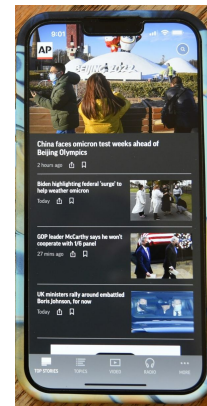


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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning on this Aug. 23, 2023,

We have a new Hall of Famer in our midst.

Congratulations to our colleague [Sally Stapleton](#) on her selection to the Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame. Induction ceremonies will be held in October.

Sally worked in AP Photos from 1990 until the end of 2003. In the 1990s, her role was as the senior photo editor for Latin America and Africa. Later, as deputy executive photo editor, she was responsible for all editorial aspects of the U.S. and international photo operation, which included more than 400 staff photographers and editors.

Her father, the late **Jack Stapleton**, was the publisher of the Daily Dunklin Democrat in Kennett, Mo., (population, 10,200) which happens to also be the home of singer **Sheryl Crow**.

I served as the AP bureau chief in Kansas City and would call on Sally's dad as part of my membership duties. Great guy, proud of his daughter. When overnighting in

Kennett, and accompanied by St. Louis Correspondents Randy Picht and later Jim Salter, we would head out to the Kennett High School tennis courts after dinner and play under the lights. These were the same courts that Sally and later Sheryl played on as members of the Kennett High School tennis team.

I asked Sally if she knew Crow, and her reply:

"Born in Dunklin Memorial Hospital in Kennett (which no longer exists as Kennett is among the many small towns nationwide without a hospital) and lived in the same house on Baker Drive in Kennett until mom sold it right after Dad died in 2003.



"It's a small town so anyone in the age range (albeit she's a bit younger) knew Sheryl Crow. Our families were very close and her parents are still alive and living in Kennett. Sheryl is a lovely, philanthropic, down-to-earth huge talent who has done so much for Kennett and returns home frequently. Mom wouldn't hesitate to mention that fact as a discreet nudge every time she came home as I didn't make it back as often as Sheryl did.

"Sheryl is receiving the huge, and deserved, honor of being among this year's inductees into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (on Nov. 3). No doubt there will be watch parties in Kennett."

Two accomplished women from a small Missouri town entering Halls of Fame within a month of one another - how cool is that???

Here's to a great day ahead – be safe, stay healthy, live it to your fullest.

Paul

Sally Stapleton to be inducted into Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame



Nick Ut with Sally Stapleton and Richard Drew, at an AP tribute gathering for Horst Faas and George Esper Aug. 12, 2012, at Eddie Adams' photo studio, Bathhouse Studios in New York City.

Sally Stapleton, whose career included 13 years with AP Photos, is among four award-winning photojournalists who will be inducted into the Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame in Columbia on Oct. 19.

This will be the 19th group of inductees since the founding of the Hall of Fame in 2005. Other inductees are the late Randy Cox; Dennis Crider of West Plains, and Jill Toyoshiba of Kansas City.

“It's an honor and factual to say I've lived my entire life - from birth to the present - in newsrooms,” Stapleton told Connecting. “What a gift to work alongside, build friendships and learn from so many talented journalist colleagues.”

From a news release:

Stapleton is a third-generation visual journalist who spent her childhood in small-town newsrooms at opposite ends of the state. Before her teens, she learned to develop film in the darkroom of the Daily Dunklin Democrat in Kennett, then run by her father, and she remembers watching her grandfather write stories on Linotype machines in the Stanberry Headlight and Albany Ledger newsrooms.

Between earning her undergraduate degree and returning to pursue her master's from the Missouri School of Journalism, Stapleton spent eight months working for her father in Kennett. In that time, she launched a weekend magazine and spent months photographing life in Hayti Heights, a tiny town that separated itself from a nearby community because its Black residents weren't being provided basic services.

She has held newsroom leadership roles covering the most far-reaching stories, including the ouster of Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet, funerals for international figures, the terror attacks of September 11, the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre and the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, which received the 1995 Feature Photography Pulitzer Prize for an Associated Press staff entry.

She was with AP Photos from 1990 until the end of 2003. In the 1990s, her role was as the senior photo editor for Latin America and Africa. In 1999, the AP won a second Africa-based Pulitzer Prize in Spot News Photography for its coverage of the simultaneous al-Qaida bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. Later, as deputy executive photo editor, she was responsible for all editorial aspects of the U.S. and international photo operation, which included more than 400 staff photographers and editors.

In 2016, Stapleton was named the Pollner Distinguished Professor at the University of Montana School of Journalism and taught multimedia storytelling. She was managing editor of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette from 2017 until April 2019. The Post-Gazette staff received the 2019 Pulitzer Prize in Breaking News Reporting for coverage of the Tree of Life synagogue massacre.

Stapleton currently lives in Columbia where she said she is working on journalism initiatives globally and reconnecting with the Missouri J School. In a couple of weeks, she is heading to Bolivia to lead workshops on journalists' security in La Paz and Santa Cruz with photojournalists, reporters and news editors.

Photographs made by the inductees will be on display during the 4 p.m. ceremony and reception in the Sam B. Cook Hall at the Center for Missouri Studies, the State Historical Society of Missouri's location in downtown Columbia. Those photographs will join the Hall of Fame's collection of work by inductees.

The Photojournalism Hall of Fame was founded at the urging of Bill Miller Sr., publisher of the Washington Missourian newspaper, to recognize outstanding contributors to visual communication with ties to Missouri.

Information about the Photojournalism Hall of Fame and previous inductees can be seen at photojournalismhalloffame.org. RSVP for the induction ceremony online at bit.ly/mophotoj or by email at mharper@mopress.com.

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Connecting mailbox

Noreen Gillespie – an innovator who made AP faster and better

Brian Carovillano - Noreen Gillespie, who resigned last week after 21 years with AP, held a variety of roles, including deputy sports editor, national editor and most recently, global business editor. Earlier in her career, she was critical to the success of

the regional reorganization in two regions. In every one of those roles, she has been an innovator who made AP faster and better while driving her teams to do some of their most ambitious journalism. Her contributions to AP over two-plus decades are, in my opinion, second to none.

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Jim and Ellen

[Frank Eltman](#) - Loved seeing the photo in Tuesday's Connecting from the wedding of Jim Fitzgerald and Ellen Nimmons. Jim was a good friend as we patrolled the NYC suburbs for the AP for many years (he in Westchester and me on Long Island). I still think of him often and miss his kindness and good humor.

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Nate's granddaughter begins journalism school

[Daniel Polowetzky](#) – son of legendary AP foreign editor Nate Polowetzky - In follow up to an earlier email, I am happy to report that my daughter, Daisy Polowetzky, started her freshman year at the SI Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University Monday.

She is majoring in Magazine, News and Digital Journalism.

Her grandfather would have been so pleased.

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Daughter of Lindel Hutson opens second Boston area eatery

[Lindel Hutson](#) shares the news that his daughter Sarah Wade is opening her second restaurant in the Boston area.

[This story](#) from Boston.com notes:

A renowned chef who achieved television fame several years ago is debuting a new eatery in Allston, serving up comfort food with an original twist.

Sloane's, chef Sarah Wade's second restaurant, is opening on Aug. 7 in the North Harvard Street space that formerly belonged to Our Fathers, a Jewish deli and bistro. Wade named the spot after her first daughter and will bring customers hearty fare. In the tradition of her first restaurant, Stillwater, which she opened in 2019 after winning Food Network's Chopped Gold Medal Games competition, she will deliver on comfort food with flair.

Dear Lover of Good Writing and Believer in Education,

We are gearing up for the 9th Annual College Application Essay Workshop and hoping you'll join us as an on-line mentor. Last year we had fewer than usual mentors sign up. We hope you can support a student this year!

What: The County Office of Education is offering graduating high school seniors an opportunity to help them conceive, write and edit their college essays. The College Application Essay Workshop will again be online this year, offering students one-on-one support from you: generous people willing to volunteer your time to help a prospective college student.

When: October 16 to October 30, 2023

Cost: FREE to students

Time: There will be **four** Zoom meetings over 10 days, arranged one-on-one between a trained writing mentor and the student.

- 1st meeting: brainstorm, leave with outline (1-2 hours)
- 2nd meeting 3 days later: bring in rough draft, read and edit – (under an hour)
- 3rd meeting, 2-3 days later: bring second draft, read and edit – (under an hour)
- 4th meeting, 2-3 days later: bring final draft, edit – (half hour)

How this works: You and your student will set meeting times and dates for the first four meetings. Following the fourth meeting, if you and your student want to continue working, you can arrange that. A Zoom training on either Weds., Oct. 11 at 4 p.m. or Sat. Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. will be available for all new volunteers and anyone who wants a refresher.

Who: We are Young Writers Program former director, and poet and writer Julia Chiapella and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Martha Mendoza. Formerly a project of the Young Writers Program, the workshop is now sponsored by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education.

To sign up as a writing mentor, please register [here](#):

And, please forward this email to friends and family you think might be interested. As always, thank you, thank you, THANK YOU! If you have questions, please email us:

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AP sighting

[Dick Lipsey](#) - Here is another AP sighting, this one from "Bellamy Park," memoirs by Brigadier General Bradford Chynoweth, published in 1975. In the early 1920s, Chynoweth was assigned to the War Department General Staff's Military Intelligence Division, which included the Press Relations Section.

Chynoweth writes:

"The Press Relations Section had daily intimate contact with the two Associated Press men, Kirk Simpson and Steve Early. Kirk won the Pulitzer Prize. Steve won fame when President Harding died in a San Francisco hotel. Lurking in the hall, Steve spied an attendant rushing out of the President's room. Steve took a chance and rushed to the phone to report to his editor the flash news that the President was dying. His story "scooped" the newspaper world. Simpson and Early were of inestimable help to us -- until the Billy Mitchell case erupted. Steve was an all-out partisan for Mitchell. ... Steve Early never looked at both sides of a question. He later won distinction in Press Relations for President Roosevelt."

Early had been the AP reporter covering the Navy Department from 1913-17, when Franklin D. Roosevelt was assistant secretary of the Navy and was White House press secretary from 1933-45 during FDR's presidency. Simpson won a Pulitzer Prize in 1922 for articles on the burial of the Unknown Soldier.

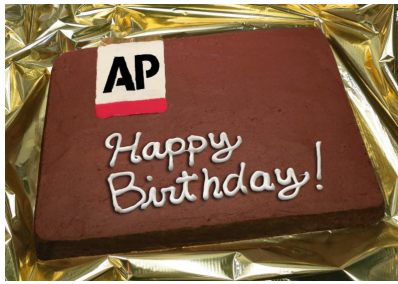
This is a fascinating memoir of the pre-World War II army. Chynoweth was a West Point class of 1912 graduate, three years ahead of Eisenhower and Bradley, and he provides a warts-and-all view of them and Douglas MacArthur and many others. Chynoweth and George Patton, class of 1909, saw eye-to-eye on the importance of decentralized training and the use of tanks as a strike force, rather than simply for infantry support. Their views were largely out of step with prevailing Army doctrine. Chynoweth was sent to the Philippines in 1941, two weeks before the Japanese invasion, and commanded Army forces on the islands of Panay and Cebu. He organized guerilla forces to resist the invasion but, like the rest of US forces, was ordered to surrender by the US commander, Gen. Wainwright. Chynoweth gives a detailed account of MacArthur's failure to prepare for the coming war and survived three years of captivity in Japanese prison camps.

Connecting sky shot



[Don Cooper](#) – Sunset on the front range, taken in Estes Park, Colo.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



[Dave Tenenbaum](#)

Stories of interest

Trump's decision to back out of debate tests Fox News' ability to pivot again (AP)

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — If 2023 has taught anything to the people running Fox News Channel, it's the importance of being able to pivot.

The decision by former President Donald Trump to skip Wednesday's first debate of the 2024 presidential primary season likely deprives Fox of a huge late-summer audience. Even worse for the network, Trump has talked of appearing in an online interview with former Fox star Tucker Carlson at the same time.

Trump's announcement on Sunday wasn't necessarily a surprise. Fox debate moderators Bret Baier and Martha MacCallum had been preparing for two events — one if he were there and one if he wasn't.

Several Fox personalities this summer publicly urged Trump to attend the event, and Fox executives privately made the same argument to the former president. Trump's former press secretary Kayleigh McEnany called his decision a "huge political miscalculation" on Monday on Fox.

Read more [here](#).

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'Get out of my house!' Video shows 98-year-old mother of Kansas newspaper publisher upset amid raid (AP)

BY JOHN HANNA AND JIM SALTER

MARION, Kan. (AP) — Newly released video shows the 98-year-old mother of a Kansas newspaper publisher confronting police officers as they searched her home in a raid that has drawn national scrutiny, at one point demanding: "Get out of my house!"

Video released by the newspaper Monday shows Joan Meyer shouting at the six officers inside the Marion, Kansas, home she shared with her son, Marion County Record Editor and Publisher Eric Meyer. Standing with the aid of a walker and dressed in a long robe or gown and slippers, she seems visibly upset.

"Get out of my house ... I don't want you in my house!" she said at one point. "Don't touch any of that stuff! This is my house!" she said at another.

The raids of the newspaper and the homes of the Meyers and a City Council member happened on Aug. 11, after a local restaurant owner accused the newspaper of illegally accessing information about her. Joan Meyer died a day later. Her son said he believes that the stress contributed to her death.

A prosecutor said later that there was insufficient evidence to justify the raids, and some of the seized computers and cellphones have been returned. Meanwhile, the initial online search of a state website that the police chief cited to justify the raid was legal, a spokesperson for the agency that maintains the site said Monday.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation continues to examine the newspaper's actions.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Doug Pizac, Adolphe Bernotas, Sibby Christensen.

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Elon Musk says he will remove news headlines from X posts so links only show as images, because he thinks it looks better (Business Insider)

Pete Syme

Elon Musk confirmed on Monday night that he'd ordered work on removing news headlines from X posts, so links only display an article's lead image.

"This is coming from me directly," Musk wrote on X, responding to an earlier Fortune report that broke the news. "Will greatly improve the esthetics," he added.

"It's something Elon wants," an unnamed source told Fortune. "They were running it by advertisers, who didn't like it, but it's happening."

Currently, posts with links are displayed as a "card" which shows the headline, lead image, and a short description of the story.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Doug Pizac.

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Lawsuit says Gannett discriminates against white workers to meet diversity goals (Reuters)

By Daniel Wiessner

Aug 22 (Reuters) - Gannett Co Inc (GCI.N), the largest U.S. newspaper publisher, is facing a lawsuit claiming its efforts to diversify newsrooms led to discrimination against white workers.

The proposed class action was filed in Virginia federal court on Friday by five current and former Gannett employees who say they were fired or passed over for promotions to make room for less-qualified women and minorities.

The plaintiffs say those decisions were driven by a policy announced in 2020 under which Gannett aims to have its newsrooms reflect the demographics of the communities they cover by 2025.

Gannett has also tied executive bonuses and promotions to success meeting the goals outlined in the policy, according to the lawsuit.

"Gannett executed their reverse race discrimination policy with a callous indifference towards civil rights laws or the welfare of the workers, and prospective workers, whose lives would be upended by it," the plaintiffs said in the lawsuit.

Polly Grunfeld Sack, Virginia-based Gannett's chief legal counsel, said the company always seeks to recruit and retain the most qualified workers.

Read more [here](#).

The Final Word

Shoe by Gary Brookins



Shared by Len Iwanski

Today in History - Aug. 23, 2023



By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 23, the 235th day of 2023. There are 130 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug 23, 1927, amid worldwide protests, Italian-born anarchists Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were executed in Boston for the murders of two men during a 1920 robbery. (On the 50th anniversary of their executions, then-Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis issued a proclamation that Sacco and Vanzetti had been unfairly tried and convicted.)

On this date:

In 1305, Scottish rebel leader Sir William Wallace was executed by the English for treason.

In 1775, Britain's King George III proclaimed the American colonies to be in a state of "open and avowed rebellion."

In 1914, Japan declared war against Germany in World War I.

In 1939, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union agreed to a non-aggression treaty, the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, in Moscow.

In 2000, A Gulf Air Airbus crashed into the Persian Gulf near Bahrain, killing all 143 people aboard.

In 2003, former priest John Geoghan (GAY'-gun), the convicted child molester whose prosecution sparked the sex abuse scandal that shook the Roman Catholic Church nationwide, died after another inmate attacked him in a Massachusetts prison.

In 2004, President George W. Bush criticized a political commercial accusing Democratic nominee John Kerry of inflating his own Vietnam War record, and said broadcast attacks by outside groups had no place in the race for the White House.

In 2008, Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama introduced his choice of running mate, Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware, before a crowd outside the Old State Capitol in Springfield, Illinois.

In 2011, a magnitude-5.8 earthquake centered near Mineral, Virginia, the strongest on the East Coast since 1944, caused cracks in the Washington Monument and damaged Washington National Cathedral.

In 2020, a white police officer in Kenosha, Wisconsin, shot a Black man, Jacob Blake, seven times as officers tried to arrest Blake on an outstanding warrant; the shooting left Blake partially paralyzed and triggered several nights of violent protests.

Ten years ago: A military jury convicted Maj. Nidal Hasan in the deadly 2009 shooting rampage at Fort Hood, Texas, that claimed 13 lives; the Army psychiatrist was later sentenced to death. Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, the U.S. soldier who'd massacred 16 Afghan civilians, was sentenced at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, to life in prison with no chance of parole. San Diego Mayor Bob Filner, a Democrat, agreed to resign in return for the city's help defending him against claims he'd groped, kissed and made lewd comments to women.

Five years ago: Mark David Chapman, the killer of former Beatle John Lennon, was denied parole for a 10th time. The long-running rift between President Donald Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions exploded into a public smackdown, with Trump accusing Sessions of failing to take control of the Justice Department and Sessions responding that he "will not be improperly influenced by political considerations." The United States and China imposed tariff increases on an additional \$16 billion of each other's goods.

One year ago: A jury convicted two men of conspiring to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in 2020, a victory for prosecutors in a plot that was broken up by the FBI and described as a rallying cry for a U.S. civil war by anti-government extremists. Adam Fox and Barry Croft Jr. were also found guilty of conspiring to obtain a weapon of mass destruction as part of the plot. The husband of U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi pleaded guilty to misdemeanor DUI related to a crash in California's wine country and agreed to spend five days in prison. The Nielsen Co. revealed that the "Game of Thrones" spinoff "House of the Dragon" was the most-watched series premiere ever for HBO.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Vera Miles is 93. Actor Barbara Eden is 92. Pro Football Hall of Famer Sonny Jurgensen is 89. Actor Richard Sanders is 83. Ballet dancer Patricia McBride is 81. Former Surgeon General Antonia Novello is 79. Country singer Rex Allen Jr. is 76. Actor David Robb is 76. Singer Linda Thompson is 76. Actor Shelley Long is 74. Actor-singer Rick Springfield is 74. Country singer-musician Woody Paul (Riders in the Sky) is 74. Noor al-Hussein (Queen Noor of Jordan) is 72. Actor-producer Mark Hudson is 72. Actor Skipp Sudduth is 67. Rock musician Dean DeLeo (Army of Anyone; Stone Temple Pilots) is 62. Actor Jay Mohr is 53. Actor Ray Park is 49. Actor Scott Caan is 47. Country singer Shelly Fairchild is 46. Figure skater Nicole Bobek (BOH'-bek) is 46. Rock singer Julian Casablancas (The Strokes) is 45. Actor Joanne Froggatt is 43. Actor Jaime Lee Kirchner is 42. Actor Annie Ilonzeh is 40. Dance musician Sky Blu is 37. Actor Kimberly Matula is 35. Basketball player Jeremy Lin is 35.

Got a story or photos to share?

Connecting is a daily newsletter published Monday through Friday that reaches more than 1,800 retired and former Associated Press employees, present-day employees, and news industry and journalism school colleagues. It began in 2013. Past issues can be found by clicking Connecting Archive in the masthead. Its author, Paul Stevens, retired from the AP in 2009 after a 36-year career as a newsman in Albany and St. Louis, correspondent in Wichita, chief of bureau in Albuquerque, Indianapolis and Kansas City, and Central Region vice president based in Kansas City.



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:

- **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.
- **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?
- **Most unusual** place a story assignment took you.

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