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Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning!

Reading through this past Sunday's New York Times, I came upon a story on plans to make a film to be called "Confederate"- an alternative history drama television series where the Confederacy won the Civil War. It's a series being developed for HBO by creators of the "Game of Thrones."



What bothered me was the photo (above) accompanying the story - the iconic AP photo by **Joe Rosenthal** of the U.S. flag being raised at Iwo Jima - altered with the Confederate flag in place of Old Glory - since the South won the war - and carrying the photo credit, National Archives/IFC Films.

I presume such alteration of an AP photo - iconic or not - is allowable, no matter how used, but I checked in with our Connecting colleague **Hal Buell** - longtime AP director of photos, retired but always knowledgeable in all matters photo and who has written about the Iwo Jima photo.

Hal notes:

*I did not see the Iwo version of the Confederate flag but there is a huge collection of such uses in the annals of Joe Rosenthal's historic photo. I have a collection uncounted and the Navy has another collection of nearly 100. A number are published in my book on the photo, UNCOMMON VALOR, COMMON VIRTUE. A TIME cover of a couple of years ago featured flag raisers in the Iwo configuration raising a tree to illustrate an environmental story. There is a Spam version with the canned meat, a baseball version, etc. I could go on with a long list.*

*As for rights to the picture, it is available from AP and from the Marine Corps legally, but unfortunately the picture is widely used and easily lifted from various sources. Most icons are so treated including Eddie Adams's SAIGON EXECUTION and Nick Ut's NAPALM GIRL.*

Got your own thoughts about this? Send them along.

And here's a shoutout to one of Connecting's best contributors, **Gene Herrick**, who is celebrating the first-year anniversary of his 90th birthday today. Gene is a retired AP photographer with service during the Korean War and in the South where he was one of the leading photographers covering the Civil Rights Movement.

Gene noted to me this morning: "I turned 91 today, although I still maintain that I am 39 - it sounds nice, looks rather exciting with its round curves, and symmetry. My health is good, and sometimes I wonder how I have survived this long when looking back on my AP career!"

Here's to many more, Gene. His email - [gherrick@jetbroadband.com](mailto:gherrick@jetbroadband.com)

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## The Best I Worked With

**Denis Searles** ([Email](#)) - Now 18 years after ending my 40-year journalism effort, launched in the late 1950s, that included three AP bureaus and five dailies, I recall the best I worked with or for:

**BEST COB**-Carl Bell, then bureau chief at AP Phoenix, took a chance on this greenhorn fresh from J-school and six months on a farm town weekly newspaper. Bell hired me for a legislative relief job. In that 90-day challenge, he taught me more about 5W-inverted pyramid crisp news writing than all the semesters of J-school combined. He was a self-disciplined man in both action, appearance and especially the English language. At the end of my 90-day tutelage Bell got me a job on the Bisbee (AZ) Daily Review down on the Mexican border. I spent a year and a day covering that copper mining town's crime, courts, mine accidents, border incidents, city hall and prep sports. On my off times I enjoyed all the adventures offered on both sides of the Mexican border.

**BEST STAFF HANDLER**-Frank Johnson, then city editor and later managing editor, of the Arizona Daily Star at Tucson, AZ. Johnson hired me away from the Bisbee paper, giving me a shot at night cops. It was a home-owned non-guild paper but paid guild scale and offered fringe benefits. The staff, for the most part, were gifted, disciplined and work oriented. Years later, after working several news jobs elsewhere, I asked Johnson his secret to managing reporters. He said it was a balancing act of keeping a solid rein on those hard-shelled news types without bruising their fragile egos.

**BEST EDITOR-** Earl Zarbin, then night city editor for the Arizona Republic at Phoenix. I was his night general assignment reporter as well as rewrite. He was a hard-nosed editor demanding balance, balance, balance and substantiated facts. When he edited a story, it was to tighten and/or clarify, not to rewrite or upend which became the norm elsewhere in later years. He raised hell when I was reassigned to the business beat, to no avail. We both left the Republic shortly, he to PR and I to another writing job elsewhere. Zarbin, thankfully, did return to his old job at the Republic and remained for many years.

**BEST NEWS WRITERS-**Lew Ferguson at the Minneapolis AP and John Mossman at the Denver AP. Both were their bureau's sports writers basically handling pro and major college sports. But they also filled any of the desk slots as needed. When major news blew up, whether political, police, racial or business, they covered it without missing a step. Their copy was fast, clear, clean and concise. Their work - whether sports or news - took that additional load off us desk types who were grinding out the never-ending rewrite and broadcast reports. (Ferguson spent most of his career as the AP's Topeka correspondent and is a member of the Kansas and Oklahoma Newspaper Halls of Fame. Mossman wound up his news career as a business writer for The Denver Post.)

**MOST SUCCESSFUL WRITER-**Joseph Wheelan. His 24 years with the AP began at Cheyenne, then news editor at Denver and later Raleigh, N.C. Finally, with his children grown, he was able to devote full time to his love of research and history. So far I count nine published volumes, including President Thomas Jefferson's war with the Barbary pirates, John Quincy Adams' post presidential anti-slavery career in Congress, the Mexican-American War, four action-packed blood and guts volumes on the Civil War, and "Midnight in the Pacific," the U.S.A's battle for Guadalcanal in WW11. Of his American histories, he said "We were fortunate to have leaders...who put the American people and the nation's needs before political parties and sometimes even personal ambition. And they also happened to be terrific writers, thinkers and warriors." No academic priss this guy: he was capable in a tavern brawl and ardent student of martial arts in his Denver days.

**MOST ENVIABLE EARLY NEWS CAREER-**Steven Paulson. He began his 48-year news career with the Orlando (FLA) Sentinel, covering the early manned space flights to the moon from Cape Canaveral, along with investigative features. But then as travel editor, he visited 61 foreign countries, climbed Mt. Fuji, the Cheops pyramid in Egypt, ran with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain, hiked to the base of Mt. Everest, and went on safari in Tanzania. After 12 years with the Sentinel he joined the AP in Florida, was soon promoted to the foreign desk and then assigned to Tokyo. Later, with a growing family, Paulson returned stateside, landing at the Denver AP. There he covered the Timothy McVeigh-Terry Nichols terrorism trial, the Columbine High School massacre, did investigative reporting on Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant and served for a time as statehouse correspondent. Recently retired, he now enjoys gardening, golf, weekends off and no deadlines.

# Connecting mailbox

## ***James Finley: Calm under pressure, always friendly and unhurried***

**Robert Meyers** ([Email](#)) - I share the sorrow at the loss of our colleague, James Finley.

I was only in the same room with James a few times, so I remember him clearest from our many phone conversations which took place almost daily over nearly 10 years.

Many people have said how patient he was, and how calm under pressure. I remember that when he called in to check on the images he had transmitted he was always friendly and unhurried. It was like there was nothing else going on except taking to time to check in, find out how everybody was doing that day and share some interesting story about this or that. I remember his love for the teams and players he covered and particularly his joy as he reached the magic time of retirement.

He loved to tell me and everybody else that now everyday was Saturday. That was inspiring. Hopefully one day I'll get there too and I'm sorry I won't be able to share that with James in this life. I'm glad to have known and worked with James Finley. I'll never forget his rich and caring voice.

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## ***Still attending sports events, but without the pressure***



Enjoying the post-AP good life with my son at Kauffman Stadium. This was Father's Day 2015, our first game together.

**Dave Lubeski (Email)** - I can relate to Hal Bock's resounding "NO!" when his wife asks him if he misses covering sports. I used to hear the "you have the best job in the world" comment from people who knew I went to major sporting events for free, but I kept quiet about the deadline pressures, jostling for position in post-game locker room scrums, getting to the interview room on time, worrying about getting the facts straight and telling the story of what I'd just witnessed and then being one of the last people to walk out of the stadium at the end of the night.

I still go to sporting events now and then, but without the pressure. I enjoy taking my son Ben to see the Royals play. He's the one who keeps track of the stats and lets me know everything I care to learn about the pitcher on the mound or the hitter in the batter's box. I can just sit there and enjoy the game and leave as soon as it's over.

I count the Olympics as the turning point in adjusting to civilian life. Between 1976 and 2008 I covered 17 of them for the AP and it felt strange sitting in the living room for the first time while watching the London Olympics (tape delayed) on primetime television. However, I adjusted quickly and now I'm a content spectator.

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***Newspaper rock***



**Ralph Gage** ([Email](#)) - Instead of seeing your vacation photos, I'll submit these from a year ago.

[Click here](#) for a link to the National Park Service's explanation of the feature in the Petrified Forest-Painted Desert in Arizona- which notes,

"The archeological site known as Newspaper Rock is neither a newspaper nor a single rock. The site boasts over 650 petroglyphs covering a group of rockfaces within a small area. High concentrations of petroglyphs like this mark a place as hugely significant. Many generations of people saw these markings and contributed their own. The petroglyphs were created by ancestral Puebloan people living, farming, and hunting along the Puerco River between 650 and 2,000 years ago. Some of the ancient artists may have lived at Puerco Pueblo, located less than one mile north of this site.

"With so many "writers" over so many years, it is impossible to "read" the rockface. There is no linear story, but we can still learn from the markings. Modern American Indian groups' interpretations include family or clan symbols, spiritual meanings, and calendar events. Some mark territory boundaries or migratory routes."

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## ***'You guys live in a little blue bubble out there on the coast'***

**Chuck McFadden** ([Email](#)) - Here's a piece I did recently for "Capitol Weekly," a website devoted to California politics and policy. It's a sort of companion piece, if you can call it that, to Dorothy Abernathy's recent piece on Midwest values, etc.

### **By Chuck McFadden**

We Californians frequently make assumptions about the rest of the country, especially the part that lies east of the Sierra up to the shores of Washington, D. C. Not all of them are true, at least not always.

"You guys live in a little blue bubble out there on the coast," says my son Patrick, an attorney in Washington whom we visited for a few days.

Leaving from Chicago, the California Zephyr travels through Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, Nevada and, finally, California - a total of 2,438 miles. It's a combination of rolling green farmland and then spectacular scenery in the Rockies and the Sierra. Midwestern farms are huge, but they don't seem to be as "industrialized" as those in California's Central Valley.

Here's a little of what we saw.

It is not true, for instance, that Midwesterners believe a tostada is an Italian appliance into which you put slices of bread in the morning. Nor is it true that Duck a l'Orange, to a Midwesterner, is how you avoid Donald Trump.

You can order Huevos Rancheros in Chicago restaurants and watch people ignore their companions to zero in on their devices. You'd think you were in San Francisco.

But our recent trip across the country by rail does bring home some things - generally - about how we differ from the rest of these United States.

A resident of deep-blue California would be wise to practice HOOT (Hold Off On Trump) because his support is widespread among the mixture of Americans found on a cross-country railroad expedition. A Californian notices an abundance of American flags on private homes and businesses, compared with California. And there seems to be far fewer sports cars. Teslas are rare.

As we rolled through the endless green fields of southern Illinois, a thoughtful and observant Fort Wayne, Indiana, financial executive, now retired, told me in an Amtrak dining car that most of the Midwesterners he knows - and he gets around a lot - do believe that there are indeed coastal elites who look down their noses at Midwesterners.

The executive, who asked that his name not be used, said that it wasn't just a difference in political outlook, with the Midwest more conservative and Republican. It's more than that, he said. It's also about deep-rooted cultural and "values" issues.

In the view of Flyover Country inhabitants - not all, certainly, but many - coastal elites are smug inhabitants of glittering cities where odd, if not out-and-out immoral behavior is not only tolerated, but admired and encouraged.

"For instance, there's a difference in the attitude toward same-sex marriage," he said. "It's certainly not unanimous, but in the Midwest, you're more likely to encounter support for a baker who doesn't want to bake a wedding cake for a same-sex couple."

Yet at the same time, he pointed out, a proposed law that would have broadened the right of merchants to refuse service if they disapproved of the customer provoked a statewide recoil of indignation in Indiana, and was abandoned in the face of Hoosier outrage.

A retired Air Force C-130 loadmaster was contemptuous of his Midwestern background, however.

He spent his first 19 years in a village near Omaha and couldn't wait to get out. He said the village was insular, didn't much care about the wider world, and there was a great deal of intermarriage among the residents, reinforcing their insularity. Their lives, he thought, were unutterably dull and there was mystification over his youthful desire to see the world. (He joined the military, spent 10 years in Germany with the Japanese wife he had met in Okinawa, and is now living happily ever after.)

Traveling across the broad and untroubled countryside of the Midwest, it's easy to see how those far-off residents of the East and West Coasts can be regarded as

exotic and not altogether harmless tribes who are scornful of family values, and threaten them because of their dominance of the media.

But the retired financial executive takes the long view of all our differences.

"You know, we do a lot of bumping around in the dark, looking for the light switch," he said. "But in the end we emerge stronger because of it."

## They kept us as slaves: AP reveals claims against church



**This March 29, 2017, photo shows the Word of Faith Fellowship church in Sao Joaquim de Bicas, Brazil. An Associated Press investigation has found that the church used its two branches in Latin America's largest nation to siphon a steady flow of young laborers who came on tourist and student visas to its 35-acre compound in rural Spindale, N.C. (AP Photo/Silvia Izquierdo)**

**By MITCH WEISS, HOLBROOK MOHR and PETER PRENGAMAN**

SPINDALE, N.C. (AP) - When Andre Oliveira answered the call to leave his Word of Faith Fellowship congregation in Brazil to move to the mother church in North Carolina at the age of 18, his passport and money were confiscated by church leaders - for safekeeping, he said he was told.

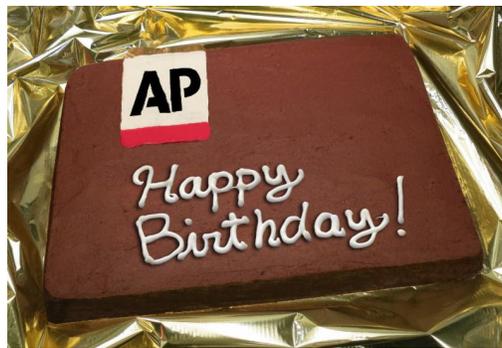
Trapped in a foreign land, he said he was forced to work 15 hours a day, usually for no pay, first cleaning warehouses for the secretive evangelical church and later toiling at businesses owned by senior ministers. Any deviation from the rules risked the wrath of church leaders, he said, ranging from beatings to shaming from the pulpit.

"They trafficked us up here. They knew what they were doing. They needed labor and we were cheap labor - hell, free labor," Oliveira said.

An Associated Press investigation has found that Word of Faith Fellowship used its two church branches in Latin America's largest nation to siphon a steady flow of young laborers who came on tourist and student visas to its 35-acre compound in rural Spindale.

Read more [here](#).

## Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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## Stories of interest

***McCain pillories 'bombastic loudmouths' in the media during dramatic return*** (Poynter)



**Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. arrives on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, July 25, 2017, as the Senate was to vote on moving head on health care with the goal of erasing much of Barack Obama's law. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)**

**By JAMES WARREN**

Sen. John McCain derided "bombastic loudmouths" in the media as he dramatically returned to the U.S. Senate Tuesday and called for senators on both sides to show spine and compromise on healthcare.

"Stop listening to the bombastic loudmouths on the radio and television and the internet. To hell with them," he said to rare applause in the chamber.

"They don't want anything done for the public good. Our incapacity is their livelihood."

His comments came as he returned from Arizona after being diagnosed with brain cancer and played a part in a vote to advance an Obamacare repeal bill by agreeing to at least formally debate the matter.

Read more [here](#).

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## ***The agony and the anxiety of The New York Times*** (Vanity Fair)

By **JOE POMPEO**

The first six months of the Trump administration have been one of the most glorious eras in the history of The New York Times. The paper, in addition to its rival The Washington Post, has been at the absolute center of the culture, a bastion of sanity, a daily reminder of why journalism is necessary and why dead-tree media is best equipped to supply it. The Times is clearly doing something right when it can register 130,000 new digital subscribers in a month and political reporter Glenn Thrush is being portrayed on Saturday Night Live by Bobby Moynihan.

And yet, in many corners of the Times's Renzo Piano-designed building at 620 8th Avenue, the glory is hollow. As one editor put it, "The mood at the paper is poisonous in a way I've never seen it in the past 15 years." The ostensible reason is that the Times is undergoing yet another round of buyouts, set to be finalized on Thursday. "Every buyout is tense," the editor continued, "but there's something really demoralizing about this one that's been worse than any before."

Read more [here](#).

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## ***Inside Sinclair: CEO Nixes Fox News Rival Rumors, Talks Tribune and Big Ambition for Broadcast Biz*** (Variety)

Of the many challenges Fox News Channel is facing amid a turbulent year, there's one threat Rupert Murdoch can cross off the list: Sinclair Broadcast Group has no plans to launch a rival conservative-friendly TV network. Chris Ripley, CEO of the Hunt Valley, Md.-based TV-station giant, is ready to end months of speculation that his company was preparing to mount a competitive threat in the wake of its \$3.9 billion deal to acquire Tribune Media in May.

"After we acquired Allbritton [Communications] in 2014, we looked hard at launching a national cable news channel, but we decided the world didn't need another cable

news platform," says Ripley, who makes clear that the rise of Donald Trump and the upheaval at Fox News haven't changed his calculus. "Our strength is local news," he maintains. "The market for national cable news is very well served."

Read more [here](#). Shared by Richard Chady.

# The Final Word

## *7 Baristas Answer Your Biggest Coffee Shop Etiquette Questions*

By LILY HERMAN

Like most people, I've spent a fair share of my time in coffee shops, working amongst the ambient sounds of coffee beans grinding and customers yelling about how their chai latte is too hot. One of my other coffee shop favorite pastimes, though, is chatting up baristas about their on-the-job experiences. While I've picked up quite a few tips and tricks for perfecting foam art from these conversations, the most important thing I've learned is that despite the fact that many people frequent coffee shops on a regular basis, most of them don't necessarily do the right things to be good patrons of these fine establishments.



Luckily, I'm here to help you avoid being one of those people that baristas laugh about-or roll their eyes about-on their work breaks.

I consulted seven current and former baristas about some of the biggest (and largely unanswered) coffee shop etiquette rules, and they were more than happy to answer. Below are six questions you've probably wondered to yourself but have never asked about proper coffee shop behavior, as told by the people making it rain vanilla lattes and nitro brews.

Read more [here](#).

## Today in History - July 26, 2017



**By The Associated Press**

Today is Wednesday, July 26, the 207th day of 2017. There are 158 days left in the year.

### **Today's Highlight in History:**

On July 26, 2016, Hillary Clinton became the first woman to be nominated for president by a major political party at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

### **On this date:**

In 1775, the Continental Congress established a Post Office and appointed Benjamin Franklin its Postmaster-General.

In 1788, New York became the 11th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1847, the western African country of Liberia, founded by freed American slaves, declared its independence.

In 1887, the artificial language Esperanto, intended as a universal form of communication, was published by its creator, Dr. L.L. Zamenhof.

In 1908, U.S. Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte ordered creation of a force of special agents that was a forerunner of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In 1945, the Potsdam Declaration warned Imperial Japan to unconditionally surrender, or face "prompt and utter destruction." Winston Churchill resigned as Britain's prime minister after his Conservatives were soundly defeated by the Labour Party; Clement Attlee succeeded him.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act, which reorganized America's armed forces as the National Military Establishment and created the Central Intelligence Agency.

In 1952, Argentina's first lady, Eva Peron, died in Buenos Aires at age 33. King Farouk I of Egypt abdicated in the wake of a coup led by Gamal Abdel Nasser.

In 1971, Apollo 15 was launched from Cape Kennedy on America's fourth successful manned mission to the moon.

In 1986, Islamic radicals in Lebanon released the Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco, an American hostage held for nearly 19 months. American statesman W. Averell Harriman died in Yorktown Heights, New York, at age 94.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In 1992, singer Mary Wells died in Los Angeles at age 49.

Ten years ago: The Senate passed, 85-8, a package of security measures recommended by the 9/11 Commission. (The House followed suit the next day by a vote of 371-40; President George W. Bush signed the legislation into law.) Wall Street suffered one of its worst losses of 2007, closing down 311.50 or 2.26 percent, to 13,473.57.

Five years ago: The White House said President Barack Obama would not push for stricter gun laws, one day after his impassioned remarks about the need to keep

assault weapons off the streets. With the Olympics Games as a backdrop, Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney held a day of meetings with Britain's most powerful people; however, Romney rankled his hosts with comments he'd made upon his arrival calling London's problems with the games' preparation "disconcerting."

One year ago: A man armed with a knife killed 19 disabled people at a care home in Japan (a suspect turned himself in). Youree Dell Harris, the actress who became famous for playing the Jamaican psychic Miss Cleo, died in Palm Beach, Florida, at age 53.

Today's Birthdays: Jackson Five patriarch Joe Jackson is 89. Actor Robert Colbert is 86. Songwriter-music producer-label executive Fred Foster (co-writer of "Me and Bobby McGee") is 86. Actress-singer Darlene Love is 76. Singer Brenton Wood is 76. Rock star Mick Jagger is 74. Movie director Peter Hyams is 74. Actress Helen Mirren is 72. Rock musician Roger Taylor (Queen) is 68. Actress Susan George is 67. Olympic gold medal figure skater Dorothy Hamill is 61. Actor Kevin Spacey is 58. Rock singer Gary Cherone (sher-OWN') is 56. Actress Sandra Bullock is 53. Actor-comedian Danny Woodburn is 53. Rock singer Jim Lindberg (Pennywise) is 52. Actor Jeremy Piven is 52. Rapper-reggae singer Wayne Wonder is 51. Actor Jason Statham (STAY'-thum) is 50. Actor Cress Williams is 47. TV host Chris Harrison is 46. Actress Kate Beckinsale is 44. Actor Gary Owen is 44. Rock musician Dan Konopka (OK Go) is 43. Gospel/Contemporary Christian singer Rebecca St. James is 40. Actress Eve Myles is 39. Actress Juliet Rylance is 38. Actress Monica Raymund is 31. Actress Caitlin Gerard is 29. Actress Francia Raisa is 29. Christian rock musician Jamie Sharpe (Rush of Fools) is 28. Actress Bianca Santos is 27. Actress-singer Taylor Momsen is 24. Actress Elizabeth Gillies is 24.

***Thought for Today: "Government is too big and important to be left to the politicians." - Chester Bowles, American diplomat, businessman, author - and politician (1901-1986).***

## Got a story or photos to share?

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:

- **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?

- **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.

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

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