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Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning!

Today's issue brings you news on the just-released book by Connecting colleague **Carl P. Leubsdorf** ([Email](#)), Washington correspondent for The Dallas Morning News and a former Associated Press newsman and chief political writer.

"Adventures of a Boy on the Bus" is the name of his memoir of nearly six decades of covering politics.

Since starting to write a weekly column for the Morning News in 1981, and despite three heart operations, Carl has never missed a week. This week's column is No. 1957, leaving him, he notes with a smile, with only 645 to go to tie Cal Ripken's consecutive games' streak!

I look forward to filling our Connecting mailbox with your submissions of the day.



Paul

'Adventures of a Boy on the Bus' chronicles Carl Leubsdorf's decades of covering political scene

One of the original "Boys on the Bus," **Carl P. Leubsdorf** may be the only living reporter blamed by two Democratic presidential candidates for costing them the Presidency.

"Adventures of a Boy on the Bus," his entertaining memoir of his nearly six decades covering the American political scene, reveals the story behind some of the major political stories of the last half century, starting with his 15 years with AP where he became its chief political reporter. They include why associates of Hubert Humphrey blamed him for President Lyndon Johnson's lack of full support in the 1968 campaign and how George McGovern's matter-of-fact comment in an exclusive interview prompted the 1972 Democratic nominee's infamous statement he was 1000 percent behind a running mate he soon dropped.

And he explains why McGovern believed that famed television anchor Walter Cronkite would have accepted an invitation to join the 1972 Democratic ticket, possibly reversing one of the worst defeats in U.S. presidential history.

Leubsdorf also reveals that a top Iowa Republican told him years after the elder George Bush's breakthrough victory in the 1980 caucuses that his triumph would not

have survived the completed vote count. That could have changed the course of history and meant neither Bush would have reached the White House.

He discloses that a sensational 1998 story detailing President Bill Clinton's relationship with White House intern Monica Lewinsky - which The Dallas Morning News felt compelled to retract - was, in fact, true, and details how the entire episode unfolded.

Against the backdrop of the historical events he covered for The Associated Press, the Baltimore Sun and The News, Leubsdorf tells the humorous stories behind the headlines and gives readers an insight into his personal adventures as a reporter and columnist from the civil rights revolution of the 1960s to the age of Donald Trump.



Judy Woodruff, anchor and managing editor of the PBS NewsHour, said it "reads like a novel," and presidential historian Robert Dallek calls it "a delightful read which will trigger memories for anyone who lived through the years he describes so vividly." Longtime AP Special Correspondent Walter R. Mears says Leubsdorf "tells of a more personal kind of politics than is possible with non-stop cable television and the Internet."

"Adventures of a Boy on the Bus is available through Politics and Prose Book Store, Washington, DC. [Click here](#).

'Blown away': Kennerly WW2 dog tags found in Portland vanity



By: Amy Frazier and KOIN 6 News Staff

PORTLAND, Ore. (KOIN) -- Jordan Felo and his wife recently bought their first home in Southeast Portland. Like many new homeowners, they're buying furniture.

In March, they bought a vanity, likely from the 1940s, from a person on Craigslist who came to own the vanity through a storage unit auction.

The vanity sat in the Felos' garage as they planned to refurbish and re-sell it.

Last Friday, he was moving the desk around and heard some clinking.

"We checked in between the drawers and I found these dog tags," Felo told KOIN 6 News. "When you find dog tags, the right thing to do is find the person that they belong to, to try and return it."

The dog tags bore the name O.A. Kennerly Jr.

"I did a bunch of internet sleuthing and anytime you type in 'Kennerly,' this guy David Kennerly, who's a Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer, comes up," he said. "So it was really hard to find this O.A. Kennerly."

Felo said he gave up after a while but kept reading about David Kennerly and went to his Wikipedia page. He spotted the name O.A. Kennerly "And I was like, wait a minute. O.A. Kennerly?"

He sent David Kennerly an email through his webpage and assured him "this is not a scam. I think I might have found your dad's dog tags."

Read more [here](#). (David Kennerly is a Connecting colleague.)

He had cushiest job in Army - and bequeathed it to me

Eric Newhouse (Email) - John Strachan's contribution to Friday's Connecting leaves out one critical fact: He had the cushiest job in the Army at his fingertips when he got his orders to 'Nam - and he bequeathed it to me!

Like John, I wanted badly to avoid 'Nam, but I wouldn't break the law or flee to Canada. Since I was already a reporter in Rockford, Ill., however, I flew to DC, caught a cab to the Pentagon, and volunteered my services as a reporter on a base newspaper after I was drafted.

Drafted in March '68 (half a century ago, sigh), I did my basic training, then got orders to report to Shreveport, La., to become a military policeman. In a panic, I called the friendly major from DINFOS (the Defense Information School), who sighed heavily, then told me he'd straighten things out.

Shreveport was cancelled, and I ended up working with John at the base newspaper at Fort Meade, Md.

One day, John came in excited. He said he had been worried he might get orders to 'Nam (news to me - I'd assumed we were both safe just outside DC), but that he was going to interview for the cushiest job in the Army next week.

On Monday, however, he came in looking a little white. He'd just received his orders to 'Nam, and he wanted to know if I was interested in the best job in the Army.

So John went to 'Nam, and I spend the next 18 months writing news releases and booking concerts around the USA for the Army Field Band and Soldiers Chorus.

A couple of decades later, I was COB in Charleston, W.Va., and my bureau won a couple of national broadcast awards. My broadcast editor, my news editor and I flew to DC for the presentation, and John was one of the broadcast executives making the presentation so I was able to tell him in person how glad I was that he'd survived 'Nam and how grateful I was for the job tip.

I still am, John. Thanks.

One after-thought. After I got out of the Army, I became a graduate student at the University of Maryland and put myself through school by spraying malathion on mosquitos throughout Prince George's County, Md.

Then I got a letter from the Department of Defense, asking whether my military training had proven useful in my civilian career. I replied proudly that it had. I told DoD that my job classification was "Killer," subcategory "Mosquito."

Never heard back from them. Mercifully.

AP Photo of the Day



Sen. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) speaks at the Forbes 30 Under 30 Summit in front of a photo of two women confronting him who said they were sexually assaulted. Mary Schwalm/AP Photo

Connecting sky shot



David Kennerly ([Email](#)) - The sunset from Spencer Beach Park, Kamuela, Hawaii, taken on September 27.

New-member profile - Dan Perry

Dan Perry ([Email](#)) - retired from AP in 2018 (on Sunday) after six years as Middle East Editor based in Cairo, a period during which the region went through tremendous upheavals and wars and AP staff won a multitude of prizes for all-format work in Iraq, Syria, Pakistan, Yemen and Israel/Palestine.

Perry started with the company as Bucharest correspondent in 1990 in the days after the anti-Communist revolutions throughout eastern Europe, a position from

which he helped cover the collapse of the Soviet Union and the Yugoslav war as well.

Prior to his Cairo position Perry was based in London as the Europe-Africa Editor, leading coverage on the two continents and helping drive and establish AP's regionalization, direct filing system, headline service, social media presence and transition to an all-format newsroom.

from 1998 to 2000 he served as the San Juan, Puerto Rico-based Chief of Caribbean Services, leading coverage and business operations in dozens of islands.



And was bureau chief in Jerusalem during the tumultuous years of the second Palestinian uprising, a period during which he also represented the industry as chairman of the Foreign Press Association in Israel. In that position he led the then-groundbreaking decision to give FPA accreditation to Palestinians working for foreign media, in effect extending the organization's jurisdiction, as a reaction to Israel's refusal to extend recognition to them.



Perry in his early days circa 1990 in Romania, inspecting the telex machine which was the primary means of communication.

During his years with AP Perry hosted numerous panels with world figures at international conferences. His wide array of interview subjects ranged from Benjamin Netanyahu to John McCain, Tony Blair, Mikhail Gorbachev, Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales and U2 frontman Bono. In recent years he championed edgy analysis and deep investigation projects as a way of achieving distinction from the competition.

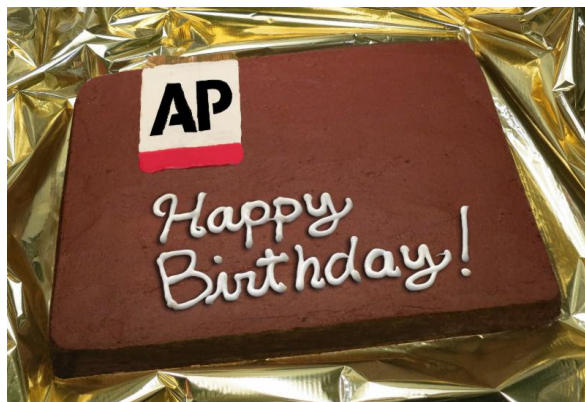
Before joining AP Perry was the political correspondent for the Jerusalem Post in the late 1980s. He

also worked in the tech industry, to which he now returns as chief business development and strategy officer at Engageya, an Israeli/US firm that helps publishers and advertisers monetize online. He is also consulting with several other tech companies.

He is the co-author of two books, "Israel at Fifty" and "Israel and the Quest for Permanence."

Perry studied computer science at the University of Pennsylvania and holds a Master of Science degree from Columbia University. He currently lives in Tel Aviv with his wife and two daughters.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



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Connecting '80s/'90s Club

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Connecting publishes this list quarterly. If you are qualified for one of the age groups and would like to be listed, drop me a note.)

90s:

Mercer Bailey
Carl Bell
Albert Habhab
Gene Herrick
Elaine Light
Joe McKnight
Sam Montello
Robert O'Meara
Seymour Topping
Sal Veder

Harold Waters

80s:

- Norm Abelson
- Paul Albright
- Peter Arnett
- Malcolm Barr
- Lou Boccardi
- Ben Brown
- Charles Bruce
- Hal Buell
- Sibby Christensen
- Mike Cochran
- Eldon Cort
- Don Dashiell
- Otto Doelling
- Phil Dopoulos
- John Eagan
- Mike Feinsilber
- George Hanna
- Bob Haring
- Jack Howey
- Kathryn Johnson
- Lee Jones
- Doug Kienitz
- Dean Lee
- Warren Lerude
- Carl Leubsdorf
- Art Loomis
- Joe McGowan
- Walter Mears
- Yvette Mercourt
- Reid Miller
- Charlie Monzella
- Greg Nokes
- Joe Somma
- Arlon Southall
- Ron Thompson
- Hank Waters
- Paul Webster
- Jeff Williams

Joe Yeninas
Arnold Zeitlin
George Zucker

Stories of interest

Trump to reporter: 'I know you're not thinking, you never do' (Politico)



By **JASON SCHWARTZ**

Attacking the media is about as routine for President Donald Trump as knotting his tie, but he got especially personal Monday during a Rose Garden press conference to announce his new trade deal with Mexico and Canada.

The president directly insulted one reporter, refused to answer questions about Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh until he was done taking queries on trade, and called the media "loco."

After calling on ABC News' Cecilia Vega for a question, Trump said, "She's shocked that I picked her. Like in a state of shock."

Vega responded, "I'm not, thank you, Mr. President."

"That's OK. I know you're not thinking, you never do," Trump replied.

Read more [here](#).

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Off limits: Report on state college abuse kept from public



In this August 14, 2018 file photo, Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro speaks during a news conference at the Capitol in Harrisburg, Pa. (AP Photo/Matt Rourke, File)

By MICHAEL RUBINKAM

Even as top Pennsylvania officials assail the Catholic Church over its cover-up of clergy sexual abuse, a state agency is refusing to release a report on allegations of sexual abuse by a high-ranking state university administrator despite lingering questions about how the accusers' complaints were handled.

In a case that bears some broad similarities to - and contains important differences with - the Pennsylvania church scandal that exploded in August, Pennsylvania's higher education agency won't agree to allow the public to see the 10-year-old report on former East Stroudsburg University Vice President Isaac Sanders. The report has taken on fresh significance in the wake of a new federal lawsuit by Sanders over his firing that could put Pennsylvania taxpayers on the hook for millions of dollars.

The office of Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro - acting as the higher-ed agency's lawyer - says the report on Sanders remains subject to an 8-year-old confidentiality agreement and can't be released. But Sanders' lawyer says he "could care less" if the document is disclosed, and the students who accused Sanders of sexual assault and harassment have long wanted the state's evidence against him made public, only to be rebuffed by state officials.

Read more [here](#). Shared by Adolphe Bernotas.

Today in History - October 2, 2018



By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 2, the 275th day of 2018. There are 90 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 2, 1950, the comic strip "Peanuts," created by Charles M. Schulz, was syndicated to seven newspapers.

On this date:

In 1780, British spy John Andre was hanged in Tappan, New York, during the Revolutionary War.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson suffered a serious stroke at the White House that left him paralyzed on his left side.

In 1941, during World War II, German armies launched an all-out drive against Moscow; Soviet forces succeeded in holding onto their capital.

In 1967, Thurgood Marshall was sworn as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court as the court opened its new term.

In 1970, one of two chartered twin-engine planes flying the Wichita State University football team to Utah crashed into a mountain near Silver Plume, Colorado, killing 31 of the 40 people on board.

In 1971, the music program "Soul Train" made its debut in national syndication.

In 1984, Richard W. Miller became the first FBI agent to be arrested and charged with espionage. (Miller was tried three times; he was sentenced to 20 years in prison, but was released after nine years.)

In 1985, actor Rock Hudson, 59, died at his home in Beverly Hills, California, after battling AIDS.

In 1986, the Senate joined the House in voting to override President Reagan's veto of stiff economic sanctions against South Africa.

In 2002, the Washington, D.C.-area sniper attacks began, setting off a frantic manhunt lasting three weeks. (John Allen Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo were finally arrested for killing 10 people and wounding three others; Muhammad was executed in 2009; Malvo was sentenced to life in prison.)

In 2006, an armed milk truck driver took a group of girls hostage in an Amish schoolhouse in Nickel Mines, Pa., killing five of them and wounding five others before committing suicide.

Ten years ago: Republican Sarah Palin and Democrat Joe Biden sparred over taxes, energy policy and the Iraq war in a high-profile vice-presidential debate at Washington University in St. Louis, in which Palin sought to reclaim her identity as a spirited reformer and Biden tried to undercut the maverick image of GOP presidential hopeful John McCain. More than a year after millionaire adventure Steve Fossett vanished on a solo flight over California's rugged Sierra Nevada, searchers found the wreckage of his plane but no body inside. (Fossett's remains were discovered in late Oct. 2008.)

Five years ago: President Barack Obama met privately with congressional leaders at the White House for the first time since a partial government shutdown began, but there was no sign of progress toward ending the impasse. Overloaded websites and jammed phone lines frustrated consumers for a second day as they tried to sign up for coverage using new health insurance exchanges. A jury in Los Angeles cleared a concert promoter of negligence, rejecting a lawsuit brought by Michael Jackson's mother claiming AEG Live had been negligent in hiring Conrad Murray, the doctor who killed the pop star with an overdose of a hospital anesthetic.

One year ago: Hours after the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history, President Donald Trump condemned the Las Vegas shooting that left 58 dead as an "act of pure evil." Rock superstar Tom Petty died at a Los Angeles hospital at the age of 66, a day after suffering cardiac arrest at his home in Malibu, California. The trial of Ahmed Abu Khattala, described as the mastermind of the 2012 attacks on a U.S. outpost in Benghazi, Libya, that left four Americans dead, got under way in Washington. (Khattala would be convicted of terrorism-related charges and sentenced to 22 years in prison.) Three Americans were awarded the Nobel Prize in medicine for discovering key genetic "gears" of the body's 24-hour biological clock.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer-musician Leon Rausch (Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys) is 91. Retired MLB All-Star Maury Wills is 86. Movie critic Rex Reed is 80. Singer-songwriter Don McLean is 73. Cajun/country singer Jo-el Sonnier (sahn-YAY') is 72. Actor Avery Brooks is 70. Fashion designer Donna Karan is 70. Photographer Annie Leibovitz is 69. Rock musician Mike Rutherford (Genesis, Mike & the Mechanics) is 68. Singer-actor Sting is 67. Actress Robin Riker is 66. Actress Lorraine Bracco is 64. Country musician Greg Jennings (Restless Heart) is 64. Rock singer Phil Oakey (The Human League) is 63. Rhythm-and-blues singer Freddie Jackson is 62. Singer-producer Robbie Nevil is 60. Retro-soul singer James Hunter is 56. Former NFL quarterback Mark Rypien is 56. Rock musician Bud Gaugh (Sublime, Eyes Adrift) is 51. Folk-country singer Gillian Welch is 51. Country singer Kelly Willis is 50. Actor Joey Slotnick is 50. Rhythm-and-blues singer Dion Allen (Az Yet) is 48. Actress-talk show host Kelly Ripa (TV: "Live with Kelly and Ryan") is 48. Singer Tiffany is 47. Rock singer Lene Nystrom is 45. Actor Efrén Ramírez is 45. Rhythm-and-blues singer LaTocha Scott (Xscape) is 45. Gospel singer Mandisa (TV: "American Idol") is 42. Actress Brianna Brown is 39. Rock musician Mike Rodden

(Hinder) is 36. Tennis player Marion Bartoli is 34. Actor Christopher Larkin is 31. Rock singer Brittany Howard (Alabama Shakes) is 30. Actress Samantha Barks is 28. Actress Elizabeth McLaughlin is 25.

Thought for Today: "The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong." -- Mohandas K. Gandhi, Indian political and spiritual leader (born this date in 1869, died 1948).

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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