

BILLINGS

[2] From: fgg at post1 9/1/95 9:44PM (1748 bytes: 28 ln)
To: billings@usra.edu (Linda Billings) at SMTP-po
Subject: Re: Afterthoughts

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Text item 1: Text Item

I'd be happy to consider being a convener for one of your working groups -- either "equity" or "information poor" would be challenging, these are subjects I'm interested in, and know of some groups in the DC area who are interested as well.

I am very glad. Will send info in a week or two. Plse let me have a mailing address, and your formal title (the way you want to be listed).

About contacting people who might be interested in CEM: I'd be happy to do it as well -- letters followed by phone calls. One question: would you like to give me the names of people you'd like for me to contact, or should I just go ahead and start sending letters and making calls? I THINK

IT WORKS BEST IF YOU CONTACT PERSONS YOU KNOW AND WHO KNOW AND TRUST YOU AND CAN ASK QUESTIONS. THEY SHOULD RECEIVE A COPY OF RETURN FORM SO WE CAN PUT THEM IN THE DATABASE; YOU LET ME KNOW WHAT ROLE (IF ANY, OTHER THAN PARTICIPANTS) YOU CAN SEE FOR THEM, AND IF I SHOULD DO ANY FOLLOW-UP.

I'll pass along your greeting to Janis when she gets here. I do intend to have a nice holiday weekend (with friends in Baltimore), and I wish you the same -- THANKS.

PS -- I've recently subscribed to an Internet list for information about native American and other indigenous people, there may be some contacts to cull out -- re: "equity" -- though I'd have to do some research on who's who (I've been reading some pretty prickly stuff in recent distribution...). WE NEED A NATIVE AMERICAN CONVENER, BUT ONLY IF YOU KNOW HER/HIM PERSONALLY. gg

[2.] From: billings@usra.edu (Linda Billings) at SMTP-po 8/23/95 2:34PM (3119 bytes: 60 ln)
To: fgg at POST1
Subject: Re: Afterthoughts

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Date: Wed, 23 Aug 1995 13:06:21 -0500
To: fgg@asc.upenn.edu
From: billings@usra.edu (Linda Billings)
Subject: Re: Afterthoughts

Hi Dr. Gerbner --

RE: CEM and my interests -- my professional interest right now is science communications and anything I can help NASA do to improve scientific literacy; the NASA program that currently funds me is the life and biomedical sciences and applications program. I've worked with many former NASA clients (in astrophysics, planetary exploration, space station development, aeronautics, policy and planning...) to improve their internal and external written and verbal communications (sometimes with success, sometimes not...). My personal interest is fairness, accuracy, and completeness in communications, and also problems in cross-cultural communications and the role of the media in war and peace. Even though my published freelance pieces are far and few between these days, I still consider myself a journalist, and I am appalled by what I see in the media today. (The thought of the Disney-fication of news makes my blood run cold.)

Janis will be back in DC, staying with me, over Labor Day weekend, I don't know how long she'll be staying following the holiday, so whatever she might need I can probably send back with her -- but thanks for the "messenger" offer!

I spent the day yesterday at the American Sociological Association's annual convention, heard Betty Friedan give a terrific talk on her new favorite theme, "a new paradigm, beyond polarization," for social relations between men and women. I wonder if she might be interested in the CEM? She's a fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars right now -- mailing address is: Smithsonian Institution, 1000 Jefferson Drive SW, Washington, DC 20560; phone # in director's office is (202) 357-2763.

Are you interested in picking through the think tanks for CEM recruits? At the Brookings Institution, for example, you have Henry Aaron and Thomas Mann, the authors of "Values and Public Policy"; Richard Klingler, guest scholar in economic studies, with a work in progress called "Regulating the Information Age Industries: Competition and Its Consequences"; I've always liked the director of Brookings' Center

Korb, a former appointee to the Pentagon.

That's all for now --

Linda Billings

[77] From: billings@usra.edu (Linda Billings) at SMTP-po 9/13/95 9:43AM (1632 bytes: 37 ln)
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Date: Wed, 13 Sep 1995 09:34:11 -0500
To: fgg@asc.upenn.edu
From: billings@usra.edu (Linda Billings)
Subject: Re: Afterthoughts

Hi Dr. Gerbner --

I have two titles, but I'll just give you one (the simpler one):
instructor, Dept. of Technical Journalism, Colorado State University.

My office mailing address is: c/o USRA, 300 D St. SW #801, Washington, DC
20024. My home mailing address is: 2053 N. Woodstock St. #102, Arlington,
VA 22207.

I've forwarded information on the CEM to the NASA administrator and asked
if he would like to meet with you. If I bump into him in the hallways, I
can ask him directly. Otherwise, I have to deal with several layers of
handlers in his office (I've already talked to his chief policy guy). I've
also sent information to the executive director of the American Association
of University Women and will follow up by phone next week.

Regards,
Linda Billings

[81] From: fgg 10/17/95 2:25PM (2858 bytes: 55 ln)

To: fgg

Subject: Re: Afterthoughts and more afterthoughts

----- Forwarded -----
From: billings@usra.edu (Linda Billings) at SMTP-po 10/17/95 11:16AM (2685 bytes : 55 ln)

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Subject: Re: Afterthoughts and more afterthoughts

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Date: Tue, 17 Oct 1995 11:15:38 -0500

To: fgg@asc.upenn.edu

From: billings@usra.edu (Linda Billings)

Subject: Re: Afterthoughts and more afterthoughts

Hi George --

I feel like my pillow of a life has just ripped open and feathers are flying all over the place....

I have a conference planning committee meeting tomorrow from 4-6 pm, I probably shouldn't skip it since we are signing off on the final program. So it looks like I won't be able to meet with you tomorrow. Next Wed. the 25th I have a videoconference from 2-4 pm which I cannot skip out on (I am the "coordinator" of the project we will be discussing, though I'm not sure what that means yet). We could meet for lunch at Union Station, as long as I left by 1:45 to RUN back to NASA HQ; or I could ride Metro with you to AU (depending on where you'll be riding from...). Let me know what you'd like to do.

Meanwhile, I either 1) have to arrange to move into my new rental house or 2) if that falls through for some reason, have to start looking for a new place to live again. A friend from Australia is coming to town next week and wants me to set up some meeting for him with people at NASA. Another friend, from Nashville, is also in town next week and would like to get together. Then there are other assorted meetings, including a scientific conference running from Friday Oct. 27 through Sunday Oct. 29. It's a real bad time for me to have to spend a whole weekend working at a meeting (but I do...).

The Million Man March has come and gone, the city was remarkably peaceful yesterday, I thought. I did not come into the office but instead attending a very interesting symposium on the history, status, and future of space-based communications....

That's the news --

Linda B.

PS -- still waiting for word on whether we can get you a meeting with the administrator of NASA; he's all wrapped up in fighting for FY 96 appropriations.

[85] From: billings@usra.edu (Linda Billings) at SMTP-po 10/20/95 3:39PM (1247 bytes: 31 ln)
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Date: Fri, 20 Oct 1995 15:39:38 -0500
To: fgg@asc.upenn.edu
From: billings@usra.edu (Linda Billings)
Subject: Re: Afterthoughts and more afterthoughts

Hi George --

Well, the movers arrive Monday (I won't have access to email til Tues.), I'll be packing this weekend. New home phone # will be 703-534-2949. Glad that's over (well, sort of over...)

Keep me posted on your Wed. schedule, I still have that 2-4 pm videoconference on Wed. but other than that am free.

Have good weekend!

Linda B.

[113] From: billings@usra.edu (Linda Billings) at SMTP-po 12/18/95 1:50PM (2685 bytes: 48 ln)
To: fgg at POST1
Subject: Re: FW: Article

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Date: Mon, 18 Dec 1995 13:45:59 -0500
To: fgg@asc.upenn.edu
From: billings@usra.edu (Linda Billings)
Subject: Re: FW: Article

Hi George --

Yes, I would like to see this study (address: 2016 N. Kentucky St., Arlington VA 22205). Just last week I submitted comments to the NASA chief scientist on a NASA science policy statement that is open for comment 'til the end of the year: the statement included a section on the responsibilities of scientists to participate in public communications and public education. Among other things, I recommended that NASA hire some outside experts to evaluate the effectiveness of its science communications tools, which vary widely in quality in my opinion. (I think I've talked to you before about this problem, that NASA's Office of Public Affairs keeps count of how many shuttle-launch stories, Hubble discovery stories, etc. etc. run in the broadcast and print media but no one pays attention to whether or not anybody learned anything from these stories. There's a squabble going on right now among scientists involved in the Galileo probe mission about whether and how to release information on the probe's 57 minutes of data-gathering as it hurtled to its death-by-fire in the Jovian atmosphere. After all these years, it's still amazing to me that petty personal problems interfere with informing the public about some of the really exciting things that NASA scientists are doing.

> Thanks for science study. Problem is selective sample. We did a
> study of science on TV some years ago and found that it shows up
> across the board (crime, adventure, comedy, etc.) presenting a very
> different picture from what so-called science programs present, but
> more likely to be seen by the non-selective viewer (which is most
> viewers)> If you are interested, I can send you study. In any
> case, I appreciate your sending me this - very useful, given the
> limitation. George.

[108] From: billings@usra.edu (Linda Billings) at SMTP-po 1/5/96 9:54AM (1982 bytes: 40 ln)
To: fgg at POST1
Subject: Re: FW: Article

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To: fgg@asc.upenn.edu
From: billings@usra.edu (Linda Billings)
Subject: Re: FW: Article

Hi George --

Oh dear -- the only trip I have planned for January is to Kennedy Space Center, and I'm leaving first thing in the morning of January 17 -- I'll be there 'til Sunday the 21st. I'm really sorry that I'll be missing you in DC. What are you going to talk to the bishops about?

I encountered a long message from a guy I know at the Federation of American Scientists, John Pike, on Dick Sclove's Loka Fastnet yesterday. So I sent John a message, told him a little about CEM, he had not heard about it but is interested in learning more -- so I'm mailing him more info, and I told him how to subscribe to cemnet. He also asked, does CEM have a URL? I know John as the director of the FAS's space policy project, but since that field is so quiet these days John has started up something called the "cyberstrategy project," which rests on the belief that broad public access to information via the Internet will decentralize political power (or something like that...).

Re: intercultural experiences -- some day I might tell you about my very frustrating encounter with a Russian astronomer a few years ago....

More later,
Linda B.

[98] From: billings@usra.edu (Linda Billings) at SMTP-po 1/4/96 10:53AM (2540 bytes: 51 ln)
To: fgg at POST1
Subject: Re: FW: Article

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Date: Thu, 4 Jan 1996 10:51:03 -0500
To: fgg@asc.upenn.edu
From: billings@usra.edu (Linda Billings)
Subject: Re: FW: Article

Hi George --

Happy New Year! Many thanks for the science articles, I'll be reading them today.

I've been cut off from email since the beginning of the government furlough, but I believe I see evidence that I'm plugged back in. In any case, if you get this message today, Thurs. 1/4, that means I'm reconnected. Until this happened, I had no idea how completely dependent I am on email for communication....

I've also been on vacation for the past week. I drove to Florida with an Egyptian friend -- it was an interesting learning experience regarding intercultural communication. I've had a platonic friendship with this guy for a year and a half, he's been in the US for four years, and he has an excellent command of spoken (but not written) English. Until we spent a week in the car together, I just didn't see the breadth and depth of the cultural divide between us. I felt like I was spending a week with a child -- I had to explain everything, over and over and over again (re: interstate highways, road signs, map symbols, chain motels, fast food restaurants, diners vs. restaurants, American foods -- not to mention American music, literature, films, history, etc. etc.). And I read so much and refer to what I read constantly, while he reads virtually nothing in English beyond the daily newspaper (he is an Arabic radio reporter for Voice of America). It exhausted me -- and it made me wonder how, in diplomatic or other touchy kinds of intercultural negotiations, the parties involved can ever figure out where the people on the other side of the table are coming from.

Well, I'm babbling (I'm just so happy to have my email back!). Hope all's well with you,

Linda B.

Date: Sat, 21 Feb 1998 12:28:32 -0500 (EST)
From: Linda Billings <libillin@indiana.edu>
X-Sender: libillin@juliet.uccs.indiana.edu
To: George Gerbner <ggerbner@nimbus.ocis.temple.edu>
Subject: Re: Question
MIME-Version: 1.0

Hi George,
Re: CEM director -- yes, I'm interested. I'll have a million questions,
but I can't think about them now.... Fill me in when you can....

It looks
like this semester will, as
I'd hoped, be my last semester of course work. I will do some directed
reading in international communication in May-June, then I have a two-week
field trip to do for my fellowship program in early July, then I plan to
be at ICA in later July, then to AEJ the first of August and DC for the
next two weeks and back to Bloomington by the third week of Aug. for a
teaching workshop. I hope to take my quals in Dec. -- but that's
extremely tentative. After that I hope to take no more than a year to
write my dissertation.

I still have this package of stuff to mail to you, it's been the kind of
week in which I've kept forgetting to stop at the post office.

Got to get back to work ---

Love,
Linda

On Thu, 19 Feb 1998, George Gerbner wrote:

> Linda:
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> I will be looking for Executive Director of CEM. Are you interested? George.
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> George Gerbner
> Bell Atlantic Professor of Telecommunication
> Temple University, Philadelphia. Tel/fax 610 642 3061
> E-mail:ggerbner@nimbus.temple.edu
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Date: Mon, 30 Mar 1998 08:25:20 -0500 (EST)
From: Linda Billings <libillin@indiana.edu>
X-Sender: libillin@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu
To: George Gerbner <ggerbner@nimbus.ocis.temple.edu>
Subject: Re: Question
MIME-Version: 1.0
Status:

Hi George,

Have you been to Cape Town and Tokyo yet? I'd love to hear about these visits, esp. Cape Town. I was thinking about doing a summer study in South Africa before I moved here, but George Mason U. cancelled the program at the last minute.

My week in DC flew by so fast, I didn't even get to see the people I'd called in advance. I'm sorry I didn't get to call you. I'm assuming that you need a CEM director soon (maybe ASAP?). But if you think it would be worthwhile, I'd like to talk to you about the job. I am quite unhappy about my living situation here, after almost two years and the investment of a lot of effort, I still have few friends here and feel adrift. I've started to think about looking for a new place to live (where I am now is too noisy, esp. if I'm going to be home working day after day). And as I've been thinking about moving, I've been thinking about whether I should consider moving back to DC once my course work is done (this spring). On my visit to DC, many friends said, "come back." Right now is one of those times when I feel sick of having to make all of my decisions alone. Sometimes I think I understand why people join cults....


I finally heard from Janis -- after months! Sounds like she is planning to attend ICA, said something about being roommates there. That would be wonderful! I sent off some papers to AEJMC but am not hopeful, they needed some rewriting and I just couldn't find the time to do it, so I sent them as is. I also submitted a proposal to organize a panel for the science communication group on covering space science (reporters and public affairs officers).

Got to get to work on my content analysis, the project for my quantitative research methods class (which I am not enjoying).

If you want to talk about the CEM job, let me know a good day and time to call you.

Love,
Linda

To: Linda Billings <libillin@indiana.edu>
From: George Gerbner <ggerbner@nimbus.temple.edu>
Subject: Happy New Year!
Cc:
Bcc:

X-Attachments:  Hannon CV

Dear Linda:

Congrats for passing quals! Thanks for card and good words. If I don't reach you before, look forward to seeing you at CEM in Ohio. Meanwhile I wish you a year of productivity, fun, and escape form Indiana! (Sorry that it cannot be to CEM Directorship. The job has now been taken by C.J. Hannon, see attachment.)

Love -

George.

Dear George,


I have been out of touch with you for a very long time, and I apologize for that. I hope you are still using this email address. I was finally motivated to write this morning because I'm planning my trip to the ICA meeting in New Orleans and see that you are on the program. I'm presenting a paper on my communication research for NASA on Friday afternoon, in a theme session. I hope to be able to at least say hello to you at the meeting. How long will you be staying?

I've been reading your collected papers, the volume published by Lang. I'm loving the work I do for the NASA planetary protection program (science and risk communication research). I just got back yesterday (Easter) from a meeting with my dissertation committee, which served as a proposal defense. The meeting went very well. I submitted Chapters 1-3 to the committee, and they've directed me to go ahead with my analysis. My optimistic timeline is to finish by next year and maybe defend by the end of spring 2005 -- if not, certainly by the end of calendar year 2005. My current employer wants me to finish, and I'm able to take leave without pay to work on my dissertation when I need to.

I've had a paper accepted at a conference in Barcelona in June, on public communication about science and technology. I've also been accepted to participate in a Gordon Research Conference in August on science and technology policy. I'm submitting a poster proposal for this conference on the role of participatory communication in policy making.

Lots of work to do -- I'm going to send you a note in the U.S. mail, too, just to make sure my message gets to you. Hope you're well, and I hope to see you at ICA.

Love,
Linda B.



Date: Sun, 28 Feb 1999 14:12:35 -0500 (EST)
From: Linda Billings <libillin@indiana.edu>
X-Sender: libillin@juliet.ucs.indiana.edu
To: George Gerbner <ggerbner@nimbus.ocis.temple.edu>
Subject: Re: FYI
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Status:

Hi George,

I will be at the CEM meeting, barring unforeseen events.... I've applied for a waiver of the \$300 registration fee, since whatever the CEM convention costs me, it'll come out of my own pocket. I daydream all the time about my former life in the REal World where I had an expense account, petty cash, and a travel budget (not to mention an office with support staff). The more beaten I feel here, the more strongly I'm inclined to look for a new life in the corporate sector rather than in academia. I know you don't like to hear me say that, but my experience with academia thus far has not been good (except for my students -- even when they drive me nuts, I love them).

Right now I am struggling to finish drafting a dissertation proposal. My working relations with Holly continue to get more and more difficult, at least in part due to the fact that 1) she has never chaired a dissertation committee before and 2) she's on a journey of personal growth which pushes academic stuff down to the bottom of her list of priorities. She's even said to me that I arrived here at a bad time for her. As far as I knew, I had no choice for dissertation chair -- the J-school requires me to have a J-school faculty member as chair, and Holly is the only science communication person in the department. Since I put together my committee, one person who had a falling-out with her advisor asked for an exception to the rule so she could have an outside person chair her committee, and she got approval -- but she's a Stanford graduate who's always been treated a little differently....

As you can probably tell, I am in a lousy state of mind. I have spent an entire week trying to stop being angry about my situation with Holly -- I feel as though the only way she'll be happy with my dissertation proposal is if I give up my own perspective and adopt hers -- and figure out how to proceed with the work in a way that makes her happy but does not make me feel intellectually dishonest. This week I want to ask Holly if she will let me give at least a rough draft proposal to my other three committee members before she makes me do more rewriting for her. I can't bear the thought of having to rewrite everything four times over to make four people happy (though I suspect that the other three members are less inclined to interventionism).

Philip Wander, the rhetorical scholar, and Tony Judt, the historian, both lectured here at IU last week. Both talked about how academia is the primary bastion of intellectuals in America and how academics are dangerously isolated from the Real World and risk becoming irrelevant. They both said, one way or another, that intellectuals must be involved in, not detached from, civic life. I liked what they said, though upon hearing it I did not feel very cheered....

I have a dozen writing projects I want to do, but until the dissertation is done or at least well on the way, I'm reluctant to start them. No lack of things to do....

Over spring break -- the week of March 15 -- I will be in Cambridge and

Boston doing interviews for my dissertation. John Mack will be available for one day, he'll be on vacation the rest of the time. His staff director will be available, and perhaps his research director. And I want to interview the Boston reporters who've written about his abduction research; two so far have said okay.

Well, that's the news, I need to get back to the dissertation stuff.

Love,
Linda

PS -- Do you know Geraldine Laybourne, who runs Oxygen Media? One of my many fantasy jobs would be to serve as the corporate conscience of a company such as hers, being a liaison between the company and government and academia regarding the sorts of issues on CEM's agenda.

PPS -- My friend Stacy, in the sociology dept. here, was reviewing textbooks on mass media and society for an intro course she'll teach in summer, found one she liked and decided she'd definitely use it when she read a glowing endorsement from you on the back cover.