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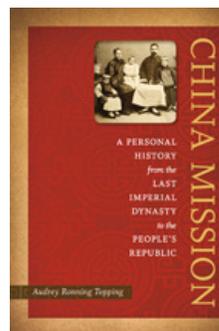
Connecting

February 17, 2014



Good Morning!

We lead with several items about and of interest to The Associated Press. **Seymour Topping** shared the tremendous news that his wife, **Audrey Ronning Topping**, has won the prestigious PROSE Award for Media and Cultural Studies for her book "China Mission: A Personal History from the Last Imperial Dynasty to the People's Republic," published by Louisiana State University Press. PROSE is the American Publisher's Award for Professional and Scholarly Excellence. Audrey is a former freelance photo journalist for AP. Seymour was bureau chief in Saigon, Berlin and Nanking, China.



Kent Flanagan continues to recuperate following his surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville. His wife, **Janet Flanagan's** latest update (from Saturday): "Big Boy is really making progress! This morning when I arrived at Vandy, Kent was sitting in his chair, had been twirling around the nurse's station earlier (with much assistance) and had more tubes and wires in him than my car. He looked really tired and high on morphine, but was not in a great deal of pain. Before I left he made another tour of the hallway, then went to sleep. I told about all of the prayers and wishes pouring in from his friends. Now, if you REALLY know Kent, he smiled but didn't say much. Typical Kent - so I think he is on the fast track to a great recovery. Many thanks to all of you for your support. At times like this, if you wonder if you made a difference, know that you DID."

Photographer **Nick Ut** and several of AP's news legends sat down for lunch together recently after the Vietnamese New Year. Instead of his usual array of still images, Nick took [digital video of the group](#) and posted it on Facebook. Nick put the camera on a tripod on the table and started a panoramic view of everyone. **Dodi Fromson** organized the gathering with her husband **Murray**, said **Linda Deutsch**, who quoted **Peter Arnett**, "Nick's in the movie business now."

Paul Stevens shared word of the death Friday of **Everett Ray Call**, retired executive editor of **The Emporia Gazette**. His [funeral services](#) will be Tuesday in Emporia, Kan. "Ray was a wonderful old-school editor at one of newspapering's iconic places, The Emporia Gazette of William Allen White fame," Paul wrote. "He was one of those editors a bureau chief always enjoyed visiting -- smart, pleasant, full of good ideas, willing to participate."



Work already is underway on the \$200 million renovation -- mentioned in Thursday's **Connecting** -- planned for the 16-story building on Manhattan's West side housing AP's headquarters and other companies. The Architect's Newspaper takes a [more in-depth look](#) at facade and internal work planned on the building at 450 W. 33rd Street, to be renamed Five Manhattan West. The article shows how internal office space lost in the building's current sloping exterior will be reclaimed with pleated glass panes that will jut out to not only reclaim the base of the profile triangle but give occupants a view of the landscape below. The bottom floor will be glassed in and the lobby opened.



Mark Fritz

John Rogers sent along a link to a [recent interview](#) with former AP war correspondent and Pulitzer Prize winner **Mark Fritz** about his book "Lost on Earth: Nomads of the New World." In the interview, Fritz discussed his overseas assignments but was also critically dismissive of the Pulitzer Prizes, calling them "bullshit." In closing, he said, "Good questions. I truly aim to tell the truth and misbehave. I have not even scratched the surface of the hypocrisy I intend to tattoo on the foreheads of so many poseurs in my ex-profession."

An **AP Twitter** misspelling of Shiite early Sunday morning provided an unflattering description of an Iraqi cleric. A tipster sent a [screen grab](#) to journalism gadfly **Jim Romenesko**, who said the typo "was posted about 5:35 a.m. Central Time and they fixed it at 6:03 a.m. with a new tweet."

Be sure to check out the latest **APME Update** at the bottom of today's Connecting. Facebook users will enjoy the much more honest version of those Facebook anniversary videos shared by Paul in **Items of Interest**.

Connecting welcomes two new members

Dudley puts two paws up to say hello to:
Joy Stilley - 25 years in AP Newsfeatures
Eileen Murray - Ex-AP London



The Connecting mailbox is open...

While **Paul Stevens** is away, send tips, stories, photos to apconnecting@yahoo.com.

Items of Interest...

[Polk Awards honor articles on NSA surveillance](#)

[Carr: Stealthily, Comcast fortifies its arsenal](#) (shared by Paul Stevens)

[Comcast versus the cord cutters; even more need for speed](#)

[Breitbart News Network plans global expansion](#)

[The Facebook effect on the news](#) (shared by Carol Ann Riha)

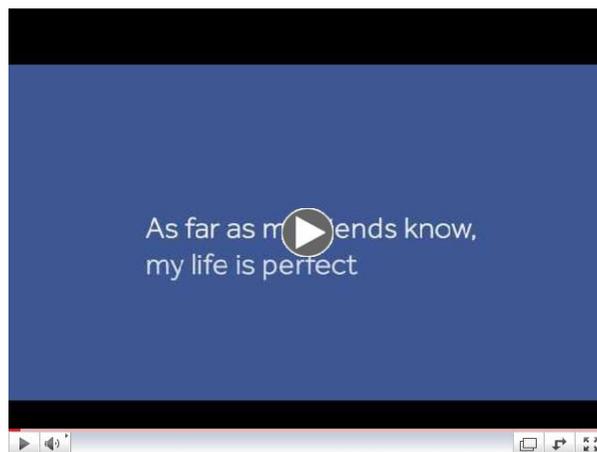
[Journalists' reliance on social media increases](#)
Read full DS Simon 2014 Web Influencers report [here](#)

[For journalists, it's the best job ever, and the worst](#)

[Why writers are the worst procrastinators](#) (shared by Latrice Davis via Facebook)

[Forbes.com is hacked](#)

[Update: Run organizer claims photographer had "difficult" demands, including \\$100,000, naming considerations](#) (shared by Doug Pizac)



An Honest Facebook Movie

[Much more honest version of those Facebook anniversary videos](#) (Stevens)

"Meet the Press" shows exactly how NOT to cover climate change (Stevens)

Nashville bridge may be re-named in honor of John Seigenthaler

Plain Dealer editor not aware anyone checking Facebook for disgruntled staffers' comments (shared by Bob Daugherty)

Quad-City Times drops Brent Bozell column upon learning he doesn't write them

After 87 years, final run for Charlotte Observer's uptown presses (Daugherty)

Keeping it weird in Austin (Daugherty)

Madison suburb's city officials help Wisconsin community newspaper return to print

New Murfreesboro editor: "I wanted this job because I care about our community"

Journalists gather to protest media censorship in Turkey

Why the silence over jailed Canadian journalist Mohamed Fahmy?

Hemingway's non-fiction articles released in Persian

Dhaka reporters to stage hunger strike demanding punishment for killers of journalist couple

Deaths

Detroit journalist, radio icon Angelo B. Henderson

Veteran financial journalist David Gleason

Mexican journalist Federico Campbell

Winter Games

Why Olympics spoilers provide perfect excuse for newsrooms to engage in clickbait

Skier Bode Miller driven to tears during uncomfortable NBC interview

NBC snuck a secret Starbucks into Sochi

Media Oops

Groupon celebrates Presidents Day by honoring "President Alexander Hamilton"

Word of Lauren Bacall's death is greatly exaggerated (Daugherty)

APME Update

Feb. 14, 2014

SAVE THE DATE

* March 31, 2014, Deadline for APME Journalism Excellence Awards

* Sept. 15-17, 2014, ASNE-APME Conference, Chicago

New Deadline: APME's Journalism Excellence Awards

We've changed the deadline for the APME awards to March 31.

That means we've changed our entry period to a calendar year. All awards will be presented for journalism published or launched between Jan. 1, 2013, and Dec. 31, 2013. Because of the change in the entry period, first-place winners in the previous contest (running from May 1, 2012- April 30, 2013) are not eligible to enter their winning work in the current contest. All other entries are eligible and will be considered by judges.

We've also added a new category: Best Mobile Platform. It will honor a news organization that produced or made significant improvements to a mobile application or platform in 2013.

Four of the categories in the contest offer monetary awards: the Seventh Annual Innovator of the Year Award for newspapers, the Best of Show in the Public Service Awards, the Fourth Annual Gannett Foundation Award for Innovation in Watchdog Journalism and the Tom Curley Sweepstakes Award in the First Amendment Awards.

Don't forget, the entry deadline is March 31.

The awards will be presented at the ASNE/APME Conference Sept. 15-17 in Chicago.

To enter, go to:

https://www.omnicontests4.com/Default.aspx?comp_id=1265

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WATCHDOG REPORTING

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Arizona Republic: Mixed scorecard for evolving commerce agency

Atlanta Journal Constitution: Governor's ethics complaint leads to panel upheaval

Austin American Statesman: Veterans group under scrutiny in Texas

Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel: Army Corp's costly fight against Asian carp

The Oregonian: Oregon's "atrocious" school attendance puts learning at risk

The Post-Crescent: When financial interests and political actions collide

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INDUSTRY NEWS

AP promotes Gwizdowski and Kaiser

Attorney won't appeal Wisconsin records release

NJ's largest newspaper regrets endorsing Christie

Media sometimes try, fail to keep NSA's secrets

Upstate NY newspaper publisher set to retire

Risen honored by New England 1st amendment group
Fox News Channel hires James Carville
Judge orders records released on exchange workers
News Corp fiscal 2Q earns top expectations
US magazine circulation slips 1.7 pct in 2nd half
New York Times 4Q net income tumbles
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Nashville sued for records in Vanderbilt rape case
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