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## NOTABLE DEATHS OF 2011

## THEY LEFT A MARK

"Death is very likely the best invention of life," Apple co-founder Steve Jobs once said. For those left behind, it clarifies deeds worth celebrating and those marking some of history's blackest days. In 2011, the notable deaths included dictators and demagogues (Osama bin Laden, Moammar Kadafi and Kim Jong Il), screen goddesses (Elizabeth Taylor and Jane Russell) and a radio legend (Norman Corwin), famous thinkers (Christopher Hitchens) and political doers (Geraldine Ferraro and Warren Christopher). Some pondered the universe (physicist Maurice Goldhaber), while others zeroed in on one small patch of it (South L.A. activist Lillian Mobley). "I want to put a ding in the universe," said Jobs, who, in that respect, had something in common with all of them. —ELAINE WOO

## World leaders

**Osama bin Laden**, 54, radical Muslim leader who founded the Al Qaeda terrorist network responsible for Sept. 11, 2001, attacks against the United States. May 2

**Anwar Awlaki**, 40, radical Muslim cleric affiliated with Al Qaeda who was killed in CIA-U.S. military air strike in Yemen. Sept. 30

**Moammar Kadafi**, 69, deposed Libyan leader who seized power in a coup and 42 years later lost his country in a bloody revolt, killed by rebel forces. Oct. 20

**Kim Jong Il**, 69, North Korean leader extolled at home as the "Dear Leader" and reviled abroad as a tyrant. Dec. 17

**Vaclav Havel**, 75, dissident playwright who led Czechoslovakia's 1989 "Velvet Revolution" against communism and then served as his country's president. Dec. 18

## Politics

**R. Sargent Shriver**, 95, lawyer who led the Peace Corps for his brother-in-law, President Kennedy, and the "war on poverty" for President Johnson. Jan. 18

**David S. Broder**, 81, political reporter who won a Pulitzer Prize in 1973 for Watergate commentary. March 9

**Warren Christopher**, 85, secretary of State for the Clinton administration who earlier led an independent investigation of the Los Angeles Police Department after the Rodney G. King beating. March 18

**Geraldine A. Ferraro**, 75, New York Democrat who was the first woman nominated for vice president by a major party. March 26

**Betty Ford**, 93, former first lady whose battles with cancer and substance abuse inspired millions to seek treatment. July 8

## Big screen and small

**Pete Postlethwaite**, 64, actor who received Oscar nomination for "In the Name of the Father" role. Jan. 2

**David Nelson**, 74, last surviving member of the family that starred in "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet." Jan. 11

**Betty Garrett**, 91, comedic actress in such classic MGM musicals as "On the Town." Feb. 12

**Jane Russell**, 89, actress whose 1943 debut in "The Outlaw" inspired producer Howard Hughes to challenge the Hollywood production code. Feb. 28

**Elizabeth Taylor**, 79, glamorous queen of American movie stardom. March 23

**Farley Granger**, 85, actor in Alfred Hitchcock's "Strangers on a Train" and "Rope." March 27

**Jackie Cooper**, 88, actor who was one of the top child

stars of the 1930s. May 3

**James Arness**, 88, actor who portrayed Marshal Matt Dillon on "Gunsmoke." June 3

**Peter Falk**, 83, actor who played Lt. Columbo, the rumpled Los Angeles police homicide detective. June 23

**Cliff Robertson**, 88, actor who won an Academy Award for portraying a mentally disabled janitor in "Charly." Sept. 10

**Andy Rooney**, 92, CBS News' longtime essayist on "60 Minutes." Nov. 4

**Harry Morgan**, 96, Emmy Award-winning actor in "MASH." Dec. 7

## Behind the scenes

**Peter Yates**, 81, director of "Breaking Away" and "Bullitt." Jan. 9

**John Barry**, 77, Academy Award-winning composer of "Born Free" and "Out of Africa." Jan. 30

**Sidney Lumet**, 86, director of "12 Angry Men," "Dog



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BETTY FORD



SHAWN TREW

WARREN CHRISTOPHER



DUKE SNIDER

Day Afternoon" and "Network." April 9

**Madelyn Pugh Davis**, 90, writer for "I Love Lucy." April 20

**Arthur Laurents**, 93, Tony Award-winning playwright of "West Side Story" and "Gypsy" and screenwriter for "The Way We Were" and "The Turning Point." May 5

**Sherwood Schwartz**, 94, comedy writer and producer who created "Gilligan's Island" and "The Brady Bunch." July 12

**John Caley**, 81, studio executive and film producer. Sept. 13

**Sue Mengers**, 79, agent who blazed a path for women in Hollywood. Oct. 15

**Norman Corwin**, 101, writer, director and producer in radio's golden age. Oct. 18

**Daniel Burke**, 82, executive considered an architect of the modern television industry. Oct. 26

**Gil Cates**, 77, producer and director who oversaw 14 Oscar telecasts. Oct. 31

**Ken Russell**, 84, British film director known for his flamboyant visual style. Nov. 27

**Bert Schneider**, 78, producer of "Easy Rider," "Five Easy Pieces" and "The Last Picture Show." Dec. 12

## Arts and culture

**Lauford Wilson**, 73, playwright who won a Pulitzer Prize in 1980 for "Talley's Folly." March 24

**John McCracken**, 76, artist who fused painting with geometric sculpture. April 8

**Daniel Catán**, 62, opera composer and librettist whose works include "Il Postino." April 9

**Leonora Carrington**, 94, Surrealist painter and sculptor. May 25

**Cy Twombly**, 83, artist who blurred boundaries of painting, drawing and handwritten poetry. July 5

**Lucian Freud**, 88, artist famous for intense, textural nude paintings. July 20

**June Wayne**, 93, artist who revived fine-art print making. Aug. 23

**Richard Hamilton**, 89, artist credited with coining the name for the Pop Art movement. Sept. 13

**Kurt Sanderling**, 98, conductor who led Eastern bloc symphonies. Sept. 17

**Beatrice Gersh**, 87, art collector who helped found Los Angeles' Museum of Contemporary Art. Oct. 9

**John Chamberlain**, 84, sculptor who worked with crushed sheet metal. Dec. 21

## Pop music and jazz

**Margaret Whiting**, 86, pop singer in the 1940s and '50s. Jan. 10

**Don Kirshner**, 76, music mogul and impresario of a late-night music TV series. Jan. 17

**Charlie Louvin**, 83, country singer who harmonized with his brother Ira. Jan. 26

**Gladys Horton**, 65, co-founder of the Marvellettes, who had Motown's first No. 1 hit, "Please Mr. Postman." Jan. 26



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**Mary Cleere Haran**, 58, actress and singer of classic American popular songs. Feb. 5

**George Shearing**, 91, British-born jazz pianist who wrote "Lullaby of Birdland." Feb. 14

**Joe Morello**, 82, jazz drummer on "Take Five" with the Dave Brubeck Quartet. March 12

**Nate Dogg**, 41, hip-hop singer known for G-funk style. March 15

**Ferlin Husky**, 65, twangy California country music entertainer. March 17

**Ralph Mooney**, 82, country music steel guitarist. March 20

**Pinetop Perkins**, 97, Mississippi Delta blues piano player. March 21

**Phoebe Snow**, 60, 1970s singer and songwriter. April 26

**Gil Scott-Heron**, 62, singer, songwriter, poet best known for "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised." May 27

**Larry "Wild Man" Fischer**, 66, unconventional entertainer who became a cult figure. June 16

**Clarence Clemons**, 69, saxophonist in Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band. June 18

**Amy Winehouse**, 27, soul-jazz diva whose self-destructive habits overshadowed her talent. July 23

**Dan Peek**, 60, founding member of soft-rock trio America. July 24

**Jerry Leiber**, 78, lyricist who wrote memorable rock



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'n' roll songs with Mike Stoller. Aug. 22

**David "Honeyboy" Edwards**, 96, Delta blues guitarist. Aug. 29

**Roger Williams**, 87, pianist who hit No. 1 on the pop charts in 1955 with "Autumn Leaves." Oct. 8

**Dwight Arrington Myers**, 44, rapper and actor known as Heavy D. Nov. 8

**Hubert Sumlin**, 80, blues guitarist who played with Howlin' Wolf. Dec. 4

**Business**

**Sanford C. Sigloff**, 80, corporate turnaround expert. Feb. 19

**Sidney Harman**, 92, philanthropist, polymath and pioneer in high-fidelity sound for homes and cars. April 12

**Jess Jackson**, 81, founder of the Kendall-Jackson winery and a thoroughbred owner. April 21

**Elliot Handler**, 95, toy maker who co-founded Mattel and invented Hot Wheels. July 21

**John E. Anderson**, 93, businessman, philanthropist and namesake of UCLA's graduate school of management. July 29

**Arthur C. Nielsen Jr.**, 92, businessman who turned market research firm into a worldwide giant that measures TV ratings. Oct. 3

**Steven P. Jobs**, 56, technology pioneer who co-founded Apple Inc. and transformed computers, smart phones, music and movies. Oct. 5

**Patricia Dunn**, 58, former Hewlett-Packard Co. chairwoman who was caught in a corporate spying scandal. Dec. 4

**Sports**

**Ollie Matson**, 80, Hall of Fame player for the Los Angeles Rams. Feb. 19

**Duke Snider**, 84, center fielder who was one of the Brooklyn Dodgers' "Boys of Summer." Feb. 27

**Seve Ballesteros**, 54, Spanish golfer who won five major titles. May 7

**Harmon Killebrew**, 74, Hall of Fame slugger and one of baseball's premier home-run hitters. May 17

**John Mackey**, 69, NFL tight end who struggled with dementia. July 6

**Dick Williams**, 82, baseball manager who won World Series titles with the Oakland Athletics. July 7

**Bubba Smith**, 66, NFL player turned actor and commercial pitchman. Aug. 3

**Al Davis**, 82, owner who transformed Oakland Raiders into a three-time Super Bowl champion. Oct. 8

**Dan Wheldon**, 33, driver who twice won the Indy 500, killed after wreck in race. Oct. 16

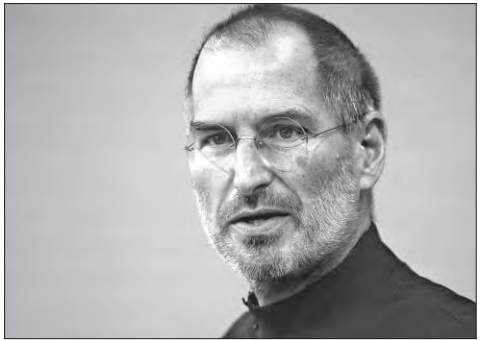
**Joe Frazier**, 67, heavyweight boxing champion who became the first to defeat Muhammad Ali, then lost two epic rematches. Nov. 7

**Walt Hazzard**, 49, UCLA point guard who became the fifth man to follow John



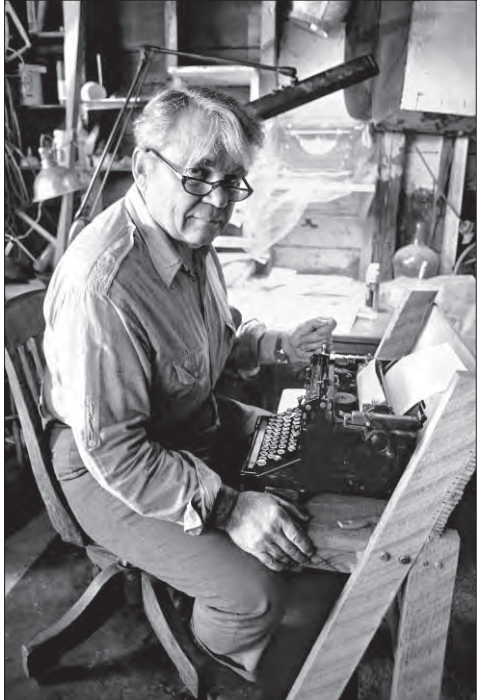
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Wooden as Bruins coach. Nov. 18

**Science**

**Leon Knopoff**, 85, UCLA researcher called the father of theoretical seismology. Jan. 20

**Dr. Bernard Nathanson**, 84, obstetrician and leading champion of the abortion rights movement who switched sides. Feb. 21

**Paul Baran**, 84, researcher helped build the Internet's foundation by devising a way to transmit information in chunks. March 26

**Willard S. Boyle**, 88, Nobel-winning physicist who invented the imaging device in digital cameras. May 7

**Maurice Goldhaber**, 100, nuclear and particle physicist whose experiments helped create the current understanding of how the world works. May 11

**Dr. Ralph M. Steinman**, 68, researcher who died three days before winning the Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine. Sept. 30

**Dennis Ritchie**, 70, computer scientist who wrote the C programming language and helped develop the Unix operating system. Oct. 12

**John McCarthy**, 84, Stanford mathematician considered a pioneer of artificial intelligence. Oct. 24

**Har Gobind Khorana**, 89, Nobel-winning biologist who helped decipher the genetic code and explain how cells make proteins. Nov. 9



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## Military

**Frank Woodruff Buckles**, 10, last known living American veteran of World War I. Feb. 27

**Claude Choules**, 10, last known combat veteran of World War I. May 5

**John M. Shalikashvili**, 75, first foreign-born chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. July 23

**Local figures**

**Jack LaLanne**, 96, fitness pioneer who advocated working out and eating right. Jan. 23

**Eldon Davis**, 84, architect and chief proponent of Google coffee shop style. April 22

**Catherine Mulholland**, 88, historian and biographer of her grandfather William Mulholland. July 6

**Lillian Mobley**, 84, community activist who championed Martin Luther King Jr. Drew Medical Center. July 18

**Eddie Wasserman**, 95, philanthropist and widow of Hollywood powerhouse Lew Wasserman. Aug. 19

**Dolores Hope**, 102, actress, philanthropist and widow of Bob Hope. Sept. 19

**Father Maurice Chase**, 92, Catholic priest known as Father Dolan Bill for handing out money on skid row. Nov. 20

## Courts and crime

**Maria Altman**, 94, Austrian immigrant who fought to recover Gustav Klimt's

iconic gold portrait of her aunt, Adele Bloch-Bauer. Feb. 7

**Leonard Weinglass**, 77, lawyer who championed radical and liberal causes and clients, including in the Chicago 7 and Pentagon Papers cases. March 23

**Elmer G. "Geronimo" Pratt**, 63, Black Panther Party leader whose 1972 murder conviction was overturned after he spent 27 years in prison for a crime he said he did not commit. June 2

**Dr. Jack Kevorkian**, 83, notorious advocate of physician-assisted suicide for the terminally ill. June 3

**Cartoonists and illustrators**

**Bill Keane**, 89, cartoonist who created the "Family Circus" comic strip. Nov. 8

**Jerry Robinson**, 89, illustrator of early Batman comics. Dec. 7

**One of a kind**

**J. Paul Getty III**, 54, Getty oil dynasty scion whose life was beset by tragedy. Feb. 5

**Oswley "Bear" Stanley**, 78, 1960s counterculture icon and prolific LSD producer. March 14

**Lana Peters**, 85, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin's daughter who defected to the West during the Cold War. Nov. 22

**Christopher Hitchens**, 62, author and essayist of polemical writings on religion, politics, war. Dec. 15



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