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Hans Holzer, Ghost Hunter, Dies at 89

By WILLIAM GRIMES

Mr. Holzer's investigations into the paranormal took him to haunted houses all over the world, most notably the Long Island house that inspired "The Amityville Horror."



James J. Kriegsmann
Hans Holzer in the 1960s.

Ernie Barnes, Artist and Athlete, Dies at 70

By BRUCE WEBER

Mr. Barnes was an artist whose drawings and paintings of athletes, dancers and other figures in motion reflected his first career as a professional football player.

Ekaterina Maximova, Ballerina, Dies at 70

By BRUCE WEBER

Ms. Maximova's lyrical lines, technical precision and luminous stage presence made her a star of the Bolshoi Theater and a darling of dance critics and balletomanes across the world.



Greg Page, Heavyweight Champion, Dies at 50

By DOUGLAS MARTIN

Mr. Page was a prizefighter who was hailed as the next Muhammad Ali as a teenager and briefly held a world heavyweight title in the mid-1980s.



Frankie Manning, the Ambassador and Master of Lindy Hop, Dies at 94

By TERRY MONAGHAN

Mr. Manning was a master of swing-era dance who went from the Savoy Ballroom in Harlem to Broadway and Hollywood.



John King, Who Made Ukulele Ring With Bach, Dies at 55



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Slide Show

Bea Arthur: That Voice, That Wit

Ms. Arthur, who died at 86, was an accomplished theater actress and singer before she became a television celebrity in midcareer.



Video

Last Word: Odetta

Odetta became a force of the folk music revival in the 1950s. In the 1960s her renditions of spirituals and blues became part of the soundtrack of the civil rights movement.

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More Last Word
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Notable Deaths of 2009

Those who passed from the scene so far this year, including John Updike, Andrew Wyeth and Claiborne Pell.

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By DOUGLAS MARTIN

Mr. King was known for playing on a ukulele Bach's Partita No. 3 and other difficult classical works with dazzling mastery.

John J. Marchi, Who Fought for Staten Island in Senate, Dies at 87



By ROBERT D. McFADDEN

One of the longest-serving state legislators in the nation, Mr. Marchi was praised as an effective advocate for New York.

Bea Arthur, Star of Two TV Comedies, Dies at 86



By BRUCE WEBER

Ms. Arthur's commanding stature and flair for the comic jab made her a star in the shows "Maude" and "The Golden Girls."

• [Slide Show: Bea Arthur: That Voice, That Wit](#)

Vern Gosdin, 'The Voice' of Country in the '70s and '80s, Dies at 74

Walter Schneir, Who Wrote About Rosenbergs, Dies at 81

Louis Lowenstein, Professor of Business Law and Critic of Wall St., Dies at 83

Glen Gondrezick, Former U.N.L.V. Star, Dies at 53

Feroz Khan, Bollywood Actor, Dies at 69

Marilyn Cooper, Actress and Tony Award Winner, Dies at 74

Timothy D. Wright, Singer, Dies at 61

Rev. Donald Jones, Mentor to Hillary Clinton, Dies at 78

Catherine di Montezemolo, Doyenne of Fashion and Society, Dies at 83

Jack Cardiff, Film Director, Dies at 94

Ken Annakin, 'Magnificent' Director, Dies at 94

Santha Rama Rau, Who Wrote of India's Landscape and Psyche, Dies at 86

Benjamin Edwards, Brokerage Figure, Dies at 77

Timothy J. Holst, Who Filled Circus Big Top With Talent, Dies at 61

Ray Nance, Last of the Bedford Boys, Dies at 94

Stefan Brecht, Theater Historian, Is Dead at 84

Charles Peebler, Ad Executive, Dies at 72

Doc Blanchard, Army's Mr. Inside, Is Dead at 84

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From the Archives

Douglas MacArthur, Army Commander, Dies at 84

(April 5, 1964)

Igor Stravinsky, Composer, Dies at 88

(April 6, 1971)

Isaac Asimov, Science Fiction Writer, Dies at 72

(April 6, 1992)

P. T. Barnum, Great Showman, Dies at 80

(April 7, 1891)

Henry Ford, Automotive Pioneer, Dies at 83

(April 7, 1947)

Pablo Ruiz Picasso, Prodigious Artist, Dies at 91

(April 8, 1973)

Frank Lloyd Wright, Famed Architect, Dies at 89

(April 9, 1959)

Joe Louis, Heavyweight King, Dies at 66

(April 12, 1981)

Jean-Paul Sartre, French Philosopher, Dies at 74

(April 15, 1980)

Greta Garbo, Screen Icon, Dies at 84

(April 15, 1990)

Albert Einstein, Great Scientist, Dies at 76

(April 18, 1955)

John Maynard Keynes, Influential Economist, Dies at 63

(April 21, 1946)

Richard Milhous Nixon, 37th President, Dies at 81

(April 22, 1994)

Cesar Chavez, Union Organizer, Dies at 66

The Lives They Lived

For 2008, an unabashedly idiosyncratic collection of profiles of 24 very different lives, all memorably lived.



· « The Music They Made

Willie Nelson
(April 23, 1933)

Willa Cather, Novelist, Dies at 70
(April 24, 1947)

Ginger Rogers, Who Danced With Astaire, Dies at 83
(April 25, 1995)

Edward R. Murrow, CBS Broadcaster, Dies at 57
(April 27, 1965)

Adolf Hitler, Nazi Dictator, Dies at 56
(April 30, 1945)

Talk to the Newsroom

Obituary Writer



Bruce Weber answered questions about the pleasures and difficulties of covering death.

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