History:

On Dec. 6, 1917, some 2,000 people were killed when an explosives-laden French cargo ship, the Mont Blanc, collided with the Norwegian vessel Imo at the harbor in Halifax, Nova Scotia, setting off a blast that devastated the Canadian city. Finland declared its independence from Russia.

### On this date:

In 1790, Congress moved to Philadelphia from New York.

In 1865, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, abolishing slavery, was ratified as Georgia became the 27th state to endorse it.

In 1889, Jefferson Davis, the first and only president of the Confederate States of America, died in New Orleans.

In 1907, the worst mining disaster in U.S. history occurred as 362 men and boys died in a coal mine explosion in Monongah, West Virginia.

In 1922, the Anglo-Irish Treaty, which established the Irish Free State, came into force one year to the day after it was signed in London.

In 1942, comedian Fred Allen premiered "Allen's Alley," a recurring sketch on his CBS radio show spoofing small-town America.

In 1947, Everglades National Park in Florida was dedicated by President Harry S. Truman.

In 1957, America's first attempt at putting a satellite into orbit failed as Vanguard TV3 rose about four feet off a Cape Canaveral launch pad before crashing down and exploding.

In 1967, three days after the first human heart transplant took place in South Africa, a surgical team at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York, led by Dr. Adrian Kantrowitz transplanted the heart of a brain-dead two-day-old baby boy into an 19-day-old infant who died six hours later.

In 1973, House minority leader Gerald R. Ford was sworn in as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew.

In 1982, 11 soldiers and six civilians were killed when an Irish National Liberation Army bomb exploded at a pub in Ballykelly, Northern Ireland.

In 1989, 14 women were shot to death at the University of Montreal's school of engineering by a man who then took his own life.

Ten years ago: CIA Director Michael Hayden revealed the agency had videotaped its interrogations of two terror suspects in 2002 and destroyed the tapes three years later out of fear they would leak to the public and compromise the identities of U.S. questioners; the disclosure brought immediate condemnation from Capitol Hill. Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney, speaking at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum in Texas, said his Mormon faith should neither help nor hinder his quest for the White House as he vowed to serve the interests of the nation, not the church, if elected president.

Five years ago: Shocking some of his closest Republican colleagues, Sen. Jim DeMint of South Carolina announced he would resign his seat to head Washington's conservative Heritage Foundation think tank. Marijuana possession became legal in Washington state, the day a measure approved by voters to regulate marijuana like alcohol took effect.

One year ago: President-elect Donald Trump officially announced he would nominate retired Marine Gen. James Mattis to be his defense secretary, bringing his pick onstage at a rally in Fayetteville, North Carolina; Mattis briefly addressed the crowd as he thanked Trump for choosing him.

Today's Birthdays: Comedy performer David Ossman is 81. Actor Patrick Bauchau is 79. Country singer Helen Cornelius is 76. Actor James Naughton is 72. Former Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood is 72. Rhythm-and-blues singer Frankie Beverly (Maze) is 71. Former Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., is 69. Actress JoBeth Williams is 69. Actor Tom Hulce is 64. Actor Wil Shriner is 64. Actor Kin Shriner is 64. Actor Miles Chapin is 63. Rock musician Rick Buckler (The Jam) is 62. Comedian Steven Wright is 62. Country singer Bill Lloyd is 62. Singer Tish Hinojosa is 62. Rock musician Peter Buck (R.E.M.) is 61. Rock musician David Lovering

(Pixies) is 56. Actress Janine Turner is 55. Rock musician Ben Watt (Everything But The Girl) is 55. Writer-director Judd Apatow is 50. Rock musician Ulf "Buddha" Ekberg (Ace of Base) is 47. Writer-director Craig Brewer is 46. Actress Colleen Haskell is 41. Actress Lindsay Price is 41. Actress Ashley Madekwe is 36. Actress Nora Kirkpatrick is 33. Christian rock musician Jacob Chesnut (Rush of Fools) is 28. Tennis player CoCo Vandeweghe is 26. NFL quarterback Johnny Manziel is 25.

***Thought for Today: "When you have exhausted all possibilities, remember this - you haven't." - Thomas Edison, American inventor (1847-1931).***

## 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.

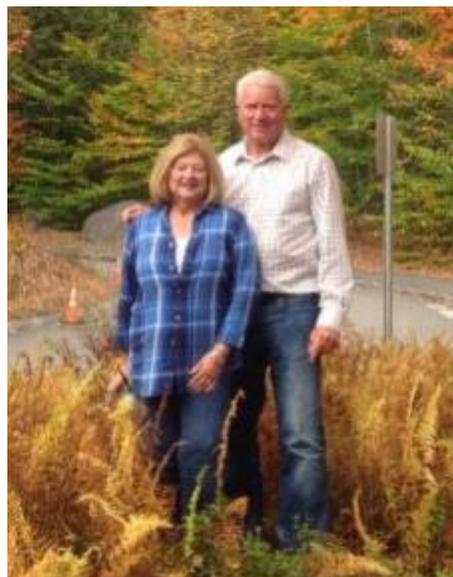
- **"A silly mistake that you make"** - a chance to 'fess up with a memorable mistake in your journalistic career.

- **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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