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## ***The Dallas Morning News* Listens to Subscribers: Creates Premium Digital Subscriber Experience**

**(DALLAS)** - *The Dallas Morning News* announced today it is creating a premium digital experience for subscribers and discontinuing its Subscriber Content strategy (aka paywall). Beginning Oct. 1, content from the *Morning News* will be accessible to everyone, free of charge.

Consumers can now opt to pay for their news in a premium digital experience environment that includes enhanced design and navigation, limited advertising, and access to unique subscriber benefits. In general, print and digital subscribers will have access to [dallasnews.com/premium](http://dallasnews.com/premium) with their current subscription. For those without a subscription, the premium digital experience subscription costs \$2.99 per week.

"In the first quarter of 2011, we became one of the first daily newspapers to ask consumers to pay for the content we distributed digitally. Now, we are going to experiment with another approach," said Jim Moroney, CEO and publisher for *The Dallas Morning News*.

The *Morning News* recently conducted research with its seven day print subscribers and found that when offered digital access for a price that was 90 percent less than the average print subscription rate, only five percent said they would be willing to give up their seven day print edition for digital access.

"What we concluded from this research," added Moroney, "was that subscribers were not paying for the content, so much as paying for how they wanted to consume the content we published. They were paying for a print experience. Now, we want to see if there are sufficient consumers who will pay for a premium digital experience."

"Listening to our subscribers is vital to the success of our daily newspaper and was a major factor when deciding to launch our new premium experience," said Jason Dyer, chief marketing officer for *The Dallas Morning News*. "We are dedicated to continually updating and adjusting our digital strategies to give our subscribers what they want."

Beginning Oct. 1, the *Morning News* will offer premium users a more visual experience with increased personalization and unparalleled local news content. A new loyalty program will offer subscribers perks, such as tickets to the State Fair of Texas and exclusive access to *Morning News* events.

"This launch is just the first step in our ongoing effort to bring new experiences to our readers," added Dyer. "We believe we have just scratched the surface."

To learn more about *The Dallas Morning News*, its digital growth, portfolio of brands or subscribing, visit [www.DMNMedia.com](http://www.DMNMedia.com). To get daily news updates about North Texas, visit [www.dallasnews.com](http://www.dallasnews.com) or via Facebook and Twitter.

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### **About The Dallas Morning News**

Established in 1885, *The Dallas Morning News* is Texas' leading newspaper and the flagship newspaper subsidiary of A. H. Belo Corporation. It has received nine Pulitzer Prizes since 1986, as well as numerous other industry awards recognizing the quality of its investigative and feature journalism, design and photojournalism. Its portfolio of print and digital products reaches an average daily audience of more than 1.1 million people and includes online news and information sites; iPhone, Android and iPad apps; *Al Día* ([www.aldiatx.com](http://www.aldiatx.com)), the leading Spanish-language publication in North Texas; *neighborsgo* ([www.neighborsgo.com](http://www.neighborsgo.com)), a consumer-generated community news outlet; and *Briefing*, the free, home-delivered quick-read. In addition to the editorial drivers within the *Morning News*, CrowdSource was created as an independent business division to assist event organizers and producers with its operational, marketing and promotional needs. To advertisers, the portfolio of products is represented by DMNmedia ([www.DMNmedia.com](http://www.DMNmedia.com)), the marketing solutions group of The Dallas Morning News, Inc. For more information about the publication and its entities, visit [www.dallasnews.com](http://www.dallasnews.com).

### **About A. H. Belo Corporation**

A. H. Belo Corporation (NYSE: AHC), headquartered in Dallas, Texas, is a distinguished newspaper publishing and local news and information company that owns and operates four daily newspapers and related websites. A. H. Belo publishes *The Dallas Morning News*, Texas' leading newspaper and winner of nine Pulitzer Prizes; *The Providence Journal*, the oldest continuously-published daily newspaper in the United States and winner of four Pulitzer Prizes; *The Press-Enterprise* (Riverside, CA), serving the Inland Southern California region and winner of one Pulitzer Prize; and the *Denton Record-Chronicle*. The Company publishes various niche publications targeting specific audiences, and its investments include Classified Ventures, owner of Cars.com, and Wanderful Media, owner of Find&Save. A. H. Belo offers digital marketing solutions through 508 Digital and Speakeasy and also owns and operates commercial printing, distribution and direct mail service businesses. Additional information is available at [www.ahbelo.com](http://www.ahbelo.com) or by contacting Alison K. Engel, Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer, at 214-977-2248.

*Statements in this communication concerning A. H. Belo Corporation's (the "Company's") business outlook or future economic performance, anticipated profitability, revenues, expenses, dividends, capital expenditures, investments, impairments, business initiatives, pension plan contributions and obligations, real estate sales, future financings, and other financial and non-financial items that are not historical facts, are "forward-looking statements" as the term is defined under applicable federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those statements.*

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**FORM 8-K**

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CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 30, 2013

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**A. H. BELO CORPORATION**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Commission file number: 1-33741

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**38-3765318**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**P. O. Box 224866, Dallas, Texas 75222-4866**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(214) 977-8200**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On September 30, 2013, The Dallas Morning News, Inc., a subsidiary of A. H. Belo Corporation, announced that beginning October 1, 2013, the *The Dallas Morning News* content paywall has been removed, and its website is accessible free of charge. A premium digital experience subscription is available for a fee.

A copy of the announcement press release is furnished with this report as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits.*

99.1 Press Release dated September 30, 2013

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: September 30, 2013

A. H. BELO CORPORATION

By: /s/ Alison K. Engel

Alison K. Engel

Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

99.1 Press Release dated September 30, 2013