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# Connecting

February 28, 2014



Colleagues,

Connecting colleague **Steve Elliott** shared on Facebook a link for a "Survivor AP Style Quiz" in which he participated Thursday during an AP Style session at the Associated Collegiate Press' convention. "Started with everyone standing and flashed multiple-choice questions on AP Style points," Steve wrote. "People made their picks with those next to them witnessing. Get it wrong and you sit down. Prizes for the last people standing. Here's a link to the quiz in case you want to try it." Steve did not share how long he remained standing. Click [here](#) for the quiz. (Thanks to Mark Mittelstadt for sharing.)

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## From the Connecting Mailbox:

**Kent Prince** responds to an item in the Feb. 18 Connecting on former South Carolina news editor **Doug Fisher**, now an instructor of journalism at the University of South Carolina, finding an online link to the full text of **Oliver Gramling's** 1940 book "AP: The Story of News." One caveat: the text appears to be an optical character reader scan that has its share of errors. Either that or the text in the Boston Library archive was written by someone named Oliver Crawling.

**Kent writes:** Fisher's reference to the Gramling AP history gives rise to a footnote sadly overlooked in other AP histories. Gramling's book was required reading when I hired on back in the 60s. Some years later my wife learned to our mutual surprise that she was a descendant of the Gramling family who immigrated to north Florida in the 1700s. -More than once, she hauled me to Madison County, east of Tallahassee, for a remarkable family reunion at a little country church in the woods near the Georgia line. The family genealogy goes back to Germany in 1505. As far as Gramlings go, Florida's is a rump reunion, compared to the one, in South Carolina, at one time the biggest family reunion in the country. The family who settled in north Florida had seven sons, four of them Methodist preachers who scattered in all directions, We didn't check the whole volume of descendants, but it appears Oliver of AP fame was the only journalist.

To be honest, I never tried to trade on my link of credibility, but did put the connection to good use on one auspicious occasion. It came when the blinkered judges in New York unceremoniously rejected the nomination of the long-time New Orleans secretary, Elna Kammler, for a Gramling Award. We showed them. With full support and no dissent from those present at the next reunion, we saw to it that she won a Real Gramling Award.

## **Here are more items of interest**

**150 journalism cliches - and counting** (Carol Riha)

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**Orlando Sentinel photographers must reapply for jobs**

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**The Web at 25 in the U.S.**

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**Detroit news outlets join forces in reporting from the grass roots**

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**Why We Read More Than 1 Paper, Cont.** (Bill Beecham)

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**U.S. appeals court orders YouTube take down anti-Muslim film**

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**10 Movies Every Journalist Should Watch**

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**Fun test to find out what journalism beat you should be** (Mark Mittelstadt)

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**Facebook could have controlled the world by now; how it failed**



## Welcome to Connecting

Dudley, our official Connecting welcome dog, wags his tail with these additions to the Connecting family:

**Reid Miller** - Joined AP in Phoenix as a parttimer in 1956 while still attending Arizona State University. Transferred to Salt Lake City as news editor in 1961, then to Miami as news editor in 1965. Named correspondent in Pittsburgh in 1969, chief of bureau in Salt Lake in 1970 and COB in Miami in 1973. Moved to Washington, D.C., as assistant COB in 1977. Went to San Jose, Costa Rica, in 1984 as roving correspondent for Central America, then to Nairobi, Kenya, in 1988 as COB for East Africa. In 1996 I went to Seoul, Korea, as COB and retired there in 1999



## Connecting wishes a Happy Birthday



to

**George Hanna**

(LAST REMINDER: Our Connecting colleague George Bria turns 98 on Sunday, March 2. Connecting asks that you join me in sending him a congratulatory note - send yours to me, today, at [stevenspl@live.com](mailto:stevenspl@live.com) and I will gather the greetings together and get them to him. )

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## APME UPDATE - Feb. 27, 2014

### SAVE THE DATE

**March 3**, Share Your Access Stories with APME for Sunshine Week

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

**April 25-26**, NewsTrain, Vancouver

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

## **NEW TODAY FROM APME**

### **NEWSTRAIN PROJECT DIRECTOR: Linda Austin**

APME is pleased to announce a new project director for its popular regional New Train workshops. Veteran editor and educator Linda Austin will run NewsTrain, a 10-year-old national touring workshop serving journalists in their own cities. Programs are designed to provide training in the skills, knowledge and information newsroom leaders need in a rapidly changing media environment.

This year's News Train workshops will be hosted in Vancouver, Canada; Columbus, Ohio; Las Vegas, Nev., and Austin, Texas.

"APME looks forward to delivering the high-quality, low-cost training to journalists that has been one of our core initiatives and is thrilled that Linda Austin will lead our efforts," said APME President Debra Adams Simmons.

Austin has been the executive director of the Donald W. Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism and a professor of practice at Arizona State University's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication for the past five years. Before that, she was the editor of the *Lexington Herald-Leader* in Kentucky; executive editor of *The News-Sentinel* in Fort Wayne, Ind.; and managing editor of the *News & Record* in Greensboro, N.C. She also held leadership positions at *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, including business editor, graphics editor, assistant managing editor/finance and editor/publisher of PhillyTech magazine. She was a fellow in the Punch Sulzberger Executive News Media Leadership Program at Columbia University's Journalism School and earned a master's degree in educational technology from Arizona State University.

She will jump right in. The first News Train of 2014 is April 25-26 in Vancouver.

"I want to continue helping journalists to access high-quality, low-cost training after I leave the Reynolds Center in March," Austin said. "As a former APME member and NewsTrain attendee, I know firsthand how essential this training program is. I'm honored to help continue its proud tradition in its second decade."

### **SUNSHINE WEEK: Share Your Open Government, Access Stories, Editorials with APME**

APME is marking Sunshine Week, March 16-22, by asking you to tell us

about the obstacles in your way to gaining access to officials, records and meetings at all levels of government.

We're asking you to send us your stories about roadblocks to access in your communities, and we'll post them on our homepage and use them in a special issue of the APME Update. The AP may also use some of the material in its coverage of Sunshine Week.

We also would like to see any of your editorials that have promoted open government and the community's right to know. We will post those too.

We also plan to offer a forum to discuss issues related to open government.

Please send your stories and editorials to:

<http://www.apme.com/?page=Sunshine>, [apme@ap.org](mailto:apme@ap.org) and to [features@ap.org](mailto:features@ap.org) by Monday, March 3.

### **More on Sunshine Week from ASNE**

Let us know what you and your organization are planning to do, so we can add you to this year's participants list! Visit [sunshineweek.org](http://sunshineweek.org) to see a roster of participants and events listings.

Many organizations across the country are making plans to host events spotlighting open government, launch special news reports and campaigns and hold other awareness-building activities.

Among the events and activities already planned for Sunshine Week 2014:

- The Newseum Institute's First Amendment Center, in partnership with [OpenTheGovernment.org](http://OpenTheGovernment.org), and separately the Collaboration on Government Secrecy at American University's Washington College of Law, will each hold a celebration of Freedom of Information Day with a series of panel discussions and awards presentations.
- The Reporters Committee will host a panel discussion with prominent journalists and legal experts discussing transparency and the U.S. Supreme Court. Open government events are also planned during the week by the D.C. Open Government Coalition, FOI Oklahoma and the Northern California Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.
- New Mexico State University is holding an infographic contest for students, utilizing the state's Open Meetings Act or Inspection of Public Records Act as the work's focus. The winners will be announced at a public ceremony during Sunshine Week.

The contest is sponsored by NMSU alumnus Tim Parker, the NMSU Library and the NMSU Department of Journalism & Mass Communications

- In Florida, Lee County Clerk Linda Doggett will hold a free public training seminar on how to find public information posted on the clerk's office website. Training brochures and reference materials will be provided to attendees.

### **APME, ASNE Protest Press Exclusion at Dalai Lama Meeting**

APME President Debra Adams Simmons and ASNE President David Boardman protested the White House's decision Feb. 21 to bar reporters and photojournalists from a meeting between President Barack Obama and the Dalai Lama.

A coalition of major news organizations, including The Associated Press, has protested restrictions that sometimes keep journalists from taking pictures and video of Obama performing official duties.

In a joint statement, Adams Simmons and Boardman, two organizations leading the coalition, said the White House has agreed previously that in principle, there should be independent press coverage whenever the president meets with a major world leader. They said the White House violated that principle by denying access and then releasing its own pictures as a "visual press release."

"Once again, this amounts to propaganda and is not open access by the people's press to the people's business. We are hopeful this will be the last such instance of such unprecedented restriction," they said.

Obama's meeting with the Dalai Lama drew harsh criticism from China even before the meeting took place, and the White House appeared to be taking steps to keep it low-key to avoid further aggravating Beijing. Obama hosted the Dalai Lama in the White House's Map Room, rather than the Oval Office, where the president traditionally brings a visiting leader for a photo.

At the same time, after declining media requests to photograph the meeting, the White House released its own photograph of the meeting produced by an official government photographer.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said he understood the media's interest in covering the meeting with the Dalai Lama, a prominent world figure. But he said the decision not to allow access was consistent with past meetings Obama has held with the Buddhist monk.

"We have been working, as you know, to provide more access to

photographers as well as to all of you," Carney told reporters. "In this case, we weren't able to do that, but we have been working on that effort."

He added that it was the Dalai Lama's choice to depart the White House without speaking to reporters who had gathered in anticipation that he might make some remarks.

### **APME launches Career Center for job postings and job-seekers**

Today there is a new way to find great applicants for your newsroom.

The APME Career Center is free and focused on journalism.

Visit [www.apme.com/networking](http://www.apme.com/networking) to post open positions. No login is required. APME will help drive traffic to your listings through social media, our weekly APME Update email and more.

If you are looking for a new career opportunity, get a free Job Seeker account or login with your APME member account, fill out your profile and upload your resume. You can also sign up for notifications of relevant new positions in your areas of interest.

This is a new feature for [apme.com](http://apme.com), so if you have suggestions or encounter trouble, please contact Laura Sellers at [lsellers@eomediagroup.com](mailto:lsellers@eomediagroup.com).

### **New Deadline: APME's Journalism Excellence Awards**

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

We've also added a new category: Best Mobile Platform to 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](https://www.omnicontests4.com/Default.aspx?comp_id=1265)

## FROM AP

**Beat of the Week:** Caldwell

## WATCHDOG REPORTING

**Columbus Dispatch:** Residential streets see few snowplows

**Atlanta Journal Constitution:** Lobbyists rush to donate before legislature opens

**Austin American-Statesman:** Booking suspects costly for Austin

**Boston Globe:** Massachusetts easing rules for some pollutants

**Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel:** Everglades drilling concerns deepen

**Minneapolis Star Tribune:** Drug sentences all over the map

**Orange County Register:** University of California loses millions in interest-rate deals

**The Press-Enterprise:** Concerns cloud popularity of electronic cigarettes

**Newark Star Ledger:** Potential conflict for NY-NJ port authority chair

**Houston Chronicle:** Oil drilling boom leaves deadly legacy

**AP:** More U.S. soldiers forced out for misconduct

**Los Angeles Times:** GPS alerts overwhelm probation system

**Arizona Republic:** Border Patrol fails to require use of less lethal weapons

**Lexington Herald-Leader:** Non-emergencies burden 911 system

**Norfolk Virginian-Pilot:** Army volunteer for almost three years keeps city job

**Philadelphia Inquirer:** Unlimited, big money flows into race for governor

**Palm Beach Post:** Insurers offer discount to track your car

**Sacramento Bee:** Meddling alleged in review of prison death

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AP Executive Editor Kathleen Carroll urges governments to support free press

Justice Department revises media rules

Seattle mayor backtracks on officer's discipline

WVU journalism school to usher in new name July 1

Venezuela revokes CNN press credentials

UK court backs detention of journalist's partner

Documents detail investigation into Walker aides

Hacking trial: Blair offered to advise Murdoch

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New Jersey newspaper tells Wyoming to butt out  
Journalist sues police who questioned drone use  
AP, others seek access to Bieber arrest video  
Panama City News Herald's publisher retiring  
Arizona judge tosses suit against Fox News Network  
Comcast-TWC merger worries consumers  
IU plans statue of WWII journalist Ernie Pyle  
Piers Morgan interviewed by police in hacking case  
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New gender options for Facebook users  
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Media Watchdog: Past 2 years 'atrocious' for journalists  
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