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A CHARISMATIC MAYOR,
POP CULTURE ICONS
AND NEWSMAKERS



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It's truly been a year marked by the ending of eras.

Nelson Mandela and Margaret Thatcher, who led their nations during pivotal times, and quintessential New Yorker Edward I. Koch, were among the international and national icons who died this year.

We also said farewell to performers

strongly identified with their times: original Mouseketeer Annette Funicello later epitomized those sunny 1960s "Beach Blanket" movies; Lou Reed the punky underground music of the '70s and '80s. On TV, James Gandolfini ruled as mob boss Tony Soprano in the late '90s and '00s and Corey Monteith had sung with heart for the past four years in "Glee."

Stan Musial exemplified home-run hitting prowess of the great American pastime in the post-World War II era, and Tom Clancy's bestselling books nailed the zeitgeist of the jittery Cold War.

Here are some of the famous folk who passed away this year — they thrilled, inspired or challenged us. — JIM MERRITT

Margaret Thatcher, 87

British prime minister

Dubbed "The Iron Lady," she was Britain's only female prime minister, winning three straight elections and serving from 1979 to 1990, longer than any other 20th century British prime minister. She put her nation on a rightward course, implementing controversial conservative policies that came to be known as "Thatcherism." She won a 10-week war in 1982 with Argentina after the South American nation invaded the British-held Falkland Islands (also known as the Malvinas). Her close relationships with President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev were considered important in curtailing the arms race. On her death, a White House statement said, "The world has lost one of the great champions of freedom and liberty, and America has lost a true friend."



Edward I. Koch, 88

New York City mayor

"How'm I doin'?" was his catch phrase, shouted to people in subways and on the street, ostensibly to gauge his popularity. Outspoken — some might say abrasively so — but always entertaining, Koch was New York City's brash and colorful 105th mayor for three terms, from 1978 to 1989. He was credited with leading the city from near bankruptcy in the 1970s to prosperity in the 1980s. However, he also had his missteps, such as a failed 1982 Democratic primary against eventual governor Mario Cuomo. After leaving office, he continued to have his say and show off his outsized personality, hosting TV and radio talk shows, and making cameos in movies such as "The Muppets Take Manhattan."

Nelson Mandela, 95

South African president

"A great tree has fallen," said Chief Ngangomhlaba Matanzima, a representative of Mandela's family, at the South African leader's funeral in his home village of Qunu. A towering international figure of the 20th century, Mandela triumphed over adversity, having spent 27 years as a political prisoner on his nation's notorious Robben Island. Upon his release, he negotiated the end of South Africa's minority white rule and its racist policy of apartheid, an official system of segregation and oppression. He shared the Nobel Peace Prize with his predecessor and former adversary, President F.W. de Klerk, then was elected South Africa's first black president, serving from 1994 to 1999. Despite the white minority's fears, he worked for reconciliation instead of revenge. His autobiography was titled "Long Walk to Freedom."



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NEWSDAY FILE PHOTO

Abigail Van Buren, 94

Advice columnist

She was born Pauline Esther Friedman, but to millions of readers, she was better known as Abby, author of the Dear Abby advice column that was syndicated in Newsday and more than 1,400 newspapers since 1956. Unlike her twin sister Ann Landers, who dispensed homey, detailed advice to readers in her similar column, Van Buren's responses were often flippant and even occasionally risqué. The column is still syndicated and is now penned by her daughter, Jeanne Phillips.



AP PHOTO, 1998

Tom Clancy, 66

Author

With more than 100 million copies of his military thrillers in print, his name is synonymous with bestseller. The movies and video games based on "The Hunt for Red October," "Patriot Games," "Red Storm Rising" and others made Clancy a millionaire many times over. A lifelong Baltimorean, he was part owner of the Orioles.



AP PHOTO, 1958

Stan Musial, 92

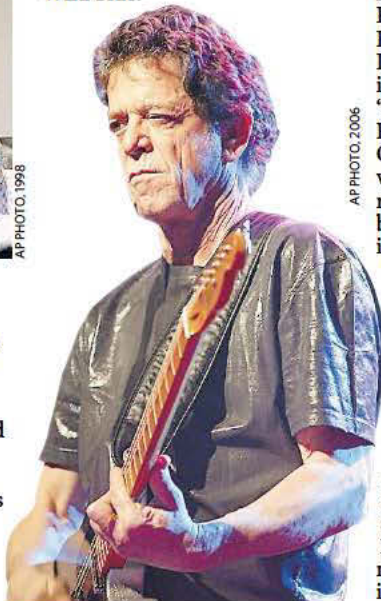
Baseball player

Nicknamed "The Man," Musial spent his entire Hall of Fame career with the St. Louis Cardinals and was the pre-eminent player in the National League in the decade after World War II. He won the league batting title seven times and was the most valuable player three times. A .331 lifetime hitter, Musial batted at least .300 for 16 straight seasons, played on three world championship teams and appeared in a record 24 All-Star Games. His total of 3,630 career hits ranks fourth all-time.

Lou Reed, 71

Singer

A rock and roll original, Reed — born in Brooklyn, raised in Freeport and later an Amagansett resident with wife Laurie Anderson — was an influential master of reinvention. Makeup-wearing glam rocker, chronicler of Andy Warhol's Factory friends, rebellious punk — it was all part of his legendary work with the Velvet Underground and as a solo artist, from the anthemic "Perfect Day" to the New York nightlife classic "Walk on the Wild Side."



AP PHOTO, 2006



AP PHOTO, 2005

Roger Ebert, 70

Film critic

Arguably the nation's most popular and influential film critic, Ebert began his career at the Chicago Sun-Times in 1967, but it was his television shows with Gene Siskel — a competitor at the Chicago Tribune — that turned him into a household name and made their simple review "two thumbs up" a trademarked catchphrase. Ebert was the first film critic to win a Pulitzer Prize and the first to receive a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.



CBS PHOTO, 1973

Jean Stapleton, 90

Actress

She was a first-rate Broadway actress before the rest of America came to know her as Edith Bunker — "All in the Family" producer Norman Lear fell in love with her singing "Ya Gotta Have Heart" in "Damn Yankees." Stapleton's Edith made Archie (Carroll O'Connor) seem worse than he was, and better, too — both a remarkable balancing act and a bit of alchemy that made "Family" such an extraordinary success for so many years.

Peter O'Toole, 81

Actor

He was an international icon whose blue-eyed beauty, aristocratic grace and reputation for epic partying made him a larger-than-life figure both on and off the screen. The magnetic star of 1962's "Lawrence of Arabia" made many other classics, including "The Lion in Win-



AP / GETTY IMAGES PHOTO, 2003

James Gandolfini, 51

Actor

He redefined popular culture's idea of a leading man with his harrowing portrayal of Tony Soprano on the HBO series "The Sopranos" — and revolutionized TV's idea of the "antihero." Jersey-born Gandolfini was ambivalent about his career-defining role, for which he won three Emmys, and spent his subsequent career running from Tony. Of his friend, "Sopranos" creator David Chase said, "A great deal of that genius resided in those sad eyes." And yes, that was something else unexpected that Gandolfini brought to Tony — melancholy.

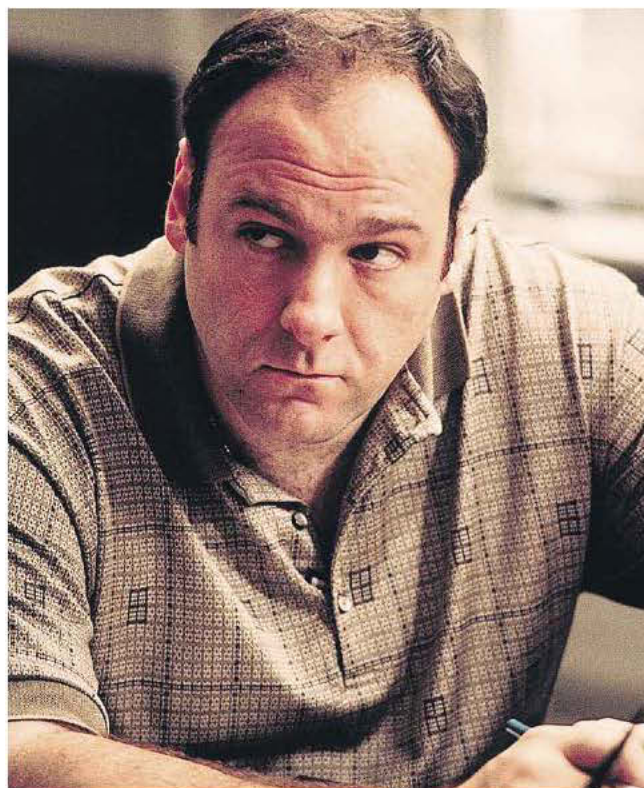


FILE PHOTO BY FRANK BEZ

Annette Funicello, 70

Actress

Funicello was born in Utica, but through the magic of television, and her personality, she came to personify the endless sky, sand and beaches of Southern California. She was the Mouseketeer on "The Mickey Mouse Club" whom baby boomers fell in love with, but she would come to symbolize what seemed sunniest about that generation . . . at least before the clouds moved in during the '60s. In her teens and beyond, Funicello moved effortlessly from Disney movies to beach flicks, but it all started with that classic TV show made to promote another California icon, Disneyland.



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ENTERTAINERS
TELEVISION

AP PHOTO, 2012

Cory Monteith, 31

Gifted actor and singer who brought "Glee's" troubled high school quarterback, Finn Hudson, to life. Monteith died of a drug overdose in a Vancouver hotel room last summer.



AP PHOTO, 2008

Bonnie Franklin, 69

She starred in CBS' "One Day at a Time," where she played Ann Romano, one of TV's first divorcees and single mothers who struggled with life's many curveballs. The show was one of Norman Lear's longest-running (nine seasons) sitcoms.

David Frost, 74 »

British TV journalist, renowned interviewer and host whose 1977 series of interviews with former President Richard Nixon yielded enormous ratings and, years later, a celebrated play and movie, "Frost/Nixon."

Joyce Brothers, 85

On television and radio, the good doctor offered advice on everything from sex to child-rearing. An expert on boxing, the psychologist was one of only two people to win the top prize on the '50s quiz show "The \$64,000 Question."

Marcia Wallace, 70

To one generation, she was Edna Krabappel — Bart Simpson's embittered teacher, who delivered, understandably, one of the most memorable cynical laughs ("HA!"). To an earlier one, she was Carol Kester Bondurant, the wisecracking receptionist on "The Bob Newhart Show."

Eileen Brennan, 80

Amazingly versatile actress — of comedy and drama — who as the nasty commanding officer drilled Goldie Hawn in "Private Benjamin" and appeared on "Laugh In," "Will & Grace" and "7th Heaven."

Lou Myers, 77

Best-known for his long-running stint as Vernon Gaines on "The Cosby Show" spinoff "A Differ-



AP PHOTO, 1960

ent World," but also a veteran of the Broadway stage, where he appeared in "Oprah Winfrey's 'The Color Purple' and 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof.'"

Steve Forrest, 87

His "S.W.A.T." fame as Lt. Dan "Hondo" Harrelson tends to obscure many other memorable roles, from "The Baron" (of the mid-'60s) to "Dallas," where he played Wes Parmalee, the impostor who for a time convinced a few folks around Southfork that he was Jock Ewing, J.R.'s father. Forrest was the brother of actor Dana Andrews.

Gary David Goldberg, 68

Veteran TV producer — "The Bob Newhart Show," "Lou Grant," "Brooklyn Bridge" — who was instrumental in launching the career of Michael J. Fox on his most famous creation, "Family Ties."

Dale Robertson, 89

One of the classic figures from TV's golden age of the long-gone "Western" genre, best known as narrator Jim Hardie from "Tales of Wells Fargo" and later as a billionaire detective in the short-lived "J.J. Starbuck."

Dennis Farina, 69

Tough-guy actor of film and TV, notably "Law & Order" (Det. Joe Fontana) and more recently a memorable stint on HBO's "Luck" and — as further proof of his considerable versatility — a brief cameo in Fox's "New Girl."

Lisa Robin Kelly, 43

Best-known for her five-year run as Laurie on Fox's hit "That '70s Show."

Lee Thompson Young, 29

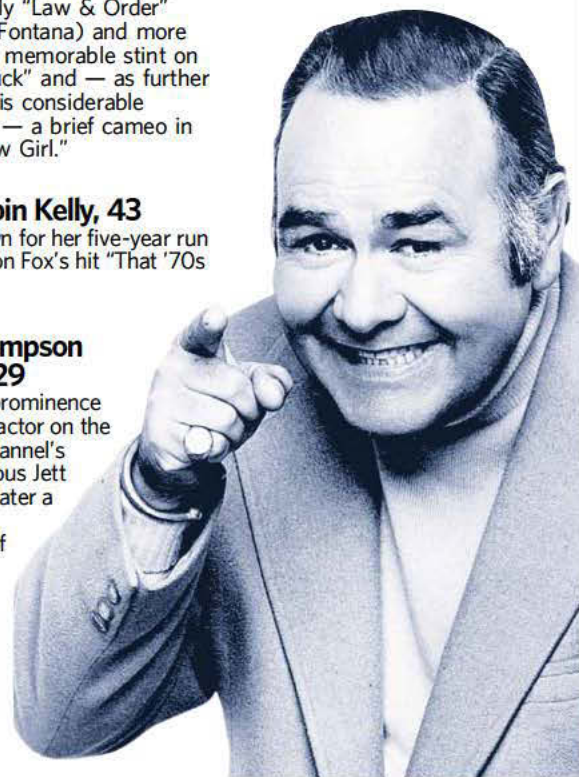
Came to prominence as a child actor on the Disney Channel's "The Famous Jett Jackson," later a core cast member of "Rizzoli & Isles," as Det. Barry Frost. Young took his own life last summer.

Henry Bromell, 65

Gifted writer and producer, from "Homicide: Life on the Street," to "Homeland."

Jonathan Winters, 87

One of the funniest people in the long history of "funny," whose 60-year career was hardly confined to TV but who nonetheless left an indelible legacy of appearances on talk shows, from "Tonight" to his own series in the '50s and '60s.



AP FILE PHOTO

THEATER/ARTS

Julie Harris, 87

Harris was true royalty of the American theater, though many will recall her as an idiosyncratic country singer on TV's "Knot's Landing." She was well-remembered for playing Emily Dickinson in the one-woman play "The Belle of Amherst." On screen, she co-starred with James Dean in "East of Eden" (1955). She won a record five Tonys, three Emmys and a Grammy.

Maria Tallchief, 88 »

The tempestuous ballerina was the first star of George Balanchine's New York City Ballet, his muse and his wife from 1946 to 1950. The choreographer created many ballets for her, including "The Firebird" and the Swan Queen in his version of "Swan Lake."



AP PHOTO, 1951

MUSIC

Peppi Marchello, 68

Lead singer and songwriter of The Good Rats, known for the Long Island rock classics "Tasty" and "New York Survivor."

Marian McPartland, 95

The Port Washington resident was a pioneering jazz pianist and hosted NPR's "Piano Jazz."

Phil Ramone, 79

Grammy-winning producer who headed landmark albums for Billy Joel, Tony Bennett and others.

George Jones, 81

One of country's greatest singers, a honky-tonk powerhouse and a

master balladeer with hits like "He Stopped Loving Her Today."

Patti Page, 85

She had No. 1 hits in the 1950s with "(How Much Is That) Doggie in the Window?" and "Tennessee Waltz," which became an official state song.

Eydie Gormé, 84

Known for singing in clubs and on TV with husband Steve Lawrence, she had a huge solo hit with "Blame It on the Boss Nova."

Ray Manzarek, 74

Co-founder of The Doors, whose keyboard playing created the memorable opening of "Light My Fire."



AP PHOTO, 2006

Richie Havens, 72

The Brooklyn-born folk singer opened Woodstock and improvised the memorable "Freedom" at the music festival.

MOVIES



AP PHOTO, 1978

Joan Fontaine, 96

Featured in classics like "Jane Eyre," "Rebecca" and "The Women," Fontaine was the only actor to win an Oscar for an Alfred Hitchcock film, 1941's "Suspicion."

Esther Williams, 91

Her competitive swimming background turned out to be an unlikely asset at MGM, which cast her in a string of wildly popular "aquamusicals" in the 1940s and '50s.

Ray Harryhausen, 92

The British stop-motion animator on "Mighty Joe Young" (1949), "The 7th Voyage of Sinbad" (1958) and many others became an influence on George Lucas, James Cameron and just about any filmmaker with an eye for special effects.

Tom Laughlin, 82

One of Hollywood's oddest success stories, Laughlin created and starred in 1971's "Billy Jack," part of a Navajo-hippie-martial-arts franchise that made millions at the box office and became a counterculture touchstone.

Hal Needham, 82

A stuntman-turned-director, Needham helped define the car-crazy '70s and '80s with Burt Reynolds vehicles like "Smokey and the Bandit," "Hooper" and "The Cannonball Run."

Paul Walker, 40

The blue-eyed star of the \$2-billion racing franchise "Fast and Furious" died in a car crash in November.

Ed Lauter, 74

Born in Long Beach, Lauter became a familiar character actor in more than 100 films, including last year's "The Fitzgerald Family Christmas," directed by fellow Long Islander Ed Burns.

Deanna Durbin, 91

Her soprano voice and girl-next-door face made her a staple of musical comedies like "Spring Parade" and "It Started With Eve." Durbin won an Academy Juvenile Award at the age of 17 in 1938.

Michael Winner, 77

The British director turned in several landmark American crime films, including "Death Wish," "Scorpio" and "The Big Sleep."

Karen Black, 74

A prolific actress during the 1970s ("Five Easy Pieces," "Nashville"), Black nevertheless had to use crowd funding to pay for cancer treatment earlier this year.

Eleanor Parker, 91

This versatile actress was Oscar-nominated for the '50s dramas "Caged," "The Detective Story" and "Interrupted Melody," but is best remembered as the baroness in "The Sound of Music."

Margaret Pellegrini, 89

A munchkin in 1939's "The Wizard of Oz," Pellegrini attended a 2007 ceremony awarding the film's diminutive cast a collective star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

David R. Ellis, 60

The director of the so-bad-it's-awesome "Snakes on a Plane" (2006) died in a South Africa hotel while filming the action movie "Kite."



AP PHOTO, 2009

LONG ISLAND
GOVERNMENT**John Burke, 85**

A supervisor in the Town of Oyster Bay for four terms, Burke, a Republican, was elected in 1969 and worked to preserve open space and youth sports. In 1977 he was elected to the State Supreme Court in Nassau County, serving for 27 years.

Dorothy Storm, 78

Storm was the first and only woman to serve as mayor of Freeport in the village's 120-year history. A former secretary, she used her tenure in office to redevelop aging sections of Freeport. She also diversified the South Shore village's police department while serving as mayor from 1985 to 1993.

Joel K. Asarch, 60

The state Supreme Court justice from Long Beach presided over cases affecting some of society's most vulnerable. Asarch, whose legal career began at his father's law firm, was voted onto the New York State Supreme Court in Mineola to oversee guardianship cases for those who were deemed incapacitated.

Louis John Nigro Jr., 65

An American diplomat and foreign service officer, Nigro grew up in Lynbrook. While serving as the ambassador to the north-central African nation of Chad in 2008, he was forced to evacuate the embassy during a time of unrest, his family said, but he stayed on the ground to continue the embassy's work.

William J. Lindsay, 67

The longtime presiding officer of the Suffolk County Legislature was considered a unifying force during years of fiscal crises and battles with the county executive.

Robert Flynn, 91

The pioneering Huntington Democrat served as town supervisor in the 1960s and later became the first Democrat to chair the Suffolk Water Authority.

Caesar Trunzo, 87

Trunzo wielded political clout for three decades as a state senator and Islip Republican leader, yet never lost the common touch. At the height of his public career, GOP leaders introduced the Brentwood resident with the greeting, "Hail Caesar."



MILITARY

Humphrey Patton Jr., 93

One of the last Long Islanders among the Tuskegee Airmen who ended the military's ban on black pilots, Patton, who lived in Hempstead until 2010, died at his Lawrenceville, Ga., home. Patton graduated with a zoology degree from Howard University in 1941 — the year the Army began a groundbreaking program to train black pilots.

Jonathan Kaloust, 23

A U.S. Navy SEAL who was a star wrestler at Massapequa High School, he was killed during a training exercise at Fort Knox, Ky., when a Humvee overturned, military officials said. At Massapequa, he lettered in wrestling all four years in high school, won two league championships and served as team captain.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Francis Looney, 96

The longtime Farmingdale resident rose through the ranks and served as commissioner from 1966 to 1971. Looney was credited with numerous modernizing initiatives, such as hiring women as police officers and purchasing the department's first helicopter.

Joseph Sawicki Sr., 84

The former acting Southold police chief was a 30-year department veteran. Sawicki joined the town police in 1951 when it was a six-member department. In the 1960s, he served as acting police chief for five years and later headed the new detective squad.

COMMUNITY

James J. Daly, 92

Auxiliary Bishop Daly was one of the most powerful figures in the history of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. The right-hand man to Bishop John McGann for years, colleagues said Daly was humble, and happiest being a parish priest.

Frederick P. O'Neill Jr., 85

Robert Moses, master builder of the state parks, liked what he saw in O'Neill, so in 1958 he appointed him as one of his youngest superintendents. O'Neill ran Wildwood and then

Heckscher state parks, where he trained generations of park managers during a 44-year career.

Thomas F. Roberts III, 75

A Bay Shore banker, Roberts in 1979 formed a nonprofit that raised \$10 million to save the Fire Island Lighthouse from demolition. It was restored and turned into a tourist attraction.

Noel Ruiz, 58

He started his theatrical career leading a small church performance troupe and became founder of a full-fledged Long Island theater, the CM Performing Arts Center.

MEDICAL

**Dr. Steven Greenberg, 56**

The well-known cardiologist at St. Francis Hospital was a pioneer in the development and use of pacemakers. In 2009, Greenberg, of Old Westbury, was the first doctor in the country to implant a wire-less pacemaker that allows doctors to check how well the devices are functioning without requiring patients to come to the office.

SPORTS

Jerry Buss, 80

The Los Angeles Lakers owner created an extension of Hollywood glamour known as "Showtime" — starting with his first draft pick, Magic Johnson — in leading his franchise to 10 NBA titles.

to Ali in their third and final bout in 1976 staged at Yankee Stadium.

Cy Young Award winner and World Series MVP.

Pat Summerall, 82

The former placekicker for the Giants was perhaps the NFL's best play-by-play announcer for CBS and Fox. He was the voice of 16 Super Bowls.

Ken Norton, 70

The former heavyweight boxing champion was one of five fighters to defeat Muhammad Ali. He lost a controversial title decision

Bob Turley, 82

"Bullet" Bob was a Yankees pitcher for eight seasons (1955-62), winning two World Series titles. He was the 1958

Emile Griffith, 75

The boxing Hall of Famer was a onetime world welterweight and middleweight champion, but he was forever haunted by his fatal beating of then-champion Benny Paret in a 1962 title bout.

Stan Isaacs, 83

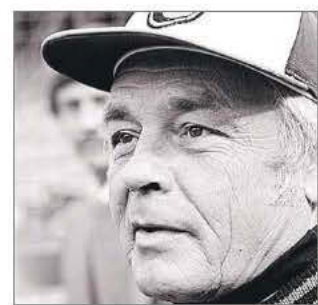
Known for his ratings of esoteric distinction, the former Newsday sports columnist, reporter and editor had an interactive relationship with readers long before the Internet. In 1978, he became New York's first TV sports columnist. He also got Brooklyn's 1955 World Series flag back from Los Angeles.

Paul Blair, 69

The eight-time Golden Glove centerfielder earned two World Series rings for the Baltimore Orioles before winning two more with the Yankees in 1977 and 1978.

Bill Mazer, 92

A voice and face of sports coverage in New York for decades, he pioneered sports-talk radio and became a television fixture while earning the nickname "the Amazin" for his encyclopedic recall of sports facts and figures.



AP PHOTO, 1979

Earl Weaver, 82

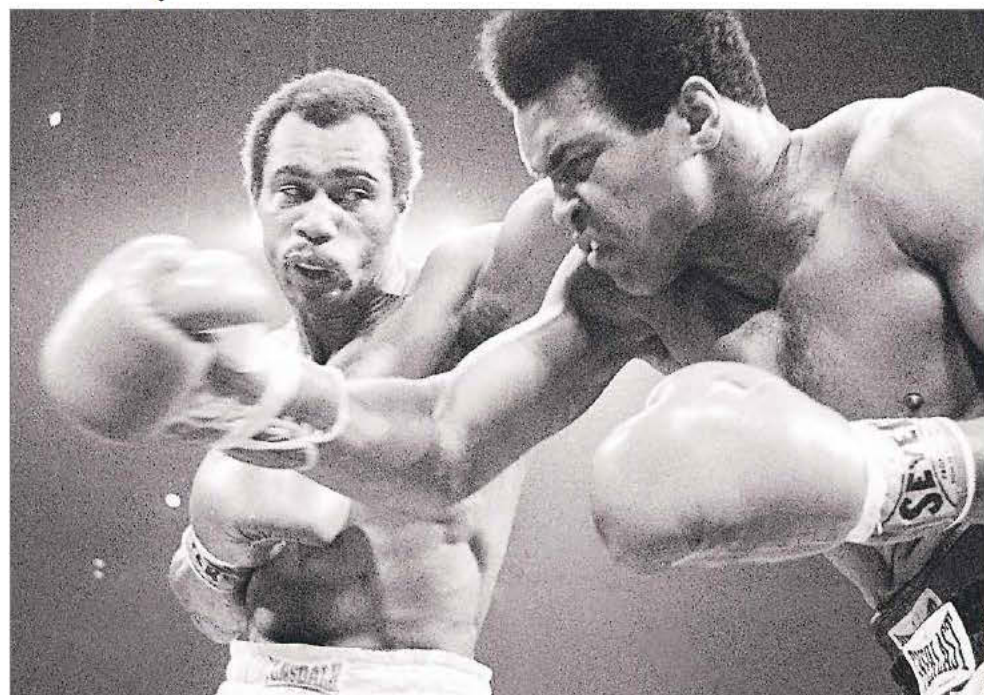
The fiery Hall of Fame manager won 1,480 games with the Baltimore Orioles. Under his leadership, the Orioles won six division titles, four pennants and one World Series championship.

Ken Venturi, 82

The World Golf Hall of Famer and broadcaster won 14 events on the PGA Tour including a major, the U.S. Open in 1964, despite almost collapsing in nearly-100-degree heat during the 36-hole final round.

Dean Meminger, 65

Nicknamed "The Dream," Meminger was a defensive stalwart on the 1973 NBA champion Knicks. He was a three-time all-New York City high school player and All-American at Marquette University.



AP PHOTO, 1973

BOOKS

Doris Lessing, 94.

Feminist icon and outspoken author of "The Golden Notebook," Lessing won the Nobel Prize at age 89 — "I couldn't care less," she told journalists.

Chinua Achebe, 82.

The Nigerian author of the 1958 classic "Things Fall Apart," Achebe is required reading for students the world over.

« Chris Kyle, 38.

Retired Navy SEAL and author of the memoir "American Sniper," Kyle was shot by a young mentally ill vet he was trying to help.



AP PHOTO, 2004

Elmore Leonard, 87.

Modern master of the crime novel, known for snappy dialogue, Leonard wrote "Get Shorty," "Glitz" and 43 others, as well as the story behind TV's "Justified."

Andrew Greeley, 85.

Maverick Roman Catholic priest and author of 120 books, Greeley wrote novels seething with wayward priests and Vatican intrigue.

Ned Vizzini, 32.

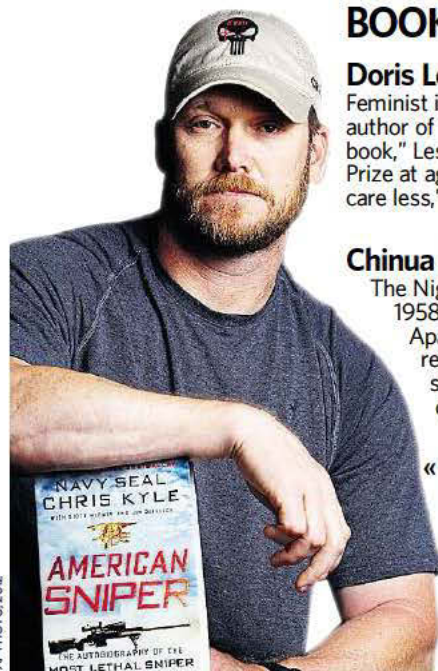
The young adult author was best known for "It's Kind of a Funny Story," a semi-autobiographical novel about a depressed teen who commits himself to a mental institution; it was made into a film in 2010. Vizzini committed suicide.

Seamus Heaney, 74.

Revered as the greatest Irish poet since Yeats, Heaney won the Nobel Prize in 1995. "Between my finger and my thumb/The squat pen rests; snug as a gun," he wrote.

E.L. Konigsburg, 83.

Two-time Newbery Prize winner beloved for "From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler," Konigsburg wrote 19 other children's novels.

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Marcella Hazan, 89.

Widely credited with the American passion for cooking and eating Italian food, Hazan authored six cookbooks.

RADIO

Stan Brooks, 86

Noted newsman who wrote and edited for Newsday for 11 years, moving in 1962 to WINS, where he reported until last month.

Art Donovan, 89

Donovan was an NFL Hall of Fame defensive tackle, mostly with the Baltimore Colts, who gained fame as a frequent late-night TV talk-show guest.

Dave Jennings, 61

The former Giants and Jets punter was also a longtime local radio analyst for the Jets.

Deacon Jones, 74

The Hall of Fame defensive end who starred as a member of the Los Angeles Rams' "Fear-some Four-some," was credited with coining the phrase "sacking the quarterback."

George Sauer, 69

Sauer, a wide receiver, was a key member of Jets' 1969 Super Bowl winning team.

Richie Phillips, 72

Phillips represented

NBA referees in the 1970s and '80s, and led MLB umpires from 1978 until 1999, when his plan calling for mass resignations to force an early start to contract negotiations backfired and he was ousted from his job.



AP PHOTO, 1966

NEWSMAKERS

AP PHOTO, 2011

Hugo Chávez, 58

Beloved by his supporters, reviled by the opposition, Chávez rose from grinding poverty to lead Venezuela, the world's largest holder of proven oil reserves. In his red beret and military fatigues, he was a populist known for fiery speeches and anti-American rhetoric.

Salustiano Sanchez-Blazquez, 112

The Guinness Book of World Records had certified him as the world's oldest man — the former musician and coal miner died at a nursing home in upstate New York.

Stephen Crohn, 66

Known as "the man who can't catch AIDS," because a genetic mutation made his cells impregnable to the AIDS virus. He volunteered for studies that led to the development of AIDS-fighting drugs.

Helen Thomas, 92

A veteran White House wire service correspondent and

columnist who covered a succession of 10 U.S. presidents ending with Barack Obama. Her press corps seniority gave her a front-row seat and the first question at presidential press conferences.



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Essie Mae Washington-Williams, 87

The interracial daughter of Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.), a onetime segregationist who never publicly acknowledged that he was her father, and an African-American maid in his parents' home.

Dr. C. Everett Koop, 96

The U.S. surgeon general from 1982 to 1989, he was an outspoken advocate on public health issues who strove to change public attitudes about smoking. In the late 1980s, he became the chief federal spokesperson on AIDS.

ANIMALS**Gus, 27**

The popular polar bear who attracted millions of visitors to the Central Park Zoo, his unusual repetitive swimming pattern prompted a study on animal depression.

Pattycake, 40

The first gorilla born in New York City died at the Bronx Zoo. She was the subject of two published books, "Gorilla Baby: The Story of Pattycake" and "Gentle Gorilla: The Story of Pattycake."



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INNOVATORS**Amar G. Bose, 83**

Inventor of bestselling high-quality audio products such as the Bose 901 Direct/Reflecting speaker system.

Al Fritz, 88

The California executive who created the Sting-Ray, an iconic 1960s Schwinn bicycle with a banana seat and high, curved handlebars.

Aaron Swartz, 26

A computer programming prodigy who helped develop Reddit, a social-news site and RSS, a technology

that allows websites to send updates to subscribers. Under federal indictment for allegedly downloading millions of articles from a subscription journal service, Swartz died of an apparent suicide in his New York City apartment.

**Rabbi Philip Berg, 86**

The founder of the Kabbalah Center, first in Queens, then Los Angeles and other cities. The centers drew devotees such as Madonna and Britney Spears as well as criticism from Jewish leaders.

Joe Weider, 93

The fitness and health guru founded popular bodybuilding magazines and sponsored the Mr. Universe and Mr. Olympia competitions.

Lillian Cahn, 89

Co-founder with her husband, Miles, of Coach Leatherware Company in a Manhattan loft, which produces fashionable, expensive handbags.

**Michael Cronan, 61**

A graphic designer and marketing executive who came up with the brand names for TiVo and the Kindle e-reader.