

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

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Roger W. Sperry, won Nobel Prize

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PASADENA, Calif.

Roger W. Sperry, a Nobel laureate and neurobiologist who showed how the brain's left and right hemispheres worked separately and together, died of a heart attack at 80.

For his pioneering research involving "split-brain" patients — those whose left and right brain hemispheres were surgically cut — Sperry earned the Nobel Prize for medicine-physiology in 1981, with David H. Hubel and Torsten N. Wiesel.

Sperry also received the National Medal of Science in 1989.

F. B. Opper, newsman imprisoned in WW II

NORWALK, Conn.

Frederick B. Opper, a retired broadcaster, foreign correspondent and editor, died at 82.

Opper, who was known as "Fritz," started his journalistic career with a news service in Washington and a Scripps-Howard newspaper in Toledo, O. He went to the Far East to report for the former United Press and the Japan Times. After Pearl Harbor, the Japanese imprisoned him in Shanghai. He was freed in a prisoner exchange.

Opper became the Far East correspondent for ABC after the war and, in 1946, the network's bureau chief in London. He joined Radio Free Europe in 1953 and retired in 1972.

Daniel Rudman, noted for 'fountain of youth'

WAUWATOSA, Wis.

Daniel Rudman, noted for his "fountain of youth" research involving injections of growth hormone to reverse some effects of aging, died at 67 following an operation to treat a blood vessel in his brain.

Rudman, a hormone specialist, was an associate chief of staff for extended care at the Zablocki Veterans Affairs Medical Center and a professor of medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Wauwatosa.

His research found that growth hormones could reverse some body composition changes in frail older men.

Hans Burkhardt, painter for most of 20th century

LOS ANGELES

Hans Burkhardt, 89, a modern painter whose career spanned most of the 20th century, died here of cancer.

An abstract expressionist, Burkhardt painted subjects from still lifes to canvasses using whole human skulls to depict the horror of war. In 1992, Burkhardt received a lifetime achievement award from the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters in New York.

Burkhardt was born to an impoverished family in Basel, Switzerland, in 1904. Orphaned at age 6, he worked as an apprentice to a gardener.

In 1924, he moved to New York and studied at the Grand Central School of Art, coming under the influence of teacher and painter Arshile Gorky.

Gorky and Burkhardt eventually came to share a studio and even collaborated on some paintings.

Michaëlle Wynne, 48, was a U.S. magistrate

NEW ORLEANS

U.S. Magistrate Michaëlle Wynne, 48, died from injuries suffered in a bicycle accident.

Mrs. Wynne was riding a bike on April 15 when she was hit by a pickup. Before becoming a federal magistrate in 1991, Mrs. Wynne was an administrative law judge with the U.S. Department of Labor.

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