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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning on this the 18th day of June 2019,

Please click [here](#) for a story on veteran Dallas Morning News photojournalist **Tom Fox**, who said he thought he "was gone" when he hid in an alcove from a heavily armed masked man at the downtown federal courts building Monday morning.

"I just kept thinking, 'He's going to look at me around that corner and he's going to shoot,'" Fox said. Seconds earlier, Fox had heard what sounded like gunshots. He saw a figure emerge down the block, but he couldn't make out details.

Many of you have had close encounters with danger and even death in your careers. Tell us about it.

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Tom Fox

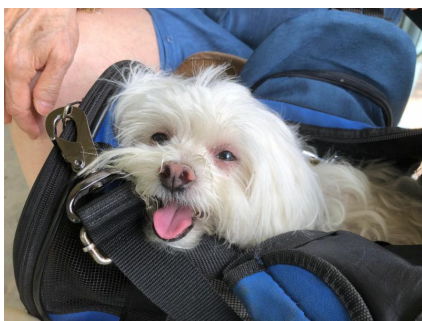
I should have known. Or maybe I did...

Introduce the subject of dogs to my Connecting colleagues and the responses will roll in.

In yesterday's issue, colleague **Richard Weiss** told how his dog Chloe stuck her tongue into his DQ Blizzard, twice, and asked his colleagues what they would have done: A: Eat the Blizzard because Chloe, is after all, family; B: Eat the Blizzard because, as everyone knows, dog tongues are antiseptic; C: Toss the Blizzard or D: Toss Chloe; or E, get Chloe her own Blizzard.

Replies thus far:

Rick Cooper - Woodie (at right) says, E. Go back to the Dairy Queen window get another Blizzard so each of you can have their own.



Marcus Eliason - Share it with her (and I bet that'll be the majority opinion). Further re Chloe, I consulted our own expert, Oscar (at left), and he concurs: Share it.



Gene Herrick - I wish your test question re Richard Weiss and Chloe, would have been on my school tests. Gosh, there is no question. It is either A, or B, or both. I

am more worried about Chloe and what she might catch from the guy licking at the same time. There is one other possible solution: Mail the Brownie Blizzard to me!

Marc Humbert - Let Chloe finish the Blizzard. Go back and buy another one for human consumption. And, from now on, just buy two and be done with it.

Bruce Lowitt - Either eat the Blizzard because Chloë definitely is family or, more likely, go back into DQ, buy another Blizzard for me and let Chloe finish hers. Then try to teach her how to use a spoon and a straw.

Paul Shane - I would use a 5th option and let Chloe have the Blizzard unless it had a lot of chocolate.

Jim Willis - I'd probably go for the "A" answer. Meanwhile, I'd recommend to Richard Weiss that he buy Chloe her own cup of ice cream when he stops at Dairy Queen, rather than accidentally sharing his Blizzard containing chocolate. LOL.

John Wylie - I've got to answer today's question from my old Star friend Dick Weiss: A: Eat the Blizzard because Chloe, is after all, family. Both our desks in that cavernous newsroom were within even the worst-made paper airplane distance of Charlie Gusewelle's space and we all know how he felt about his dog. That was a fun place to work, and I'm delighted to know Dick can still enjoy a Blizzard and look so fit. Chloe was simply showing a little love!

Dave Zelio - E: Give Chloe the Blizzard because she took advantage of the well-established 'center console exception' carved out by generations of opportunistic dogs but also go back and get yourself your own Blizzard because it's Dairy Queen and you deserve it.

And also from Monday's issue, colleague **Adolphe Bernotas** was first to point out that the caption for a photo showing a catfish identified the fish incorrectly. He said, "Don't mean to carp, but that fish ain't no catfish but a carp. I say this under authority as a third-place winner, (\$8), from the time-to-time Harbor Isles Bass Tournament in North Port, Fla."

Even a newsletter devoted to the AP and to journalism can stray from time to time.

Have a great day!

Paul

Why I became a journalist

Mike Tharp ([Email](#)) - I became a journalist because I was an Eagle Scout.

Each year in Topeka, all Eagle Scouts from that year were paired at a dinner with someone in a field that we might want to enter when we grew up. I wrote 'Foreign Correspondent.' At 16 I didn't know what it meant but it sounded cool. I was seated at the meal with Charles Pearson, the stately Sunday editor of the Topeka Capital-Journal. He advised me to read the Notes and Comments section of the New Yorker. Since my dad subscribed, that was easy. He also asked if I'd ever be interested in a copy boy job (no copy girls in 1961) at the paper. Sure, I said, again not knowing what it meant.

A few months later he called and said there was an opening. I started the next week and worked at the C-J for the next three years. Part of that time I worked as a darkroom boy for Connecting colleague and lifelong friend and hero Rich Clarkson. For a year I wrote the weekly 'Teen Scene' column in the Sunday editor--news from all five city high schools. Taught me how to report and meet deadlines.

That's also when I met the AP's Elon Torrence and Lew Ferguson in the newsroom and UPI's Joe Galloway, only three years older. Much later, after a year in Vietnam writing for an Army magazine, after 11 years in Japan with WSJ, NYT, FEER and USN&WR and after covering seven wars, I knew what a foreign correspondent was.

It was at this same point in my life--sophomore year at Hayden High School--that Sister Mary Mildred kicked me out of her English Honors class for 'insubordination' or not saluting the flag or not praying or all the above. For the last nine weeks of the term, she put me in a room by myself. She told me she didn't care what I wrote--poetry, short stories, reviews, essays--just turn in what I'd done at the end of each week. So I did.

She turned me into a writer.

A lotta angels to thank forever.

Connecting mailbox

A Father's Day picture: Sam Blackman & Ann Blackman



Ann Blackman (Email) - shares this photo she posted from Father's Day, showing her with her father Sam Blackman at headquarters around 1954-55, back when the AP was located at 50 Rockefeller Plaza. Her dad was general news editor

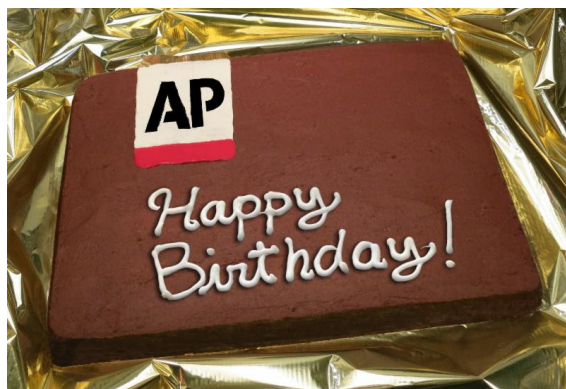
of the AP. He died in 1995 at the age of 90. Ann's career included working as a reporter for the AP in Washington, where she met her husband, Michael Putzel.

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Are you following AP style?

Tim Marsh - Question CONNECTING might ask its readers: Are you following the new AP stylebook and spelling out names of states which used to be abbreviated? Or, are you finding old habit hard or impossible to break?

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Stories of interest

When a man opened fire at a courthouse, this photographer didn't run. He pulled out his camera. (Washington Post)



Fox snapped this picture of the shooter before running behind a column. His first instinct had been to reach for his camera. (Tom Fox / The Dallas Morning News)

By Eli Rosenberg

A gunman clad in a mask, tactical gear and high-powered rifle opened fire outside a federal building in Dallas on Monday, causing alarm and panic but no injuries before the man was fatally shot by the police.

The shooting was reported widely. But perhaps some of the best documentation of the incident came from Tom Fox, a photographer for the Dallas Morning News.

Fox was there at the beginning of what would have been a typical day for any metro journalist: he was headed to the inauguration for the city's new mayor but stopped by the building, which houses a federal courthouse, to snap photos of a defendant in a case about charter school fraud first.

So he was waiting right in front of the building when the gunman, whom authorities identified as former Army infantryman Brian Isaack Clyde, showed up and began to fire.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Sibby Christensen.

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Why do some people avoid news? Because they don't trust us - or because they don't think we add value to their lives? (Nieman)

By JOSUHA BENTON

The modern digitally connected human (Homo smartphonicus, identifiable by its trademark slumped shoulders and bleary eyes) has access to more news and information than any other human in history, whenever they want it, most of it free, all of it in their pocket.

But it's not only news that they have more access to - it's everything, from Clash of Clans to Keanu memes to old friends' photos to Ariana Grande songs to TikTok. Those things, if administered correctly, serve as entertainment and tend to make their consumers happy. News, you may have noticed, isn't that great at generating happiness these days. So lots of people are happy to stick to Keanu and avoid Trump/Iran/Putin/climate change/mass shootings/Brexit/racism entirely.

That phenomenon - improved technology increases access to news, but also makes it easier to avoid it - is fairly well established by now, and I've been watching with interest a new flowering of research into what the academic literature calls "news avoidance" the past few years. People like me - and I suspect you, dear reader of Nieman Lab - love consuming news and relish the Internet's capacity to leave us awash in headlines all day. But we're weirdos, and lots of normals embrace the Internet's ability to let them check out of news altogether.

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

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UT student newspaper ends its 19-year independence from the university (Toledo Blade)

By ALLISON CHEN

After nearly two decades of editorial independence from the University of Toledo, its student-run newspaper will re-establish legal and financial ties with the institution this fall.

The Independent Collegian began discussions two years ago about reuniting with UT because of declining ad revenue and funding. Reuniting with the university "was one of many options considered within the past two years," said Erin Czerniak, the Independent Collegian's exiting faculty advisor.

The newspaper's board of directors officially voted for reunification this April.

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

The Final Word

Pretty sure you can't do this to a Kindle.

Ed Williams ([Email](#)) - The good old days, a little before my time. Click [here](#).

Today in History - June 18, 2019



By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, June 18, the 169th day of 2019. There are 196 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 18, 1979, President Jimmy Carter and Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev signed the SALT II strategic arms limitation treaty in Vienna.

On this date:

In 1778, American forces entered Philadelphia as the British withdrew during the Revolutionary War.

In 1812, the War of 1812 began as the United States Congress approved, and President James Madison signed, a declaration of war against Britain.

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte met defeat at Waterloo as British and Prussian troops defeated the French in Belgium.

In 1940, during World War II, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill urged his countrymen to conduct themselves in a manner that would prompt future generations to say, "This was their finest hour." Charles de Gaulle delivered a speech on the BBC in which he rallied his countrymen after the fall of France to Nazi Germany.

In 1945, William Joyce, known as "Lord Haw-Haw," was charged in London with high treason for his English-language wartime broadcasts on German radio. (He was hanged in January 1946.)

In 1948, Columbia Records publicly unveiled its new long-playing phonograph record in New York.

In 1953, a U.S. Air Force Douglas C-124 Globemaster II crashed near Tokyo, killing all 129 people on board. Egypt's 148-year-old Muhammad Ali Dynasty came to an end with the overthrow of the monarchy and the proclamation of a republic.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson and Japanese Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda spoke to each other by telephone as they inaugurated the first trans-Pacific cable completed by AT&T between Japan and Hawaii.

In 1983, astronaut Sally K. Ride became America's first woman in space as she and four colleagues blasted off aboard the space shuttle Challenger on a six-day mission.

In 1992, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Georgia v. McCollum*, ruled that criminal defendants could not use race as a basis for excluding potential jurors from their trials.

In 1996, Richard Allen Davis was convicted in San Jose, California, of the 1993 kidnap-murder of 12-year-old Polly Klaas of Petaluma. (Davis remains on death row.)

In 2004, an al-Qaida cell in Saudi Arabia beheaded American engineer Paul M. Johnson Jr., 49, posting grisly photographs of his severed head; hours later, Saudi security forces tracked down and killed the alleged mastermind of the kidnapping and murder.

Ten years ago: Tens of thousands of protesters filled the streets of Tehran again, joining opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi to mourn demonstrators killed in clashes over Iran's disputed presidential election. Hortensia Bussi, the widow of Chilean President Salvador Allende who helped lead opposition to the military dictatorship that ousted her husband, died at 94. Washington Capitals forward Alex Ovechkin was named the NHL's most valuable player for the second straight year after leading the league with 56 goals.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama met with senior lawmakers in the Oval Office for over an hour to discuss options for responding to the crumbling security situation in Iraq; afterward, congressional leaders said the president believed he did not need authorization from Congress for some steps he might take to quell the al-Qaida-inspired insurgency. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ruled that the Washington Redskins' name was "disparaging of Native Americans" and should be stripped of trademark protection. Clayton Kershaw pitched his first no-hitter as the Los Angeles Dodgers defeated the Colorado Rockies 8-0.

One year ago: President Donald Trump announced that he was directing the Pentagon to create the "Space Force" as an independent service branch. Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton described as a "moral and humanitarian crisis" the Trump administration's "zero tolerance" policy that had separated children from their

parents at the southern U.S. border. Trump defended his administration's border policies, saying the country "will not be a migrant camp" on his watch. The Supreme Court allowed electoral maps that were challenged as excessively partisan to remain in place for now, declining to rule on the bigger issue of whether to limit redistricting for political gain. Troubled rapper-singer XXXTentacion was shot and killed in Florida in what police called an apparent robbery attempt.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., is 82. Baseball Hall of Famer Lou Brock is 80. Sir Paul McCartney is 77. Actress Constance McCashin is 72. Actress Linda Thorson is 72. Rock musician John Evans is 71. Former Sen. Mike Johanns, R-Neb., is 69. Actress Isabella Rossellini is 67. Actress Carol Kane is 67. Actor Brian Benben is 63. Actress Andrea Evans is 62. Rock singer Alison Moyet is 58. Rock musician Dizzy Reed (Guns N' Roses) is 56. Figure skater Kurt Browning is 53. Country singer-musician Tim Hunt is 52. Rock singer-musician Sice (The Boo Radleys) is 50. Rhythm and blues singer Nathan Morris (Boyz II Men) is 48. Actress Mara Hobel is 48. Singer-songwriter Ray LaMontagne is 46. Rapper Silkk the Shocker is 44. Actress Alana de la Garza is 43. Country singer Blake Shelton is 43. Rock musician Steven Chen (Airborne Toxic Event) is 41. Actor David Giuntoli is 39. Drummer Josh Dun (Twenty One Pilots) is 31. Actress Renee Olstead is 30. Actor Jacob Anderson is 29. Actress Willa Holland is 28.

Thought for Today: "Frailty, thy name is no longer woman." - Victor Riesel, American labor journalist (1913-1995).

Connecting calendar



June 20 - 25-Year Club Celebration, 5:30 - 8 p.m., AP headquarters, 200 Liberty Street, New York, NY. 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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