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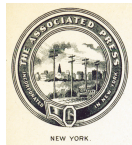
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Gerald Fischman Rob Hiaasen John McNamara Rebecca Smith Wendi Winters

5 shot dead at The Capital



JOSHUA MCKERROW/CAPITAL GAZETTE

Police respond Thursday afternoon to a mass shooting at The Capital that left five dead. A gunman shot through a glass door to the office and opened fire.

Laurel man, the suspected gunman, in custody

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Five employees of The Capital Gazette — Gerald Fischman, Rob Hiaasen, John McNamara, Rebecca Smith and Wendi Winters — were killed Thursday when a gunman entered the newspaper's offices and opened fire.

"We are heartbroken, devastated. Our colleagues and friends are gone. No matter how deep our loss is nothing compared to the grief our friends' families are feeling," said Capital Editor Rick Hutzell.

Jarrod W. Ramos, 38, of Laurel, who had a long-standing grudge against the newspaper, is being held as a suspect in the deadly shooting, according to law enforcement sources.

The suspect targeted *The Capital* and used smoke grenades and a shotgun during the attack, according to law enforcement officials. Police arrived on the scene in about a minute after the incident began and did not exchange gunfire with the shooter, officials said.

The *Capital's* office is in a multi-story building on Bestgate Road with other businesses. Police said more than 100 people were evacuated.

Fischman, 61, wrote *The Capital's* editorials, edited the editorial page and handled other editing duties.

Hiaasen, 59, was a native of Fort Lauderdale and a graduate of the University of Florida. He was hired as the assistant editor of *The Capital* in 2010.

Previously, he was a staff reporter for *The Baltimore Sun* for 15 years. He was also a staff reporter for *The Palm Beach Post* in Florida and was a news anchor and reporter at news-talk radio stations throughout the South.

His feature column appeared Sundays in the Life section of *The Capital*.

McNamara, 56, a sportswriter turned community news editor, was the editor of the *Bowie Blade-News* and the *Crofton-West County Gazette*. He has worked in various capacities for Capital Gazette for more than 20 years.

Smith, 34, a sales assistant, worked in the news organization's office in Annapolis.

Winters, 65, covered various subjects as a community news reporter and the columnist for *Home of the Week*, *Teen of the Week*, and *Around Broadneck* columns — and more. She had a background in public relations, having worked for two New York City agencies, and had owned her own boutique agency in the Big Apple. Before her move to Annapolis, Winters began writing for AP Features, *Copley News* and a Manhattan weekly.

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Journalists at *The Capital* found themselves reporting on the gunman's attack Thursday as events unfolded. Phil Davis, *The Capital's* police reporter, was inside the building when the gunman entered.

"Gunman shot through the glass door to the office and opened fire on multiple employees," Davis tweeted after he was safe. "Can't say much more and don't want to declare anyone dead, but it's bad."

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In this frame from video, people leave the Capital Gazette newspaper after multiple people have been shot on Thursday, June 28, 2018, in Annapolis, Md. (WJLA via AP)

Colleagues,

Good Friday morning!

Our hearts go out to the victims of Thursday's shooting at the Capital Gazette in Annapolis, Maryland, and to all the journalists and staffers at the newspaper.

[Click here](#) for the latest AP story on the shooting that claimed the lives of five members of the staff:

Rob Hiaasen, 59, a former feature writer for The Baltimore Sun who joined the Capital Gazette in 2010 as assistant editor and columnist; **Wendi Winters**, 65, a community correspondent who headed special publications; **Gerald Fischman**, 61, the editorial page editor; **John McNamara**, 56, a staff writer who covered high school, college and professional sports for decades; and **Rebecca Smith**, 34, a sales assistant hired in November.

[Click here](#) for the Capital Gazette's story on the shooting. (Shared by Doug Pizac)

A **GoFundMe page** for the victims has been started by a Reuters journalist. "Our hearts break for our colleagues in Annapolis and we want to do whatever we possibly can to help them pay for medical bills, funeral costs, newsroom repairs, and any other unforeseen expenses that might arise as a result of this terrible shooting," **Madi Alexander** wrote in the GoFundMe description.

The Associated Press Media Editors have promised to help Capital Gazette journalists as they recover from the deadly attack at their Maryland office. In a statement Thursday, the APME called on newspapers across the country to help the victims of the shooting so they can continue to cover their community and fight for freedom of the press.

The APME statement:

We stand in support of the journalists and staffers at the Capital Gazette.

The Associated Press Media Editors share in the shock and sadness surrounding the horrific events at the Capital Gazette in Annapolis, Maryland.

While much is still to be learned, the devastating loss of life, life-altering injury to some and the trauma the co-workers and community members must feel are in our hearts and on our minds.

We pledge our support in their recovery and support them in the means it takes to mend the hurt and loss. We will support these journalists to enable them to keep covering their community and standing for the values we all treasure - freedom of the press, an obligation to the truth, being on the frontline as a watchdog and a way for many to have a voice. We respect that journalists who follow this creed are human, have families, are a vital part of this great society and are all too mortal.

In the coming days, we hope to help in a concrete way to support the recovery, along with our partners in journalism leadership, including ASNE. Join us and, through your support, lift up our extended family at the Capital Gazette.

If you have wishes or ways to help, please email apme@ap.org.

One of our Connecting colleagues, **Rick Rogers (Email)** of TownNews.com, shared these thoughts:

Journalism and the news industry is a family. When one of us is hurt, we all hurt. I can't stop thinking about our colleagues at the Capital Gazette newspapers in Maryland tonight. Anyone who has worked in the news industry has worried about this day. A newsroom has been attacked. How can we avoid it happening in the future? The media is NOT the enemy. A free press is the backbone of our country. Is the press perfect? No. Do we strive for perfection and fairness? The good ones do. While no longer a journalist, I have dedicated my life to this industry. As a journalist, I had been threatened, both verbally and physically, by those who were upset with our coverage and the truth. I had horrible rumors spread about my family. I even had my tires slashed. I know I am not alone in those experiences as other journalists have experienced far worse. But I was never a victim of gun violence. Community newspapers across the country have open door policies in the towns they serve. They cover the small, but important, stories to keep their readers and residents informed. They do it for little pay, and little reward in many cases. They do it for the love of the job and a sense of purpose. Today, those people were a target of violence. Today, our First Amendment came under attack. Today, it's time to stop the narrative that the media is the enemy of the people. Today, please keep those affected by the tragedy at the Capital Gazette and from all violent attacks across our nation in your prayers. We have to end the madness.

AP's senior correspondent for Afghanistan and Pakistan, **Kathy Gannon** ([Email](#)) commented, *"Today I think of my friend Anja Niedringhaus. I think of Shah Marai, Maharram Durrani, Sardar Ahmed, Simone Camilli, so many, such a long list of lives lost trying to do the job of telling the why and what of the world in which we all live. I also think of all of us who keep doing this job and I am filled with pride and with gratitude that we can do this job, that we do this job. Seriously hug a journalist today!"*

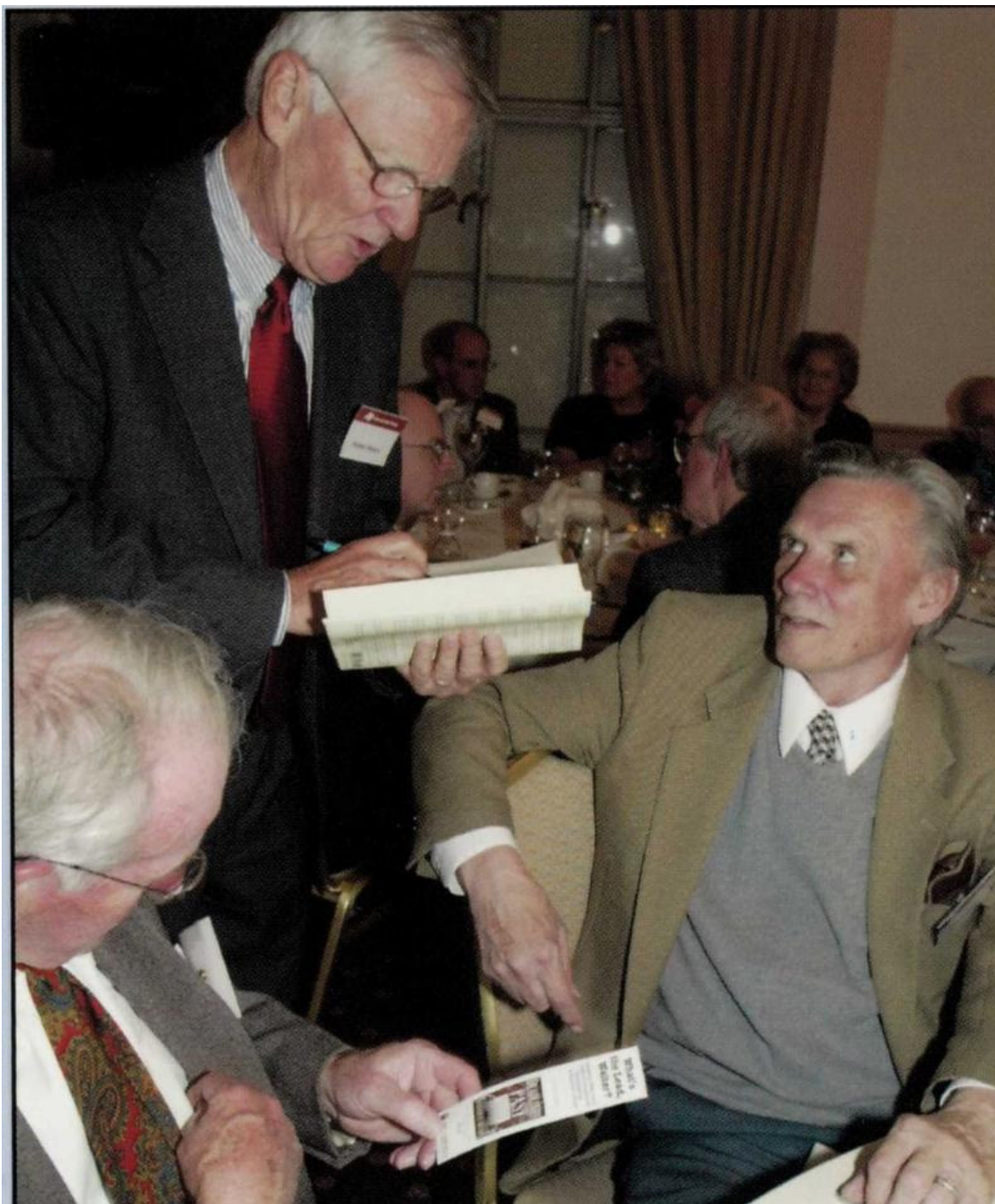
Our colleague **Mark Mittelstadt** suggests that in view of the shooting, "I'm wondering if any Connecting colleagues would be willing to share instances in which they've been threatened with violence or at the end of a gun barrel for stories they've written or photos they've taken. Obviously, AP has had journalists assaulted, shot and killed on assignment. Those instances are a bit different than a gunman walking into a newsroom and opening fire."

If you have a story to share along these lines, please send it along.

Have a good weekend.

Paul

David Smyth, 33-year AP veteran in World Services, dies at 89



Walter Mears signs his book about presidential campaign coverage for retired International Desk newsman David Smyth, seated right, as retired Business News columnist John Cunniff looks on. 2005 photo courtesy AP Corporate Archives.

David Smyth, retired financial editor for the World Services desk in New York City, has died after a long illness in Greensboro, North Carolina, where he and his wife, Helene, were residents of the Friends Homes West assisted-living community. Smyth, 89, had a 33-year career with The Associated Press, retiring in 1996.

A self-described Anglo-Argentine, Smyth was a graduate of the University of Cambridge in England. As an Argentine national, he worked on newspapers before joining The AP bureau in Buenos Aires in 1963. The AP transferred him in the mid-1960s to the World Desk.

He was the author of two books, "The Speculators Handbook," co-written with Larry Stuntz, published in 1974, and "Wordly Wise Investor," published in 1988. In New York, Smyth and Stuntz worked together on financial news for the World Wire and the Latin American Wire, or LPA (La Prensa Asociada).

The Smyth family sent friends a written announcement that said Smyth died on May 15 after a long illness that included two hospital stays and constant supplemental oxygen for breathing problems.

Contacted Thursday by phone at Friends Homes West, Mrs. Smyth said there would be no formal obituary. "He was a kind and gentle man; I think that is sufficient," she said, adding that they were only six months short of their 50th wedding anniversary when he died.

Colleagues who worked with Smyth in New York remembered him as a friendly, but reserved man who rarely talked about himself.

"He was a very nice person and tremendous professional. I certainly learned from him when I first came to New York back in 1973," Eduardo Gallardo said in an email after learning this week of Smyth's death. Gallardo was the chief editor on the Latin American Desk for many years and retired in Santiago, Chile, as bureau chief.



Smyth in 1967

Retired LPA translator Francisco Perez Rivera, contacted by email, said, "We worked side by side, but unfortunately I knew very little about him ... (he) seldom spoke about himself."

Kernan Turner, who worked with Smyth on the World Desk from 1969-1975, corresponded with Smyth for many years. Smyth mailed him clippings of his stories published in the United States, and the Smyths visited the Turners in Puerto Rico when Turner was chief of Caribbean Services (1982-1998). Turner recalled Smyth's professionalism was accompanied by a dry sense of humor, once mentioning with a sly smile that as a youth he had served a draft enlistment as a soldier in the

Argentine army. Smyth purchased the Turner residence in Metuchen, New Jersey, when the AP transferred him to the Mexico City bureau 1975.

Smyth is survived by his wife, Helene; son, Clifford and his wife, Tina Lai; and a grandson. Attempts were unsuccessful in reaching Clifford Smyth by email and Facebook. He is an associate professor of mathematics and statistics at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Researched and written by Kernan Turner ([Email](#)).

In The New York Times:

Eugene Kim, Veteran AP Writer of Today in History, Dies

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Eugene Kim, a broadcast writer and editor for The Associated Press who for 34 years wrote the AP's Today In History feature used by newspapers and broadcasters around the country, has died. He was 61.

Kim, a graduate of Syracuse University, began his AP career in New York in 1981 after working as a news reporter at radio stations in Connecticut. He moved to Washington in 1983 when the AP relocated its broadcast wire operation there.

In 1984, he became the writer of Today in History, the daily feature that includes a capsule summary of significant events that took place on that date.

Kim was known among colleagues for his diligence in researching items for Today in History, and his determination to make sure that every item was



Barbara Worth shares this photo of Gene working, from the June 1994 Communicator.

complete and accurate. In the days before the internet, he would spend hours at a time at the Library of Congress to pin down names, places and dates. Colleagues were often able to rely on his encyclopedic knowledge to fill in gaps on stories they were writing. They also remembered Kim as unflappable, with a wry sense of humor.

Greg Peppers, executive producer for AP Radio, said Kim would "go the extra mile" to confirm details in Today in History. He said Kim "took each line of it and made it his own." Peppers described Kim as a "quiet, steadfast presence on the broadcast wire desk."

[Click here](#) for a link to this story.

Connecting mailbox

This candidate didn't lack confidence

Doug Tucker ([Email](#)) - A confident young man approached me several years ago about applying for our sports stringer job at one of the two universities in Kansas. I told him to write me a brief letter outlining his qualifications, etc., and we would talk.

He penned, in part, "I am an excellent writer. It comes natural for me as I have always had a great talent for expression. But this is hard to put into words."

I didn't hire the kid but probably should have. The person who did get the job turned out a big disappointment.

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Tales of publishers on the road in California

Andy Lippman ([Email](#)) - I cannot possibly top Mark Mittelstadt's story. But the publisher's idea about double billing did bring to mind the time that New York asked me to request that the Paso Robles accept a draft system instead of having the publisher's wife write the company a check every month. That suggestion was

politely rejected by the publisher who reminded me that his wife handled all the bills personally.

It was always interesting to visit the publisher at Paso Robles. I had been forewarned, but when I arrived for the first time, the publisher ushered me to two sets of airplane seats which had been bolted to the floor in the middle of the office. The seats were complete with arm rests and ashtrays. This is where the publisher would conduct his membership visit. I sometimes found myself running my fingers around the bottom of those ashtrays and always had to wash my hands before I went to my next visit.

Then there was the publisher at Porterville, Ca., who made you sink down in the sofa which faced his desk. I was trying to get him to sign with the AP (he eventually did). I always wondered how much loose change dropped out of visitors' pants and was trapped behind the sofa cushions.

The first time I visited, the publisher looked over the desk at me sunk down in the cushions and said: "you know the last time he came, the chief of bureau came and he brought his wife. I can't remember his name, but his wife was a looker." I barely maintained a straight face the entire visit. I quickly found a phone booth and relayed the story to " ol' what's his name" Marty Thompson and his wife Janet.

To show how attentive he was to attractive women and how chiefs of bureau could quickly vanish into the scenery, I once took the publisher and a friend to one of Porterville's "finest" restaurants. I was about to discuss rates when the publisher turned to his friend and said, "Isn't that Vera (I can't remember if she was really named Verna) over there? Let's go tease her." And off they went to tease Verna, leaving "ol-what's his name" -me -to sip my ice tea and wait for the publisher and his friend to come back five minutes later from across the room.

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Celebrating 30 years of Carucci Cool



Beth Harpaz shares this photo (by John Daniszewski) from the New York AP newsroom of a fun celebration of John Carucci's 30th AP anniversary with a very creative touch from Brooke Lefferts - sunglasses for all in homage to Carucci Cool. Well done for a fine colleague! Beth explains that the dark glasses were provided by Lefferts, who noted that John is known for getting celebrities to say newsworthy things when you least expect it. Beth adds, "He is truly beloved by his coworkers in the entertainment department. And he's a cool dude, hence the cool look!" (John is at bottom left in the blue shirt.)

Your memories of the AP hiring tests - continued

Jim Bagby (Email) - Was so glad to see the style test! Have often pondered in the dust of now a half-century past what it was like. Am surprised now that it was so lengthy. Wonder how many of us would like to rip through it now. I'm sure then coming off eight years as a sportswriter I had no inkling how to put a broadcast sentence together - and just to think in less than two years I'd be a broadcast editor; even an award-winning one. Ok, once.

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Joe Frazier (Email) - I took the test in Portland, Oregon in early 1972 and I recall it as something cobbled together locally. The main question to deal with if I remember was an edit job on some long pompous oration in serious need of a whittle. Buried deep within was a reference to a dog. An experienced hand in the bureau drew me aside and said "get the dog in the lead." I did. I got the job and later passed the hint along to other aspirants. There may have been a New York generated test as well. My memory fails me.

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Mike Harris (Email) - I wrote a couple of weeks ago about taking the AP test on the day that the company's only strike began, Left to my own devices by harried bureau chief Al Orton, I sat in a corner of the very hectic Chicago AP office and spent most of the day doing the various sections of the test, perfecting things as much as possible since no one was timing me or keeping track of what I was doing.

When done, I put all the materials on Mr. Orton's desk and headed back to Rockford, Ill., where I was working at the time.

Two weeks later, the strike over, I got the call from Mr. Orton asking me when I could come to work in the Chicago bureau. I started my AP career on Feb. 16, 1969.

Three years later, I was the AP Sports Writer in Indianapolis as well as taking shifts on the news and broadcast desks.

I believe it was a winter day when I walked into the office in the old Star-News Building about 4 p.m. and found a note in my mailbox to see the bureau chief's secretary. When I walked up to her, I was met with a quizzical look.

"How long ago did you take the AP test?" she asked. "Three years ago," I replied.

"Well, you didn't do the grammar and vocabulary test and NY Personnel wants you to take it now so they can add it to your file," she said.

So, there I sat, taking the final portion of the AP test before beginning my sports shift. I never heard another word about it, so I guess I passed.

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Tom Kent (Email) - Re the AP test, I can't remember if the story about the foggy night on Afton Mountain was on the test I took when I joined. But in grading the test in my early years as a manager, I did puzzle over the facts; they just didn't seem to make sense. As I grew as a journalist and manager over 44 years, I had periodic opportunities to reassess that set of facts with my ever-increasing store of experience, skill and news judgment. Even with that, they never made sense to me. (Readers may be interested to know that as recently as 2009, those lights **were still in the news.**)

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Mark Mittelstadt (Email) - One of my early duties as bureau chief in Albuquerque -- as it was for many AP news executives -- was to recruit for an internship program for minority journalists. The program was designed to bring a dozen or more journalists a year into temporary positions, train them and transition them to regular employment with the goal of creating a more diverse AP workforce.

My territory included three schools: University of New Mexico; New Mexico State University; and the University of Texas-El Paso.

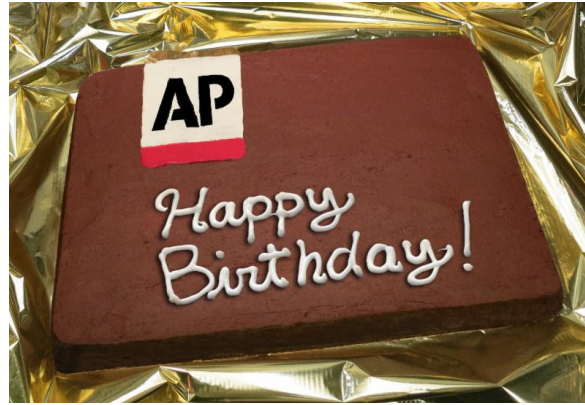
The UTEP contact was a communications instructor named Zena McGlashan. When I called to set up a visit, we both immediately realized she had been one of my journalism pros at the University of Iowa nearly two decades earlier. Zena Beth Guenin, as she was known then, eventually left for the University of Montana in her home state. She was taking a year as a visiting instructor at UTEP where she took over the role of helping students find jobs.

She arranged several interviews. Most students were local with limited knowledge or experience in journalism and likely not good candidates for AP. One young man had a little more experience. During the interview, he came across as shy and a little uncertain, and didn't offer much beyond what was asked.

I shared my observations with Zena and prepared to leave. She insisted that I stay and go to lunch with the students. I did, and saw a different side of the quiet young man. Most conversation with other students ran through him. An editor at the student newspaper, The Prospector, he extensively talked about the gathering and handling of upcoming stories. He gave the impression of someone in charge. After lunch I again visited with Zena. "You really ought to take a look at Eddie," she said.

"Eddie" eventually took the AP newswriting test, applied and was selected for the internship program. He continued in regular employment -- as a newsman, El Paso correspondent and news editor in Phoenix. Ed Montes is now assistant regional sports editor in Phoenix.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

News outlets join forces to track down children separated from their parents by the U.S. (Poynter)

By DAVID BEARD

Frustrated at the Trump administration's limited information about thousands of migrant children separated from their parents, a group of news organizations are joining forces to help track down the kids.

BuzzFeed News, ProPublica, The Intercept and Univision announced Wednesday that they are partnering to gather vital information about the children in immigration detention facilities and shelters. Joining the effort: a leading Mexican news site, Animal Político, the Guatemalan site Plaza Pública, and El Faro, from El Salvador.

The outlets will be asking readers for tips and information - including through secure channels - about what's happening on the ground at the border, in shelters, in facilities and in courtrooms.

The outlets got together to crowdsource this information because actual information on the children "was hard to come by" and state agencies weren't getting federal help, says Jessica Garrison, a senior BuzzFeed News investigative editor.

Read more [here](#).

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Jill Abramson, Ex-New York Times Editor: The 'Narcissistic' NYT Is Making 'Horrible Mistakes,' Needs a 'Course Correction' (Daily Beast)

By LLOYD GROVE

It may not have been the tweet heard 'round the world, but it was certainly heard-like a thunderclap-at The New York Times' headquarters at [620 Eighth Avenue](#) in Manhattan.

"Kind of pisses me off that @nytimes is still asking Who Is Ocasio-Cortez? when it should have covered her campaign," Jill Abramson erupted on Twitter on Wednesday morning-a biting reference to the newspaper's original headline concerning the 28-year-old socialist's shocking Democratic primary upset, a landslide actually, over incumbent Joe Crowley in New York's 14th Congressional District.

Indeed, a quick review of the Times' coverage of the primary race turned up mention of and quotes from Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez in two news stories prior to Election Night, and a few name-checks in editorials-one of which, published in the June 20 print edition, noted that she's "a challenger [Crowley] is heavily favored to beat."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Mark Mittelstadt, Paul Albright.

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Tim Cook on Why Apple News Needs Human Editors: 'News Was Kind of Going a Little Crazy' (The Wrap)

By **SEAN BURCH**

Tim Cook wants your news experience to be a little less stressful - and that's why Apple is leaning on humans, rather than algorithms, to highlight its top stories in Apple News, according to the exec.

"News was kind of going a little crazy," said Cook on Monday night at the Fortune CEO Initiative conference in San Francisco, explaining Apple's latest attempt to curb polarization. Apple's solution, unveiled earlier in the day, was a new, curated tab for coverage of the 2018 midterm elections. The stories will be picked by human editors, and will offer coverage from a variety of viewpoints, from Vox to Fox News.

"For Apple News, we felt top stories should be selected by humans," said Cook, "to make sure you're not picking content that strictly has the goal of enraging people."

Read more [here](#). Shared by John Hartzell.

Today in History - June 29, 2018



By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, June 29, the 180th day of 2018. There are 185 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 29, 1927, the first trans-Pacific airplane flight was completed as U.S. Army Air Corps Lt. Lester J. Maitland and Lt. Albert F. Hegenberger arrived at Wheeler Field in Hawaii aboard the *Bird of Paradise*, an Atlantic-Fokker C-2, after flying 2,400 miles from Oakland, California, in 25 hours, 50 minutes.

On this date:

In 1520, Montezuma II, the ninth and last emperor of the Aztecs, died in Tenochtitlan (tay-nohch-TEET'-lahn) under unclear circumstances (some say he was killed by his own subjects; others, by the Spanish).

In 1613, London's original Globe Theatre, where many of Shakespeare's plays were performed, was destroyed by a fire sparked by a cannon shot during a performance of "Henry VIII."

In 1767, Britain approved the Townshend Revenue Act, which imposed import duties on glass, paint, oil, lead, paper and tea shipped to the American colonies. (Colonists bitterly protested, prompting Parliament to repeal the duties - except for tea.)

In 1880, France annexed Tahiti, which became a French colony on December 30, 1880.

In 1936, entertainer and songwriter George M. Cohan was presented with the Congressional Gold Medal by President Franklin D. Roosevelt for his contributions to building American morale during World War I.

In 1941, Polish statesman, pianist and composer Ignacy Jan Paderewski (een-YAHS' yahn pah-dayr-EF'-skee) died in New York at age 80.

In 1956, actress Marilyn Monroe married playwright Arthur Miller in a civil ceremony in White Plains, New York. (The couple also wed in a Jewish ceremony on July 1; the marriage lasted 4 1/2 years).

In 1967, actress Jayne Mansfield, 34, was killed along with her boyfriend, Sam Brody, and their driver, Ronnie Harrison, when their car slammed into the rear of a tractor-trailer on a highway in Slidell, Louisiana; three children riding in the back, including Mansfield's 3-year-old daughter, Mariska Hargitay, survived. Jerusalem was re-unified as Israel removed barricades separating the Old City from the Israeli sector.

In 1978, actor Bob Crane of "Hogan's Heroes" fame was found bludgeoned to death in an apartment in Scottsdale, Arizona, where he was appearing in a play; he was 49.

In 1988, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Morrison v. Olson, upheld the independent counsel law in a 7-1 decision (the sole dissenter was Justice Antonin Scalia).

In 1995, the space shuttle Atlantis and the Russian Mir space station linked in orbit, beginning a historic five-day voyage as a single ship. A department store in Seoul (sohl), South Korea, collapsed, killing at least 500 people. Actress Lana Turner died in Century City, California, at age 74.

In 2003, actress Katharine Hepburn died in Old Saybrook, Connecticut, at age 96.

Ten years ago: Zimbabwe's longtime ruler Robert Mugabe was sworn in as president for a sixth term after a widely discredited runoff in which he was the only candidate. Two weeks away from her 20th birthday, Inbee Park became the youngest winner of the U.S. Women's Open by closing with a 2-under 71 at Interlachen in Edina, Minnesota. Spain won the European Championship 1-0 over Germany for its first major title in 44 years.

Five years ago: Paying tribute to his personal hero, President Barack Obama met privately in Johannesburg, South Africa, with Nelson Mandela's family as the world anxiously awaited news on the condition of the hospitalized 94-year-old anti-apartheid leader. (Mandela was discharged from the hospital on September 1, 2013; he died the following December.)

One year ago: A scaled-back version of President Donald Trump's travel ban took effect, stripped of provisions that brought protests and chaos at airports worldwide in January. South Korea's new leader, Moon Jae-in, dined with President Trump at the White House as part of an effort to reassure Washington that he would coordinate closely on dealing with the North Korean threat. President Trump nominated Indiana's health commissioner, Dr. Jerome Adams, to serve as the next U.S. surgeon general.

Today's Birthdays: Movie producer Robert Evans is 88. Songwriter L. Russell Brown is 78. Singer-songwriter Garland Jeffreys is 75. Actor Gary Busey is 74. Comedian Richard Lewis is 71. Actor-turned-politican-turned-radio personality Fred Grandy is 70. Rock musician Ian Paice (Deep Purple) is 70. Singer Don Dokken (Dokken) is 65. Rock singer Colin Hay (Men At Work) is 65. Actress Maria Conchita Alonso is 63. Actress Kimberlin Brown (TV: "The Bold and the Beautiful") is 57. Actress Sharon Lawrence is 57. Actress Amanda Donohoe is 56. Actress Judith Hoag is 55. Violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter is 55. Rhythm and blues singer Stedman Pearson (Five Star) is 54. Actress Kathleen Wilhoite is 54. Producer-writer Matthew Weiner is 53. Musician Dale Baker is 52. Actress Melora Hardin is 51. Actor Brian D'Arcy James is 50. Actress Christina Chang is 47. Rap DJ Shadow is 46. Actor-dancer Will Kemp is 41. Actress Zuleikha Robinson is 41. Country musician Todd Sansom (Marshall Dyllon) is 40. Singer Nicole Scherzinger is 40. Comedian-writer Colin Jost (johst) is 36. Actress Lily Rabe is 36. Rhythm and blues singer Aundrea Fimbres is 35. Actress Camila Mendes (TV: "Riverdale") is 24.

Thought for Today: "A hypocrite is a person who - but who isn't?" - Don Marquis, American journalist-author (1878-1937).

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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