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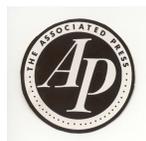
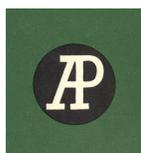
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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning!

Today's issue of Connecting is our annual books edition - featuring books written by Connecting members over the past year and submitted by those of you who answered my call to participate.

The timing is such that you may find a holiday gift idea among these books written by your colleagues.

If you wrote a book in the past year and missed the call, you can send along information on your creation - 300 words and an image of the book cover - to me

today.

Have a great day!

Paul

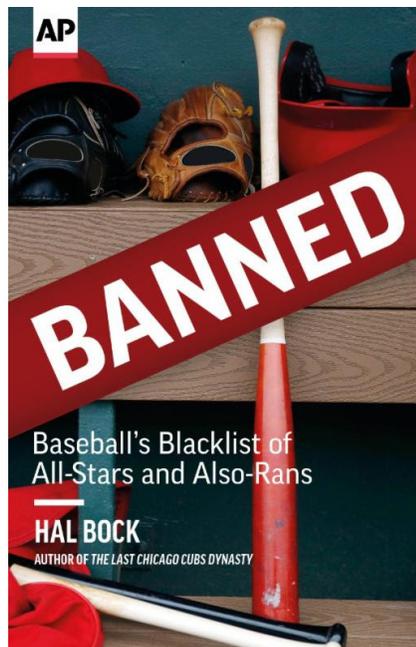
Come partake of Connecting's Library

Banned: Baseball's Blacklist of All-Stars and Also-Rans

Hal Bock ([Email](#)) - **Banned: Baseball's Blacklist of All-Stars and Also-Rans** is a compilation of stories about players, owners, even an umpire and a team doctor, who have been banned from baseball for misdeeds, some real, some imagined.

The tales run from Dickie Kerr, who wound up being banned even though he won two games for the Chicago White Sox in a World Series his teammates had fixed, to Benny Kauff, who went from being a league leader in stolen bases to conspiring in a stolen car ring.

Longtime Associated Press baseball writer and columnist Hal Bock tells the story of the hit king (Pete Rose) and the steroid king (Alex Rodriguez) among many others in this breezy book published by Diversion Books and The Associated Press. It is the perfect stocking stuffer and is available from Amazon, Barnes and Noble.com and Diversion.



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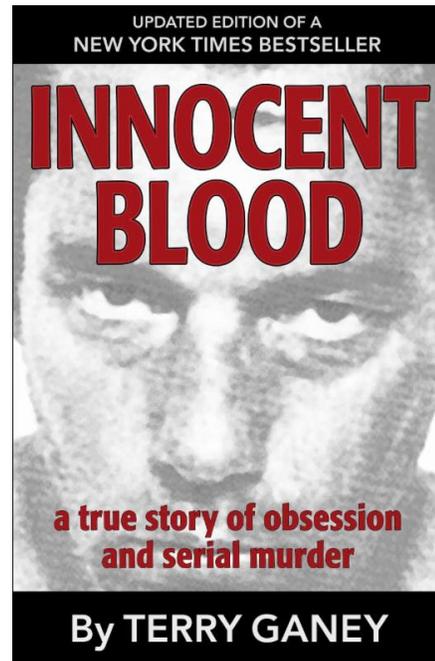
Innocent Blood

Terry Ganey (Email) - Like a real-life Hannibal Lecter--the psychopathic murderer from Thomas Harris' "Silence of the Lambs"--Charles Hatcher was cunning, sadistic and totally remorseless. He was a man with no conscience. He killed sixteen people, three of them children.

Hatcher was also responsible for a different kind of tragedy--the conviction and imprisonment of an innocent man who was mercilessly hounded by the police, the prosecutor and the community for a brutal murder that Hatcher himself committed.

A nomadic Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde who manipulated the legal system with gruesome skill, Charles Hatcher was the embodiment of evil, the devil's emissary on Earth. His nemesis was the lone FBI-man in St. Joseph, Missouri who risked his career to end Hatcher's reign of terror.

"Innocent Blood" is the true story of Charles Hatcher and his life of crime--a powerful, and blood-chilling glimpse into the darkness between sanity and madness. It also chronicles a justice system gone wrong.



Terry Ganey first covered this story as a reporter for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. What emerges is a fascinating and horrifying portrait of a mass murderer at large in America--a murderer who could have stalked his victims in any of our towns and cities, whether urban or rural, large or small.

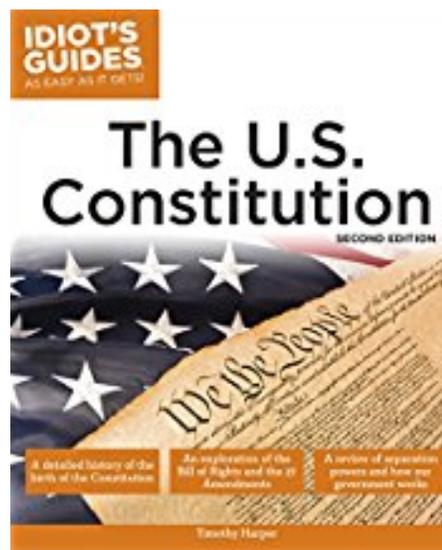
This is an updated edition of the New York Times bestseller that was originally published in hardback under the title "St. Joseph's Children." The New York Times called the book, "a powerfully affecting story...every parent's nightmare." The book is available from Amazon.

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The Idiot's Guide to the US Constitution

Timothy Harper (Email) - Tim Harper's second edition of The Idiot's Guide to the US Constitution came out a year ago, during the presidential campaign. The

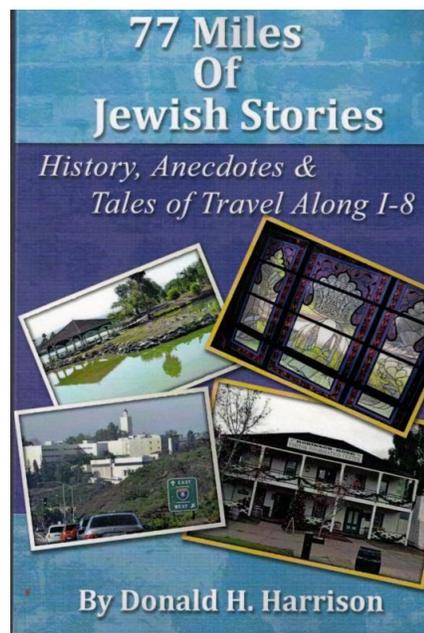
publisher originally asked him to do the book when George W. Bush was running, and the updated edition when Donald Trump was running. Tim worked for AP 1974-85, first in Milwaukee and Madison, then as a national writer in New York. A nonpracticing lawyer, he won several national and regional awards for his coverage of law and legal affairs. Since leaving AP, he has been a full-time freelancer -- newspapers, magazines, books -- based in London and now back in New York. He has done a dozen books of his own and, as a coach and editorial/publisher consultant, helped scores of other individuals and institutions write and publish books of their own. He's taught part-time for many years at Columbia, NYU and other schools, and has been a visiting professor and writing coach at the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism since 2007. Based at www.tim.harper.com



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77 Miles of Jewish Stories

Don Harrison (Email) - Donald H. Harrison's "77 Miles of Jewish Stories" tested the motto of Harrison's daily news website, San Diego Jewish World (www.sdjewishworld.com), which says "There Is A Jewish Story Everywhere." He decided to get on the east-west Interstate Highway 8 from its origin at the Pacific coast and drive to the border of San Diego and Imperial Counties, a distance of 77 miles. At each of the 35 exits, he got off to find successfully one or more Jewish stories. In all, he found 70 stories on a wide range of topics, including Jewish institutions, Jewish relationships with other religions and ethnic groups, and Jewish people doing interesting things. Some stories involved doctors making medical advances, attorneys discussing their cases and international law, inventors telling of a novel pump, a delicatessen owner divulging the secret of her chopped liver, ranchers discussing raising alpacas, Pro Football Hall of Famer Ron Mix remembering the early San Diego Chargers, and a Native American leader comparing his people's experiences with those of the Jews.



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An Attack on One is an Attack on All: Successful initiatives to protect journalists and combat impunity

Larry Kilman (Email) - "An Attack on One is an Attack on All: Successful initiatives to protect journalists and combat impunity" is a collection of stories about how journalists are responding to attacks and the dangers facing journalists in the course of doing their jobs. Though written for UNESCO, it is not a typical intergovernmental report; rather than presenting a comprehensive overview or a statistical compilation, it is a readable collection of very human stories, meant to inspire and be shared.



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Many of the initiatives were launched by friends and colleagues of slain journalists as a way to honor. Their projects range from providing safety and medical training, to creating guides to best practices, to educating law enforcement, prosecutors and judges about the importance of press freedom, to investigating attacks and murders of their colleagues. Several trends emerged: a need for greater coordination, greater services for the most vulnerable including free-lancers and local journalists, more initiatives focused on the specific safety concerns of female journalists, and a growing focus on digital security and trauma counseling. The report is available without charge, from <https://en.unesco.org/an-attack-on-one>

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The Perfect English Grammar Workbook

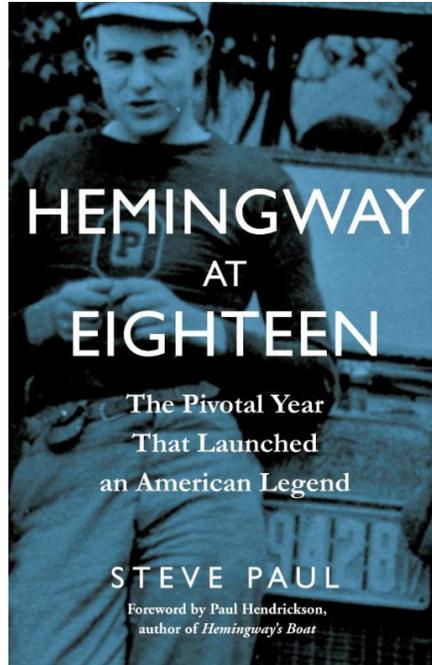
Lisa McLendon (Email) - When you want people to focus on what you're saying, rather than how you're saying it, correct grammar is crucial. But English is always in flux, and grammar advice from a century-or even a few years-ago may not apply today. "The Perfect English Grammar Workbook" is an accessible, modern grammar workbook that demystifies English grammar so you can use it with confidence and accuracy. The book features lessons organized by topic, clear explanations followed by self-directed quizzes, engaging examples that demonstrate grammar rules with humor and contemporary appeal, up-to-date rules based on the English language we use today, and a wide variety of exercises.

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Hemingway at Eighteen: The Pivotal Year That Launched an American Legend

Steve Paul

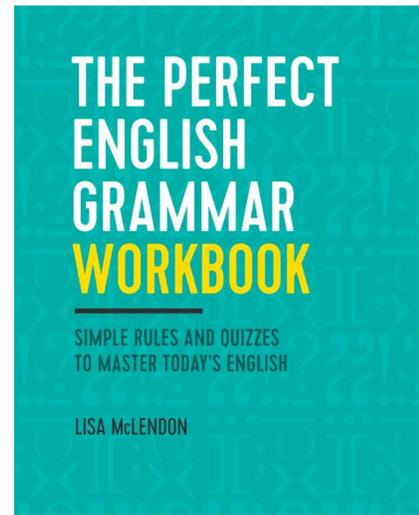
([Email](#)) - In the summer of 1917, Ernest Hemingway was an 18-year-old high school graduate unsure of his future. The American entry in the Great War stirred thoughts of joining the army. While many of his friends in Oak Park, Ill., were heading to college, Hemingway couldn't make up his mind, and eventually chose to



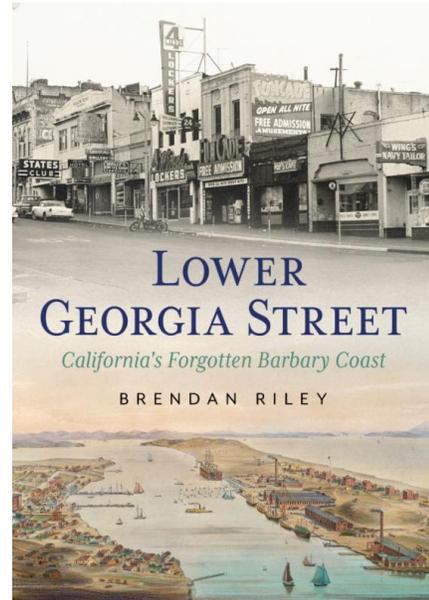
begin a career in writing and journalism. An uncle helped get him a job at one of the great newspapers of the day, The Kansas City Star. In six and a half months, Hemingway experienced a compressed, customized and streetwise alternative to a college education, which opened his eyes to urban violence, the power of literature, the hard work of writing, and a constantly swirling stage of human comedy and drama. The Kansas City experience led Hemingway into the Red Cross ambulance service in Italy, where, two weeks before his 19th birthday, he was dangerously wounded at the front. Hemingway at Eighteen takes a measure of those peak experiences of a young man bound for greatness and a writer at the very beginning of his journey.

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Lower Georgia Street - California's Forgotten Barbary Coast



Brendan Riley (Email) - "Lower Georgia Street - California's Forgotten Barbary Coast" has been out since late July and is now in its third printing. Sure, these are small, publish-on-demand print runs by the publisher, Fonthill Media, but I'm very happy with the reception my first book is getting in my hometown of Vallejo, Calif.



Here are a few lines from the back cover: "It was a sailor's dream: more than 100 bars, casinos and warehouses, just a short boat ride across the Napa River that separated the sprawling Mare Island Naval Shipyard from Vallejo, California. Why bother to head for San Francisco, about 25 miles to the south, when you could raise hell in Vallejo's Lower Georgia Street district? This was the city's original business zone, but over time the grocery stores, clothing shops and offices for doctors and lawyers were replaced by brightly lit joints that appealed to the sailors. Every time the United States got involved in wars, there were dramatic expansions in shipyard construction and repair. That meant big business for Lower Georgia Street as sailors on liberty poured into town. Top Navy brass made repeated demands on the city to clean up the problems. The district would improve, but only temporarily. In Vallejo, nothing before or since was as wild as the Lower Georgia district during World War II."

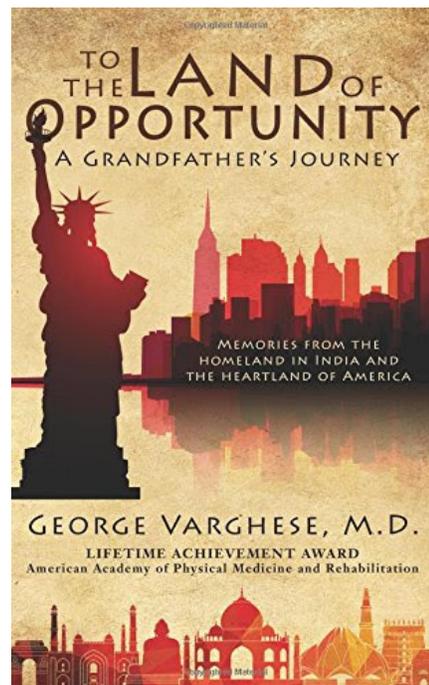
Shameless self-promotion: It's \$23, and you can email me at genoans@hotmail.com for a signed copy.

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To the Land of Opportunity: A Grandfather's Journey: Memories from the homeland in India and the heartland of America

Dr. George Varghese (Email) - recalls his first day on the job at the University of Kansas Medical Center. The young physician - newly arrived to Kansas from New York City - met a patient who was paralyzed from the waist down - a result, she told him, of being sucked into the vortex of a tornado and dropped a half mile from her house. His eyes twinkled and he thought, she's pulling my leg, until the head nurse assured him she was not. Immediately he thought to himself, "The movie Wizard of Oz was a true story. What have I done by moving my family to Kansas?"

That is but one of many enjoyable anecdotes in his book "To the Land of Opportunity: A Grandfather's Journey: Memories from the homeland in India and the heartland of America" by this physician who grew up in a village in India and came to the United States where he gained regional and national prominence as a medical specialist, diagnostician, educator and visionary. George recently retired from KU Med Center but still does some teaching. Resident physicians and medical students consider the professor emeritus' knowledge base in both musculoskeletal and electrodiagnostic medicine limitless.



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And don't forget about AP Books...

The Associated Press has a book-publishing arm - featuring books tied to the news and to history, and can be found by clicking on this link - <https://www.ap.org/books/>

One example is the baseball book by **Hal Bock** in the list above. Another:

JFK - A Daily Chronicle of the White House Years

By Les Krantz with The Associated Press

May 29, 2017 would have marked John F. Kennedy's 100th birthday.

In recognition of this centennial anniversary, The Associated Press presents "JFK: A Daily Chronicle of the White House Years", which examines the 1036 days that the young, dynamic president and first lady Jackie Kennedy resided at [1600 Pennsylvania Avenue](#).

Featuring researched accounts, eyewitness testimony and more than 195 photographs from AP's archives, the book addresses both political and personal affairs to provide a comprehensive snapshot of the "Camelot" years. Also included are recollections by former AP journalists and photographers who covered Kennedy during both his campaign and short time as president.

The timeline of JFK's day-to-day itinerary makes this detailed account a must-have for any Kennedy enthusiast.



Today in History - November 16, 2017



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Nov. 16, the 320th day of 2017. There are 45 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 16, 1907, Oklahoma became the 46th state of the union.

On this date:

In 1776, British troops captured Fort Washington in New York during the American Revolution.

In 1885, Canadian rebel leader Louis Riel was executed for high treason.

In 1917, Georges Clemenceau again became prime minister of France.

In 1933, the United States and the Soviet Union established diplomatic relations.

In 1939, mob boss Al Capone, ill with syphilis, was released from prison after serving 7 1/2 years for tax evasion and failure to file tax returns.

In 1945, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) was founded at the conclusion of a conference in London.

In 1959, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music" opened on Broadway.

In 1960, Academy Award-winning actor Clark Gable died in Los Angeles at age 59.

In 1966, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard was acquitted in Cleveland at his second trial of murdering his pregnant wife, Marilyn, in 1954.

In 1973, Skylab 4, carrying a crew of three astronauts, was launched from Cape Canaveral on an 84-day mission.

In 1982, an agreement was announced in the 57th day of a strike by National Football League players.

In 1997, China's most prominent pro-democracy campaigner, Wei Jingsheng (way jeeng-shuhng), arrived in the United States after being released following nearly 18 years of imprisonment in his country.

Ten years ago: Senate Republicans blocked a \$50 billion bill by Democrats that would have paid for several months of combat but also would have ordered troop

withdrawals from Iraq to begin within 30 days. Poland's new prime minister, Donald Tusk, formally took office along with a team of former anti-communist dissidents.

Five years ago: Former CIA Director David Petraeus told Congress that classified intelligence showed the Sept. 11, 2012 attack in Benghazi, Libya, that killed U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans was a terrorist attack, but that the Obama administration withheld the suspected role of al-Qaida affiliates to avoid tipping them off. Financially struggling Hostess Brands Inc. announced it was shutting down its operations following a strike by the union.

One year ago: U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, addressing a U.N. conference in Morocco, made a stirring appeal to all countries - including his own - to press ahead with the fight against climate change, saying a failure to do so would be a "betrayal of devastating consequences." Rick Porcello of the Boston Red Sox won the AL Cy Young Award by a narrow margin while Max Scherzer of the Washington Nationals took the NL prize. Former congressman and defense secretary Melvin Laird, 94, died in Fort Myers, Florida.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Clu Gulager is 89. Journalist Elizabeth Drew is 82. Blues musician W.C. Clark is 78. Actress Joanna Pettet is 75. Actor Steve Railsback is 72. Actor David Leisure is 67. Actor Miguel Sandoval is 66. Actress Marg Helgenberger is 59. Rock musician Mani is 55. Country singer-musician Keith Burns (Trick Pony) is 54. Tennis player Zina Garrison is 54. Former MLB All-Star pitcher Dwight Gooden is 53. Jazz singer Diana Krall is 53. Actor Harry Lennix is 53. Rock musician Dave Kushner (Velvet Revolver) is 51. Actress Lisa Bonet (boh-NAY') is 50. Actress Tammy Lauren is 49. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bryan Abrams (Color Me Badd) is 48. Actress Martha Plimpton is 47. Actor Michael Irby is 45. Actress Missi Pyle is 45. Rock musician Corey McCormick (Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real) is 41. Olympic gold medal figure skater Oksana Baiul (ahk-SAH'-nah by-OOL') is 40. Actress Maggie Gyllenhaal (JIHL'-ehn-hahl) is 40. Pop singer Trevor Penick is 38. NBA player Amare Stoudemire is 35. Actress Kimberly J. Brown is 33. Rock singer Siva Kaneswaran (The Wanted) is 29. Actor-comedian Peter Davidson (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 24. Actor Casey Moss is 24. Actor Noah Gray-Cabey is 22.

Thought for Today: "No matter how dull, or how mean, or how wise a man is, he feels that happiness is his indisputable right." - Helen Keller, American author and lecturer (1880-1968).

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.

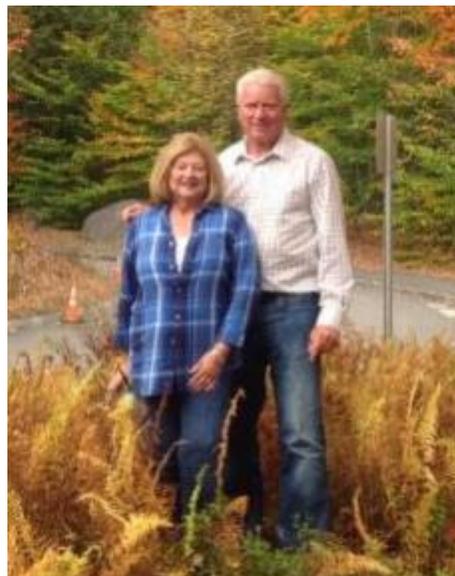
- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.

- **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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