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Bowie Mourns the Loss of John McNamara

We were deeply saddened last night when our worst fears were confirmed and John McNamara was listed as one of the five people killed at the offices of the *Annapolis Capital Gazette/Bowie Blade-News* in Annapolis.

For the last several years, McNamara was the editor/primary reporter for the *Bowie Blade-News* and an important fixture in our community. He was a talented writer with a knack for taking complex, often-contentious issues, and turning them into straightforward, even-handed articles that informed the Bowie community he served. His laid back style and quick wit put those he interviewed at ease and his story telling skills made him a ‘must read’ every Thursday in the *Blade*. His in-depth features often shone a light on people and local organizations active in serving others in Bowie and his articles about them had a way of strengthening the ties that bind us as a community.

In addition to being a fair and honest reporter, John McNamara will be remembered as a caring person who loved sports, particularly his Maryland Terrapins, who he covered for years. He will also be remembered for the great pride and joy he found in being from a large Irish family and for his devotion to his wife Andrea.

On behalf of the City Council, the staff, and the residents of Bowie, we offer our deepest condolences to his family and his colleagues at the Capital Gazette on their loss. John was a true friend of Bowie and will be sorely missed.

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