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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning!

Montana's Dimple Knees Sex Scandal

We have a considerable number of authors among the Connecting readership, but I am betting none has written a book with a more intriguing title than this.

Enter our colleague **John Kuglin** (**Email**) - whose newest book tells about Beverly Snodgrass, a prostitute in the old mining town of Butte, who falls in love with a crooked politician, whom she nicknamed "Dimple Knees."

We lead with a review of the book in in the Daily Inter Lake of Kalispell, Montana. John worked for the AP for 31 years in Spokane, Cheyenne and Helena, and retired in 2005 as AP's bureau chief for Montana and Wyoming.

Connecting shares the following from our colleague **Sally Buzbee** on services for her father in law, **Richard E. Buzbee**, longtime editor and publisher of newspapers in Hutchinson and Olathe, Kansas, who died June 6 at the age of 86:



John Kuglin

The funeral service will be held at 1 pm Saturday (June 23) at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 1602 N Main St, Hutchinson, Kansas. There will be a reception on the upper floor of the church following the service and the family would be happy to have visitors at the home afterward.

Have a good day!

Paul

Author exposes Butte underbelly - for second time

By FRANK MIELE

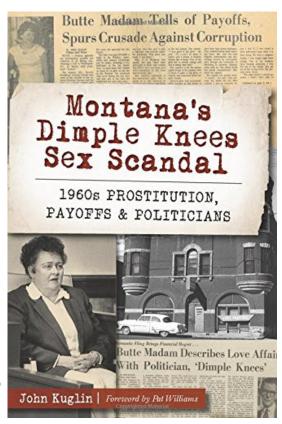
Daily Inter Lake, Kalispell, Montana

The 1960s were another era. Fifty years ago, everything was different. Politics, religion, morality, journalism - if you didn't live through it, you would never even

recognize it as the same America we live in today.

There are certain bellwether events, people, and places that define the era for most of us. Vietnam and the anti-war movement; the Kennedys and Martin Luther King Jr., then their assassinations; the Beatles and Lawrence Welk; the Summer of Love and Charles Manson. Historians will be busy for centuries trying to sort through the paradoxes, contradictions and outright lies that we told ourselves as we lived one life on the outside and another on the inside.

Montana, too, had its paradoxes, none of which was more self-evident than the city of Butte - nicknamed the Richest Hill on Earth - where the finery of unimaginable wealth mingled with the blackened faces of hardrock miners, where the Catholic Church held sway on Sunday morning but where gambling, boozing and prostitution stayed up late seven nights a week.



That wild era has been brought to life by author John Kuglin in his new book "Montana's Dimple Knees Sex Scandal," and no one was in a better position to tell the story.

It was Kuglin who in 1968 wrote the expose in the Great Falls Tribune that started the long, slow, hesitant reform of Butte from a "wide-open city" to a reluctantly civil society. His first story was bannered across the top of the front page with a headline that read, "Butte Madam Tells of Payoffs, Spurs Crusade Against Corruption."

Read more here. Shared by William Shearn.

Click here for an Amazon link to the book.

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Reuniting with my first editor - who made a difference in my career



Rus Lodi (left) and Harry Weber reunite.

Harry Weber (Email) - AP from 2000-2012, in Concord, NH, Atlanta, and New Orleans during the Gulf oil spill - It was the summer of 1996 and I was just out of journalism school, barely 23. Out of the 40 newspapers around the country that I had applied to, only one would offer me a tryout, a small daily in Framingham, Massachusetts, called The Middlesex News. Rus Lodi was my first editor. He was tough. It was clear early on that despite my aggressive reporting style and enthusiasm, my judgment in the decisions I was making weren't always the best. I remember vividly the day Rus called me into a conference room and told me that I should consider whether I was cut out to be a reporter, that perhaps I should do something else with my life. I remember going home that night and crying my eyes out. What was I going to do? I knew I couldn't go back to Maryland. Instead, I picked myself up and reapplied myself. Rus could have fired me. But it was almost like he wanted to test me to see if I could make it or not. My decision to stick it out turned out to be the right one. So many good things have flowed since that day, both in my journalism career and personal life. I know that had I made a different decision, I surely would never have worked at AP, which means I never would have moved to Atlanta and had a family of my own. On Saturday, I got to reunite with Rus and so many other people I worked with at the newspaper in Framingham. I feel truly blessed.

A reminder of the time Ted Smits fired me

Arnold Zeitlin (Email) - Hal Bock's piece about Ted Smits hiring him reminded me of the time Ted Smits fired me, Paul.

I was working on the nightside sports desk in New York in 1958, happy as any young sports-minded reporter could be, when Ted told me he had to fire me.

"Why?" I asked. I had contributed stories and was doing well, I thought.

He explained that NY sports was so deep in older talent (Murray Rose being one name I remember) that it would be a long time before I was able to move up and the powers-that-be wanted me to get out and do more general reporting.

I was actually given a choice of spots to fill. Instead of going to the New York news bureau, I decided to go back to my home town, Philadelphia, so I could move back to my parents' home there.

By December 1959, I had left the Philadelphia bureau to work as a TV columnist for the Hearst Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph.

Hal mentioned Jim Kensil and the Olympics, both factors in my return to AP in 1964.

I had left Pittsburgh in 1961 to join the very first Peace Corps group sent into the field (to Ghana). By 1964, I was back in New York working on a book about my Peace Corps experience for Doubleday.

The only AP person who knew I was back in New York was Jim Kensil, then working at NY sports. Jim and I were classmates working as undergraduates for the Daily Pennsylvanian, the campus newspaper at the University of Pennsylvania. In fact, I beat out Jim for the job of sports editor. I did not want anyone else at AP to know I was in town because I feared they would tempt with a job offer and I would not finish the book.

As I was finishing the book, Jim called and asked If I would be willing to work overnight hours in New York to help coverage during the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. I agreed. My former mentor, Herb Barker, a general desk supervisor, saw me on the

fourth floor and asked me to return to the general desk as an editor. which I did, warning him that I was planning to accept a fellowship at the Columbia J-school.

I worked the general desk until the year-long fellowship started, then returned to the general desk in May 1966, asking to be considered for an overseas post. By August 1966, I was covering a military coup in Nigeria.

Jim, by the way, was responsible for my starting work for AP. In the fall of 1955, I was a student on the GI Bill of Rights at the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism. By November, the tuition money the government promised under the GI bill had not shown up. I called Jim, then working at AP Columbus, told him I was starving and needed a job. He sent me to Orlo Robertson, then the AP deputy sports editor in New York. Orlo got me a job as a general desk copy boy. By March 1956, I was working as a summer replacement editor on the general desk.

he rest is history, Paul. I hope you don't mind the nostalgic wandering.

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Milwaukee staffers, past and present



Current and former AP Milwaukee staffers got together for a mini-reunion on Saturday night. Pictured from left to right are Michelle Johnson, Carrie Antlfinger, Dave DeGrace, Gretchen Ehlke and Dinesh Ramde.

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The Denver Post photo staff, around 1950



John Epperson (Email) - I retrieved this from my collection as there has been a good bit of copy recently about early wirephoto days and use of vintage Speed Graphic 4 x 5 film cameras. As well as copy on The Denver Post as well.

This photo was given to me by our head darkroom manager many years ago. He has since passed and I have little information except that this is supposedly the Denver Post photo staff in about 1950. It is in front of Denver Post building which is now at least three buildings ago.

The old truck in photo was supposed to travel to major stories and was equipped with a shooting platform on top and a mobile film processing area inside. I have no idea what the mention of wirephoto on the side is supposed to represent.

In the photo I counted among the staff of photographers, 8 of the well-known Speed Graphic press cameras, one twin lens Rolliflex which used roll film and one 35mm rangefinder Leica camera.

Photographer details the emotional moment that created viral border photo of crying toddler



Photo by John Moore/Getty Images

By ABC News

(NEW YORK) - Dozens of harrowing images have rippled across the country from the southern border in recent weeks, but one that has caught the attention of many shows a crying 2-year-old girl who looked on as her mother was searched by U.S. Border Patrol agents.

"These folks, they didn't know what was about to happen" with the policy leading to the separation of families, photographer John Moore told ABC News. "They had no idea, and I did and that's what made this different for me." Moore, a special correspondent and senior staff photographer for Getty Images, was doing a ride-along with a Customs and Border Patrol agent when they saw a group of roughly 20 mothers and children late on June 12, "gathered on a dirt road" in a part of the Rio Grande Valley called El Rincon.

They approached the group and the mother, whose name he did not learn, who was holding her young daughter in her arms.

Moore said that he saw the mother was breastfeeding her daughter "to keep her calm" and, later, one of the agents asked the mother to put her daughter down.

"Once the mother put her on the ground she started screaming immediately," Moore said.

Read more here.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Hundreds of Washington Post employees sign apetition slamming billionaire owner Jeff Bezos' 'shocking pay practices', asking for 'fair wages' and urging him to 'share the wealth' (Daily Mail)

By STEPHANIE HANEY

More than 400 employees of The Washington Post have signed on to a public letter to owner Jeff Bezos asking him to remedy working conditions at the newspaper, after more than a year of unsuccessful negotiation with upper management.

'All we are asking for is fairness for each and every employee who contributed to this company's success: fair wages; fair benefits for retirement, family leave and health care; and a fair amount of job security,' the petition read.

'More than 400 of our colleagues have signed this petition, and they're just asking you to listen,' Global Opinions editor Karen Attiah said in the video that

accompanied the written petition.

The petition was shared on Twitter by the Post Guild on Thursday, which was one day after Bezos tweeted about Thursday being the one year anniversary of him asking his social media following for ideas for philanthropy.

Bezos, who is also the founder, chairman, and chief executive officer of Amazon, could not immediately be reached for comment on the petition.

Read more here. Shared by Paul Shane.

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Americans grapple with recognizing facts in news stories: Pew survey

By Angela Moon

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Only a quarter of U.S. adults in a recent survey could fully identify factual statements - as opposed to opinion - in news stories, the Pew Research Center found in a study released on Monday.

The survey comes amid growing concerns about so-called fake news spread on the internet and social media. The term generally refers to fabricated news that has no basis in fact but is presented as being factually accurate.

Facebook Inc, Alphabet Inc's Google and other tech companies have recently come under scrutiny for failing to promptly tackle the problem of fake news as more Americans consume news on social media platforms.

The main portion of Pew's survey polled 5,035 adult Americans aged 18 and above in February and March. The study was intended to determine if respondents could differentiate between factual information and opinion statements in news stories.

Read more **here**. Shared by Mark Mittelstadt.

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Veteran journalist named top editor of Los Angeles Times



In this 2005 file photo, former Time magazine Editor in Chief Norman Pearlstine speaks at a conference in Grapevine, Texas. (AP Photo/Rex C. Curry)

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Veteran journalist Norman Pearlstine, a leader at media giants including Time, Bloomberg and the Wall Street Journal, was named executive editor of the Los Angeles Times on Monday, when the paper's new owner officially took control.

Pearlstine, 75, had been serving for two months as an adviser to Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiong, who spent \$500 million to buy the Times, San Diego Union-Tribune, Spanish-language newspaper Hoy and some community newspapers from Chicagobased Tronc. Pearlstine created a transition plan that he will now help execute, the Times said.

"There's no agenda, other than to make this the best journalistic institution," Soon-Shiong said in a statement.

Pearlstine becomes the Times' fourth top editor in less than a year - and its 18th since the newspaper began publishing in 1881. He succeeds Jim Kirk, whose seven-month tenure culminated with the sale of the paper.

Read more here. Shared by Adolphe Bernotas.

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Former Mexico President Vicente Fox joins High Times board

By MICHAEL R. BLOOD

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Former Mexico President Vicente Fox, who calls himself a soldier in the global campaign to legalize marijuana, is joining the board of directors of venerable cannabis publication High Times to advance his agenda.

Speaking with The Associated Press about his views on cannabis and his new appointment, Fox said he foresees a day when a robust legal marketplace will produce new jobs and medicines while sharply reducing cartel violence in his home country.

He also sees pot being part of the North American Free Trade Agreement among Mexico, Canada and the U.S., where some 30 states are embracing legalized marijuana in some form.

Read more **here**. Shared by Adolphe Bernotas.

Today in History - June 19, 2018



By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, June 19, the 170th day of 2018. There are 195 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 19, 1953, Julius Rosenberg, 35, and his wife, Ethel, 37, convicted of conspiring to pass U.S. atomic secrets to the Soviet Union, were executed at Sing Sing Prison in Ossining, New York.

On this date:

In 1775, George Washington was commissioned by the Continental Congress as commander in chief of the Continental Army.

In 1865, Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War was over, and that all remaining slaves in Texas were free - an event celebrated to this day as "Juneteenth."

In 1867, Maximilian I, emperor of Mexico, was executed by firing squad a month after being taken prisoner by the forces of President Benito Juarez. The inaugural running of the Belmont Stakes took place; the winner was a filly named Ruthless.

In 1868, "Tales from the Vienna Woods," a waltz by Johann Strauss "the Younger," was first publicly performed by Strauss' orchestra.

In 1917, during World War I, King George V ordered the British royal family to dispense with German titles and surnames; the family took the name "Windsor."

In 1938, four dozen people were killed when a railroad bridge in Montana collapsed, sending a train known as the Olympian hurtling into Custer Creek.

In 1944, during World War II, the two-day Battle of the Philippine Sea began, resulting in a decisive victory for the Americans over the Japanese.

In 1952, the U.S. Army Special Forces, the elite unit of fighters known as the Green Berets, was established at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The celebrity-panel game show "I've Got A Secret" debuted on CBS-TV.

In 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was approved by the U.S. Senate, 73-27, after surviving a lengthy filibuster.

In 1978, the comic strip "Garfield," created by Jim Davis, was first published in 41 newspapers. The Alicia Bridges single "I Love the Nightlife (Disco Round)" was released by Polydor Records.

In 1986, University of Maryland basketball star Len Bias, the first draft pick of the Boston Celtics, suffered a fatal cocaine-induced seizure. Artificial heart recipient Murray P. Haydon died in Louisville, Kentucky, after 16 months on the man-made pump.

In 1999, author Stephen King was seriously injured when he was struck by a van driven by Bryan Smith in North Lovell, Maine. Britain's Prince Edward married commoner Sophie Rhys-Jones (rees johnz) in Windsor, England.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush surveyed the aftermath of devastating floods during a quick tour of the Midwest, assuring residents and rescuers alike that he was listening to their concerns and understood their exhaustion. Democrat Barack Obama announced he would bypass public financing for the presidential election, even though Republican John McCain was accepting it.

Five years ago: Afghan President Hamid Karzai (HAH'-mihd KAHR'-zeye) suspended talks with the United States on a new security deal to protest the way his government was left out of initial peace negotiations with the Taliban. President Barack Obama, speaking in front of Berlin's Brandenburg Gate, pledged to cut

deployed U.S. nuclear weapons by one-third if Cold War foe Russia did the same. Actor James Gandolfini, 51, died while vacationing in Rome. Country singer Slim Whitman, 90, died in Orange Park, Florida.

One year ago: Otto Warmbier (WARM'-beer), a 22-year-old American college student released by North Korea in a coma after more than a year in captivity, died in a Cincinnati hospital. A man drove a van into worshippers near a London mosque, killing one man and injuring a dozen others; a suspect was later sentenced to at least 43 years in prison.

Today's Birthdays: Pop singer Tommy DeVito (The Four Seasons) is 90. Actress Gena (JEH'-nuh) Rowlands is 88. Hall of Fame race car driver Shirley Muldowney is 78. Singer Spanky McFarlane (Spanky and Our Gang) is 76. Nobel peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi (soo chee) is 73. Author Sir Salman Rushdie is 71. Actress Phylicia Rashad is 70. Rock singer Ann Wilson (Heart) is 68. Musician Larry Dunn is 65. Actress Kathleen Turner is 64. Country singer Doug Stone is 62. Singer Mark DeBarge is 59. Singer-dancer-choreographer Paula Abdul is 56. Actor Andy Lauer is 55. Rock singer-musician Brian Vander Ark (Verve Pipe) is 54. Actor Samuel West is 52. Actress Mia Sara is 51. TV personality Lara Spencer is 49. Rock musician Brian "Head" Welch is 48. Actor Jean Dujardin is 46. Actress Robin Tunney is 46. Actor Bumper Robinson is 44. Actress Poppy Montgomery is 43. Alt-country singermusician Scott Avett (AY'-veht) (The Avett Brothers) is 42. Actor Ryan Hurst is 42. Actress Zoe Saldana is 40. Actress Lauren Lee Smith is 38. Rapper Macklemore (Macklemore and Ryan Lewis) is 35. Actor Paul Dano is 34. Actor Giacomo Gianniotti is 29. Actor Chuku Modu (TV: "The Good Doctor") is 28. Actor Atticus Shaffer is 20.

Thought for Today: "To seek fulfillment is to invite frustration." - Jiddu Krishnamurti, Indian author and philosopher (1895-1986).

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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