
Times Facts

Helen joined the *Times* in 1970 as a staff writer covering education and politics. She moved to the business news department in 1985 and in 1991 began writing her popular On Money column in which she answers readers' questions about money and personal finance.

Talking Points

• Personal finance • Investments • Income taxes

Helen is a regular guest on Tampa Bay area television and radio shows.

Education

Helen received her associate of arts degree from St. Petersburg Junior College in 1968 and her bachelor of science degree in journalism from the University of Florida in 1970. She later earned a master's degree in Political Science from the University of South Florida.

Background

Huntley is a native Floridian who grew up in Dunedin, Pinellas County. She worked for the now-defunct *Clearwater Sun* during high school and junior college, the *Florida Alligator* during college, and came to work for the *Times* right after graduating from the University of Florida. She is an avid Gator fan and has been active in school, church and community affairs, including serving as a trustee for the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. Helen is a member of several trade organizations and is past-president of the local chapters of both the Society of Professional Journalists and Women in Communications. She is married and the mother of two children.

Awards

Helen has won several prestigious awards and fellowships from organizations such as the Florida Press Club, Education Writers Association, Florida Education Association, William Randolph Hearst Foundation, the Foundation for American Communications and the Knight Center for Specialized Journalism. In 2003, Helen was inducted into the Independent Florida Alligator Hall of Fame. The Hall recognizes former staff members of the student newspaper at the University of Florida for their professional accomplishments.

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