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AP announces winners of 2019 Gramling Awards and Chairman's Prize



Gramling Award and Chairman's Prize winners pose with AP President and CEO Gary Pruitt in New York, Oct. 22, 2019. From left: senior producer Johnson Lai, GMS business development manager Toby Goode, production director Stephen Barker, reporter Calvin Woodward, senior producer Yesica Fisch, video journalist Dake Kang, video journalist David Keyton, Pruitt, data editor Meghan Hoyer, reporter Yanan Wang, data science and news applications editor Troy Thibodeaux, director of text and multimedia products Ken Romano, technology manager Peter Watson, and office manager Jee-won Jeong. (AP Photo/Stuart Ramson)

Journalists and staffers based in Brazil, China, Sweden, Taiwan and Washington are among the winners of the 2019 Oliver S. Gramling Awards and Chairman's Prize, the highest internal honors of The Associated Press.

Created in 1994 to recognize AP staffers for professional excellence, the Gramlings are decided each year by a panel of judges from across the news cooperative. The \$10,000 awards come from a fund established by the estate of the late AP broadcast executive Oliver S. Gramling.

The judges this year evaluated submissions in four categories: journalism, achievement and spirit, and a Chairman's Prize.

The Chairman's Prize, created in 2004, is an honor bestowed by the not-for-profit cooperative for a transformational offering that benefits AP and the news industry it serves.

"All of our winners embody talent, ambition and teamwork," said AP President and CEO Gary Pruitt. "Each of them strives to make AP better for our colleagues, our customers and our mission. They truly represent the best of AP."

Read more [here](#).

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Jonathan Wolman: Journalism's champion

(The Detroit News)



By Daniel Howes

In a career spanning 46 years, Jonathan Wolman covered and managed some of the biggest stories of his time - as longtime Washington bureau chief for The Associated Press, as the wire service's executive editor in New York and, finally, as editor and publisher of The Detroit News, the city where he had his first AP posting outside his hometown of Madison, Wisconsin.

In his dozen years leading The News, he edited and directed coverage of some of the region's most consequential stories in the past half century: the bankruptcies of

two automakers and later the city of Detroit, the public-corruption conviction of former Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, the Flint water crisis, the continuing revitalization of Detroit, the improbable victory in Michigan of Donald Trump in the 2016 presidential race.

Jon nurtured generations of journalists during his career, many of who now fill the top ranks of the profession.

The late editor and publisher of The Detroit News is saluted for a lifetime dedicated to journalism and public service. The Detroit News

"He found a profession he was sort of made for," said Bridget Mary McCormack, chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court and a close friend of Mr. Wolman and his wife, Deborah Lamm, for the last decade before his death on April 15, 2019, at age 68. "He's a metaphor for the Washington we wish for."

Read more [here](#).

Contributed by **Charles Hill** ([Email](#)).

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Photojournalist Jim Dietz inducted into Kansas High School Hall of Fame

In high school, Jim Dietz discovered photography, a guiding joy of his life. A camera around his neck, in front of his face or in a shoulder bag was common. Having fun, working hard and living fully were Jim's traits. Whether as a yearbook/newspaper photographer, acting in musicals or Cytones, Jim, who graduated from Ottawa High School in 1984, was there.

He interned with the Ottawa Herald before heading to Kansas State University. As staff of The Collegian, Jim earned his photojournalism degree in 1988, leading to work for The Blue Springs Examiner and The Independence Examiner, suburban Kansas City newspapers.

In 1990, after marriage to his college sweetheart, Teresa Temme, the couple moved to Washington, D.C. A federal government career awaited Teresa, while Jim became photo editor with The Baltimore Sun prior to his several positions at The Associated Press from 1995 to 2011. He and Teresa have two daughters, Annalise and Alayna.

At AP, Jim was one of the leaders in digital darkroom innovation. He covered events worldwide, such as the Olympics, Emmys, Oscars, World Series and presidential conventions.

Jim initiated PhotoData Works, prior to his joining Getty Images as editorial events engineer in New York. PhotoData works showcased his personal enthusiasm for activities as a mentor/presenter at the Eddie Adams Workshops, a scholarship for student photographers. Jim and others established NYC Salt, a non-profit organization for inner city youth interested in the arts.

At Getty Images, Jim's "how can we fit it or do it better" attitude utilized his multiple talents building what was needed on a site.

Jim died from a heart attack on Jan. 30 in Atlanta, preparing for the Super Bowl. He did not live to see it, but his on-demand photo editing software was used for the first time there.

A memorial fund in Jim's name at NYC Salt had received contributions from colleagues, friends and loved ones worldwide, totaling thousands of dollars.

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Kathryn Johnson: A life well lived

Dale Leach ([Email](#)) - I was saddened by news of the death of Kathryn Johnson, a true journalistic pioneer - not just among women but among all journalists. Kathryn had the wisdom to understand that the civil rights struggle would be a story with historical implications, and she devoted all her energies to covering it well.

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Hers was certainly a life well lived.

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'I could see Mrs. King'

Estes Thompson ([Email](#)) - Very nice story on Kathryn Johnson by Allen Breed. With the pink robe detail, I could see Mrs King.

Kathryn Johnson: Tenacious, talented, a force

Peggy Walsh (Email) - Kathryn was a tenacious, talented force to be reckoned with.

When I joined the AP in Atlanta I was fortunate to work with her for my first few formative years. In her quiet, southern voice her stories were spell binding.

I remember her telling me about her time at the Kings after MLK was assassinated. She said every time it looked as though someone might ask her to leave, she grabbed a kitchen towel and started cooking eggs. The secret, she said, was remaining in the background, absorbing everything.

Another favorite was her wearing bobby socks and looking like a student so she could walk with and talk to Charlayne Hunter as Hunter integrated the University of Georgia.

As a female in a time when women in journalism fought an uphill battle, Kathryn didn't complain, she outmaneuvered.

She told me when a male colleague, whose name escapes me, blocked her hotel room door while she was covering the My Lai trial of William Calley, she climbed out the window.

Kathryn was a guiding light to all, especially women. She helped put my feet on the road.

I can still hear her lilting southern voice and see that steely gaze. She helped lay the groundwork on which many of us stood.

Stories of Interest

All-Female Panel Will Moderate Next Democratic Debate

(The New York Times)

By Michael M. Grynbaum

Four female journalists will moderate the Democratic primary debate next month in Georgia, including a repeat appearance by the star commentator Rachel Maddow, NBC News said on Wednesday.

Ms. Maddow, who was a moderator at the Democratic debate in June, will be joined by the veteran NBC News correspondent Andrea Mitchell and a pair of prominent White House correspondents: Ashley Parker of The Washington Post and Kristen Welker of NBC News.

The debate, jointly sponsored by MSNBC and The Post, is scheduled for Nov. 20. Eight presidential candidates, so far, have clinched a spot onstage. Candidates have until Nov. 13 to meet the Democratic Party's thresholds for fund-raising and polling performance.

Ms. Parker, who previously covered politics for The New York Times, will be the second print journalist to moderate a primary debate this year. Marc Lacey, the national editor of The Times, appeared alongside two CNN anchors at the Ohio debate this month.

This will not be the first primary debate to feature a lineup of female moderators. In January 2016, Trish Regan and Sandra Smith moderated one of two Republican presidential debates on Fox Business Network. Gwen Ifill and Judy Woodruff of PBS teamed up for a Democratic debate in February 2016.

Only four women have been the sole moderator of a general election presidential debate: Pauline Frederick (1976), Barbara Walters (1976 and 1984), Carole Simpson (1992) and Candy Crowley (2012).

Read more [here](#).

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2019 Edward R. Murrow Awards presented

(Poynter)

The 2019 Edward R. Murrow Award winners featured a strong showing from local news.

Here's what Dan Shelley, executive director of the Radio Television Digital News Associated, told Poynter: "Every single day, in every state of this union, there are responsible journalists working hard to hold the powerful accountable, to serve the public by reporting stories that often serve as catalysts for positive change, and who strive to live up to the exalted Murrow's standards, which he once distilled down into three simple sentences: 'To be persuasive we must be believable. To be believable, we must be credible. To be credible, we must be truthful.'"

Read more [here](#).

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Trump Cancels Subscriptions to The New York Times and The Washington Post

(The New York Times)

By Michael M. Grynbaum

President Trump has called members of the press "enemies of the people," deemed critical coverage "fake," accused news organizations of treason and threatened to make it easier to sue journalists for libel.

But not until this week had Mr. Trump turned to the ultimate recourse of the unhappy reader: He canceled his subscription.

Officials in the West Wing on Thursday announced that copies of The Washington Post and The New York Times would no longer be delivered to the White House. The administration is moving to force other federal agencies to end their subscriptions to the papers, as well.

"Not renewing subscriptions across all federal agencies will be a significant cost saving - hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars will be saved," the White House press secretary, Stephanie Grisham, said in a statement.

Representatives for The Post and The Times declined to comment.

The White House remains a significant customer of print journalism: Copies of The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, The Financial Times and other publications are delivered to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue every morning, along with Mr. Trump's preferred first read, The New York Post.

Read more [here](#).

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Who is 'the White House'?

(The Poynter Report)

By Tom Jones

A story about Ukraine and President Donald Trump appeared in Wednesday's New York Times. The story used terms such as "White House officials suspected" and "sources both inside and outside the White House" and "the White House declined comment" ... you get the picture.

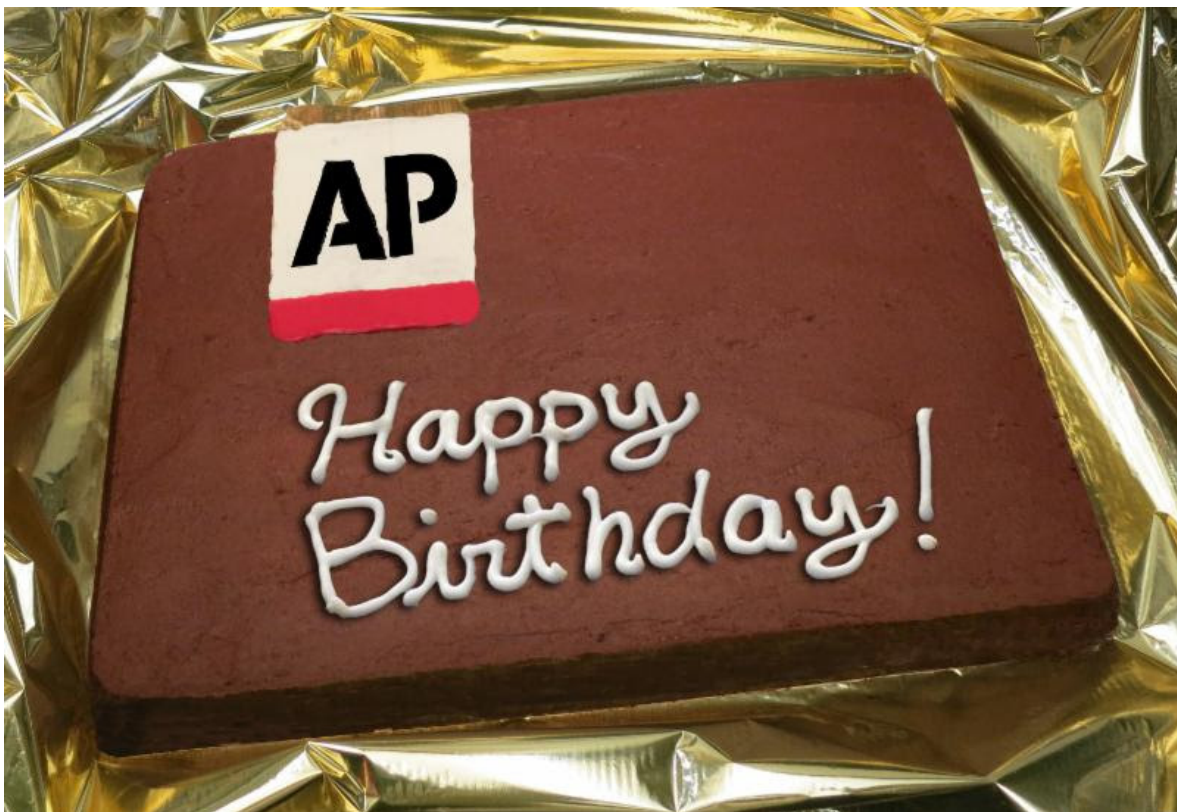
Referring to "the White House" is common for news organizations. "The White House" traditionally has meant the official stance of the president, even if the words didn't come from the president. But is that really the case any longer?

New York University journalism professor and media observer Jay Rosen on Wednesday tweeted: "There is no White House. Not in the sense that journalists have always used that term. Now it's just Trump ... and people who work in the building. Those words, 'the White House' still appear in news reports, but no one knows what the referent is for them."

It's a thesis Rosen has been pushing for some time. When veteran journalist Soledad O'Brien tweeted that this IS the White House under Trump, Rosen tweeted: "Journalists cannot keep talking about 'the White House' as if it's still the institution Americans remember from previous presidencies. It is not. And they have to make that super clear."

Read more [here](#).

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Today in History



By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Oct. 25, the 298th day of 2019. There are 67 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 25, 1971, the U.N. General Assembly voted to admit mainland China and expel Taiwan.

On this date:

In 1760, Britain's King George III succeeded his late grandfather, George II.

In 1812, the frigate USS United States, commanded by Stephen Decatur, captured the British vessel HMS Macedonian during the War of 1812.

In 1854, the "Charge of the Light Brigade" took place during the Crimean War as an English brigade of more than 600 men charged the Russian army, suffering heavy

losses.

In 1910, "America the Beautiful," with words by Katharine Lee Bates and music by Samuel A. Ward, was first published.

In 1954, a meeting of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's Cabinet was carried live on radio and television.

In 1962, during a meeting of the U.N. Security Council, U.S. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson II demanded that Soviet Ambassador Valerian Zorin confirm or deny the existence of Soviet-built missile bases in Cuba; Stevenson then presented photographic evidence of the bases to the Council.

In 1964, The Rolling Stones made the first of six appearances on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

In 1983, a U.S.-led force invaded Grenada (greh-NAY'-duh) at the order of President Ronald Reagan, who said the action was needed to protect U.S. citizens there.

In 1994, Susan Smith of Union, South Carolina, claimed that a black carjacker had driven off with her two young sons (Smith later confessed to drowning the children in John D. Long Lake, and was convicted of murder). Three defendants were convicted in South Africa of murdering American exchange student Amy Biehl. (In 1998, all three were granted amnesty by South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.)

In 1999, golfer Payne Stewart and five others were killed when their Learjet flew uncontrolled for four hours before crashing in South Dakota; Stewart was 42.

In 2001, a day after the House signed on, the Senate sent President Bush the U-S-A Patriot Act, a package of anti-terror measures giving police sweeping new powers to search people's homes and business records secretly and to eavesdrop on telephone and computer conversations.

In 2002, U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., was killed in a plane crash in northern Minnesota along with his wife, daughter and five others, a week and a-half before the election. Actor Richard Harris died in London at age 72.

Ten years ago: A pair of suicide car bombings devastated the heart of Iraq's capital, Baghdad, killing 155 people, including 24 children. Philanthropist Jeffrey Picower, accused of making more than \$7 billion from the investment schemes of his longtime friend Bernard Madoff, drowned after suffering a heart attack in the swimming pool of his Palm Beach, Florida, mansion; he was 67. The New York Yankees won their first pennant in six years, beating the Los Angeles Angels 5-2 in Game 6 of the AL championship series.

Five years ago: The World Health Organization said more than 10,000 people had been infected with Ebola and that nearly half of them had died as the outbreak continued to spread. Jack Bruce, 71, the bassist and lead vocalist of the 1960s power trio Cream, died in London. The San Francisco Giants defeated the Kansas City Royals, 11-4, to even the World Series at two games each.

One year ago: Investigators searched coast-to-coast for the culprit behind the mail-bomb plot aimed at critics of President Donald Trump as three more devices were

linked to the plot - two addressed to former Vice President Joe Biden and one to actor Robert De Niro.

Today's Birthdays: Former American League president Dr. Bobby Brown is 95. Actress Marion Ross is 91. Basketball Hall of Famer Bob Knight is 79. Pop singer Helen Reddy is 78. Author Anne Tyler is 78. Rock singer Jon Anderson (Yes) is 75. Political strategist James Carville is 75. Singer Taffy Nivert (Starland Vocal Band) is 75. Rock musician Glenn Tipton (Judas Priest) is 72. Actor Brian Kerwin is 70. Actor Mark L. Taylor is 69. Movie director Julian Schnabel is 68. Rock musician Matthias Jabs is 63. Actress Nancy Cartwright (TV: "The Simpsons") is 62. Country singer Mark Miller (Sawyer Brown) is 61. Rock musician Chad Smith (Red Hot Chili Peppers; Chickenfoot) is 58. Actress Tracy Nelson is 56. Actor Michael Boatman is 55. Actor Kevin Michael Richardson is 55. Actor Mathieu Amalric is 54. Singer Speech is 51. Actress-comedian-TV host Samantha Bee is 50. Actor Adam Goldberg is 49. Actor-singer Adam Pascal is 49. Rock musician Ed Robertson (Barenaked Ladies) is 49. Actress Persia White is 49. Country singer Chely (SHEL'ee) Wright is 49. Actress Leslie Grossman is 48. Violinist Midori is 48. Actor Craig Robinson is 48. Actor Michael Weston is 46. Actor Zachary Knighton is 41. Actress Mariana Klaveno is 40. Actor Mehdad (muh-KAD') Brooks is 39. Actor Ben Gould is 39. Actor Josh Henderson is 38. Rhythm-and-blues singer Young Rome is 38. Pop singer Katy Perry is 35. Rock singer Austin Winkler is 35. Singer Ciara is 34. Actress Krista Marie Yu (TV: "Dr. Ken") is 31. Actress Conchita Campbell is 24.

Thought for Today: Is it really so difficult to tell a good action from a bad one? I think one usually knows right away or a moment afterward, in a horrid flash of regret." - Mary McCarthy, American author and critic (born in 1912, died this day in 1989).

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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