

Argentus Presents Those We've Lost for WOOF

Below is a list of people the science fiction community has lost since we last convened in Reno, Nevada. Many of these names appear in the Chicon 7 Souvenir Book, even more appeared during the Hugo Award Ceremony In Memoriam list. Even more were not included because, while they have links to science fiction, they weren't necessarily part of our community, however, all of them have, in some way or other, helped make our genre, our hobby what it is. Below are brief obituaries telling a little about who these people are.

2011

Fan Paul Roberts (b.1962) died on August 21 while driving home to Utah from Renovation. Roberts was killed when he struck a car making an illegal U-turn. Roberts had been working the Westercon table at Renovation and was active in Utah fandom.

Fan and publisher Bill Trojan (b.1948) died on August 21 in his hotel room shortly after the end of Renovation. Trojan, was a Eugene, Oregon area fan, the owner of Escape Books, and a collector and reseller of SF, Collectable Comic, and Pulp Fiction era books and original cover artwork. Trojan had been in Reno for the convention, where he was working as a volunteer.

Actor Michael Showers (b.1967) was found dead in the Mississippi River on August 24. Initial tests indicated he was probably in the water for two days. Showers has appeared in episodes of *The Vampire Diaries* and *Tekken*, as well as the films *The Collector* and *Immortally Yours*.

Actress Eve Brent (b.1929) died on August 27. Brent won a Saturn Award in 1980 for her role in *Fade to Black*. Other genre appearances included *The Green Mile*, *BrainWaves*, *The Bride and the Beast* and in episodes of the television series *Weird Science*, *Roswell*, and *Tales from the Crypt*. In the 1950s, she appeared as Jane in a pair of Tarzan movies.

Fan Paul Metz (b.1961) committed suicide on August 27. Metz was active in Bay Area fandom and a frequent attendee at Baycon. He worked for Atari writing computer games and hosted gaming nights at his home.

Washington DC area fan Dan Hoey (b.1952) committed suicide on August 31 at his home. Dan served as Disclave chair in 1995 and was active in WSFA in the 1980s and 90s. In the 90s, he served WSFA as a trustee.

Cosmonaut Valery Rozhdestvensky (b.1939) died on August 31. Rozhdestvensky joined the Cosmonaut corps in 1965 and flew his only mission aboard Soyuz 23 in 1976. Scheduled to serve aboard the Salyut 5 space station, his mission was aborted when an equipment malfunction didn't allow for docking. Upon return, poor conditions led to the spaceship landing in the half-frozen Lake Tengiz and a recovery mission which took more than nine hours.

Oklahoma City fan Paul Cherry (1958) died on August 30, the day after his 53rd birthday. Cherry was active in running

Soonercon and chaired the only Conestoga. He went into the hospital near the end of July.

Actress Anne Ridler died in early August. Ridler appeared in episodes of *The Tomorrow People*, *Terrahawks*, *Cloud Burst*, *Moonbase 3*, and portrayed Dr. Gemma Corwyn in "The Wheel of Space" serial of *Doctor Who*.

Fan artist Bill Kunkel (b.1950) died on September 4 following a fall. Bill's artwork consisted of satirical cartoons and he also co-founded the first magazine devoted to video and computer games, *Electronic Games*. Kunkel worked as a game designer, a comic book writer, and professional cartoonist.

Director Charles S. Dubin (b.1919) died on September 6. Dubin directed episodes of the television series *Starman*, *The Man from Atlantis*, *Tales of Tomorrow*, and the television movie *Death in Space*. He was nominated for the Emmy three times for his work on *M*A*S*H*.

Michael S. Hart (b.1947) died on September 6. Hart founded Project Gutenberg in 1971 and is credited with being the inventor of the electronic book.

Director and artist George Kuchar (b.1942) died on September 6. Kuchar directed numerous horror films and cartoons, including *The Fury of Frau Frankenstein* and *The Slasher*. He appeared in many of his own films. Most of his work was short subject during a time when he earned a living drawing weather maps. In 1975, he published a comic biography of H.P. Lovecraft.

Barrister Jane Belson died on September 7. Belson married author Douglas Adams in 1991 and their daughter was born in 1994. After Adams's death, Belson worked to shepherd some of his projects to fruition and had a cameo in the film *The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy*.

Actor Cliff Robertson (b.1923) died on September 10. Robertson won an Oscar for his portrayal of the title character in the film *Charly*, based on Daniel Keyes's novel *Flowers for Algernon*. He played the cowboy villain "Shame" in four episodes of *Batman* in the 1960s and also appeared on *The Outer Limits*, *The Twilight Zone*, and *Rod Brown of the Rocket Rangers*. He appeared in *Escape from L.A.* and among his final role was portraying Peter Parker's Uncle Ben in three *Spider-Man* movies.

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Fan **Ella Mirkin** (b.1949) died on September 14. Mirkin was an attendee at many Boston area conventions and served for many years on the concom for Readercon.

Actress **Norma Eberhardt** (b.1919) died on September 16 following a stroke. Eberhardt, whose professional career started as a model, appeared in the horror film *The Return of Dracula* as well as other films and television shows.

Former DC Comics vice president **Jack Adler** (b.1918) died on September 18. Adler worked at DC Comics from 1946 through 1981 and in 1971 won the Shazam Award for Best Colorist. He also served as DC's production manager and vice president of production.

Producer **John Dunning** (b.1927) died on September 19. Dunning co-founded Cinepix, which was later renamed Lion's Gate Films. Dunning produced many of David Cronenberg's early films such as *Shivers*. He also produced *My Bloody Valentine*, *Satan's Sabbath*, and *Whispers*. He was inducted into the Canadian Film and Television Hall of Fame in 2007.

Horror author and editor **Mark W. Worthen** (b.1962) died on September 19. Worthen began publishing in 1993 and from 1998 to 2005 edited on the on-line zine *Blood Rose*. He served as the webmaster for the Horror Writers of America for several years and sat on the Stoker Committee. In 2007, he received the organization's Richard Laymon President's Award for Service.

Author and editor **John Burke** (b.1922) died on September 20. Burke worked as a story editor for Twentieth Century Fox and began writing in the 1940s, winning the Atlantic Award for Literature in 1949 for *Swift Summer*. In 1953, he turned his attention to writing science fiction, publishing both books and short stories. He also wrote numerous movie novelizations, including *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and *Dr. Terror's House of Horrors*.

Oregon fan **Glen A. Acord** (b.1968), known as Glen Gyldersleve, committed suicide on September 25.

Italian comics writer **Sergio Bonelli** (b.1932) died on September 26. Bonelli, who used the pen name **Guido Nolitta**, began writing comics in 1957 when he translated *Verdugo Ranch* from Spanish to Italian. He created *Un ragazzo nel Far West* the following year and in 1961 created *Zagor*. He eventually became the president of Sergio Bonelli Editore, which had formerly been called CEPIM.

Screenwriter **David Z. Goodman** (b.1930) died on September 26. Goodman wrote the screen plays for the horror films *The Strangers of Bombay* and *The Eyes of Laura Mars* as well as for the science fiction film *Logan's Run*.

Australian author **Sara Douglass Warneke** (b.1957) died on September 26 of ovarian cancer, with which she was diagnosed in 2010. Warneke, who wrote as **Sara Douglass**, had several of her historical based fantasies published in the US, including *The Wayfarer Redemption* series, the *Crucible* series, *The Troy Game*, and *The Devil's Diadem*, published in August.

Composer **David Bedford** (b.1937) died on October 1. A classical composer, Bedford enjoyed science fiction and his work *The Tentacles of the Dark Nebula* included words taken from Clarke's "Transcience." Another work, *Star's End*, was inspired by Asimov's *Foundation* and he wrote the background music for the play *Rigel 9*, based on the writings of Le Guin.

Las Vegas fan **Frank Harwood** (b.1952) died on October 2. Harwood was a founding member of Las Vegas Fandom in 1990 and throughout the 1990s was a regular attendee at meetings of SNAFFU and social events.

Italian author **Vittorio Curtoni** (b.1949) died on October 4 following an heart attack. Curtoni translated several of the New Wave writers into Italian and edited the Galassia paperback line from 1970-1975. He founded the magazine *Robot* in 1976. In his long career, he published nearly 200 stories.

Baltimore area fan **Amy Paul** (b.1957) died on October 4 from lymphoma. Paul lived at the slanshack Fandom Republic in Baltimore in the mid-1980s when she became active in fandom. Paul was active in Balticon and helped run their Short (Amateur) Film contest. She went by the name **Revered Blessing Bird**.

Derrick Bell (b.1930) died on October 5. Bell was a civil rights attorney who taught at Harvard. He wrote the science fiction short story "The Space Traders" in 1992. It was adapted for the television series *Cosmic Slop* two years later.

Computer entrepreneur **Steve Jobs** (b.1955) died on October 5 following a lengthy battle with cancer. Jobs was one of the founders and leading guides for Apple, Inc., having founded the company with Steve Wozniak and Mike Markkula. When Jobs left Apple in 1985, he founded NeXT, which was eventually bought by Apple and in 1986 he acquired Pixar Animation Studio from LucasFilm. Jobs resigned as CEO of Apple on August 24, 2011. He was first diagnosed with a form of pancreatic cancer in 2004.

Actor **Charles Napier** (b.1936) died on October 5. Napier appeared in the *Star Trek* episode "The Way to Eden" as well as episodes of *The Incredible Hulk*, *Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman*, and *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*. Napier also did voice work for numerous animated television series as well as video games. Napier also appeared in *Rambo: First Blood, Part II* and as the leader of "The Good Ol' Boys" in *The Blues Brothers*.

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Actress **Diane Cilento** (b.1933) died on October 6. Cilento, who was married to Sean Connery for 11 years, Cilento appeared in *The Wicker Man*, *The Angel Who Pawned Her Harp*, and several episodes of *Halfway Across the Galaxy* and *Turn Left*.

Actress **Marilyn Nash** (b.1924) died on October 6. Nash only appeared in two films. Her second film was the 1951 science fiction movie *Unknown World*. Her only other movie role was as the girl in Charlie Chaplin's *Monsieur Verdoux*.

Actor **George Baker** (b.1931) died on October 7. Baker may have been best known for appearing in the *Ruth Rendall Mysteries*, but he also had numerous genre roles, including an appearance in the *Doctor Who* serial "Full Circle," the 1980s television series *Robin Hood*, *The Curse of the Fly*, *The Sword of Lancelot*, and several James Bond films.

Actor **David Hess** (b.1942) died on October 8. Hess appeared in several horror films, including *Zombie Nation*, *The House That Wept Blood*, *House on the Edge of the Park* and its sequel. He also appeared in an episode of *Knight Rider* and *Manimal* and was in the film *Swamp Thing*.

Chicago area fan **Barry Polonsky** (b.1964) died on October 10 after a battle with cancer. Polonsky, who was known as "Oneleggedman," was an attendee at many Chicago area science fiction conventions and was an active organizer of the Chicago Speculative Fiction Community.

Comic book author **Alvin Schwartz** (b.1916) died on October 26. Schwartz began writing for comics in 1939 and became a writer for *Captain Marvel* before working on *Batman* in 1942 and, beginning in 1944, the *Batman* and *Superman* newspaper strips. He went on to write for many of DC's top titles in the 1940s and helped create the *Superman* villain *Bizarro*. Schwartz retired from the comics field in 1958 and received a *Bill Finger Award* in 2006.

Comics writer **Mick Anglo** (b.1916) died on October 31. Anglo is best known for his creation *Marvelman* (later known as *Miracleman*). Anglo got his start in Westerns before turning to science fiction, where he also created *Wonderman* and drew *Captain Valiant*.

Austrian author **Viktor Farkas** (b.1945) died on November 1 after a battle with cancer. Farkas primarily wrote non-fiction, including *Esoterik: Die verborgene Wirklichkeit und Jenseits des Vorstellbaren: Ein neuer Reiseführer durch unsere phantastische Realität*. In 1984, he published *The SF Quiz Book*. In addition to writing, he was an avid collector and he donated his collection to the *Villa Fantastica*, a Viennese SF library founded in 2011 by Helmuth W. Mommers.

Producer **Richard Gordon** (b.1925) died on November 1. Gordon moved from the UK to New York and founded *Gordon Pictures*, which imported and distributed numerous low budget

horror films from the UK before he turned his attention to production. Beginning with the short *Return to Glenmascaul*, which featured Orson Welles, Gordon went on to produce *Devil Doll*, *Horror on Snape Island*, *The Playgirls and the Vampire*, and *Corridors of Blood*.

Actor **Sid Melton** (b.1920, *Sidney Meltzer*) died of pneumonia on November 2. his largest genre role was as Ichabod 'Ikky' Mudd, the sidekick, on *Captain Midnight*. Melton also appeared in *The Lost Continent* and on an episode of *The Adventures of Superman*.

Actor **Leonard Stone** (b.1923) died November 2, the day before his 88th birthday. Stone may be most famous for his role as Sam Beaugarde in *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. He also appeared in *Soylent Green* and in many episodes of television series such as *The Outer Limits*, *Land of the Giants*, and *The Six Million Dollar Man*. In 1959, Stone was nominated for a *Tony Award* for his work in *Redhead*.

Author **Les Daniels** (b.1943) died from an heart attack on November 5. Daniels has written five historical novels about the vampire *Don Sebastian de Villanueva*. In addition to his fiction, Daniels has written about the history of comics.

Actress **Margaret Field** (b.1923) died on November 6 following a six year battle with cancer. Field appeared in the films *The Man from Planet X*, *Night Has a Thousand Eyes*, and *Captive Women*. She also made appearances on *The Twilight Zone* and *Science Fiction Theatre*. Field's daughter is actress *Sally Field*.

New Zealand fan **Michelle Muijsert** (b.1962) died on November 8. Muijsert published the fanzine *The Space Wastrel* from 1980-1988 with *Mark Loney* and *Julian Warner*. She moved to Australia in 1983 and became active in the convention running scene.

British fan **Chris "Keris" Croughton** (b.1956) was killed in an head-on collision on November 10. Keris was active in the filk community from 1991, often running sound boards. In addition, Keris was a musician and a founding member of the n'Early Music Consort. Keris was inducted into the *Filk Hall of Fame* as part of the class of 2007.

Boston fan **Wendall Ing** (b.1940) died on November 11 after a lengthy illness. Ing was active in Boston fandom and had been named a *Fellow of NESFA*. He was active in the search which found the building that became the *NESFA Clubhouse*.

Agent **John Hawkins** (b.1939) died on November 13. Hawkins founded *John Hawkins & Associates*, one of the country's oldest literary agencies. His clients included *Tananarive Due*, *Joyce Carol Oates*, *Alex Haley*. In 1976, he is believed to have negotiated the first million dollar advance for *James Clavell*.

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Non-fiction author **Kathleen Stein** (b.1944) died in a fall on November 13. Stein was a founding editor and writer at Omni, where she honed her science writing skills and her knowledge of neuroscience. Her book *The Genius Engine* was published in 2007 and examined the role of the prefrontal cortex of the brain.

Actor **Karl Slover** (b.1918) died on November 15. Slover's highest profile role was as a Munchkin in *The Wizard of Oz*, where he claims he was the shortest Munchkin. Slover also appeared in the films *Bringing Up Baby*, *The Lost Weekend*, and *The Terror of Tiny Town*.

Animator **Mark Hall** (b.1936) died on November 17. With partner Brian Cosgrove, he formed animation studio Cosgrove Hall, which adapted three Terry Pratchett novels, episodes of *Doctor Who*, *The BFG*, *The Wind in the Willows*, and several other fantasy and science fiction features and television shows.

Actor **John Neville** (b.1925) died on November 19. Neville may be best known for his portrayal of Baron Munchausen in Terry Gilliam's *The Adventures of Baron Munchausen*. Neville provided the voice for Eternity in the animated *Silver Surfer* series and portrayed The Well-Manicured Man in *The X-Files*. Neville also appeared as Isaac Newton in an episode of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*.

Jazz musician **Russell Garcia** (b.1916) died on November 20 in Kerikeri, New Zealand. Garcia scored numerous films including *Atlantis, the Lost Continent* and George Pal's *The Time Machine*. In 2009, Garcia, who was born in Oakland, California but lived for many years in New Zealand, received the Queen's Service Medal for his musical work.

Author **Anne McCaffrey** (b.1926) died on November 21 following an heart attack. McCaffrey, who was best known for her Pern series, had her first story published in 1953. McCaffrey won a Hugo Award in 1968 for the first Pern story, "Weyr Search" and won a Nebula the following year for "Dragonrider." In 2005, she was named Grand Master by the SFWA and is an inductee into the SF Hall of Fame. Other works by McCaffrey include *The Ship Who Sang* and its sequels, *The Crystal Singer* and many more. McCaffrey worked on several collaborations with younger writers over the course of her career.

Fan **Susan Palermo-Piscitello** (b.1952) died on November 23. Palermo-Piscitello was active in fandom in the early 1970s, taking pictures that appeared in *The Monster Times* and working for the company that brought Japanese monster films, including *Battle for the Planets* and *Time of the Apes* to the US. She was among the first bartenders at CBGB and was in the band Cheap Perfume. She had recently returned to fandom after several years of gaffiation.

Irish fan **John Berry** died on November 25, eighteen months after undergoing treatment for cancer. Berry entered organized fandom in 1954 after meeting Walt Willis. Over the years, he was involved in British club fandom and published several different fanzines. He ran for TAFF in 1958, losing to Ron Bennett, but the following year, Berry was the fan Guest of Honor at Detention, the Worldcon in

Detroit. The following year, Berry was voted best fan writers in a poll conducted in the fanzine *Skyrack*. By 1962, Berry had gaffiated, only returning to fandom after twenty years had passed.

Fan **Robert E. Briney** (b.1933) died on November 26. Active in Chicago fandom in the 1950s and 60s, Briney was one of the founding partners of Advent:Publishing. He edited the 1953 anthology *Shanadu* and co-edited the 1972 reference work *SF Bibliographies: An Annotated Bibliography of Bibliographical Works on Science Fiction and Fantasy Fiction*. Briney also published the fanzine *Contact Is Not a Verb* from 1980 through 2006.

Director **Ken Russell** (b.1927) died on November 27. Russell directed the films *Altered States*, *The Lair of the White Worm*, *Gothic*, and the Who's *Tommy*.

Japanese anime artist **Shingo Araki** (b.1939) died on December 1. Araki joined Mushi Production as animator in 1965 founded Studio Jaguar a year later. His anime work included *UFO Robo Grendizer*, *Goodbye Battleship Yamato: Warriors of Love*, and *Uchû Densetsu Ulysses 31*.

Spanish author **Juan Carlos Planells** (b.1950) died on December 3. Planells edited the magazine *Neuva Dimension* and published short stories in most of Spain's genre magazines. He published two science fiction novels, *El Enfrentamiento* and *El Corazon de Atenea*.

Fan **Bob Sabella** (b.1948) died on December 3 after being hospitalized and diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. Sabella was the editor of the fanzine *Visions of Paradise* as well as the OE of FAPA, the oldest and longest running SF Amateur Press Association. In 2000, Sabella published the book *Who Shaped Science Fiction?* Through October, 2011, he published 170 issues of *Visions of Paradise*.

Casting director **Marion Dougherty** (b.1923) died on December 4. Dougherty cast the films *Slaughterhouse-Five*, *The Lost Boys*, *Batman* and *Batman Returns*, *Ladyhawke*, and dozens of other films. In 1987, she won the Hoyt Bowers Award from the Casting Society of America.

Artist **Darrell K. Sweet** (1934) died on December 5. Sweet was scheduled to be the artist guest of honor at LoneStarCon 3, the 2013 Worldcon and had been honored as the artist guest of honor at Tuckercon, the 2007 NASFiC, in St. Louis and at the 2010 World Fantasy Con. Sweet's art appeared on numerous book covers over the years and was known for having an extremely high sell through rate. Some of his art was collected in the book *Beyond Fantasy*.

Actor **Harry Morgan** (b.1915) died on December 7. Morgan was best known for playing Colonel Potter on *M*A*S*H*, as well as Bill Gannon on *Dragnet*, but also had several genre credits, including a recurring role on *Third Rock from the Sun*, episodes of *Night Gallery* and *The Twilight Zone*, and the films *The Cat from Outer Space* and *The Flight of Dragons*. Morgan won one Emmy for his work on *M*A*S*H* out of eleven nominations.

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Comic artist **Jerry Robinson** (b.1922) died on December 7. Robinson is best known for co-creating Robin, the boy wonder, and creating the Joker. Robinson also worked on the creation of Alfred and Two-Face. Robinson began working for *Batman* creator Bob Kane in 1939. In the 1970s, Robinson worked to get credit for his friends, Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster for their part in creating Superman. Robinson is in the Comic Book Hall of Fame and has received lifetime achievement awards from the Cartoon Art Society and the National Cartoonists Society.

Scots critic **Gilbert Adair** (b.1944) died on December 8 from a brain haemorrhage. Adair wrote sequels to Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* and J.M. Barrie's *Peter and Wendy*. He translated Georges Perec's novel *La Disparition* into English and, like Perec, avoided using the letter "e" in the book.

Fantasy author **Euan Harvey** succumbed to cancer on the morning of December 9. Harvey began publishing short fantasy in 2007 when "The Tao of Crocodiles" appeared in *Realms of Fantasy*. In the years since, Harvey published seven additional stories in that magazine. His story "Kamaratunga's Masterpiece" is slated for publication in a future issue of *Black Gate*.

French author **Louis Thirion** (b.1923) died on December 9. Thirion published his first novel, *Waterloo, morne plaine* in 1964 and continued to publish for more than 40 years. In addition to his novels, he also wrote radio plays. Beginning in 1968, most of his fiction was published by Fleuve Noir, including his Jord Maogan series, *Les Stols*, *Les Whums se vengent*, *Ysée-A*, *Sterga la noire*, and *Le Secret d'Ipavar*. His work was often focused on eco-disasters and was dystopian in nature. In the 2000s, he published three historical novels.

Fan **James Brazell** (b.1953) died on December 11, 2011. Brazell was involved in Oklahoma fandom, attending OKCon, Conestoga, Soonercon, and ConQuesT. In 2004, he married fan and author Cathy Ball.

Actress **Susan Gordon** (b.1949) died on December 11. Gordon's film debut occurred in *Attack of the Puppet*, directed by her father, when the actress who had been cast became ill. She also appeared in *The Twilight Zone* episode "The Fugitive" and the films *Picture Mommy Dead*, *Tormented*, and *The Boy and the Pirates*.

Australian actor **Harold Hopkins** (b.1944) died on December 11. Hopkins appeared in episodes of *Nightmares & Dreamscapes: From the Stories of Stephen King*, *Beastmaster*, *Time Trax*, and the film *The Clinic*.

Author **Thomas J. Bassler** (b.1932), who wrote science fiction as **T. J. Bass** died on December 13. Bass's two novels, *Half Past Human* and *The Godwhale* were both nominated for the Nebula Award. In addition, Bass published a handful of short stories. A doctor, Bassler was an early proponent of the use of Marathon-running for health purposes.

Author **Russell Hoban** (b.1925) died on December 13. Hoban's novel *Riddley Walker* won the John W. Campbell, Jr. Award and the

Australian Science Fiction Achievement Award, it was also nominated for the Nebula Award. His novels covered a range of genres, including science fiction, historical fiction, magic realism, and fantasy.

Italian author **Gianluca Casseri** (b.1961) killed himself on December 14 after murdering two Senegalese immigrants to Italy and wounding three others. His shooting spree led to a march by the Florentine Senegalese community. Casseri wrote the fantasy novel *The Key of Chaos*. He also wrote an academic paper about Dracula folklore and was the editor of a magazine about fantasy and horror fiction and comics.

Comic author **Joe Simon** (b.1913) died on December 14. Simon co-created Captain America along with Jack Kirby. The two men created numerous characters in the 1940s and helped pioneer both the romance and horror comics fields. Simon was inducted into the Will Eisner Comic Book Hall of Fame in 1999.

Comic artist **Eduardo Barreto** (b.1954) died on December 15. Barreto, from Uruguay, worked on titles including *Elvira*, *Mistress of the Dark*, *The New Teen Titans*, and his last work, *DC Retroactive The 70's: Superman*, published earlier this year. Also in 2011, Barreto became the artist for the Sunday *The Phantom* comic strip.

Actor **Nicol Williamson** (b.1938) died on December 16. Williamson, who hasn't appeared on film since 1997, is best known for his role as Merlin in John Boorman's 1981 film *Excalibur*, has appeared in numerous genre films over the years, including *Venom*, *Spawn*, *Return to Oz*, and *The Exorcist III*. Williamson also took great pride in a recording of J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit*. He also played Little John in *Robin and Marion* and Sherlock Holmes in *The Seven-Per-Cent Solution*.

Australian director **Don Sharp** (b.1922) died on December 18. Sharp directed and wrote numerous films, including *The Kiss of the Vampire*, *Rasputin: The Mad Monk*, *Curse of the Fly*, and *Those Fantastic Flying Fools*. Much of his work was done for Hammer Studios.

French author **Henri-Richard Bessière** (b.1923) died on December 22. Bessière, who began publishing under the name **F. Richard-Bessière** and later went by **Richard Bessière**, was the first author published by Fleuve Noir's Anticipation line in 1951 and proceeded to publish 98 titles between 1951 and 1985. Bessière wrote three major series for Anticipation, the Professor Béac books, the Sydney Gordon books, and the Harry Stewart books, as well as numerous stand-alone novels. His work was discussed in English in the recent volume *The Anticipation Novelists of 1950s French Science Fiction*, by Bradford Lyau.

US fan **A.J. Barker** (b.1947) died on December 23. Barker, also known as **Andre Barker Bridget**, was a southern fan married to Bill Bridget. The two of them were active in the Southern Fandom Press Alliance in the 1980s.

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Violinist **Israel Baker** (b.1919) died on December 25. Baker performed on the soundtracks of many films, including *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, but his most famous performance in a genre film was when he served as first violinist (and concertmaster) for the orchestra on *Psycho*.

Canadian fan **Dieter Darker**, whose real name was **Klaus Dieter Preschl**, (b.1962) died on December 25. Darker was an artist and involved with the music scene.

Alice E. Washburn (b.1967) died on December 26 of acute respiratory distress syndrome. Washburn was an active participant in Boston fandom, including Arisia, Boskone, and Readercon and helped organize film events. She frequently went by the name "Badger."

Fan **James "Rusty" Hevelin** (b.1922) died on December 27. Hevelin became active in fandom in the 1930s, publishing the apazine H-1661. He attended Denvention 1 before joining the army and serving in the South Pacific during World War II. Returning to fandom, Hevelin became a huckster and frequent con attendee, serving as a guest of honor at numerous cons, including Denvention 2, the 1981 Worldcon. He received the First Fandom Sam Mosckowitz Archive Award for collections and the Big Heart Award. Hevelin was a founder of Pulpcon.

Artist **Ronald Searle** (b.1920) died on December 30. Searle's line drawings were used in the Nigel Molesworth books by Geoffrey Willans. Searle also created St. Trinian's and illustrated the music collection *Too Many Songs by Tom Lehrer with Not Enough Drawings by Ronald Searle*.

Editor and agent **Glenn Lord** (b.1931) died on December 31. Lord was the agent for Robert E. Howard's estate and edited several collections of Howard's stories, as well as writing *The Last Celt: A Bio-Bibliography of Robert Ervin Howard*. Lord's essays about Howard and those who knew him appeared in a variety of fanzines, magazines, and books. Lord also worked to re-publish Howard's story in their original form and to find lost Howard works and fragments.

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Fencer **Bob Anderson** (b.1922) died on January 1. Anderson represented Great Britain at the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki and later served as a fencing master on numerous films, including *The Princess Bride*, *The Lord of the Rings*, and *The Hobbit*. Although uncredited, he portrayed Darth Vader in *The Empire Strikes Back* and *The Return of the Jedi* in the light saber duel scenes.

Actress **Jenny Tomasin** (b.1936) died on January 3. Although best known for portraying Ruby on *Upstairs, Downstairs*, Tomasin also appeared in the 1985 *Doctor Who* serial "Revelations of the Daleks" as Tasambeker and in 2000 appeared in a made-for-television adaptation of *Cinderella*.

Richard Alf (b.1952) died on January 4. Alf began dealing comic books as a teenager and was able to provide a large portion of the

capital needed to start the first San Diego Comic-Con. He was active in the con's early years, chairing at least one event, before stepping away.

Engineer **Roger Boisjoly** (b.1938) died on January 6. Boisjoly worked for Morton Thiokol in 1986 and warned NASA that due to falling temperatures, the O-Rings on the space shuttle *Challenger* could undergo a catastrophic failure and urged for them to cancel the flight. The next day, his predictions came true when *Challenger* exploded 73 seconds into its flight.

Swedish fan **Arne Sjögren** (b.1940) died on January 7. In the mid-60s, Sjögren co-edited the clubzine *Cosmos Bulletin* with Ingemar Nilsson. Sjögren also published some short fiction and critical essays.

Author **Phyllis MacLennan** (b.1920) died on January 8. MacLennan worked in Military Intelligence during World War II and began publishing science fiction in 1963 with the story "A Contract in Karasthan" in *Fantastic*. Her only science fiction novel, *Turned Loose on Irdra*, was published in 1970 and she published six more stories by 1980, including "Thus Love Betrays Us," which was reprinted in three different "Best of" collections.

Author **Howard Hopkins** (b.1961) died on January 12 while shoveling snow. Hopkins edited the anthology *Dark Harbors* and wrote the novels *Night Demons*, *Grimm*, and *The Dark Riders*. He wrote the *The Nightmare Club* series for children and has also written for comics.

Italian author **Carlo Fruttero** (b.1926) died on January 15. Much of his work was done in collaboration with Franco Lucentini and the two men edited the science fiction magazine *Urania* from 1964 through 1985. The men also wrote science fiction, humor, and other genres. From 1972 to 1975 they also edited the comic *Il Mago*.

Fan **Robert Lovell** (b.1947) died on January 15. Lovell was involved in Baltimore-Washington fandom from the late 1970s until 1983 and was involved with the bid that landed the 1983 Worldcon, Constellation, for Baltimore. Lovell supported the bids by offering "Backrubs for Baltimore."

Norman Edmund (b.1916) died on January 16. Following World War II, Edmund began a catalog company as a reseller of military lenses rendered obsolete by the invention of radar. The company grew into Edmund Scientific, which sold telescopes, microscopes, chemistry kits, robot parts, gyroscopes, and the famous drinking bird among other scientific equipment and supplies.

Lister Matheson (b.1948) died on January 19. Matheson served as director for Clarion East and worked at Michigan State University as a professor of English and Medieval Studies. Matheson's works include *Popular and Practical Science of Medieval England*, *Icons of the Middle Ages: Rulers, Writers, Rebels, and Saints*, and *Robin Hood: The Early Poems, 1465-1560, Texts, Contexts, and Ideology*.

British actress **Marion Mathie** (b.1925) died on January 20. Best known for her role as "She Who Must Be Obeyed" (a.k.a. Hilda

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Rumpole) on *Rumpole of the Bailey*, she also portrayed Susan Wyse on *Mapp and Lucia*. She appeared in the horror film *Dracula Has Risen from the Grave* and an episode of the television series *Adam Adamant Lives!*

Costume designer **Eiko Ishioka** (b.1939) died on January 21 from pancreatic cancer. Ishioka won an Academy Award for her work on *Bram Stoker's Dracula* and also designed costumes for *The Cell*, *The Fall*, *Immortals*, and the upcoming *Mirror, Mirror*. She recently helped design costumes for the Broadway show *Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark*. Ishioka also won a Grammy Award for the cover design of the Miles Davis album, *Tutu*.

Voice actor **Dick Tufeld** (b.1926) died on January 22. Tufeld may be best known as the voice of the robot on *Lost in Space*, a role he reprised for the film and in various homages to the series, such as an episode of *The Simpsons*. He had numerous other voice over roles, often uncredited, on shows including *Space Patrol*, *The Amazing Spider-Man and His Friends*, *The Fantastic Four*, *The Time Tunnel*, *Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea*, and many more.

Actor **James Farentino** (b.1938) died on January 24. Farentino appeared in two episodes of *Rod Serling's Night Gallery*, the film *The Final Countdown*, and horror films *Dead & Buried*, *The Possessed*.

Richard Simak (b.1947) died on January 24. Simak was the son of sf author Clifford D. Simak and collaborated with his father on the short story "Unsilent Spring," which was published in 1976. He worked as a chemical engineer at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Grounds for more than 30 years.

Actor **Ian Abercrombie** (b.1934) died on January 26. Abercrombie was known best to recent audiences as Elaine's boss on *Seinfeld*, but he has a long history of genre roles, including providing the voice of the Emperor Palpatine/Darth Sidious on *The Clone Wars*. He has appeared on *The Wizards of Waverly Place*, *Star Trek: Voyager*, played Alfred Pennyworth on *Birds of Prey*, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *The Flash*, and was in *The Lost World: Jurassic Park*. His other voice work includes *Green Lantern*, *Rango*, and *The Batman*.

Actress **Dimitra Arliss** (b.1932) died on January 26. Arliss provided voice work for both the *Iron Man* and *Spider-Man* animated television series in the 1990s. She also appeared in the science fiction film *Firefox* and the fantasy film *Xanadu*. She may have been best known for her brief role as Salino, the hired killer, in *The Sting*.

Director **John Rich** (b.1925) died on January 29. Although best known for his work on *The Dick van Dyke Show* and *All in the Family*, Rich's genre credits included two episodes of *The Twilight Zone* several episodes of the ghostly comedy *Nearly Departed*. He also worked on *MacGyver*.

Brazilian comic book artist **Al Rio** (b.1962) died on January 30, possibly a suicide. Rio, whose full name was Alvaro Araújo Lourenço do Rio, worked on *Gen*, *Dungeon Siege*, *X-Men Unlimited*, and *DV8*. His art also appeared on album covers.

Kathie Spiss (b.1943) died on January 30. In 1974, Spiss founded RV Awards, a company which made ribbons given out for awards at various events. Over the years, she also acquired numerous science fiction conventions as clients, for whom she made ribbons to be hung from their badges.

Author **Ardath Mayhar** (b.1930) died on February 1. Mayhar, who won the Balrog Award for a poem that appeared in *Masques 1*. She wrote more than 60 novels, frequently using pseudonyms and spanning many genres. In the 1990s, Mayhar and her husband owned The View From Orbit Bookstore in Nacogdoches, Texas. In 2008, she was chosen by Science Fiction Writers of America as their Author Emeritus.

Actor **Ben Gazzara** (b.1930) died on February 3. Gazzara, who was perhaps best known for his non-genre roles in *Anatomy of a Murder* and *Run for Your Life*, also appeared in a handful of horror, fantasy, and sf films, including *Believe*, *The Neptune Factor*, *Too Tired to Die*, and *Christopher Roth*.

British fan and author **Samuel Youd** (b.1922) died on February 3. Youd, who published fiction under the name **John Christopher** among others, wrote "The Tripods" series and "The Sword of the Spirit" trilogy. He became active in fandom in the post-war years and began publishing fiction in 1949. He won the Guardian Award in 1971.

Actor **S. William Hinzman** (b.1936) died after a battle with cancer on February 5. Hinzman made his debut in George Romero's *Night of the Living Dead* where he was the first zombie on screen and subsequently made a career out of playing zombies. He had the title role in 1988's *FleshEater*, and often was cast in roles like "The Experienced Zombie" and "Romero the Zombie."

Astronaut **Janice Voss** (b.1956) died on February 6 after a battle with breast cancer. Voss served as a mission specialist on five space shuttle missions between 1993 and 2000. Flying two missions each on *Endeavour* and *Columbia* and one on *Discovery*. Following her in-space career, Voss worked as the Science Director for the Kepler Space Observatory and Payloads Lead of the Astronaut Office Station Branch.

Actor **Philip Bruns** (b.1931) died on February 8. Bruns appeared in a variety of genre films and television episodes, including *Amazon Women on the Moon*, *The Twilight Zone*, *Return of the Living Dead Part II*, *Isis*, and *Amazing Stories*. He may be best known for his work on the non-genre show *Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman*, and also created the role of Jerry Seinfeld's father for one episode of *Seinfeld*.

Fan **Todd Frazier** (b.1952) was found dead in his apartment on the morning of February 9. From the 1990s, Frazier was an assistant editor for Ed Meskys's fanzine *Niekas* and in 2007, Belknap Mill had an exhibit of Meskys and Frazier's art collections. Frazier was a frequent attendee of Boskone and Readercon, as well as worldcons.

Actress **Zina Bethune** (b.1945) was killed on February 12 in a hit-and-run in Griffith Park while trying to help a stray dog. Bethune is

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best known for her work on soap operas, but appeared in episodes of genre shows including *Planet of the Apes*, *The Next Step Beyond*, and *The Invaders*.

Actor **David Kelly** (b.1929) died on February 12. Kelly had recently appeared in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, where he played Grandpa Joe. He also had a small role in *Stardust*, and appeared in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* and episodes of *Adam Adamant Lives!* and *Undermind*

Comic artist **John Severin** (b.1921) died on February 12. Severin worked for EC Comics, as well as Marvel and *Cracked*. Some of his notable work included *The Rawhide Kid* and *The Punisher*, with much of his early work on war and western comics, including *Sgt. Fury and his Howling Commandos*. Severin was inducted into the Will Eisner Award Hall of Fame in 2003.

Actress **Elyse Knox** (b.1917) died on February 16. Knox portrayed Isobel Evans in *The Mummy's Tomb*, her only genre and her highest profile role. She retired in 1949, after a twelve year career, to focus on raising her children, both actors, Mark Harmon and Kristin Nelson.

Actor **Dick Anthony Williams** (b.1934) died on February 16. Williams appeared in episodes of *The X-Files* and *The Man from Atlantis*. His films included *Edward Scissorhands* and *Omen III: The Final Conflict*.

Swedish fan **Christoffer Schander** (b.1960) died on February 20. Schander published the fanzines *Semikolon A & B* and *I väntan på PEP* and was active in the *APA Efterapa*. In 1981, he helped run Regncon. In 2011, he was named director of Bergen's University Museum.

Literary agent **Jack Scovil** (b.1937) died on February 23. Scovil spent twenty years working for the Scott Meredith Agency before leaving in 1992 to form Scovil Chicaack Galen (more recently named Scovil Galen Ghosh). His clients included Carl Sagan and Arthur C. Clarke.

Fan **Kathryn Daugherty** (b.1950) died on February 24 following a two-year battle with cancer. Daugherty was a long-time con-runner who chaired Conolulu, the 2000 Westercon, and worked numerous other conventions, local, regional, and global. She stepped in at the last minute to run autographing tables at Chicon 2000. She was the fan guest of honor at Baycon 2001 and Loscon 31. A memorial service will be held for her on Maui.

Author **Mark Bourne** (b.1961) died on February 25 after suffering an heart attack. Bourne published his first short story, "Brokedown," in 1993 and published another ten stories in the years since. He also worked writing shows for both the Strasenburgh Planetarium in Rochester, NY and the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland, the latter of which included two *Star Trek* themed shows.

Screenwriter **Richard Carpenter** (b.1933) died on February 26. Carpenter, who began his career as an actor in 1957 and appeared in

The Black Arrow, *Out of the Unknown*, and *The Terrornavts*. Beginning in 1967, he began to write for television, including episodes of *The Borrowers*, *Robin Hood*, *The Ghosts of Motley Hall*, and *Catweazle*. In 1994, he produced the fantasy film *Stanley's Dragon*.

Artist **Sheldon Moldoff** (b.1920) died on February 29. Moldoff was a ghost artist on Bob Kane's *Batman* and was the co-creator of several characters, including Poison Ivy, Mr. Zero (Mr. Freeze), Clayface, and the original Bat-Girl. Moldoff was also active in drawing Hawkman and Hawkgirl. He left DC Comics in 1967 and worked in animation on the show *Courageous Cat* and *Minute Mouse*.

Artist **A. Bruce Cornwell** died on March 2. Cornwell drew the high-tech devices for the UK comic *Eagle* in the 1950s and 60s. He also illustrated the science fiction strips in *Junior Mirror* and *Weekly Express*. Cornwell, he was the model for Dr. Blasco in the Dan Dare strips, also provided illustrations for *Doctor Who Storybook Annuals* in the 1960s.

Actor **Leonardo Cimino** (b.1917) died on March 3. Cimino, who feared his distinctive appearance would work against him as an actor, appeared in *Dune*, *The Seventh Sign*, *Amityville II: The Possession*, *Waterworld*, and *Rappaccini's Daughter*. His acting career was launched when he took a dance class with José Ferrer, who championed him as an actor and frequently arranged for him to be cast in films in which Ferrer was appearing.

Artist **Ralph McQuarrie** (b.1929) died on March 3. McQuarrie is best known for providing the original concept art for the *Star Wars* films and also worked on the original *Battlestar Galactica*, *E.T. The Extraterrestrial*, and *Cocoon*, for which he won an Oscar. He got his start illustrating air and space craft designs for Boeing in the 1950s and was commissioned by George Lucas to create paintings which could be used to help sell the studio on the idea for *Star Wars* in 1975.

Actress **Joan Taylor** (b.1929 as **Rose Marie Emma**) died on March 4. Taylor starred in the science fiction films *20 Million Miles to Earth* and *Earth vs. the Flying Saucers*. She was a regular on *The Rifleman* and appeared in episodes of *Men Into Space* and *Lights Out*. Her husband, Leonard Freeman, produced *Hawaii 5-0*, and after his death in 1974, she produced the show until it was cancelled in 1980.

New Zealand author **Paul Haines** (b.1970) died on March 5 after a battle with cancer. Haines announced that he would no longer be writing in November of 2011. Haines was part of the inaugural Clarion South class of 2004 and his works have won him the Aurealis, Ditmar, Chronos, and Sir Julius Vogel Awards. His fiction has been collected in *Doorways For The Dispossessed*, *Slice of Life*, and *The Last Days Of Kali Yuga*.

Actor **Philip Madoc** (b.1934) died on March 5. Madoc appeared in numerous episodes of *Doctor Who*, notably in the serials "The Brain of Morbius," "The War Games," and "The Power of the Kroll." He also appeared in the films *Daleks' Invasion Earth: 2150 A.D* and

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Journey to the Far Side of the Sun. Other television roles included appearances on *Space: 1999*, *UFO*, and *Out of This World*.

Songwriter **Robert Sherman** (b.1925) died on March 5. Sherman, and his brother, Richard, had their first hit with "Tall Paul," song by Annette Funicello. The song brought them to Walt Disney's attention and they began writing songs for Disney, including "It's a Small World," and the songs for movies such as *Mary Poppins*, *The Jungle Book*, *Bedknobs and Broomsticks*, and many more, including the non-Disney film *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*. In 2009, the Sherman Brothers were the focus of the documentary *The Boys: The Sherman Brothers' Story*. In 1945, Sherman led the first Allied troops into the Dachau concentration camp at the end of World War II.

Fan and book dealer **Dick Spelman** (b.1931) died on March 6 following a battle with cancer and a week after being diagnosed with pneumonia. Spelman began attending conventions in 1952 at TASFIC and in the 1970s began running a book company focusing his sales at conventions. He sold his company to Larry Smith in 1991. Dick also chaired Windycon IX in 1982 and was on the board of directors for Chicon IV that same year. After he retired, he moved down to Florida.

German author **Hans Kneifel** (b.1936) died on March 7. Kneifel began publishing in 1958 and published more than 80 Perry Rhodan novels as well as works in numerous other franchises. Kneifel also wrote original stand-alone novels.

French actor **Pierre Tornade** (b.1930) died on March 7. Tornade provided the voice of Obélix in several *Asterisk* films from 1985 to 1994 and before that provided other voices in the series. He also appeared in a television adaptation of *Le passe-muraille*.

Peter Bergman (b.1939) died on March 9. Bergman was the founder of the Firesign Theatre, whose comedy albums *Don't Crush That Dwarf*, *Hand Me a Pliers* and *I Think We're All Bozos on This Bus* were nominated for the Hugo Award in the early 1970s. Prior to founding Firesign Theatre, Bergman broadcast *Radio Free Oz* in Los Angeles. He also taught economics at Yale University.

Artist **Moebius** (b.1938, born Jean Giraud) died on March 10. Moebius is best known for his work in the comic *Heavy Metal* and also worked on numerous films, including *Alien*, *Tron*, *The Fifth Element*, *Space Jam*, and *The Abyss*. He did work for Marvel Comics and did the concept art work for Alejandro Jodorowsky's unproduced film version of *Dune*. Giraud also used the pseudonym **Glr** for some of his work. In 2011, he was inducted into the Science Fiction Hall of Fame.

Australian fan **Alicia Johnson** died on March 11. Johnson was the wife of Robin Johnson, who was the fan guest of honor at Aussiecon IV. Johnson had been suffering from cancer and entered palliative care a couple of days before her death.

Fan **Don Markstein** (b.1947) died on March 11. Markstein was a founder of the comics *APA Apatoons* and the founding editor of *NOSFAn*. Markstein was a member of the New Orleans SF Association and the Southern Fandom Press Alliance. He co-chaired

DeepSouthCon in 1968 and 1973 and in 1978 he was honored with the Rebel Award. In the internet era, he gained widespread fame as the founder of Toonpedia, an on-line resource for all things cartoon.

Linguist, author, and game-designer **M. A. R. Barker** (b.1926 as **Philip Barker**) died on March 16. Barker created the role playing game *Empire of the Petal Throne*, which was published by TSR in 1975. Additional games and novels based on his world of Tekumel followed, including the games *Swords and Glory*, *Gardásiyal*, and *Tékumel: Empire of the Petal Throne*. As with Tolkien, Barker was a linguist who used his knowledge of languages to sculpt a complex world.

Author **Gene DeWeese** (b.1931 as **Thomas Eugene DeWeese**) died on March 19. DeWeese, who also published using the pseudonym **Jean DeWeese** and the collaborative names **Thomas Stratton** and **Victoria Thomas**, had been suffering Lewy body dementia. active in fandom, he broke into writing with *Man from U.N.C.L.E.* novelizations co-written with Buck Coulson. He has written novels set in the *Star Trek*, *Lost in Space*, and *Ravenloft* universes as well as many original works, including *The Adventures of a Two-Minute Werewolf* and *Charles Fort Never Mentioned Wombats*, the latter with Coulson. His last story may have been "The World of Null-T," published in 2010.

Japanese anime director **Noboru Ishiguro** (b.1938) died on March 20 from a lung infection. Ishiguro directed *Space Battleship Yamato*, *The Super Dimension Fortress Macross*, *The Super Dimension Century Orguss*, and *Legend of the Galactic Heroes*, among others.

Author **Christine Brooke-Rose** (b.1923) died on March 21. Best known as a literary critic, Brooke-Rose also wrote several experimental novels, some of which, such as *Xorander* and *Verbovore* has speculative fictional elements. In 2002, with Ellen Weil, she edited *Harlan Ellison: The Edge of Forever*.

British director **Robert Fuest** (b.1927) died on March 21. Fuest directed *The Final Programme*, based on Michael Moorcock's novel, the movie *The Abominable Dr. Phibes*, and the television film *Revenge of the Stepford Wives*. He also did work as a production designer for the show *Out of This World*. His movie *The Devil's Rain* was widely seen as a flop and after its release, he stopped making feature films and focused on television.

Swedish librarian **Kristiina Kolehmainen** (b.1953) died on March 27. Kolehmainen founded the Serieteket, the comics library housed within Stockholm's Kulturhuset. Since 1998, Kolehmainen also served as director of the Stockholm International Comics Festival/Small Press Expo, helping to build the event.

Author **Peter Phillips** (b.1920) died on March 28. Phillips began publishing speculative fiction in 1948 with "No Silence for Maloeween," in *Weird Tales*, and continued publishing in *Astounding*, *New Worlds*, *Galaxy*, and other magazines and anthologies until 1958.

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Actor **Warren Stevens** (b.1919) died on March 27. Stevens appeared in the *Twilight Zone* episode "A Day in Beaumont" and the *Star Trek* episode "By Any Other Name," as well as episodes of *The Adventures of Wonder Woman* and *Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea*. Perhaps his highest profile SF role was as the doctor in the film *Forbidden Planet*.

Michigan fan **Andy Vinton** (b.1963) died on April 6 from complications with cancer. Vinton was a member of the Stilyagi Air Corps and was active in gaming and helped run Michigan science fiction conventions. Over the next week, Michigan fans have scheduled a series of gatherings to remember Vinton and help each other with their loss.

Fan **Ray E. Beam** (b.1932) died on April 8. Beam was a long-time member of the Cincinnati Fantasy Group and was the first Fan Guest of Honor at Inconjunction. He received the First Fandom Hall of Fame Award in 1993 and the Sam Moskowitz Archives Award in 2000. Beam was very active in First Fandom, serving as the organization's treasurer from 1980 through 1993, when he took over the duties as President until 2001. Beam wrote the lyrics to the filk song "The Bradbury Hate Song."

Japanese voice actor **Takeshi Aono** (b.1936) died on April 9. Aono provided voice work for *Space Battleship Yamato*, *Dragon Ball*, *Tekken 5* and numerous other anime. In addition to voicing anime roles, Aono also worked dubbing dialogue for English language films imported into Japan, including *Predator*, the *Harry Potter* series, and *Space Jam*.

Publisher and author **Nick Webb** (b.1949) died on April 10. Webb worked as managing director of Arrow and Sphere before taking the position at Simon & Schuster UK between 1991 and 1999. In 1978, while working at Pan, he commissioned Douglas Adams to write a novelization of the radio show *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. After leaving Simon and Schuster, he wrote *Wish You Were Here*, a biography of Adams. Webb's daughter is fantasy author Kate Griffin.

Toronto fan **David Ryan Bisci** (b.1990) died on April 11. Bisci was involved in running SFContario and had a passion for *Star Wars* and *Star Trek*. He also participated in the annual Toronto Zombie Crawl. He had been attending George Brown College to study hospitality.

New Zealand actor **Grant Tilly** (b.1937) died on April 11. Tilly appeared in episodes of *The Ray Bradbury Theatre*, *Hercules: The Legendary Journeys*, and *Mirror, Mirror* as well as the films *30 Days of Night* and *The Returning*.

Actor **William Finley** (b.1942) died on April 14. Finley appeared in *Silent Rage*, *Sabrina*, *the Teenage Witch*, *Simon*, *Night Terrors*, and *The Fury*. His earliest films were made as a student with Brian dePalma.

Actor **Jonathan Frid** (b.1924) died on April 14. Frid was best known for his role as Barnabas Collins on *Dark Shadows*. He also appeared in the horror films *The Devil's Daughter* and *Seizure*. He

was scheduled to have a cameo in the forthcoming *Dark Shadows* film.

Author and activist **Ernest "Chick" Challenbach** (b.1929) died on April 16. Challenbach wrote the futuristic novel *Ecotopia* in 1975, which laid out a design for more ecologically friendly living and helped spur the modern green movement. Originally self-published, and described as half-novel, half-tract by the author, it eventually was reprinted by Bantam and translated into a dozen languages.

Author **K. D. Wentworth** (b.1951) died on April 18. Wentworth died from complications related to cancer and pneumonia. She was the author of the novels *Black on Black*, *Moonspeaker*, and *The Imperium Game*, as well as several others, including two collaborations with Eric Flint. Wentworth entered the field with a win in the Writers of the Future contest and later went on to become the editor of their book series. She was a multiple Nebula Award nominee and also helped run conventions.

Fan **Richard Harter** (b.1935) died of pneumonia on April 20. Harter discovered fandom through MITSFS and wrote fannish articles and attended conventions. Harter described himself as a "complete fan, a collector who prizes his mint copy of *Dick and Jane meet Robby Robot*, a club fan who is not just a club fan but also a diamond fan and a spade fan, a fanzine fan whose multitudinous publications, if not always award winning, certainly ought to be, and a convention fan noted for attending conventions that no one else attended."

Composer **Joel Goldsmith** (b.1957) died on April 29. Goldsmith composed the music for all of the different versions of *Stargate* on television. He also composed for the films *Kull the Conqueror*, *Laserblast*, and other television shows and movies. He also worked with his father, Jerry Goldsmith, on music for *Star Trek: First Contact*.

Actor **George Lindsey** (b.1935) died on May 6. Although best known for his role as Goober Pyle on *The Andy Griffith Show* he also provided voice work for several animated films, including Disney's *Robin Hood* and *The Aristocats* as well as the *Starzinger* films. He also appeared in episodes of *Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea* and *The Twilight Zone*.

Artist and author **Maurice Sendak** (b.1928) died on May 8 from complications from a stroke. Sendak is best known for his children's book *Where the Wild Things Are*. He also provided the illustrations for Isaac Bashevis Singer's children's book *Zlateh the Goat*. He was involved in the early development of *Sesame Street*. He received the first Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award and also received the Caldecott Medal, the Laura Ingalls Wilder Medal, and the Hans Christian Andersen Award.

Artist **Tony DeZuniga** (b.1933) died on May 11 after suffering a stroke in mid-April. DeZuniga was a comic book artist born in the Philippines. He began working in the comics industry there in 1957, and eventually began working for DC in 1970. He introduced other Filipino artists to the US comics world as well as created the characters if Johan Hex and Black Orchid.

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Fan and photographer Jay Kay Klein (b.1931) died on May 13 from esophageal cancer. Klein joined fandom in Philadelphia in 1945. He published a series of Worldcon Memory Books filled with his photographs in the early 1960s and provided the photos for *Analog's* "Biolog" feature from 1977 through 2005. In 1974, Klein was the Fan Guest of Honor at Discon II, that year's Worldcon.

Literary agent Hilary Rubinstein (b.1926) died on May 22. Rubinstein began working for his uncle, Victor Gollancz, in 1950, bringing his friend, Kingsley Amis, to the publisher. He also founded Gollancz's science fiction line, but left the first in 1963 which caused a rift with his uncle. In 1965, he began a career at A.P. Watt Literary Agency, which lasted until 1992, where he represented the estates of H.G. Wells, Rudyard Kipling, and G. K. Chesterton, as well as living authors like P. G. Wodehouse.

Artist Leo Dillon (b.1933) died on May 26. Dillon, along with his wife and collaborator, Diane, won Caldecott medals, Coretta Scott King Awards, Society of Illustrators medals, and many other awards over the course of their career. The Dillons work included covers for the Ace Specials series as well as works from the New Wave in the 60s and 70s. In 1981, their work was collected in *The Art of Leo & Diane Dillon*. In 1971, the Dillons shared a Hugo Award for Best Professional Artist.

Voice actor Dick Beals (b.1927) died on May 29. Beals suffered from a glandular condition which resulted in having a very young sounding voice, allowing him to provide voice work as a child well into his 70s. His most famous character may be Speedy, the Alka-Seltzer mascot, but he also voiced Baby-Faced Moonbeam in *Duck Dodgers*, the title character on *Gumby*, and various voices on *Roger Ramjet*, *The Jetsons*, *The Flintstones*, and other cartoons.

Actor Richard Dawson (b.1932) died on June 2. Dawson is best known for his role on *Hogan's Heroes* and as the host of the game show *Family Feud*. He spoofed himself as a game show host in the SF film *The Running Man*. His other genre credits include an fantasy version of *Oliver Twist* and episodes *Fantasy Island* and *The Other Limits*.

Actress Kathryn Joosten (b.1939) died on June 2. Perhaps best known for her roles on *The West Wing* and *Desperate Housewives*, Joosten appeared in genre work included *Breaking Dawn*, *Hellraiser: Inferno*, and *Bedtime Stories*, as well as episodes of *Joan of Arcadia*, *The X-Files*, and *Third Rock from the Sun*. Prior to becoming an actress at age 42, she worked as a nurse.

Fan Ian Macauley (b.1935) died on June 3. Macauley was active in fandom in the early 1950s and published the fanzine *Cosmag* beginning in March of 1951, which became *Asfo*. He also belonged to "Fanvariety Enterprises." Macauley went on to work for the *New York Times* for more than 30 years, where he was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. In 1998, he edited the Arthur C. Clarke essay collection *Greetings Carbon-Based Biped*s.

Author Ray Bradbury (b.1920) died on June 5. Bradbury was one of the major science fiction authors whose name was known beyond the field, along with Asimov, Clarke, and Heinlein. His notable

works including *Fahrenheit 451*, about censorship and book burning, and the collected stories that made up *The Martian Chronicles*. He is also the author of *Dandelion Wine*, *Something Wicked This Way Comes*, and many short stories. Bradbury has also written for film, most notably the screenplay for *Moby Dick*, and SFWA has named its screenplay award, The Ray Bradbury Award for Outstanding Dramatic Presentation, in his honor. Bradbury has received the National Medal of Arts, World Fantasy Award Life Achievement Award, Stoker Award Life Achievement Award, SFWA Grand Master, SF Hall of Fame Living Inductee, and First Fandom Award.

Actress Caroline John (b.1940) died on June 5. John portrayed Dr. Elizabeth Shaw in four series of *Doctor Who* opposite Jon Pertwee, as well as reprising the role in *The Five Doctors* and performed in numerous *Doctor Who* audio plays. She also appeared in the *P.R.O.B.E.* series. She was married to Geoffrey Beevers, who played The Master in one *Doctor Who* serial and also appears in the *Doctor Who* audio plays.

Production designer J. Michael Riva (b.1948) died on June 7 in New Orleans. Riva was responsible for the look of numerous films, including genre works *Zathura*, the *Iron Man* franchise, *The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai Across the 8th Dimension*, and the upcoming *The Amazing Spider-Man*. Riva was also the grandson of actress Marlene Dietrich.

Fan Dian Hardison (b.1958) died the weekend of June 9. Hardison had worked at NASA from 1984 until 2001 when she was fired. According to Hardison, her firing was as a result of whistleblowing although the official reason was misuse of government computers. She was later arrested for mailing a white powder through the postal system at the height of the anthrax scare, to which she pled guilty, and again as part of a protest in favor of allowing women to sunbathe topless on Florida beaches.

Minneapolis author and fan Jim Young (b.1951) died on June 12, about a week after being admitted to hospital for a brain tumor. Young wrote the novels *The Face of the Deep* and *Armed Memory*, as well as an handful of short stories. Young was active in Minneapolis fandom and wrote about early Minicons for Locus. His most recent short story, "The Whirlwind," appeared in 2011 in *F&SF*.

Actress Susan Tyrrell (b.1945) died on June 17. Tyrrell provided the voice of the narrator in Ralph Bakshi's *Wizards* and also appeared in genre films *Night Warning*, *Fire and Ice*, and *The Offspring*. Tyrrell received an Oscar nomination for her role in the film *Fat City*. In 2000, she lost both legs due to thrombocytopenia.

Actor Victor Spinetti (b.1933) died on June 18 after a battle with cancer. Spinetti may be best known for his roles in the first three Beatles films, *A Hard Day's Night*, *Help*, and *Magical Mystery Tour*. He also provided the voice of Mr. Tumnus in the animated *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* and played the Historian in *The Little Prince*. On television, he provided the voice of Texas Pete on *SuperTed* and appeared in a multiple episodes of *The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles*.

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Actor **Richard Lynch** (b.1940) died on June 19. Not to be confused with the publisher of *Mimosa*, Lynch appeared in numerous science fiction films and television shows, including the original *Battlestar Galactica* and *Galactica 1980*, *Buck Rogers in the 25th Century*, *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, *Highlander*, and *The Sword and the Sorcerer*, in which he played the villainous Cromwell.

Author and fan **Suzanne Allés Blom** (b.1948) died on June 23 from complications of intestinal cancer. Blom wrote the 2001 alternate history novel *Inca: The Scarlet Fringe*, although sequels never materialized. Her first short story, "In Memory of Prince Edward," appeared in the April 1993 issue of *Tomorrow* and she was one of the creators of the Verdant Lore Tarot. She was an active participant in Wiscon and Windycon, among other conventions.

Director, producer, and screenwriter **Nora Ephron** (b.1940) died on June 26. Ephron is best known for her films *When Harry Met Sally*, *Sleepless in Seattle*, and *You've Got Mail*, but she also wrote, produced and directed the fantasy films *Michael* and *Bewitched*. She received three Oscar nominations for screenwriting.

Artist **Randy W. Clark** (b.1963) died on June 28 from complications of spinal stenosis. Clark provided illustrations for several fanzines, including *Alpha Centura Communicator* and *Holier Than Thou*. He did work for both First Comics and Eclipse Comics and also did storyboards for two episodes of *The Real Ghostbusters*. In the 1980s and 90s, Clark helped organize the art show for Bubonicon.

Actor **Andy Griffith** (b.1926) died on July 3. Griffith is best known for his iconic roles of Andy Taylor on *The Andy Griffith Show* and *Mayberry R.F.D.* and in the title role on *Matlock*. He had a couple of genre credits, most notably as Harry Broderick on the one season television show *Salvage 1*, about a junkyard owner who built a spaceship in order to salvage equipment left behind by the Apollo astronauts.

Actor **Eric Sykes** (b.1923) died on July 4. British comedian Sykes appeared as Frank Bryce in *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* and Mollocks in the BBC adaptation of *Gormenghast* as well as the Mad Hatter in an adaptation of *Alice in Wonderland*. He starred in several British television series, including *Curry and Chips* and many named for himself. In 1992, he won a Lifetime Achievement Award from the British Comedy Awards.

Fan and author **Cathy Ball** (b.1952) died on July 5, seven months after her husband James Brazell. Ball was involved in Oklahoma fandom, attending OKCon, Conestoga, Soonercon, and ConQuesT. Ball also helped to establish the Norman Oklahoma Science Fiction Association. Ball attended Clarion Writers Workshop and published stories in *Tomorrow Speculative Fiction*.

Actor **Ernest Borgnine** (b.1917) died on July 8. Borgnine is best known for his role in *MacHale's Navy* and *The Dirty Dozen*, but he also appeared in several genre films such as *Escape from New York*, *The Black Hole*, *Gattaca*, *Alice in Wonderland*, and *Merlin's Shop of Mystical Wonders*. Borgnine won an Oscar for the title role in the film *Marty*.

Fan **Gisela Gagliardi** (b.1958) died on July 10. Gagliardi was a fan of Stephanie Meyer's *Twilight* series and was attending Comic-Con International in San Diego. She was hurrying back to regain her place in line for a *Twilight* panel when she was struck by a car.

Actress **Ginny Tyler** (b.1925) died on July 13. Tyler's voice appeared in numerous Disney animation, including *Mary Poppins*, *The Sword in the Stone*, and *Winnie the Pooh and the Honey Tree*. She also provided the voice of Sue Storm in the 1970s *The Fantastic Four* cartoon and provided voice work in *Space Ghost*. In 2006, she was named a Disney Legend.

Producer **Richard D. Zanuck** (b.1934) died on July 13. Zanuck produced the films *Sssssss*, *Jaws*, *Cocoon*, *Deep Impact*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Reign of Fire*, *Alice in Wonderland*, and *Dark Shadows*. His non-genre work included *The Sting* and *The Sound of Music*. He won an Oscar for *Driving Miss Daisy* and the Irving G. Thalberg Memorial Award. His father was producer Darryl F. Zanuck.

Screenwriter **Don Brinkley** (b.1921) died on July 14. While Brinkley wrote for *Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea* and *The Invaders*, he was best known for his non-genre work such as *Trapper John, M.D.* and *Medical Center*. He is the stepfather of model Christie Brinkley.

Actress **Celeste Holm** (b.1917) died on July 15. She began appearing in films in 1946 and received an Oscar for Best Supporting Actress in 1947 for her role in *Gentleman's Agreement*. She appeared in multiple episodes of *Fantasy Island* and *Touched by an Angel*, as well as an episode of *The New Adventures of Wonder Woman*.

Producer **William Asher** (b.1921) died on July 16. Asher produced *Bewitched* from 1964-1972 as well as the pilot to its spin-off *Tabitha*, in 1976. In addition to production, Asher directed several television shows, including episodes of *Bewitched*, for which he won an Emmy, *The Twilight Zone*, and *I Dream of Jeannie: 15 Years Later*. In the 1960s, he directed several Annette Funicello films, including *Beach Blanket Bingo* and *How to Stuff a Wild Bikini*. From 1963-1967, Asher was married to Elizabeth Montgomery, who starred in his show *Bewitched*.

Actor **Morgan Paul** (b.1944) died on July 17. Paul appeared in episodes of *Beyond Westworld*, *The Fantastic Journey*, and *Challenge of the GoBots*. His most notable genre roles were in *The Swarm* and as Holden in *Blade Runner*.

Writer **Tom Davis** (b.1952) died on July 19. Davis was best known as part of the comedy team "Franken and Davis," appearing on *Saturday Night Live* with his writing partner, Al Franken, in the show's early years. Along with Franken, he created the sketch "The Coneheads" and later wrote the science

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fiction comedy, *Coneheads* based on the skits. His other science fictional credit is appearing in the 2001 film *Evolution*.

Actress Angharad Rees (b.1949) died on July 21. Rees appeared in *The Wolves of Kromer*, *The Curse of King Tut's Tomb*, and *Hands of the Ripper*. She also appeared in *Poldark*.

Actor Simon Ward (b.1941) died on July 21. Ward appeared as Zor-El in *Supergirl* and the Duke of Buckingham in the Richard Lester *The Three Musketeers*. Other roles included made-for-television productions of *Dracula* and *Around the World in 80 Days*. More recently, he has played Bishop Gardiner in *The Tudors*.

New Zealand author Margaret Mahy (b.1949) died on July 23 in Christchurch. Mahy's novel *The Tricksters* was nominated for the World Fantasy Award and in 2006, she received the Sir Julius Vogel Award for service to science fiction and fantasy. Mahy has also received the Hans Christian Andersen Award and the Carnegie Medal in Literature.

Astronaut Sally Ride (b.1951) died on July 23. In 1983, Ride became the first American woman (and youngest at that time) astronaut to fly into space when she flew on *Challenger* flight STS-7. Prior to that she worked on the development of the shuttle's robotic arm. She flew on *Challenger* again in 1984 and was in training for a third flight when *Challenger* explored. Ride left NASA in 1987 and taught physics. In 2003, she served on the Space Shuttle *Columbia* Accident Investigation Board.

Actor Chad Everett (b.1936) died on July 24. Best known for his work on *Medical Center*, Everett also appeared on an episode of *Journey to the Unknown*, and in the films *Airplane 2: The Sequel*, *Journey to Midnight*, and the remake of *Psycho*.

Actress Mary Tamm (b.1950) died on July 26, eighteen months after being diagnosed with cancer. Tamm is best known for creating the role of the Time Lord Romana during the Key to Time arc of *Doctor Who*. She also appeared in several Big Finish audio productions.

Actor Norman Alden (b.1924) died on July 27. Alden appeared in the films *K-PAX*, *Back to the Future*, and provided voices for *The Transformers: The Movie*. He also provided the voice of Aquaman on the animated series *Super Friends*. Other television roles included guest spots on *Electra Woman and Dyna Girl*, *Batman*, and *My Favorite Martian*.

Actor R. G. Armstrong (b.1917) died on July 27. Armstrong had roles in the films *Predator*, *The Time Machine*, *Children of the Corn*, and *Heaven Can Wait*. He also appeared in episodes of several science fiction television shows, including *Salvage 1*, *The Twilight Zone*, *Tales of the Unexpected*, and *Beauty and the Beast*.

Actor Geoffrey Hughes (b.1944) died on July 27. Perhaps best known to British audiences for his role on *Coronation Street*, he portrayed "Mr. Popplewick" in the *Doctor Who* serial "The Trial of a Time Lord". He also had guest spots on *My Partner the Ghost* and *Poltergeist* and provided the voice of Paul McCartney in *Yellow Submarine*.

French filmmaker Chris Marker (b.1921) died on July 29. Marker wrote and directed the French short *La Jetée*, which served as the basis for his later film *The Twelve Monkeys*. He also directed the animated short *Les astronautes*. He won the Prix Jean Vigo for *La Jetée*.

New Zealand actor Jonathan Hardy (b.1940) died on July 30. Hardy provided the voice of Dominar Rygel XVI on *Farscape* and appeared in the film *Death Warmed Over*. Hardy appeared in episodes of the television shows *Twisted Tales*, *Under the Mountain*, and *Mandog*. He was nominated for an Oscar for his screenplay for *Breaker Morant*.

French author Roland C. Wagner (b.1960) died in a car accident on August 5. Wagner began publishing in 1980 and has received the Prix Rosny-Aîné six times. Although most of his work has not been translated into English, his alternate history biography of H. P. Lovecraft, was translated as *HPL (1890–1991)*.

Director Mel Stuart (b.1928) died on August 9. Stuart's sole genre credit was as the director of *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. Before directing that film, he won an Academy Award for Best Documentary.

Special effects artist Carlo Rambaldi (b.1925) died on August 10. Rambaldi won the Oscar for Best Special Effects for his work on *King Kong* in 1976, *Alien* in 1979, and *E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial* in 1982. He created the title alien for *E.T.* Rambaldi also created creatures for *Dune*, *Conan the Destroyer*, and many other science fiction and fantasy films.

Comic book artist Joe Kubert (b.1926) died on August 12. Kubert began working in the comics in 1942. He began working for DC Comics and began an association with the character Hawkman in 1945. In the 1950s, he created the prehistoric character Tor, who he used at DC, Marvel, and Eclipse Comics. From 1967-1976, he worked at DC as Director of Publications. Kubert was inducted into the Harvey Awards' Jack Kirby Hall of Fame in 1997 and Will Eisner Comic Book Hall of Fame in 1998.

Author Adam Niswander (b.1946) died on August 12 in a VA nursing home. Niswander served two terms of duty in Vietnam before his discharge in 1970. In 1984, he opened Adam's Bookstore, selling used and collectible books. He has published four volumes in the Shaman cycle as well as two stand-alone novels and several short stories.

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Actor **Biff Elliott** (b.1923) died on August 15. Elliott appeared in the *Star Trek* episode "The Devil in the Dark" as well as episodes of *Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea*, *Planet of the Apes*, and *Starman*. He also appeared in the feature film *The Navy vs. the Night Monsters*, based on Murray Leinster's *The Monster from Earth's End*.

SFWA Grand Master **Harry Harrison** (b.1925) died on August 15. Harrison is best known as the author of the *Stainless Steel Rat* and *Deathworld* series. He also created the character Bill, the Galactic Hero. In the 90s, he published *The Hammer and Cross* trilogy of alternate history novels. Harrison began working in the field as an illustrator for EC Comics and went on to write the *Flash Gordon* comic strip before becoming a successful prose author. In the late sixties and seventies, he turned his attention to editing anthologies, often with Brian W. Aldiss. Harrison was the guest of Honor at ConFiction, the 1970 Worldcon in The Hague, was inducted into the Science Fiction Hall of Fame in 1990, and named Grand Master in 2009.

Fan **Tom Hise** died on August 15 after a lengthy battle with lymphoma. Hise entered hospice earlier in the day. Since its founding at Chicon 2000, Hise was instrumental in the SFWA Musketeers, a group of SF authors who gave fencing demonstrations at Worldcons and regional conventions.

Actress **Phyllis Thaxter** (b.1921) died on August 15. Thaxter portrayed Martha Kent in the 1978 film *Superman*. She also appeared in an episode of *The Twilight Zone*, *The Invaders*, and *Thriller*.

Actor **William Windom** (b.1923) died on August 16. Windom appeared in episodes of *The Greatest American Hero*, *The Wild Wild West*, *Star Trek*, *The Twilight Zone*, and many other genre television shows. Windom also appeared in several horror films. He won an Emmy Award for his starring role on the one-season television show *My World and Welcome To It*, based on the works of James Thurber.

Director and producer **Tony Scott** (b.1944) committed suicide on August 19 by leaping off the Vincent Thomas Bridge in San Pedro, CA. Scott, the younger brother of Ridley Scott, is best known for directing *Top Gun* and *Beverly Hills Cop 2*, but also has genre credits, including producing the film *Prometheus* and the television mini-series *The Andromeda Strain*. His current projects including the Medieval historical series *World without End* and the drama *The Good Wife*.

Chicago fan and conrunner **Ken Hunt** (b.1955) died on August 20, two days after suffering a cascading cardiac event. Hunt has long been active in running conventions in Chicago, most notably as head of operations for Windycon. He was currently heading logistics for Chicon 7, this year's Worldcon, scheduled for next week.

Puppeteer **Jerry Nelson** (b.1934) died on August 23. Nelson began working for Bill Bard in the 1960s, but was hired by Jim Henson to fill in for Franz Oz when Oz got drafted. Nelson continued to perform with the Muppets for parts of 6 decades. His most famous character was the Count and he also was the puppeteer behind Herry Monster, Biff, Floyd, Dr. Strangepork, Gobo Fraggle, Pa Gorg, and the Trash Heap. On *The Muppet Show*, he provided the voice of the announcer of "Pigs in Space" and "Veterinarian's Hospital."

Author **Joseph Sherman** (b.1946) died on August 23. Her first novel was *Golden Girl and the Crystal of Doom*, and in the same year she also published a "Find Your Fate" novel. Sherman won the Compton Crook Award for her novel *The Shining Falcon* in 1990. In addition to writing science fiction and fantasy, Sherman was also a folklorist, and in 1995 she co-edited, with T.K.F. Weiskopf, the collection *Goofy, Grimy, Gopher Guts: The Subversive Folklore of Childhood*, one of many non-fiction books. Sherman also edited several anthologies, not just of fantasy, but of folklore.

Astronaut **Neil Armstrong** (b.1930) died on August 25. Armstrong was selected in 1958 for the Man in Space Soonest program to beat the USSR into space, but the program was cancelled shortly after it was started. Two years later, he was selected for the Dynasoar project, which was also cancelled. In 1962, he joined NASA in the second flight group, eventually flying on Gemini 8 with Eugene Cernan to conduct the first docking of two spacecraft, but which also suffered a failure that put Armstrong and Cernan's lives at risk. In 1969, as the Commander of Apollo 11, with Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, Armstrong became the first person to set foot on the Moon. After retiring from NASA in 1971, Armstrong maintained a low profile, teaching at the University of Cincinnati. He served on accident commissions following the Apollo 13 mission and the Challenger explosion.

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