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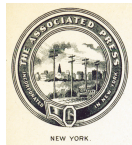
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Relatives, colleagues and friends pray next to the body of AFP chief photographer, Shah Marai, who was killed in second suicide attack in Guldara, a district of Kabul province, Afghanistan, Monday, April 30, 2018. A coordinated double suicide bombing by the Islamic State group in central Kabul killed at least 25 people, including several Afghan journalists. (AP Photo/Rahmat Gul

Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning!

**Kathy Gannon** ([Email](#)) was in New York for medical treatment Monday when 6,700 miles away, in Kabul, Afghanistan, a double suicide bombing by the Islamic State group took the lives of 25 people - including nine of her Afghanistan-based journalist colleagues.

Among the nine was **Shah Marai**, Agence France-Presse's chief photographer in Afghanistan. A memorial service for the father of six children was held Tuesday.

"It was horrific," said Gannon, AP's senior correspondent for Pakistan and Afghanistan, who herself was badly wounded in 2014 in an attack in eastern Afghanistan that claimed the life of her good friend, AP photographer **Anja Niedringhaus**.

"I am heartbroken about what happened," she told Connecting colleagues. "Shah Marai, the AFP chief photographer, lived much the same life our AP colleague in Kabul Amir Shah lived, beginning his career as a driver, teaching himself English, taking pictures surreptitiously during Taliban until today feels only despair at the horrific security situation rife with corruption.

"I worry always about Aamir Shah and our other amazing AP colleagues and friends who never know what the day will bring. I feel like I have already lost so much and after Monday I wonder at how much more we still might lose. It hits very close to home, so a difficult one for me."



**Kathy Gannon**

This past weekend, Gannon was presented the President's Award of the Overseas Press Club "for courage under fire and a deep commitment to bringing light to dark places." Gannon has endured several surgeries since then; she was in New York for her 16<sup>th</sup>.

Connecting congratulates **Esther Htusan**, Myanmar correspondent for The Associated Press, for her selection as one of 27 journalists who were selected for the Nieman Fellows Class of 2019. She will study conflict, inequality and injustice and their impact on Myanmar and the surrounding region. She is the first Nieman Fellow from Myanmar. See Nieman story in today's issue.

Kathy and Esther are two women who are among AP's best journalists. We lead today's issue with a piece written for "The Core," an online New York newsletter, by **Francesca Pitaro** of AP Corporate Archives on **Lorena Hickok**, one of AP's early women reporters who worked for the AP from 1928 to 1933.

And now that we are into the month of May, when the Indianapolis 500 is held annually, we begin to publish stories you submitted on covering the 500, I am using a few at a time, and if you would like to share your own story, send it along to get it into the queue.

[Click here](#) for a great way to start the day - and read Today's Highlight in History to find out why. Play ball!!!!

Paul

# 'AP reporter' listed first on memorial for pioneering AP newswoman Lorena Hickok

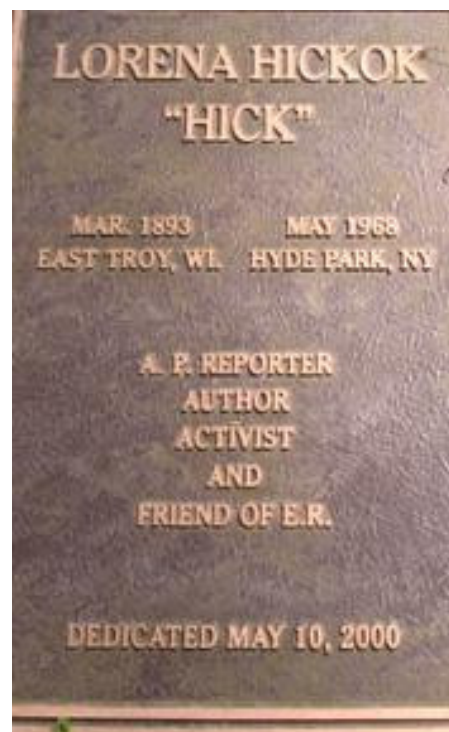


**First lady Eleanor Roosevelt, wearing white hat, takes a look at the conditions the people live in, on a street in San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 15, 1934. Former Associated Press reporter Lorena Hickok (wearing long scarf) is seen second from right of Mrs. Roosevelt. (AP Photo)**

**Francesca Pitaro** ([Email](#)) - May 1, 2018 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Lorena Hickok (1893-1968), one of AP's early women reporters.

A native of Wisconsin, Hickok was working on the New York Daily Mirror when AP General Manager Kent Cooper hired her in 1928. From the New York bureau, Hick, as she was known, covered sports, arts, politics and one of the major stories of the 1930s, the 1932 kidnapping and murder of the baby son of famed aviator Charles Lindbergh. Hickok wrote under her own byline, an uncommon practice in the AP of that time. AP's first byline did not appear until 1925.

A 1928 assignment to cover the Democratic National Committee in New York led to Hickok's first meeting with Eleanor Roosevelt, then heading the Committee's Women's Division. It was the beginning of a life-long relationship with the Roosevelts. Later assigned to cover Franklin Roosevelt's 1932 presidential campaign, Hickok traveled with Eleanor Roosevelt from October 1932 through the 1933 inauguration, a period which sealed the friendship between the two women and led to Hickok's decision to leave the AP. Unable to reconcile her friendship with Roosevelt with the objectivity required for her work as a journalist, Hickok resigned from the AP in June 1933.



## Fast Driving One Hobby

**Mrs. Roosevelt Drives Own Car; She Also Likes to Walk Alone But Is Fond of All Sorts of People; Fatigue Unknown to Her.**

*(Editor's note—A childhood which Mrs. Roosevelt herself described as "odd" and a training that included war work, nursing and being a dutiful wife to a Government official, formed the background for the distinctive personality she undoubtedly is. In this final article of the series, Lorena Hickok shows how that personality asserts itself.)*

By LORENA HICKOK.

(Copyright, 1932 by the Associated Press.)

New York, Nov 11 (A.P.).—The next mistress of the White House thinks people are going to get used to her ways, even though she does edit a magazine, wear \$10 dresses, and

velt is here, the first three days of each week, she takes taxicabs or travels on buses to and from school and to keep her engagements.

Much of the time she walks, with a long swinging stride. She does most of her walking alone. Even when she is wearing high heels it is difficult to keep up with her. Her friends say that at Hyde Park, when she puts on golf shoes and starts off, it is practically impossible.

She likes to go about alone and is surprised and rather embarrassed when she is recognized. Very often she is not. While she was on the Western trip with the governor a few weeks ago, she spent a whole morn-

In a long post- AP career, Hickok worked for Harry Hopkins' FERA (Federal Agency Relief Administration), for the Democratic National Committee on women's issues and for the 1939 New York World's Fair. She continued to write, completing six books of biography and history and leaving unfinished an autobiography. The nature of her relationship with Roosevelt is documented by the 3,000 letters the two women exchanged, which Hickok donated to the FDR Presidential Library. Since they were opened in 1998, the correspondence has given rise to numerous books, articles, and theatrical works.

Lorena Hickok's grave in Rhinebeck, NY remained unmarked until 2000, when a memorial plaque was dedicated. "AP Reporter" is first on the list of her life achievements.

## Your memories of Steve Komarow

**Carl Leubsdorf (Email)** - I first met Steve when he was a news assistant during my post-AP tenure at The Baltimore Sun, while he was attending George Washington University. He stood out among the students doing those menial jobs for his intelligence, innate ability and willingness to do anything to help. I later was please to recommend him for his first job at my alma mater, The Associated Press, where he immediately distinguished himself in his handling of the Washington Monument standoff that has been prominently mentioned in other remembrances. Unsurprisingly, he went on to a wonderful career, which was tragically cut short by his fatal illness.

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**John Wilson (Email)** - Metro Editor, WDC, 1979-83 - Steve was a great reporter, but perhaps an even better human being and colleague. He shall be missed. Stephanie and their daughters have my prayers.

But now a couple of short stories.

I was the one on the other end of the phone for the Washington Monument incident. Steve had checked in about 7:30am and said he was going to the doctor first thing and he'd let me know how he felt. About 9:30 he said he was coming in, and I told him to swing by the Washington Monument on his way. We couldn't figure out what was happening there. Late morning, Rita Foley, then WRC Radio News Director and later anchor at AP Network News, called to ask how to spell Steve's name. Why, I asked. She explained. Surprised much? ACOB Reid Miller had a similar reaction.

Steve called later and said the Park Police were keeping him sequestered and he was having problems getting through to us. Remember these were days before cell phones. Early afternoon I called Stephanie, who then worked for Rep. Frank Wolf (R-Va.). Those of us on Metro knew they were dating. We later found out she had reached Steve's dad, who worked in a very secret defense plant in Connecticut. Asked how she did it, she responded it was amazing what a staffer for a congressman on the Armed Services Committee can find out. Early evening, it ended in a hail of gunfire as Norman Mayer tried to drive away. Steve was dictating lying on the floor of the Park Service kiosk. He held the phone up at arms length so I could hear it.

In the early 1980s, the administration of first term Mayor Marion Barry was in a continuous financial crisis. Steve was all over the story. We never got beat on spot news with Steve handling the District Building. One slow news day, Steve got ahold of an important financial report, wrote it up and we immediately filed it for our broadcast wire and forwarded it to the Maryland and Virginia state wires for refileing (we had no newspaper wire of our own). Steve's story showed up with a byline on the front page of the Washington Post. Quite an accomplishment for any Washington AP reporter, let alone somebody from the Metro staff.

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**BITUARY**

## Steven Komarow, former AP journalist, CQ Roll Call editor

By Calvin Woodward  
The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON**—Steven Komarow, CQ Roll Call's executive editor and a longtime Associated Press and USA Today journalist steeped in the ways of Washington and war, has died at 61.

Komarow died in a hospital Sunday after a long illness complicated by a recent accident, his employer said.

The famously unflappable Komarow spent nearly 20 years with AP — 1978 to 1993, and 2006 to 2010 — and rose to become deputy chief of AP's Washington bureau before leaving for Bloomberg News to steer defense, justice and White House coverage. In 2015, he joined CQ Roll Call as vice president and news director before his elevation a year later to executive editor and senior vice president. Komarow also worked for a dozen years for USA Today, covering wars in Afghanistan and Iraq before returning to AP national editor.

For all of Komarow's accomplishments in journalism, one of the most colorful episodes of his career came when he served as an impromptu hostage negotiator in December 1982. That tested his imperturbable nature.

Then an AP reporter, Komarow was assigned to "swing by" the Washington Monument, where "I learned that a wacko in a dark blue jumpsuit and full-face motorcycle helmet had driven a white-panel truck up the path to the monument doorway," he recounted in now-defunct *George* magazine. "The truck was full of dynamite, the man claimed. There was no reason to doubt him."

Norman D. Mayer, a nuclear disarmament activist, had monument visitors trapped inside and demanded to speak face to face with a reporter who was single with no kids. Komarow, who then fit the bill, volunteered, and visited him five times during the hours-long standoff, "trying to get him to relax and chat" and to turn the monument lights on at twilight. Mayer let the hostages go. Mayer eventually tried to flee in his truck. Police snipers killed him. No explosives were found.

"Mayer seems less like a terrorist than a Don Quixote," Komarow wrote in the 2007 piece. "Even in bluff, he avoided harm to anyone but himself."

AP Executive Editor Sally Buzbee, who was Middle East regional editor for the news service during four years of the Iraq war, said Komarow was "one of the smartest and nicest people I ever worked with at AP. He talked me through many a crisis when I was in Cairo, and I deeply appreciated his calm wisdom and his generosity. He will be missed by many, many people."

"Almost everyone mentions his calmness," said John Daniszewski, AP vice president and editor at large for standards. "He was calm, but with a gentle, ironic sense of humor and sharp intellect. So many AP journalists today think of him as their mentor."

Paul McHale, CQ Roll Call's president, said that from the outset of Komarow's work at the organization in 2015, "his intellect and encyclopedic knowledge of Washington was an enormous asset to our coverage and the development of new products. But that intellect never got in the way of what I will remember most about Steve, his humanity."

Komarow is survived by his wife, Stephanie, and daughters Cayla and Sasha.

**NRA CONVENTION**

## No guns allowed when Trump, Pence speak

The Associated Press

**DALLAS**—Attendees at the National Rifle Association's annual meeting in Dallas can carry their firearms — except during the forum where President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence speak Friday.

A White House official said Monday that Trump will attend Friday. Pence had already been slated to speak at Friday's leadership forum.

The NRA posted a notice on its website saying that the arena will be under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Secret Service during the leadership forum. It's standard for the Secret Service to bar firearms from being carried into places visited by the people they protect. Other prohibited items include toy guns, selfie sticks and knives, according to the notice the NRA posted.

Some students at the Parkland, Florida, high school where 17 people were killed in February criticized the NRA on social media for what they see as hypocrisy.

"It's ironic that they feel they need to ban guns to protect themselves especially after their main philosophy has been more guns equals more protection yet they don't think they need to protect our kids in the same way," said David Hogg, a student at Marjory Stoneman Douglas who has pushed for stricter gun control since the shooting.

Guns were also banned during Trump's appearance at the NRA's annual meeting in Atlanta last year.

Alice Tripp, an NRA member and the legislative director of the membership-based Texas State Rifle Association, said she sees "not even a little bit" of a problem with attendees not being able to carry guns during that portion of the meeting. She noted the Secret Service has its own view on how to ensure the safety of the people they protect.

NRA spokeswoman Jennifer Baker said the group's policy is that firearms are permitted in accordance with local law. She referred questions about the Secret Service's policies to that agency.

John Epperson shares this clipping from Monday's The Denver Post.

# Connecting mailbox

## *Kathryn Johnson was inspiration in my career*

**Peggy Walsh** ([Email](#)) - I was so delighted to read Valerie Komor's piece on Kathryn Johnson (in Monday's Connecting).

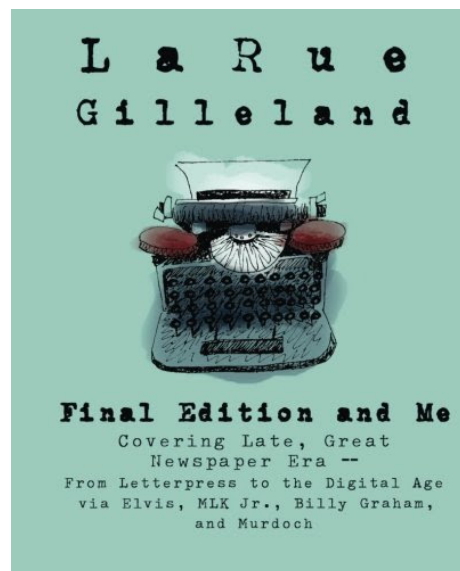
I was fortunate enough to start my AP career in Atlanta in the mid 70s. The time I spent listening to Kathryn's amazing stories of her reporting life spurred me to read and redo the entire clip file and was an inspiration in my career.

I've read her books and wish I'd known about this event. I definitely would have been there.

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## *Gilleland biography covers newspaper reporting and classroom teaching*

**Warren Lerude** ([Email](#)) - Retired journalism Professor LaRue Gilleland has written a newspaper reporting and classroom teaching biography, *Final Edition and Me, Covering Late, Great Newspaper Era--From Letterpress to the Digital Age via Elvis, MLK Jr., Billy Graham, and Murdoch*. It is available on Amazon. Gilleland chronicles his days in the 1950s as a staffer at the Commercial Appeal in Memphis and the Honolulu Advertiser, then his nearly two decades of teaching, 1963-81 at the University of Nevada in Reno and subsequent teaching and then heading up the J program at Northeastern in Boston, 1981-92.



The book is full of tales of news sources and news makers and the different world he found as he shifted to academe, sprinkling tales of students and professors as he did earlier of reporters and editors. Many names are included. A great read. LaRue and wife Betsy are living in a retirement village near Orlando.



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## ***Covering the stigma of mental illness, drug addiction***

**Al Cross** ([Email](#)) - Director, Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues, University of Kentucky - The stigma that still surround mental illness and drug addiction, especially in rural areas, are major obstacles to addressing those issues. Rural news media can play an important role in reducing stigma and helping individuals and communities face up to their problems and deal with them. The Paducah Sun saw that opportunity when a 13-year-old eighth grader with a long list of mental-health issues told nearly 100 attendees at the third annual West Kentucky Health and Wellness Summit about her condition and its stigma.

Julia Burkhart has been diagnosed with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, general anxiety disorder and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, but "When she walks down the hall, you wouldn't know her from any other student," David B. Snow reported for the Sun: "There are no identifying marks or signs on her to indicate she has mental illness. The problem is the signs placed on her by other people."

At the meeting in Paducah, Julia said her problems began with bullying in kindergarten, which became so bad in fifth grade, with social-media attacks and rumors that something was "wrong" with her, that she started cutting herself. She changed schools and got better, but recently relapsed into eating disorders and taking pills "to escape," she said. She was diagnosed with schizophrenia and went back into the outpatient program at the beginning of this school year, Snow reports.

"I graduated in February from outpatient, and I've been continuing to better myself," Julia told the crowd. "And here I am now, speaking about my problems. I take pride in my recovery every day, and I am proud to have gone through this. It's made me realize what's really important." And she spoke because she wanted to; her mother was originally invited to share the family's story.

Snow wrote that Julia's experience is common among people with mental illness. Dr. Laurie Ballew, a psychiatrist and medical director of behavioral health at Lourdes Hospital, told him, "People have this negative thought process about mental health, not realizing that our brain is the organ that controls our body."

Snow's story is a remarkable example of how news media can reduce or eliminate the stigma that surround issues of behavioral health. We hope to see more such

stories.

## ***A Silly Mistake You Made:***

# **A lesson learned in putting 113 candles on a birthday cake**

**Charles Richards** ([Email](#)) - When I saw the challenge to share with Connecting "a silly mistake you made -- a chance to 'fess up with a memorable mistake in your journalistic career," my mind took me back 51 years to 1967.

Three years out of college -- and 11 years before I began my 26-year tenure with The AP -- I was working from a desk at the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal as UPI's West Texas correspondent.

A woman living 165 miles away in Abilene, Texas, had given me permission to come by her home a few days later for an interview on her 113th birthday. If you do the math, she was born in 1854.

I should have arranged for a photographer from the Abilene Reporter-News to meet me at her residence, but this great idea had occurred to me - a birthday cake with 113 candles!

I arrived in Abilene in mid-day and stopped at a grocery store, where I bought a cake and 10 dozen candles. Then I drove to the woman's home, where she lived alone.

Thankfully, I did the interview first.

Then I surprised her with the cake. She was delighted. Then I began lighting the candles.



**My wife Barbara and I (in retirement in Paris, Texas -- population 26,000). In the background is our community's Eiffel Tower, with red cowboy hat on top.**

I don't recall how many I actually lighted before I had a fire on my hands, Flames quickly were flaring a foot or more above the cake, and the smile on her face turned into pure fear.

"AH! AH! AH!" she began screaming, like she was having a heart attack.

I took off my jacket and threw it on the cake, finally smothering the flames.

After a few minutes, as I was cleaning up the mess, she asked me if I would leave. She wanted to go to bed.

I wrote and transmitted my story, without sharing with readers the "memorable mistake" of my then-young journalistic career:

"If someone is 113, Get three candles -- a "1" ... another "1" ... and a "3" -- and light those THREE candles. Don't ever, ever, ever cover a cake with candles and light them.

## **Exclusive: New publishing tech company partners with AP**

**By SARA FISCHER, AXIOS**

A group of media, journalism and tech companies has joined veteran media executive Merrill Brown to create a full-service publishing platform specifically built for digital news publishers called The News Project (TNP).

Why it matters: Brown says his company is different from other digital publishing platforms, like Maven, Squarespace and Medium, because his focuses solely on news.

This model more closely resembles The Washington Post's ARC publishing tech businesses, which signed Advance Local Media and Boston Globe Media this month, as well as Bonnier Corp. and Philly.com earlier this year.

The Associated Press has agreed to work with TNP on a set of services that can be accessed by participating publishers through the TNP platform. The AP will partner in two areas:

Give participating websites access to its wire on a subscription basis

Help sell TNP's tech worldwide with sales and marketing infrastructure

Read more [here](#).

# Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard announces the 81st class of Nieman Fellows



The Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard, home to internationally recognized journalism fellowships, programs and publications, has selected 27 Nieman Fellows for the class of 2019. The group includes reporters, correspondents, editors, photographers, filmmakers, television news anchors, a radio producer and other journalists who specialize in data investigations, digital development, social media, virtual reality and new forms of storytelling. They will begin two semesters of study at Harvard University in the fall of 2018.

Nieman additionally is hosting nine Knight Visiting Nieman Fellows for shorter periods throughout 2018 to work on research projects designed to advance journalism. They are supported by a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

The Nieman Foundation has educated more than 1,500 accomplished journalists from 97 countries since 1938. In addition to taking classes during their time at Harvard, fellows participate in Nieman seminars, workshops and master classes and conduct research with Harvard scholars and other leading thinkers in the Cambridge area.

Read more [here](#).



## Your memories

**John Willis** ([Email](#)) - I have never seen The Indy 500 live, but my little brother, Cliff, goes with the same group from Chicago every year, and it's probably about 30 years in a row. Maybe more.

They used to sit on the infield right behind the pits at the end of pit row, he told me, but now they sit in the shade of the grandstand's second deck outside turn one, leaning towards twoish a bit.

I can remember Indy being a "must listen" on the radio back in the 60s, often as I washed the family cars. It was on Memorial Day before Memorial Day was turned into an "always Monday," three-day holiday weekend.

There was no TV for the Indy in those days for fear that it might cut down on the live gate, but I can still remember the roar of the Offenhauser engines on the broadcast. When it first got on television it was a taped replay at night, and some of us still called it "Decoration Day."

When I went to Ottumwa, Iowa, to work at KBIZ Radio we carried the race, and it was a big seller. We promo'd the live broadcast starting the last week in April. The sales staff had packages to offer as early as the previous January.

I don't know how it got started, but we have a bit of a family tradition. My brother gives me a call just before the start, and goes into his "play-by-play." It's hard to hear him as the Indy cars whiz past his vantage point. I am watching on television at home, and I pick up a running summary for him as they race up the backstretch and into turns three and four, where he picks them up again as the leader brings them back around. There were several occasions over the years that I had to tell him about an accident on the first lap that was out of his view, and he would tell the others what had happened. Ain't high tech wunnerful?? These darned cell phones really come in handy.

We laugh a lot about it. It's become an annual rite. I will be waiting for his call, again.

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**Joe Edwards** ([Email](#)) - I grew up in Crawfordsville just 40 minutes west of the Speedway. In 1960, my Explorer Scout troop became vendors and sold soft drinks at the track: Four days of qualifying and then race day. On race day, I sold an entire tray of 24 at one time. I'm sure they were used for adult beverages.

It was pretty tiring but I think we made a lot of money.

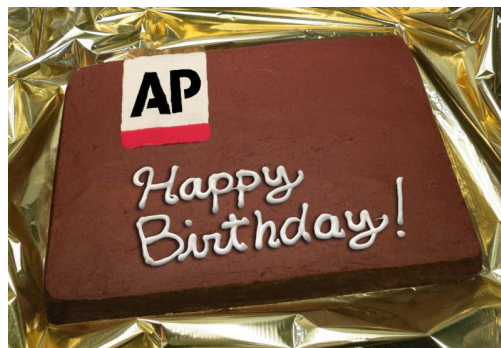
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**Hal Bock (Email)** - Indy is etched in my memory banks, First time there, I was overwhelmed by 400,000 people. I had been to plenty of World Series and Super Bowls with 75,000 people. This was much more, an attack on the senses with the roar of the engines and the crowd.

A year later, I was back with the bright idea of doing a first person in a ride around the track with a driver. Mike Harris arranged for me to get a spin with the great Mario Andretti. Two days before the race, I climbed into a pace car with him. This was before New York required seat belts. So there I was with tape recorder and notebook and off we went. Slowly at first and then faster and faster and faster. I remember thinking that I really ought to have strapped myself in. C'est la vie. At one point, Andretti said ``That was 100 miles per hour. On Sunday, we'll be going twice as fast."

I survived to write the story.

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



To

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## Stories of interest

***Newsonomics: Alden Global Capital is making so much money wrecking local journalism it might not want to stop anytime soon*** (Nieman)

By **KEN DOCTOR**

Is there any chance Alden Global Capital might change course?

The majority owner of Digital First Media - publisher of The Mercury News, The Denver Post, the St. Paul Pioneer Press, 11 Southern California dailies, and 49 others from California to Michigan to New Jersey - has faced a rising tide of protest over the past month.

Today we can reveal some key financial numbers from the very private company that shows just how successful Alden and DFM have been at milking profit out of the newspapers it is slashing to the bone. DFM reported a 17 percent operating margin - well above those of its peers - in its 2017 fiscal year, along with profits of almost \$160 million. That's the fruit of the repeated cutbacks that have left its own shrinking newsrooms in a state of rebellion.

Now, as the company decides if and how to move against its publicly protesting top editors, Alden would seem to be at a crossroads. But as we explore below, it shows no particular sign of selling its embattled properties. Is continuing to milk its newspapers until they run dry still Alden's likeliest course?

Read more [here](#).

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***The president is seeking to destroy journalism. Now let's debate dinner entertainment!*** (Washington Post)

By **ERIK WEMPLE**

On Dec. 12, 2017, CNN's Jim Acosta appeared on-air to detail another disturbing episode in the media's struggles with the Trump White House. At issue was a "pool spray" - essentially an opportunity for a group of White House-covering journalists to witness an official event and perhaps throw out a question or two - following President Trump's nasty tweet sliming Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.).



Before the pool spray, reported Acosta, he'd received a warning from press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders. "In the moments before I asked the president the question in the Roosevelt Room as he was signing the National Defense Authorization bill, the White House press secretary, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, pulled me aside - this was prior to me asking that question of the president. And she warned me that if I asked the president a question at this pool spray, as we call them, that she could not promise that I would be allowed into a pool spray again," said Acosta, who added that this was a "direct threat coming from the press secretary to me."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Richard Chady.

## (The bird is) The Final Word

*What a glorious bird*



**Jack Ronald** ([Email](#)) - The news is grim.

Our political divides appear to be insurmountable.

But then you look out the window at breakfast and see rose-breasted grosbeaks migrating through, and you figure that you can handle the rest of it.

They'll be here for about five days.

What a glorious bird.

## Today in History - May 2, 2018



**By The Associated Press**

Today is Wednesday, May 2, the 122nd day of 2018. There are 243 days left in the year.

### **Today's Highlight in History:**

On May 2, 1908, the original version of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," with music by Albert Von Tilzer and lyrics by Jack Norworth, was published by Von Tilzer's York Music Co.

### **On this date:**

In 1536, Anne Boleyn, second wife of King Henry VIII, was arrested and charged with adultery; she was beheaded 17 days later.

In 1670, the Hudson's Bay Co. was chartered by England's King Charles II.

In 1863, during the Civil War, Confederate Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was accidentally wounded by his own men at Chancellorsville, Virginia; he died eight

days later.

In 1927, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Buck v. Bell*, upheld 8-1 a Virginia law allowing the forced sterilization of people to promote the "health of the patient and the welfare of society."

In 1936, "Peter and the Wolf," a symphonic tale for children by Sergei Prokofiev, had its world premiere in Moscow.

In 1946, violence erupted during a foiled escape attempt at the Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay; the "Battle of Alcatraz" claimed the lives of three inmates and two correctional officers before it was put down two days later.

In 1957, crime boss Frank Costello narrowly survived an attempt on his life in New York; the alleged gunman, Vincent "The Chin" Gigante, was acquitted at trial after Costello refused to identify him as the shooter. Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., died at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland.

In 1968, "The Odd Couple," the movie version of the Neil Simon comedy starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau, opened in New York.

In 1970, jockey Diane Crump became the first woman to ride in the Kentucky Derby; she finished in 15th place aboard Fathom. (The winning horse was Dust Commander.)

In 1982, the Weather Channel made its debut.

In 1994, Nelson Mandela claimed victory in the wake of South Africa's first democratic elections; President F.W. de Klerk acknowledged defeat.

In 2011, Osama bin Laden was killed by elite American forces at his Pakistan compound, then quickly buried at sea after a decade on the run.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush sent lawmakers a \$70 billion request to fund U.S. operations in Iraq and Afghanistan into the following spring. Tropical Cyclone Nargis struck Myanmar, leading to an eventual official death toll of 84,537, with 53,836 listed as missing. Mildred Loving, a black woman whose challenge to Virginia's ban on interracial marriage led to a landmark Supreme Court ruling striking down such laws across the United States, died in Milford, Virginia, at age 68.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama arrived in Mexico City on his first trip to Latin America since winning re-election. Dutchman Robert-Jan Derksen shot a 6-under 66 to take the first-round lead in the China Open, while 12-year-old Ye Wocheng opened with a 79 at Binhai Lake; at 12 years, 242 days, Ye became the youngest player in European Tour history, breaking Guan Tianlang's mark of 13 years, 177 days. Jeff Hanneman, 49, a founding member of heavy metal band Slayer, died in Hemet, California.

One year ago: Michael Slager, a white former police officer whose killing of Walter Scott, an unarmed black man running from a traffic stop, was captured on cellphone video, pleaded guilty to federal civil rights charges in Charleston, South Carolina. (Slager was sentenced to 20 years in prison.) United Airlines CEO Oscar Munoz apologized on Capitol Hill for an incident in which a passenger was dragged off a flight, calling it "a mistake of epic proportions" as frustrated lawmakers warned airline executives to improve customer service or face congressional intervention. Disgraced preacher Tony Alamo, who was convicted in Arkansas of sexually abusing young girls he considered his wives, died at a prison hospital in North Carolina; he was 82.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Engelbert Humperdinck is 82. Former International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge is 76. Actress-activist Bianca Jagger is 73. Country singer R.C. Bannon is 73. Actor David Suchet (SOO'-shay) is 72. Singer-songwriter Larry Gatlin is 70. Rock singer Lou Gramm (Foreigner) is 68. Actress Christine Baranski is 66. Singer Angela Bofill is 64. Fashion designer Donatella Versace is 63. Actor Brian Tochi is 59. Movie director Stephen Daldry is 58. Actress Elizabeth Berridge is 56. Country singer Ty Herndon is 56. Actress Mitzi Kapture is 56. Commentator Mika Brzezinski is 51. Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb is 50. Rock musician Todd Sucherman (Styx) is 49. Wrestler-turned-actor Dwayne Johnson (AKA The Rock) is 46. Soccer player David Beckham is 43. Rock singer Jeff Gutt (goot) (Stone Temple Pilots) is 42. Actress Jenna Von Oy is 41. Actress Ellie Kemper is 38. Actor Robert Buckley is 37. Actor Gaius (GY'-ehs) Charles is 35. Pop singer Lily Rose Cooper is 33. Olympic gold medal figure skater Sarah Hughes is 33. Rock musician Jim Almgren (Carolina Liar) is 32. Actor Thomas McDonell is 32. Actress Kay Panabaker is 28. Princess Charlotte of Cambridge is three.

***Thought for Today: "Like ships, men founder time and again." - Henry Miller, American novelist (1891-1980).***

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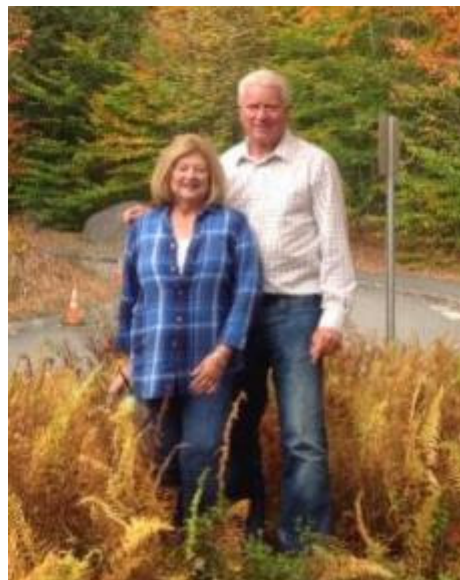
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