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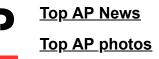


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Colleagues,

Good Friday morning on this the 26th day of April 2019,

We congratulate Oklahoma City AP newsman **Tim Talley** on his induction Thursday into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame. He's a 24-year veteran of the AP. Our colleague **Lindel Hutson**, himself a member of the Oklahoma Hall, brings us the story.

Today's issue also brings you a great Politico Magazine profile of one of our newest Connecting colleagues, photographer **Doug Mills** of The New York Times, who before joining the Times was chief White House photographer for the AP.

When Doug (Email) joined Connecting earlier this month, he wrote, "I still have a ton of AP blood in me!"

Have a great weekend!

Paul

Tim Talley inducted into Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame



Tim Talley (left) is pictured at the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame induction ceremony Thursday. Next to Talley, from left, Lindel Hutson, former Oklahoma AP bureau chief, and current AP staffers Ken A. Miller and Sean Murphy.

Lindel Hutson (Email) - Veteran Oklahoma AP staffer Tim Talley was inducted into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame on Thursday.

Talley came to Oklahoma City from the Baton Rouge Morning Advocate and State-Times in 1995 - a critical time for Oklahoma AP because of the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Murrah Federal Building which killed 168 people.

Talley covered Oklahoma state government, politics and courts for AP and distinguished himself as part of the team that covered the trials of Oklahoma City bombing conspirators Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols.

Talley was principally responsible for covering Nichols' lengthy 2004 trial in McAlester, Okla., on state murder charges.

He has covered the Oklahoma Legislature and state government since 1998.

Talley, a graduate of Louisiana State University, began his journalism career at radio stations WLCS-WQXY in Baton Rouge, La., in 1976 before moving to print at the Plaquemine (La) Post, where he earned many Louisiana Press Association awards for breaking news and in-depth coverage.

He co-authored the book ``Freeze" about the shooting death of a Japanese exchange student. The book was published in Japan in 1993.

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Donald Trump's Favorite Photographer Works for the New York Times



Photo/Pete Marovich for Politico Magazine

By CHRISTOPHER CADELAGO, POLITICO MAGAZINE

Earlier in his administration, as Donald Trump launched attack after attack on the mainstream media, a series of newspaper photographs caught his attention, in a good way. The photos all appeared in the New York Times, which Trump had branded the "enemy of the American people" and declared "failing." No matter. He was so enamored of the pictures that he asked the Times photographer who shot them, Doug Mills, for prints.

Mills had built a reputation as a prolific documenter of Trump, producing indelible images like a close-up of the president in the Cabinet Room, his hands crossed, the number "45" stitched in dark italics on his left cuff. Another Mills' photo showed Trump and his wife, first lady Melania Trump, at an inauguration welcome concert descending the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. In another, Ivanka Trump is walking off Air Force One at Joint Base Andrews after a trip to Pittsburgh with her father, her hair lifted by a breeze as Marine One looms behind.

When the president's prints arrived, he and Mills met for a brief exchange in the Oval Office, according to three people familiar with the meeting. And in a rare show of approbation for a member of the mainstream media, Trump personally thanked Mills for his work.

Mills has taken memorable photographs of presidents going back to Ronald Reagan. But he has found a new, perhaps surprising, admirer in Trump, who, for all of his cries of "fake news," has repeatedly singled out one photojournalist above all others for his omnipresence and talent.

Read more here.

Connecting mailbox

About the Iwo Jima photo stamp

Joe Galu (Email) - The Iwo Jima flag picture (in Wednesday's Connecting) was the basis for a postage stamp although it depicted living people -- something extreme rare in USPS history. There is also some discussion about one of the four men depicted, heard about it, don't remember if one of them was misidentified or what, but something real. I'm surprised the Smithsonian hasn't laid claim to it.

And this reply from **Hal Buell** (**Email**) - Use of the Iwo picture on postage stamps was more than something rare. It was the first time a living person appeared on a stamp. The PO first refused to issue a stamp because of its policy of no living persons would be pictured. But that kicked up a dust storm and politicians told the PO that they had to issue the stamp. And they did -- a 3cent stamp.



Purchasers of first-day issues were lined up around the block in summer heat to purchase copies. Other, but not many, living persons have appeared on stamps since.

Two flag raisers were misidentified. One about year after the photo appeared, and a second just a year ago. The recent misidentification involved John Bradley, the Navy corpsman. His son a few years ago published a very successful best seller, FLAGS

OF OUR FATHERS, and Clint Eastwood produced a movie of the same title. Much embarrassment ensued.

The errors were not attributed to Joe Rosenthal whose caption did not identify the flag raisers. He was too busy shooting the followup photos.

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FBI Warning....found in a newspaper during WWII



Shared by Dennis Conrad

New-member profile - Emily Persuad

Emily Persaud (Email) - I was the HR Manager from 2000-2008 based in New York. I supported many groups including Digital, Photos and AP Images.

After leaving AP, I went to work at AIG as an HR Manager. After 11 years there, I am the HR Business Partner for Arch Reinsurance based in Morristown, NJ. I've been married for 10 years and we have a 7year-old daughter named Samantha and a 4-year-old chocolate lab named Jax! John and I live in Scotch Plains, NJ.



Religion News Service, AP and The Conversation launch global religion journalism initiative

NEW YORK -- Religion News Foundation (RNF), Religion News Service (RNS), The Associated Press (AP) and The Conversation announced today the creation of a global religion journalism initiative, an effort to expand religion news reporting in the U.S. and around the world.

This initiative includes the creation of a joint global religion news desk aimed at providing balanced, nuanced coverage of major world religions, with an emphasis on explaining religious practices and principles behind current events and cultural movements.

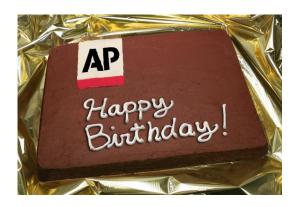
Staffed by journalists from RNS, a subsidiary of RNF, and AP and editors from The Conversation, an independent, nonprofit publisher of commentary and analysis sourced from academic experts, the desk will produce multiformat religion journalism intended to improve general understanding and analyze the significance of developments in the world of faith.

The initiative is funded by an 18-month, \$4.9 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to RNF. It is one of the largest investments in religion journalism in decades.

"The Global Religion Journalism Initiative grant fundamentally transforms religion journalism in the U.S. and globally," said Thomas Gallagher, president and CEO of the Religion News Foundation and CEO and publisher of RNS. "It is deeply affirming and humbling to be entrusted with this important grant, especially at a time when competent, reliable, professional religion journalism is needed more than ever."

Read more here.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

Lyra McKee: Standing ovation as priest challenges politicians (BBC News)

A priest received a standing ovation at Lyra McKee's funeral when he asked why it took her death to unite politicians.

Politicians attended a vigil in Londonderry after her murder, and also her funeral in Belfast on Wednesday.

Fr Martin Magill asked: "Why in God's name does it take the death of a 29-year-old woman with her whole life in front of her to get to this point?"

However, DUP MP Sammy Wilson said he was not convinced it marked a turning point to restore power-sharing.

Read more **here**. Shared by Bob Daugherty.

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Hackers could target the 2020 election. How will newsrooms respond if they release stolen data? (CNN Business)

By Oliver Darcy and Donie O'Sullivan, CNN Business

New York (CNN Business) - It's the last week of the 2020 presidential campaign. Donald Trump, running for his second term, is in a close race with his Democratic challenger. Then, shortly before Election Day, hacked material from the Democratic candidate's campaign is uploaded online.

How will newsrooms react? Will they decline to publish the material, for fear they could be aiding a foreign intelligence operation aimed at destabilizing the Democratic process? Or will they blanket the airwaves and newspapers with coverage because the hack reveals important information relevant to voters?

It's a hypothetical scenario -- but not one that is out of the question, given what happened in 2016 to Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton.

To be clear, it's not illegal for journalists to download and report on stolen documents -- given that they were not involved in the original hack or theft -- but since 2016, there has been some introspection about the ethics of publishing hacked documents online -- particularly when the motive of the hackers is unknown or brazenly aimed at stirring chaos ahead of an election.

But will anything really be different the next time around? Most of the news organizations that CNN Business contacted for this story did not reveal any sweeping changes to its rules about publishing hacked materials since the 2016 election. But they did make a case for publishing with care and context that is valuable to voters who read their stories.

Read more here.

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Thanks, Mr. President, for making Washington's glitziest dinner as dull as it should be. (Washington Post)

By Margaret Sullivan

Media columnist

For years, the White House Correspondents' Association annual dinner was an embarrassment.

Although, for many, an eagerly awaited and richly relished one.

It involved journalists cozying up to the government officials they are supposed to treat with a sense of adversarial independence, all while trying to get selfies with the likes of Helen Mirren, Jeff Goldblum and Scarlett Johansson.

"The main purpose of the evening," John Oliver quipped, "seems to be providing photos of glamorous celebrities completely unaware of who they're standing next to." President Trump has changed all that. By refusing to attend the dinner himself and by making the government-press relationship truly adversarial - "enemy of the people," etc. - he's sandblasted the high gloss off the party.

What's left is a high-minded journalism awards dinner, which is what the organizers, all along, defended it as.

Read more here.

The Final Word

His father installed printing presses. He dismantles them. (CJR)



By ERIC BERGER

WHEN JOEL BIRKET WAS A CHILD, his family moved to new cities for a year at a time so his father, William, could install printing presses at the major daily newspapers in Seattle and Minneapolis. "I saw all the different trades and effort that was put into making these presses work," Birket says. "It was just fascinating." Later, Birket-who entered the same line of work in 1994, and who now oversees his own shop specializing in machinery moving and press installations-opened drawers at printing plants and spotted his dad's handwriting on old drawings detailing the operations of a press.

Recently, Birket, who is 44, stood in the press room of the Nashville-based Tennessean for a different sort of job than the one his father so often performed. In 1989, Birket's dad had installed the Tennessean's printing press. Nearly three decades later, Birket had returned to take it apart.

Read more here.

Today in History - April 26, 2019



By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 26, the 116th day of 2019. There are 249 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 26, 1865, John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln, was surrounded by federal troops near Port Royal, Virginia, and killed.

On this date:

In 1564, William Shakespeare was baptized at Holy Trinity Church in Stratford-upon-Avon, England.

In 1607, English colonists went ashore at present-day Cape Henry, Virginia, on an expedition to establish the first permanent English settlement in the Western Hemisphere.

In 1777, during the American Revolutionary War, 16-year-old Sybil Ludington, the daughter of a militia commander in Dutchess County, New York, rode her horse into the night to alert her father's men of the approach of British regular troops.

In 1933, Nazi Germany's infamous secret police, the Gestapo, was created.

In 1945, Marshal Henri Philippe Petain (ahn-REE' fee-LEEP' pay-TAN'), the head of France's Vichy government during World War II, was arrested.

In 1968, the United States exploded beneath the Nevada desert a 1.3 megaton nuclear device called "Boxcar."

In 1977, the legendary nightclub Studio 54 had its opening night in New York.

In 1986, an explosion and fire at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine caused radioactive fallout to begin spewing into the atmosphere. (Dozens of people were killed in the immediate aftermath of the disaster while the long-term death toll from radiation poisoning is believed to number in the thousands.)

In 1989, actress-comedian Lucille Ball died at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles at age 77.

In 1994, voting began in South Africa's first all-race elections, resulting in victory for the African National Congress and the inauguration of Nelson Mandela as president. China Airlines Flight 140, a Taiwanese Airbus A-300, crashed while landing in Nagoya, Japan, killing 264 people; there were seven survivors.

In 2006, Whitney Cerak and Laura Van Ryn, two students at Indiana's Taylor University, were involved in a van-truck collision that killed five people; in a tragic mix-up that took five weeks to resolve, a seriously injured and comatose Cerak was mistakenly identified as Van Ryn, who had actually died in the crash and was buried by Cerak's family.

In 2008, police in Amstetten, Austria, arrested Josef Fritzl, freeing his daughter Elisabeth and her six surviving children whom he had fathered while holding her captive in a basement cell for 24 years. (Fritzl was later sentenced to life in a psychiatric ward.)

Ten years ago: The United States declared a public health emergency as more possible cases of swine flu surfaced from Canada to New Zealand; officials in Mexico City closed everything from concerts to sports matches to churches in an effort to stem the spread of the virus. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton made an unannounced visit to Lebanon, where she met with President Michel Suleiman.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama opened the first visit by a U.S. president in nearly half a century to Malaysia, the third stop on his weeklong goodwill trip through Asia. A British helicopter crashed in southern Afghanistan, killing five NATO troops.

One year ago: Bill Cosby was convicted of drugging and molesting Temple University employee Andrea Constand at his suburban Philadelphia mansion in 2004; it was the first big celebrity trial of the #MeToo era and completed the spectacular downfall of a comedian who broke racial barriers on his way to TV superstardom. (Cosby was later sentenced to three to 10 years in prison.) Mike Pompeo was sworn in as secretary of state, minutes after being confirmed by the Senate; he then flew immediately to Brussels for meetings at NATO headquarters. President Donald Trump's White House doctor, Ronny Jackson, withdrew his nomination to be Veterans Affairs secretary in the face of accusations of misconduct. Teachers in Arizona and Colorado converged on state capitols as they launched widespread walkouts in a bid for better pay and education funding. Four quarterbacks were chosen in the first 10 selections in the NFL draft, with the Cleveland Browns grabbing Heisman Trophy winner Baker Mayfield out of Oklahoma.

Today's Birthdays: Architect I.M. Pei is 102. Actress-comedian Carol Burnett is 86. Rhythm-and-blues singer Maurice Williams is 81. Songwriter-musician Duane Eddy is 81. Singer Bobby Rydell is 77. Rock musician Gary Wright is 76. Actress Nancy Lenehan is 66. Actor Giancarlo Esposito is 61. Rock musician Roger Taylor (Duran Duran) is 59. Actress Joan Chen is 58. Rock musician Chris Mars is 58. Actor-singer Michael Damian is 57. Actor Jet Li (lee) is 56. Rock musician Jimmy Stafford (Train) is 55. Actor-comedian Kevin James is 54. Record company executive Jeff Huskins is 53. Former U.S. Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey (TREHTH'-eh-way) is 53. Actress Marianne Jean-Baptiste is 52. Country musician Joe Caverlee (Yankee Grey) is 51. Rapper T-Boz (TLC) is 49. First lady Melania Trump is 49. Actress Shondrella Avery is 48. Actress Simbi Kali is 48. Country musician Jay DeMarcus (Rascal Flatts) is 48. Country musician Michael Jeffers (Pinmonkey) is 47. Rock musician Jose Pasillas (Incubus) is 43. Actor Jason Earles is 42. Actor Leonard Earl Howze is 42. Actor Amin Joseph is 42. Actor Tom Welling is 42. Actor Pablo Schreiber is 41. Actor Nyambi Nyambi is 40. Actress Jordana Brewster is 39. Actress Stana Katic is 39. Actress Marnette Patterson is 39. Actor Channing Tatum is 39. Americana/roots singer-songwriter Lilly Hiatt is 35. Actress Emily Wickersham is 35. Actor Aaron Weeks is 33. Electro pop musician James Sunderland (Frenship) is 32. New York Yankees outfielder Aaron Judge is 27.

Thought for Today: "Perfect order is the forerunner of perfect horror." - Carlos Fuentes, Mexican author (1928-2012).

Connecting calendar



June 20 - 25-Year Club Celebration, 5:30 - 8 p.m., AP headquarters, 200 Liberty Street, New York, NY. RSVP by May 10. RSVP online **here**. Any questions may be directed to recognition@ap.org

August 17 - Albany AP bureau reunion (including other upstate bureaus), 1-5 p.m., Marc and Carla Humbert residence on Tsatsawassa Lake, 68 Marginal Way, East Nassau, NY. Contact: Chris McKnight (Email).

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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