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# Connecting

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leagues,

and Saturday morning.

Here are some items of interest, leading off with news of the departure of one of the class acts in television journalism - **Candy Crowley**, who is leaving CNN after a 27-year career with the cable network.

Early in her career, Candy was a general assignment reporter and White House correspondent for AP. I know there are some of my connecting colleagues who knew her back then - and know her today.

Have a great weekend, friends!

## Candy Crowley leaving CNN after 27 years

**Braizer Moore**  
Television Writer

NEW YORK - Veteran newswoman **Candy Crowley** is leaving CNN after 27 years.

wley, the network's chief political correspondent and anchor of "State of the Union," will exit at the end of this month, she said Friday. Her final appearance hosting the "State of the Union" political broadcast is Dec. 21.

Crowley said she doesn't yet know her next stop, but said her departure has been years in the making. She said she got the itch just before the 2008 campaign, she recalled - then things got interesting with the entry of Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama into the race. She couldn't tear herself away.

Years later she was offered "State of the Union." "Now I'm at the point where I want another chance to do something new, somewhere new," said Crowley, who turns 66 the day after Christmas. She says she made her decision at summer's end.

Crowley was an anchor for the Mutual Broadcasting System radio network, as well as a general assignment and White House correspondent for The Associated Press, before moving to NBC News' Washington bureau.

In 1987 she joined CNN, where she has covered presidential, congressional and gubernatorial elections as well as Capitol Hill. In 2008 she moderated the general election debate between President Obama and Gov. Mitt Romney.

Her honors include Emmy, Edward R. Murrow and DuPont-Columbia University Silver Baton awards.

Crowley says she lives and breathes politics is more than an understatement," CNN boss Jeff Zucker said in a staff memo Friday. "She has the ability to sense its nuance, push its limits and ask questions that others won't." "I've done a lot of politics," Crowley allowed, "but I still love it. Not who wins or who loses, but who they are."

Crowley's next job may involve more politics - or may not. In the meantime, news of her leave-taking from CNN spread quickly. "I have 3,000 unread emails," she was saying Friday afternoon, "and I apologize to everyone who's reading this who I haven't replied to. I will!"

[here](#) for a link to the story.

## Connecting mailbox

### at Toledo Blade sign

Cliff Schiappa's photo of the Toledo Blade Blvd, sign brings up a quest I had back in 2009 when I was in southwest Florida. I was writing various articles about the area and wanted to determine whether the various owners of The Blade may have owned the property where the Toledo Blade Blvd. street is located (near Port Charlotte and North Port, FL and I-75) or had an influence in the town council. I was writing a story about I-75 and the connections between Michiganders and Ohioans and others in the Midwest with Naples, which lies about 1,350 miles down the highway from Detroit.



I looked around, and decided that it might have had a connection with the famous "blades" (razor knives, etc) made in Toledo, Spain and that one may have been the object being recognized. I checked Toledo Blade History and, indeed, there's a connection between The Blade (The Blade dropped the Toledo in the masthead some years ago) and the razors (which were produced by



makers in Spain) as noted at: <http://www.toledoblade.com/abouttheblade>.

satisfied that we still didn't know for sure whether it was the newspaper that the sign recognized or the tool of the most famous maker in that community, and when Cliff's photo was aired today, I was even more curious. Cliff's photo reminds us that there's such a patchwork of names of streets, boulevards, highways, etc., throughout our country, and these had to be recommended by someone. In a search this afternoon, I found a 1993 story in the Port Charlotte Sun, run by the Dunn-Rankin family now, that gave what I think is a reliable exegesis.

Report, the boulevard was indeed named Toledo Blade Blvd., because when the General Development Corporation, a land company owned by Canadian interests, were laying out streets in the projected city of Port Charlotte in the 1950s, the town planners had been coming up with names. One of the GDC's officers and director, Thomas Ferris, who had first worked in journalism and as a reporter for the Toledo Blade, offered The Toledo Blade, as a name for one, and the deed was done. Thanks to Lindsay Williams, a columnist for the Port Charlotte Cost Newspapers, the story was revealed:

[http://www.lindseywilliams.org/index.htm?Articles/Toledo Blade Boulevard Commemorates An Ohio Newspaper.htm~mainFrame](http://www.lindseywilliams.org/index.htm?Articles/Toledo%20Blade%20Boulevard%20Commemorates%20An%20Ohio%20Newspaper.htm~mainFrame)

It's likely that we'll have a similar exegesis when someone, somewhere photographs a street called Hugh Mulligan By-Way!

**de Erbsen (Email)** - If I may respond to the question posed by Cliff Schiappa in today's Connecting, I very much doubt that the street in Florida was named after the eponymous newspaper in Ohio. More likely it was named for the bladed weapons that have been produced in Toledo, Spain, and have contributed to the city's fame.

My comment -- and I'm going waaaay out on a limb here (and may set off an email conflagration), I suspect that the Ohio newspaper may have been named to stress its sharpness and its power, drawing on the fame of the weaponry coming out of the original Toledo. I don't know for sure, but someone knows better, and someone probably does, please holler.

### ***Being fortunate to have worked for AP***

**Epperson (Email)** - Each day as I read Connections, I am reminded how fortunate I am to have worked for such an amazing news organization and that it was made amazing nearly daily by the people around the country and globe, who were virtually the soul of the organization....best in the business.

### ***Crossing paths***

**David Pyle (Email)** - One result of reading Connecting is to realize the remarkable number of contributors and other AP people whose paths have memorably crossed one's own, somewhere, some time, while covering the news for AP.

A recent discussion on books by AP authors is a case in point.

Comments by Hal Buell regarding "Common Valor, Uncommon Virtue: Iwo Jima and the Photograph that Captured America," his book

at photographer Joe Rosenthal's Iwo Jima flag-raising shot, could not help but trigger memories of my own.

ng known and/or worked with some of the world's top photojournalists, I especially regret never having met Joe Rosenthal.

emed I was always somewhere else when he visited NYC in the years before he died at 94 in 2006.

here were compensations. As AP's Tokyo-based Asia News Editor in 1979-87, I made two trips to the legendary island  
eground, once to cover USMC air-sea maneuvers and again to cover an historic return of veterans of two Marine divisions tha  
ht on Iwo in 1945.

r, in New York, I covered annual Fleet Week events that drew warships from the US and several foreign navies every Memorial  
week. In 2003 or 2004, I was one of a few reporters flown out to the helicopter assault ship USS Iwo Jima as it arrived.

ceremony on the hangar deck, I found myself seated next to James Bradley, author of "Flags of Our Fathers," the book about  
er, a Navy corpsman who with five Marines had raised the famous flag.

ley's book, published in 2000, had only recently become a hot item on the NY Times best-seller list, and my book, "Lost Over  
," co-authored with Horst Faas, about photographers killed in the Vietnam war, had just been published.

t we had in common was that both books were initially rejected - mine by 17 publishers, and his by 23, according to what I'd

enty-seven," Bradley growled when I asked.

ellow author, I was naturally curious to know what all those publishers had said in rejecting a book that would later make the  
s list and was soon to become a major Hollywood film.

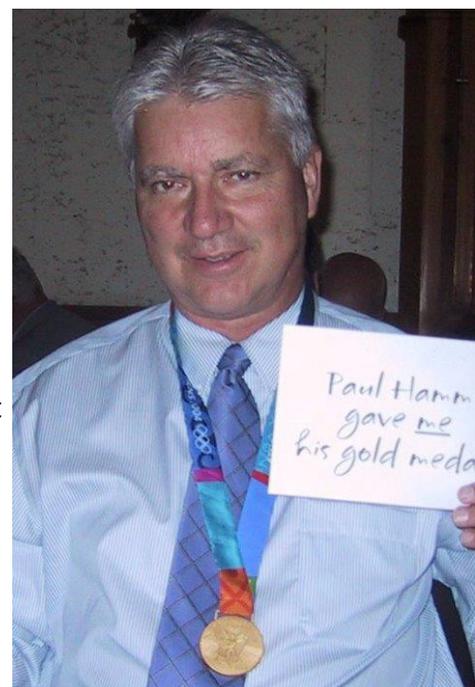
ey told me I was an idiot," Bradley said.

## ***earing an Olympic Gold Medal***

ly Hamm ([Email](#)) - Paul, for your birthday I wanted to share an anecdote about our first  
erson meeting. It was September 28, 2004 in downtown Milwaukee. We went to dinner  
ader's German restaurant on Old World Third St.

n weeks earlier my son Paul had won the Olympic gold medal in gymnastics, and he was  
roiled in a controversy as the Koreans were protesting his award. As a lover of sports,  
followed the story. Our family found it entertaining that everyone in the public and the  
ia had an opinion as to what Paul should do with his medal; some saying he should give it  
e Korean or, or...

found this so interesting because Paul was the **recipient** of the medal, not the one  
rding it. He had no authority to bestow it on anyone else. Olympic athletes can't and  
t go around re-awarding their medals!



provide some levity to this otherwise stressful situation, we created sweatshirts that pictured a gold medal on the front and the name of the person who gave me the gold medal on the back.

I received one of those autographed sweatshirts, and perhaps you remember that you wore the *real* gold medal that night. Happy birthday!

*My father operates Newsfinder, which provides AP news and photos to weekly newspapers. His twin sons Morgan and Paul attended the 2000 Olympics in Sydney and the 2004 Olympics in Athens. They both also qualified for Beijing, but each withdrew due to injury. In 2004 in Athens, Morgan won a Silver Medal with the U.S. team. In 2004 in Athens, Paul won the All Around Gold Medal and a Silver Medal on the Horizontal Bar. He also won the Silver Medal with the team. Today, Morgan is a pharmacist for Target in Milwaukee. Paul lives just outside Chicago and is working in the gymnastics field at several levels.)*

## Stories of interest

### [Rolling Stone's disastrous U-Va. story: A case of real media bias](#)



On Slate's DoubleX Gabfest podcast last month, reporter Sabrina Rubin Erdely explained why she had settled on the University of Virginia as the focus for her investigative story on the horrific 2012 gang rape of a freshman named Jackie at the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house. "First I looked around at a number of different campuses," said Erdely. "It took me a while to figure out where I wanted to focus on. But when I finally decided on the University of Virginia - one of the compelling reasons that made me focus on the University of Virginia was when I found Jackie. I made contact with a student activist at the school who told me a lot about the culture of the school - that was one of the important things, sort of criteria that I wanted when I was looking for the right school to focus on."

Rolling Stone thought it had found the "right" campus and the right alleged crime: Following her Nov. 19 story on Jackie's alleged rape in a dark room at the Phi Kappa Psi house, the university suspended all fraternity activities and a national spotlight fell on the issue of campus rape.

But now it's all falling apart. Thanks to several days of reporting by the Washington Post's T. Rees Shapiro, Rolling Stone's account is now a semester away from becoming part of journalism classes around the country. Jackie's friends now doubt her account of the event, reports Shapiro, and the fraternity insists it never held a "a date function or social event" on the weekend of September 2, which is the date cited by Jackie in the Rolling Stone story.

### [Protest in New York, Social Media Is the Organizer's Biggest Megaphone](#)

In minutes of the grand jury's decision Wednesday, Twitter TWTR -0.77% and Facebook FB +1.49% lit up with thousands of messages around hashtags such as #EricGarner, #ICantBreathe and #BlackLivesMatter. Facebook pages called for protests in cities around the country. Hundreds of people soon crowded in protest at New York's Grand Central Station and Times Square.

This was not serendipitous. The speed with which these demonstrations came together and grew reflected intense planning by organizers and activists and shows how social media has matured into a crucial tactic for coordinating activity, drawing people to protests and trading tips.

s can happen offline, but online we can amplify it more, and it reaches people faster," says New York-based feminist media activist Alicia Garza. "This is why these on-the-ground demonstrations can happen so quickly."

### [Laurie Seaman, a Photographer Inspired by Everyday Life in New York, Dies at 96](#)

Laurie Seaman, a documentary photographer known for his crisp, detailed, emotionally evocative images, particularly those of children at play on the streets and piers of mid-20th-century New York City, died on Friday at his home in Sea Cliff, N.Y. He was 96.

Seaman's daughter, Judith, announced the death.

Seaman (pronounced LIPE-zig) was one of the last surviving members of a generation of socially minded photographers - others included Helen Levitt, Roy DeCarava, Jerome Robbins and Gordon Parks - who took to the streets to record life as they encountered it.

Seaman began photographing New York children in the early 1940s and continued, off and on, until the mid-1960s. He said his inspiration was "Children's Games," a 1560 painting by the Flemish master Pieter Bruegel the Elder. Seaman was intrigued, he said, that the games played in Renaissance-era Flanders were similar to the ones he observed outside his window in New York City.



### [Booker T. DeLoach Purges The New Republic: Inside the Destruction of a 100-Year-Old Magazine](#) (Bill Beecham)

Booker T. DeLoach, a former FBI director and a close advisor to President Richard Nixon, visited Facebook billionaire Chris Hughes, the owner of The New Republic, and TNR's newly installed CEO, former Yahoo News executive Guy Vidra, visited the storied magazine's Washington headquarters on Friday morning to meet with the staff, they were greeted by a skeleton crew of a few editorial interns and junior employees.

DeLoach's and Vidra's decision to abruptly change the 100-year-old journal of politics, policy, art and culture into what Hughes calls "a digital media company" and relocate to Manhattan--and in the process get rid of top editor Franklin Foer, who has run the magazine since 2006, and literary editor Leon Wieseltier, a major figure at TNR since the early 1980s--has prompted a mass exodus of more than two dozen senior editors and writers. Among the brand-name TNR veterans who submitted their resignations Friday were senior editors John B. Judis, Julia Ioffe, Jeff Rosen, Jason Zengerle, Judith Shulevitz, and Alec MacGillis. At least a dozen contributing writers have also demanded to be removed from the masthead, and the list is expected to keep growing as the day goes on.

### [Baseball Columnist Bryan Burwell Dies At 59](#)

ST. LOUIS (AP) - Bryan Burwell, a longtime sports columnist with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, died Thursday after a short battle with cancer. He was 59.

newspaper made the announcement on its website, stltoday.com. Sports editor Roger Hensley said in a statement that Burwell was "one of the most well-respected journalists in his field."

"As great as Bryan was as a journalist, he was even better as teammate, as a co-worker and as a friend," Hensley said.

Associated Press Sports Editors named Burwell one of the top 10 sports columnists in the country in 2007.

### [Weekend shuts as costs spike and ads tumble](#) (Bob Daugherty)

The Sunday supplement, the second-largest Sunday newspaper magazine in the United States, will print its final edition on Dec. 28, succumbing to rising distribution costs and plunging advertising.

The circulation of the Sunday supplement, which was stuffed into newspapers delivered to as many as 70 million homes a few years ago, has fallen today to about 18 million, according to a knowledgeable source at Gannett Inc., the parent of the publication.

## The Final Word

by Blasko ([Email](#)) - He who lives by the Spellcheck shall die by the Spellcheck!



## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Dec. 6, the 340th day of 2014. There are 25 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

Dec. 6, 1864, President Abraham Lincoln nominated Salmon P. Chase to be chief justice of the United States, succeeding Roger Taney (TAH'-nee). (Chase was installed as chief justice nine days later.)

On this date:

1790, Congress moved to Philadelphia from New York.

1884, Army engineers completed construction of the Washington Monument by setting an aluminum capstone atop the obelisk.

1889, Jefferson Davis, the first and only president of the Confederate States of America, died in New Orleans.

1907, the worst mining disaster in U.S. history occurred as 362 men and boys died in a coal mine explosion in Monongah, West Virginia.

1917, some 2,000 people died when an explosives-laden French cargo ship collided with a Norwegian vessel at the harbor in Halifax, Nova Scotia, setting off a blast that devastated the city.

1922, the Anglo-Irish Treaty, which established the Irish Free State, came into force one year to the day after it was signed in London.

1939, the Cole Porter musical comedy "Du Barry Was a Lady" opened on Broadway.

1947, Everglades National Park in Florida was dedicated by President Harry S. Truman.

1957, America's first attempt at putting a satellite into orbit failed as Vanguard TV3 rose about four feet off a Cape Canaveral launch pad before crashing down and exploding.

1964, the animated puppet special "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," now a Christmas perennial, first aired on NBC-TV.

1971, the original Auto-Train, which carried rail passengers and their motor vehicles from Lorton, Virginia, to Sanford, Florida, went into operation. (Although the privately owned line went out of business in 1981, Amtrak revived the service in 1983.)

1989, 14 women were shot to death at the University of Montreal's school of engineering by a man who then took his own life.

19 years ago: Militants struck the U.S. Consulate in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia with explosives and machine guns, killing nine people in an attack claimed by al-Qaida. Ohio certified President George W. Bush's 119,000-vote victory over Democratic nominee John Kerry, ending the Kerry campaign and third-party candidates prepared to demand a statewide recount. A dozen expensive homes under construction in Indian Head, Maryland, were deliberately burned down. (Five men either pleaded guilty or were convicted in the case. Prosecutors had cited a variety of motives, including anger by some of the white perpetrators that most of the new homeowners were African American.)

10 years ago: President Barack Obama visited the U.S. Senate during a rare Sunday session to rally Democrats behind closed doors for a health care overhaul. The Kennedy Center Honors lauded jazz great Dave Brubeck, rocker Bruce Springsteen, actor Robert De Niro, comic genius Mel Brooks and opera singer Grace Bumbry.

1 year ago: A day after Nelson Mandela's death at 95, South Africans of all colors erupted in song, dance and tears in emotional celebrations of the life of the man who had bridged the country's black-white divide and helped avert a race war. The Fender Telecaster that Bob Dylan played at the 1965 Newport Folk Festival was sold at Christie's for nearly \$1 million - the highest price ever for a guitar at auction.

Today's Birthdays: Comedy performer David Ossman is 78. Actor Patrick Bauchau is 76. Country singer Helen Cornelius is 73. Actor James Naughton is 69. Former Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood is 69. Rhythm-and-blues singer Frankie Beverly (Maze) is 68. U.S. Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., is 66. Actress JoBeth Williams is 66. Actor Tom Hulce is 61. Actor Kin Shriner is 61. Actor Wil Shrike is 60. Actor Miles Chapin is 60. Rock musician Rick Buckler (The Jam) is 59. Comedian Steven Wright is 59. Country singer Bill Lloyd is 59. Singer Tish Hinojosa is 59. Rock musician Peter Dinklage (R.E.M.) is 58. Rock musician David Lovering (Pixies) is 53. Actress Janine Turner is 52. Rock musician Ben Watt (Everything But The Girl) is 52. Writer-director Judd Apatow is 47. Rock musician Ulf "Buddha" Berg (Ace of Base) is 44. Writer-director Craig Brewer is 43. Actress Colleen Haskell is 38. Actress Lindsay Price is 38. Actress Ashley Judd is 33. Actress Nora Kirkpatrick is 30. Christian rock musician Jacob Chesnut (Rush of Fools) is 25.

Thought for Today: "Disconnecting from change does not recapture the past. It loses the future." - Kathleen Norris, *American Woman (1880-1960)*.

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