

Good-bye to the greats of 2008

This year's notables inspired, entertained, and discovered new worlds

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From the summit of Everest, the top of the world — to the intricate workings of the human heart. From outer galaxies to the dungeons of Stalin's gulag.

Sir Edmund Hillary was the first man to stand atop the world's highest mountain. **Dr. Michael DeBakey** developed treatments for heart disease that prolonged the lives of millions.

Arthur C. Clarke carried readers and moviegoers light years into space and centuries into the future. **Alexander Solzhenitsyn** bravely revealed the horrors of the Soviet prison system.

They are some of the remarkable people who died in 2008.

Mildred Loving changed history in 1967 when the U.S. Supreme Court upheld her right, as a black woman, to marry a white man. **Madelyn Payne Dunham** helped raise her grandson Barack Obama and died two days before he was elected president.

Charlton Heston brought a larger-than-life quality to screen roles as Ben-Hur and Michelangelo. **Paul Newman** combined rebellion and blue-eyed charm in films that reflected changing social attitudes.

William F. Buckley and **Tim Russert** informed their journalism with a love of politics and respect for the issues. **Anne Armstrong** opened doors for women in government service, while **Jesse Helms**, **Howard Metzenbaum**, and **Tom Lantos** were powerful voices in Congress.

The world of science lost **Dr. Judah Folkman**, famed cancer researcher; **Edward Lorenz**, father of chaos theory, and **Albert Hofmann**, discoverer of LSD.

Here, a roll call of some of the notables who died in 2008.

JANUARY

Sir Edmund Hillary, 88. Conquered Mount Everest; one of 20th century's greatest adventurers. Jan. 11.

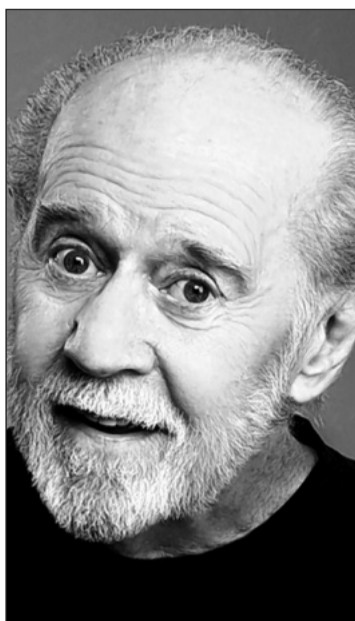
Richard Knerr, 82. Co-founded Wham-O toy company that popularized the Hula Hoop, Frisbee. Jan. 14.

Dr. Judah Folkman, 74. Researcher who worked to cut off cancer from its blood supply, giving hope for a cure. Jan. 14.

Bobby Fischer, 64. Reclusive chess genius who beat Soviet champion in 1972. Jan. 17.

Suzanne Pleshette, 70. Beautiful, husky-voiced actress; sardonic wife on *The Bob Newhart Show*. Jan. 19.

Heath Ledger, 28. Actor nominated for Oscar for *Brokeback*



George Carlin taught us 'Seven Words You Can Never Say on Television.'

Mountain; the Joker in *The Dark Knight*. Jan. 22. Drug overdose.

Suharto, 86. Indonesian president, a Cold War U.S. ally whose brutal regime killed hundreds of thousands. Jan. 27.

Gordon B. Hinckley, 97. Led Mormon church during major period of expansion. Jan. 27.

FEBRUARY

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, around 91. Beatles' guru; introduced transcendental meditation to West. Feb. 5.

Roy Scheider, 75. Two-time Oscar nominee; police chief in *Jaws*. Feb. 10.

Rep. Tom Lantos, 80. 14-term California congressman; voice for human rights. Feb. 11.

William F. Buckley, Jr., 82. Erudite author, editor; helped revive conservative movement. Feb. 27.

MARCH

Gary Gygax, 69. Co-created *Dungeons & Dragons*; father of role-playing games. March 4.

Former Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, 90. Liberal Ohio Democrat who challenged big business. March 12.

Anthony Minghella, 54. Oscar-winning director, turned literary works into acclaimed movies. March 18. Hemorrhage.

Paul Scofield, 86. British actor; won Oscar for *A Man for All Seasons*. March 19.

Arthur C. Clarke, 90. Visionary science-fiction writer (*2001: A Space Odyssey*). March 19.

APRIL

Charlton Heston, 84. Oscar winner (*Ben-Hur*); headed National Rifle Association. April 5.

Sgt. Merlin German, 22. Marine severely injured in Iraq; became symbol of resilience. April 11.

John A. Wheeler, 96. Physicist; coined "black holes." April 13.

Edward Lorenz, 90. Father of chaos theory, "butterfly effect"



Actor Paul Newman, shown in 1968's 'Cool Hand Luke,' personified cool as an anti-hero of many films and as a philanthropist.

concept. April 16.

Will Robinson, 96. First black coach of a major U.S. college basketball program and a long-time scout for the Detroit Pistons. April 28.

Albert Hofmann, 102. Discoverer of LSD, which inspired — and arguably corrupted — millions in 1960s. April 29.

MAY

Mildred Loving, 68. Black woman whose challenge to Virginia's interracial marriage ban led to landmark ruling. May 2.

Irvine Robbins, 90. Co-founded Baskin-Robbins, brought exotic ice cream to every corner of America. May 5.

Eddy Arnold, 89. Country singer known for his mellow baritone. May 8.

Robert Rauschenberg, 82. His use of odd and everyday articles made him an art world giant. May 12.

Robert Mondavi, 94. Vintner who helped Napa Valley become a wine-lovers' mecca. May 16.

Dick Martin, 86. Zany co-host of *Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In*, which took television by storm in 1960s. May 24.

J.R. Simplot, 99. Idaho's billionaire potato king. May 25.

Sydney Pollack, 73. Oscar-winning director, a Hollywood mainstay. May 26.

Harvey Korman, 81. Emmy winner for *The Carol Burnett Show*; conniving politician in *Blazing Saddles*. May 29.

JUNE

Yves Saint Laurent, 71. One of most influential fashion designers of the 20th century. June 1.

Bo Diddley, 79. Founding father of rock 'n' roll. June 2.

Jim McKay, 86. *Wide World of Sports* host; told Americans about killings at 1972 Olympics. June 7.

Tim Russert, 58. Host of *Meet the Press* whose personality and passion made him beloved in Washington. June 13.

Cyd Charisse, 86. Dancer turned actress; starred in musicals with Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly. June 17.

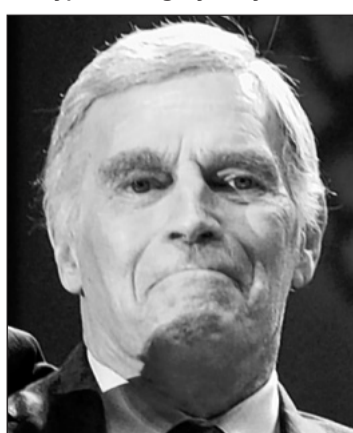
George Carlin, 71. The dean of counterculture comedians. June 22.

JULY

Larry Harmon, 83. He turned Bozo the Clown into a show business staple. July 3.

Former Sen. Jesse Helms, 86. A champion of conservatism who spent three decades in Congress. July 4.

Dr. Michael E. DeBakey, 99. Heart surgeon who pioneered now-common procedures such as bypass surgery. July 11.



Oscar winner Charlton Heston later was the longtime leader of the National Rifle Association.



Guitar pioneer Bo Diddley introduced driving rhythms to rock 'n' roll.

Pulitzer-winning author; celebrated the common people. Oct. 31.

NOVEMBER

Madelyn Payne Dunham, 86. Barack Obama's grandmother, who helped raise him. Nov. 2.

Steve Fossett, 63. Millionaire adventurer who vanished during 2007 flight. Death confirmed Nov. 3.

Michael Crichton, 66. Author whose books became blockbuster films. Nov. 4.

Preacher Roe, 92. All-Star Brooklyn Dodgers pitcher; one of "The Boys of Summer." Nov. 9.

Herb Score, 75. Cleveland Indians broadcast institution who called Indians games on radio and television for 34 years, longer than anybody else in the city's baseball history. Nov. 11.

William Gibson, 94. Playwright; dramatized Helen Keller's story in *The Miracle Worker*. Nov. 25.

The Rev. George M. Docherty, 97. His 1954 sermon got "under God" into Pledge of Allegiance. Nov. 27.

DECEMBER

Odetta, 77. Folk singer with powerful voice who inspired civil rights marchers. Dec. 2.

Patriarch Alexy II, 79. Russian Orthodox Church head; oversaw post-Soviet era's religious revival. Dec. 5.

Martha "Sunny" von Bulow, 76. Comatose heiress; husband was acquitted of attempted murder. Dec. 6.

Bettie Page, 85. Beauty who daringly bared it all in the straitlaced '50s. Dec. 11.

Van Johnson, 92. Boy-next-door Hollywood star. Dec. 12.

Cardinal Avery Dulles, 90. First U.S. theologian to become Roman Catholic cardinal. Dec. 12.

Sammy Baugh, 94. Hall of Fame Washington Redskins quarterback; revolutionized use of forward pass. Dec. 17.

W. Mark Felt, 95. FBI second-in-command who revealed himself as "Deep Throat" 30 years after Watergate. Dec. 18.

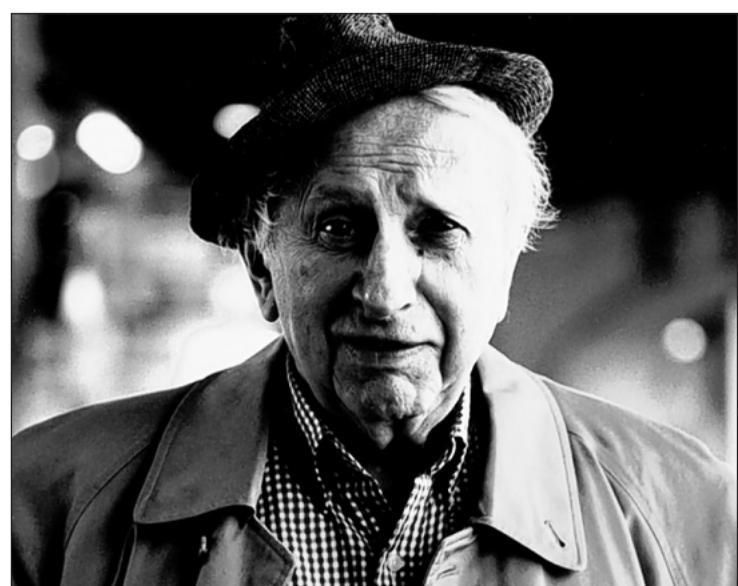
Dock Ellis, 63. Pitcher with the Pirates in the 1970s who says he pitched a no-hitter while on LSD. Dec. 19.

Harold Pinter, 78. British Nobel laureate who produced some of his generation's most influential dramas. Dec. 24.

Eartha Kitt, 81. Sultry singer, dancer, and actress who rose from South Carolina cotton fields. Dec. 25.

Dale Wasserman, 94. Author of the book for the Tony-winning *Man of La Mancha* and the stage adaptation of Ken Kesey's novel *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. Dec. 28.

Freddie Hubbard, 70. Grammy-winning jazz musician who collaborated with such greats as Ornette Coleman, John Coltrane, and Sonny Rollins. Dec. 29.



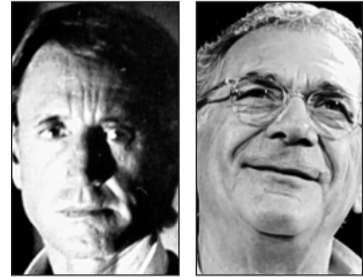
Broadcaster, activist, and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Studs Terkel often celebrated the 'noncelebrated' common people.



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Pleshette **Minghella**



Scheider **Pollack**



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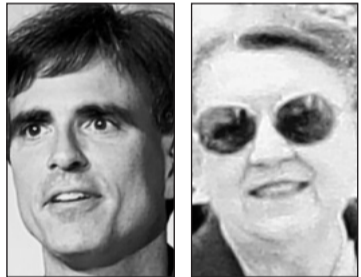
Solzhenitsyn **Snow**



Blackwell **Saint Laurent**



Fischer **DeBakey**



Pausch **Dunham**



Seiberling **Tubbs Jones**



Metzenbaum **Helms**



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Soul singer and arranger Isaac Hayes won Grammy awards and an Oscar for the theme of the 1971 action film 'Shaft.'



In 1953, Sir Edmund Hillary, a New Zealander, became the first to scale Mount Everest.