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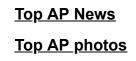
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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning!

Is Connecting colleague **Tim Dahlberg** the only AP staffer who is also an AP member - at the same time?

Tim is a national sports columnist for AP based in Las Vegas - he was honored with induction into the Nevada Newspaper Hall of Fame last week. But he is also is a partner with **Sherm Frederick**, former publisher of the Las Vegas Review-Journal, in ownership of six Nevada weekly newspapers, four of which are AP members.

He tells the story in our lead article for today's issue.

Is dictating a story a lost skill? And have laptops and iPhones supplanted dictation?

That's a question Randy Evans poses to his Connecting colleagues - both to those still working in journalism and those of us who are retired.

"I can imagine some of the conditions under which AP folks had to dictate back in the day," Randy wrote, sharing this Facebook post from a former fellow Des Moines Register colleague Dan Piller, talking about his internship at the Milwaukee Journal in 1969:

Piller wrote that when at The Journal, a PMs newspaper at the time with a noon deadline, "I had no time to come back to the office to write a story, but had to gather police or court details as they came in and phone them to the rewrite desk (I called directly, not through "sweetie."). The desk consisted of a half dozen hard-boiled characters who were notably short on patience. In short order, I learned to call in facts and quotes well organized for a story. When I began my full-time career with the Register a year later, I discovered that I had accidentally picked up a valuable skill in Milwaukee; the ability to phone in a ready-to-print story on the fly without a typewriter. The late, great Larry Fruhling once kidded me that my stories dictated from the field were better than the ones I wrote on paper. But that long-forgotten skill served me well many times in later years before the advent of the portable laptop, iPhone and email."

Got a favorite story about your days of dictating stories to the desk? That applies to those of you still working. Send them along to share with your colleagues.

Correction: In Monday's Connecting, birthday guy Bud Weydert's email was listed incorrectly. It should be - third of ten@hotmail.com

Have a great day!

Paul

Tim Dahlberg - AP journalist and AP member



Outside the Eureka Sentinel Museum, where the newspaper was published from 1879 to 1960.

Tim Dahlberg (Email) - A few people asked about how an AP staffer became a newspaper owner, after the Connecting piece about my induction in the Nevada Newspaper Hall of Fame. AP sports editor Michael Giarrusso mentioned it in his comments, saying "most people don't know he is the only AP staffer who is also a member. He and his team of investors own several Nevada local papers, and he makes sure they take AP."

It's true I draw a paycheck from the AP and also send them money every month. I made sure as we acquired our newspapers that we became associate members for most of our papers and, of course, the AP delivers for us every day. Sometimes I even get an AP byline in some of our papers!

My partner in our company, Battle Born Media (named after the state motto Battle Born), is Sherm Frederick, who I started with the same night at the Las Vegas Review Journal when we were both very wet behind the ears. I was the night police reporter and he was the night meetings intern, so of course I took him under my wing to show him how to be a real reporter.



Sherm Frederick

I must have taught him well because Sherm would eventually go on to become publisher of the RJ and president of the Stephens Media Group. I moved on to the AP, and since 2003 my job as been national sports columnist.

Sherm and I formed our company in 2011 and bought our first paper, the Mineral County Independent News. The weekly paper is in Hawthorne, Nev., a town known for the large munitions depot that has stored bombs and other ordnance for the armed forces since World War II. Hawthorne is located next to Walker Lake and is also a highway stop for those traveling between Las Vegas and Reno. It bills itself as ``America's Patriotic Home" and the Armed Forces Day celebration every year in May is the biggest event in town with a parade, fireworks and all kinds of patriotic fun.



Tim Dahlberg at US Open

We have added five other papers since, bringing the total to six. My son, Eric, is managing editor of two of the papers and an integral cog in making sure the company runs smoothly.

The other papers are:

Sparks Tribune - This is the paper where I got my start in journalism while attending the University of Nevada, Reno. I was sports editor, photographer, delivery boy and chief bottle washer back in the 1970s, so buying the paper where I started was very satisfying to me Sparks is a vibrant city located next to Reno and the paper has been in existence since 1910.

Ely Times - Ely is not an easy place to get to, located about 240 miles northeast of Las Vegas near the Utah border. It is beautiful country and Ely has long been a mining town, with all the trials and tribulations of mining towns. It is also the gateway to one of the least visited but most beautiful national parks, the Great Basin National Park, and is home to the famous Hotel Nevada.

Mesquite Local News - Mesquite is a town of about 20,000 that has a large percentage of retirees, drawn by a large Sun City development and numerous golf courses. It sits off I-15 on the California-Nevada border amid scenic cliffs and mountains.

Lincoln County Record - The biggest towns in Lincoln County are Caliente and Pioche, a historic mining town. This is a sparsely populated county bigger than many states, and the paper has been part of the community for decades.

Eureka Sentinel - Our smallest paper, the Eureka Sentinel serves the people of Eureka, a beautiful town in the high desert of central Nevada.

(Sparks, Hawthorne, Ely and Eureka are AP members.)

Of course, everyone knows the challenges of the newspaper business these days, and it is not always easy. But we are the only news choice in most of our towns, and they rely on their weekly newspapers to give them the news and information that they can't find elsewhere.

We're proud to own and operate these papers, and to be a vital part of the communities they serve. We're also proud to offer them news from the gold standard that is the Associated Press.

Book Review:

A Positive Pathway for Veterans

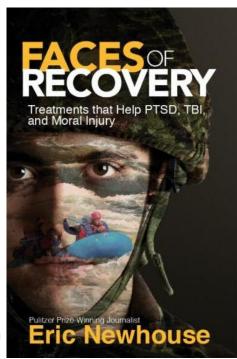
Julie Davey (Email) - To merely categorize Pulitzer-Prize-winning author (and Connecting colleague) Eric Newhouse's latest writing Faces of Recovery as "a book" is misleading. In actuality, it is several books in one, with varied readeraudiences.

Its subtitle, Treatments that Help PTSD, TBI and Moral Injury, covers vastly more information as well, including research, personal stories, interviews, perspectives, and compelling examples aimed at educating military veterans, their family members, veterans' counselors, civilians, and decision-makers in our Veterans Administration.

His writing is in-depth; his reporting focuses on various past weaknesses and some current improvements slowly being made to assist veterans, but his ultimate conclusions are uplifting and positive.

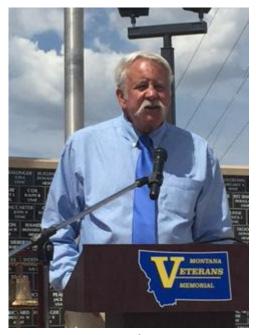
There is hope for those suffering from war's "invisible wounds" as well as those with more obvious scars. Many people who never faced combat but who suffer from PTSD and other injuries can learn methods to help them begin healing.

What readers will discover is an overview of how millions of American veterans and their families continue daily to confront issues that resulted from what they experienced first-hand in battle or witnessed as journalists/photo-journalists, or as



military and medical personnel. Some never left our shores and yet have PTSD symptoms years after the original incidents occurred. Clearly, our society may be experiencing a vast and complex general condition: soul injury.

Newhouse's numerous personal interviews combined with gut-wrenching and detailed stories are reinforced by scientific research and statistics backed by reliable medical studies and decades of veterans' data which leave no doubt that prolonged combat increases emotional and physical injury.



Eric Newhouse

A veteran himself, Newhouse reveals in a stunning description how he was suddenly, personally, and emotionally affected when, for the first time, he stood in front of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington. He had served in the Army, but since he was never deployed to Vietnam, he felt he had left the service unscathed.

It was his psychological experience at "The Wall" that triggered his mission to seek help for those millions of Americans who served, both in combat and on the home-front, still suffering the effects of lost innocence.

Memories of actions resulting in killing someone during combat can also cause life-

long guilt and trauma, if left to fester. Moral injury, as he terms it, can be as catastrophic as brain injuries.

Newhouse often speaks to veterans' groups and those who counsel vets. He consults with Veterans Administration planners, interviews those veterans and civilians who, through military service or their civilian jobs, have suffered everything from "shell-shock," a term used following WWII, to PTSD and TBI or moral injury from Vietnam or Middle East combat.

His book also includes revealing writings and interviews from many combat vets as well as one woman journalist who witnessed, solely on television, a major natural disaster with resulting deaths when her hometown of New Orleans was forever changed. Still today, although improving, she is re-living some of the images. Newhouse outlines successful techniques and approaches to make progress on what can be a slow-but-sure road to recovery.

Having taught Marines and sailors for the past several years at Camp Pendleton in a volunteer program called, "Writing for Strength," I am honored to be mentioned in Newhouse's latest release, a sequel to his *Faces of Combat*, used extensively in counseling and other educational programs to help veterans and others start to recoup their lives. His books are essential for those working with veterans. Counselors and chaplains who attended my program consider Newhouse's methods vital for connecting with and helping vets begin their healing process. Individual Marines and sailors who participate in Camp Pendleton's program report finding his techniques something they need to continue to practice. Newhouse shows how writing, physical exercise, counseling and education can be combined to assist those who are injured.

He continues to dedicate his own life to making a difference in the lives of others. **Faces of Recovery** is the latest of his superb guidebooks for those in need.

Julie Davey, Writing for Strength Program, Camp Pendleton

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Erdogan demands that Saudis prove missing journalist left their consulate alive (Washington Post)

By Erin Cunningham and Kareem Fahim

ISTANBUL - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan demanded Monday that Saudi Arabia prove that journalist Jamal Khashoggi left the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul on his own, as Saudi officials have repeatedly asserted, after he disappeared last week while inside the mission.

Erdogan's comments were his most direct suggestion yet of potential Saudi culpability in Khashoggi's disappearance. But other Turkish officials have said they believe that Khashoggi was killed by Saudi agents inside the consulate.

"Do you not have cameras and everything of the sort?" Erdogan said of the consular officials. "They have all of them. Then why do you not prove this? You need to prove it."

Turkey's Foreign Ministry summoned the Saudi ambassador to urge "full cooperation" in the investigation into Khashoggi's disappearance, the official

Anadolu news agency said Monday.

Read more here.

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Why a road on Florida's Gulf Coast is named after a newspaper in Ohio (Poynter)



BY REN LAFORME

A peculiar sight greets travelers moving up or down I-75 on Florida's Gulf Coast.

Not the Ellenton Premium Outlets mall, with its parking lots full of Canadian license plates over a thousand miles from the nearest northern border. Not the multiple indoor ice rinks in a state that almost never sees the stuff naturally.

I'm talking about Toledo Blade Boulevard, an 8.4-mile thoroughfare in North Port, Florida, named after a newspaper some 1,200 miles away.

Just as retirees and sun-seekers from New England often follow I-95 to Florida's east coast, I-75 tends to siphon folks from the Great Lakes region to the western side of the Sunshine State. But for someone to enshrine the name of a newspaper as a road, especially when the news media isn't exactly the country's most popular thing? That seems a little more notable.

It all started with a reporter.

Read more here. Shared by Paul Albright.

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Newsroom employees earn less than other college-educated workers in U.S. (Pew)

BY ELIZABETH GRIECO

Newsroom employees are more than twice as likely as other U.S. workers to be college graduates. But they tend to make less money than college-educated workers in other industries, according to a Pew Research Center analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data.

Nearly eight-in-ten (79%) newsroom employees in the newspaper, broadcasting and internet publishing industries - including reporters, editors, photographers and videographers - have at least a college degree, according to the analysis of 2012-2016 American Community Survey data. Among employees in all other occupations and industries, only about a third (36%) have graduated from college. Very few newsroom employees have a high school education or less (4%), compared with a third of all other workers.

Read more **here**. Shared by John Hartzell.

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CPJ Safety Advisory: Pegasus spyware used to target journalists, civil society



Mexican journalist Carmen Aristegui holds her mobile phone during a press conference in Mexico City in 2017 about governments using spyware to target journalist. (AFP/Alfredo Estrella)

In a report published on September 18, Citizen Lab said it had detected Pegasus, a spyware created for mobile devices, in over 45 countries. Pegasus, which transforms a cellphone into a mobile surveillance station, could have been deployed against a range of journalists and civil society actors in Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Morocco, Togo, Israel, the U.S., and the United Arab Emirates, the report found.

Researchers have previously identified a number of major Pegasus campaigns, including one against investigative journalists in Mexico, and another against human rights workers in Saudi Arabia. The spyware's presence in 45 countries raises significant implications for journalists, both in terms of their own security as well as the safety of their sources.

The spyware gives the attacker the ability to monitor, record, and collect existing and future data from the phone. This includes calls and information from messaging applications and real-time location data. The spyware is able to remotely activate the camera and microphone to surveil the target and their surroundings.

Read more here. Shared by Paul Albright.

Today in History - October 9, 2018



By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 9, the 282nd day of 2018. There are 83 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 9, 1776, a group of Spanish missionaries settled in present-day San Francisco.

On this date:

In 1888, the public was first admitted to the Washington Monument.

In 1910, a coal dust explosion at the Starkville Mine in Colorado left 56 miners dead.

In 1914, the Belgian city of Antwerp fell to German forces during World War I.

In 1930, Laura Ingalls became the first woman to fly across the United States as she completed a nine-stop journey from Roosevelt Field, N.Y., to Glendale, Calif.

In 1936, the first generator at Boulder (later Hoover) Dam began transmitting electricity to Los Angeles.

In 1958, Pope Pius XII died at age 82, ending a 19-year papacy. (He was succeeded by Pope John XXIII.)

In 1967, Marxist revolutionary guerrilla leader Che Guevara, 39, was summarily executed by the Bolivian army a day after his capture.

In 1985, the hijackers of the Achille Lauro (ah-KEE'-leh LOW'-roh) cruise liner surrendered two days after seizing the vessel in the Mediterranean. (Passenger Leon Klinghoffer was killed by the hijackers during the standoff.)

In 1995, a sabotaged section of track caused an Amtrak train, the Sunset Limited, to derail in Arizona; one person was killed and about 80 were injured (the case remains unsolved).

In 2001, in the first daylight raids since the start of U.S.-led attacks on Afghanistan, jets bombed the Taliban stronghold of Kandahar. Letters postmarked in Trenton, N.J., were sent to Sens. Tom Daschle and Patrick Leahy; the letters later tested positive for anthrax.

In 2006, North Korea faced a barrage of condemnation and calls for retaliation after it announced that it had set off a small atomic weapon underground; President Bush said, "The international community will respond."

In 2009, President Barack Obama was named the recipient of the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize for what the Norwegian Nobel Committee called "his extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples."

Ten years ago: Calm gave way to fear in financial markets, turning a relatively steady day into a rout that pushed the Dow Jones industrials below 9,000 - to 8,579.19 - for the first time in five years. Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clezio of France won the Nobel Prize in literature.

Five years ago: The United States announced it was cutting hundreds of millions of dollars in aid to Egypt in response to the ouster of President Mohamed Morsi and the crackdown by the military-backed government on his supporters. Critic, author and editor Stanley Kauffmann, 97, died in New York.

One year ago: Declaring, "The war on coal is over," EPA chief Scott Pruitt said he would sign a new rule overriding the Clean Power Plan, an effort from the Obama administration to limit carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants. ESPN suspended anchor Jemele Hill for two weeks for making political statements on social media: Hill had referred to President Donald Trump as a "white supremacist" in a series of tweets. Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, at 84 the oldest current senator, announced that she would seek another term. The bodies of 100-year-old Charles Rippey and his 98-year-old wife Sara were found in the ruins of their Northern California home; they were among the victims of two deadly wildfires in the region.

Today's Birthdays: Retired MLB All-Star Joe Pepitone is 78. Former Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., is 77. C-SPAN founder Brian Lamb is 77. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nona Hendryx is 74. Singer Jackson Browne is 70. Nobel Peace laureate Jody Williams is 68. Actor Gary Frank is 68. Actor Richard Chaves is 67. Actor Robert Wuhl is 67. Actress-TV personality Sharon Osbourne is 66. Actor Tony Shalhoub is 65. Actor Scott Bakula is 64. Musician James Fearnley (The Pogues) is 64. Actor John O'Hurley is 64. Writer-producer-director-actor Linwood Boomer is 63. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Mike Singletary is 60. Actor Michael Pare is 60. Jazz musician Kenny Garrett is 58. Rock singer-musician Kurt Neumann (The BoDeans) is 57. Country singer Gary Bennett is 54. Movie director Guillermo del Toro is 54. Former British Prime Minister David Cameron is 52. Singer P.J. Harvey is 49. Movie director Steve McQueen (Film: "12 Years a Slave") is 49. World Golf Hall of Famer Annika Sorenstam is 48. Actress Cocoa Brown is 46. Country singer Tommy Shane Steiner is 45. Actor Steve Burns is 45. Rock singer Sean Lennon is 43. Actor Randy Spelling is 40. Christian hip-hop artist Lecrae is 39. Actor Brandon Routh is 39. Actor Zachery Ty Bryan is 37. Actress Spencer Grammer is 35. Comedian Melissa Villasenor (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 31. Actor Tyler James Williams is 26. Country singer Scotty McCreery (TV: "American Idol") is 25.

Thought for Today: "It is not good for all our wishes to be filled; through sickness we recognize the value of health; through evil, the value of good; through hunger, the value of food; through exertion, the value of rest." -Dorothy Canfield Fisher, American author and essayist (1879-1958).

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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