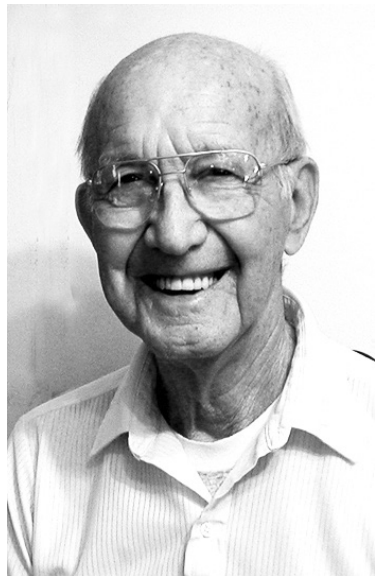




# The Record

## Never Been Better... Never Had It So Good



By Jon Males

This is a tribute that I penned fourteen years ago after the passing of Walter Lietzen. Walter was the previous owner, publisher and editor of the *Silver City Record*, now called *The Record*. He was my friend, confidant and mentor. Walter was a quiet, unassuming man. He preferred to live life in the background rather than the foreground. He was a leader, but led by example. For those whom he touched, his memory will continue to live on. His passing in the month of January (January 2, 2007) brought back a few memories that I thought worthy of sharing.

(Jan. 11, 2007)

If you ever asked Walter how he was doing, he would tell you immediately, "Never been better... never had it so good." Always with a smile on his face and a comfort in his heart. You could look him in the eye and know that he meant every word of it.

It's funny how fate happens. You don't realize it at the time. But, when you look back, you realize the significance. Now, I'm not an overly religious man. But, I do have God in my life. There have been more than a few times in my life that God has led me in a particular direction. But, without a doubt, the biggest impact is when he led me to Walter Lietzen.

I had a funny introduction into the life of Walter Lietzen. It was 1985 and I was working for the Kansas City Kansan. I had been there for going on two years. I was in the advertising sales department. I had my ups and downs in sales. But, at this particular time, things were going pretty good. The newspaper had just brought in two brothers, billed

as high-powered consultants, to breathe new life into the publication. Their methods worked pretty well for me. So well, in fact, that one of the brothers suggested to me one evening that I should go out and find a newspaper of my own. As ridiculous as it sounded, I actually gave it some thought. You can imagine me scratching my head... just how exactly do you go out and find a newspaper for sale. As fate had it, I opened the newspaper in front of me... the Kansan. I opened it to the back page. There in the classified section was a long running ad promoting a small town newspaper called the Silver City Record. My parents grew up in Argentine. I too grew up in Argentine. I knew about the Silver City Record. At some point in my life, I had been listed in the honor roll a few times throughout my school years. Probably not as many times as my parents had hoped for.

There was a phone number. On a whim, I picked up the phone and called. It

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## Leave The Partisanship In Washington

### Kansans need leaders to cooperate

By Governor Laura Kelly

A week from Monday, our state senators and representatives, Democrat and Republican alike, will travel to Topeka to convene the 2021 session of the Kansas Legislature.

Before session each year, lawmakers and my administration prepare and draft legislation with the purpose of improving Kansans' lives and making our state a better place to work, live and raise a family.

However, due to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, our duty as lawmakers will undoubtedly hold a new and heightened significance this year. Our state's ability to protect Kansans from this virus, expand quality, high-paying jobs and rebuild our social safety net will depend on more tailored approaches following the far-reaching effects of this global health crisis.

Too often, we've seen politics come before much-needed cooperation. For example, the bipartisan compromise to give 150,000 Kansans health insurance by expanding Medicaid was spiked last year for no reason other than partisanship.

Now more than ever, Kansans deserve leaders who will travel to Topeka to represent their best interests, rather than settling ideological scores. They need lawmakers who will put political differences aside to deliver mutually agreeable results that protect and promote Kansans' health and financial welfare.

As we move forward into 2021, I ask that lawmakers across the state and across the aisle set aside scorched-earth tactics and work with me to enact inclusive policies that will invest in and benefit all Kansans.

Together this year, we can deliver not only a successful COVID-19 recovery but other critical initiatives as well.

In 2020, we broke the all-time record for capital investment in Kansas since the Department of Commerce was established, proving that anything is possible when we prioritize pro-business policies in line with our Kansas values.

By working with one another, we can strengthen our economic foundation by bringing in new capital investment, creating jobs and improving our communities.

We can expand broadband internet access and deliver on long-overdue infrastructure projects such as road and bridge improvements statewide. Thanks to the 10-year Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program, we've made needed progress rebuilding our state's infrastructure and transportation foundations.

We can continue to support our schoolchildren by ensuring they have access to the tools and resources they need to succeed. By prioritizing a comprehensive COVID-19 recovery and protecting Kansans' health, we can get our students and teachers back in their classrooms.

We can commit to making strategic investments in much-needed modernization of technologies in agencies across the board — which have been underfunded and overlooked for years — to ensure our state is always ready to support Kansans.

And we can finally give thousands of Kansans long-overdue access to affordable health care, grow our economy and improve our rural health care infrastructure by expanding Medicaid.

Today, I call on all lawmakers to join me. Let's recommit ourselves to rebuilding our state's foundation and to putting politics and division aside in the name of public service.

As fellow Kansan Dwight Eisenhower once said: "The opportunist thinks of me and today. The statesman thinks of us and tomorrow."

Bipartisan cooperation is critical to every facet of our state's success. I remain committed to my promise to work with all legislators, regardless of party, to deliver the results that will create a stronger, healthier Kansas.

Laura Kelly is governor of Kansas.

## Sue's Sudsy Soapbox By: Sue Reich



Today was so dark and gloomy that I didn't even want to take my jammies off and put on my regular clothes. Yesterday Mr. Ed and I delivered, went to CVS picked up meds, then went to the grocery store. By the time we got home we were both pooped. It was one of our days that we just had a light dinner. I fixed catfish, fries, and cream corn. Tasted pretty good too. Love that catfish. Mr. Ed picked that out at the store for me because he knows how much I like it. Years ago, I remember people fishing in the Kaw River and catching all kinds of fish and Grandpa Rube even caught a "man" thru the nose. During the flood of '51, there were all kinds of things in that river. I don't think too many people fish in the old Kaw anymore. Especially since that flood and the one of '93.

Don't talk to my domino bunch anymore. Just trying to stay in as much as possible. Sure miss everyone though. Boy, this Covid 19 stuff sure has mess up our social life hasn't it? Who are going to get those shots? They sure are having a time with those aren't they? First responders, old people, people of certain ages, foreign countries, pregnant women, kids, firemen, just all kinds of confusion. Some got misplaced and some thawed out. Just all kinds of weird things going on. We probably won't get ours until next year. Those masks are wonderful though. My nose runs, my eyes water, my glasses fog up, and sometimes I can't find a tissue or a

paper towel or anything to use. But I am definitely going to keep wearing mine outside, as long as we have to. Some people are on their second dose already. A lot of celebs have passed from it and it is a shame. Apparently, they didn't heed the rules about social distancing, masks, hand washing and etc.

Lately, I have been looking thru some old Argentine yearbooks. That's why I have pictures in *The Record* of things from those yearbooks. My Uncle Bobby is in the football picture, my sister Carolyn is in the Art Class picture. I love those old yearbooks. See what everyone wrote, how they dressed, the classes they use to take, those crazy gym suits, the sewing class and the clothes the girls designed. Do they still have sewing and cooking classes? When I was in high school, no boys took those silly classes that girls had to take. They were prepping us to be housewives. I have been cooking for over 60 years and I am soooo tired of it. Of course, I love my microwave and just Zap a lot of things. Although I did fry that catfish and it tasted grrreat!

Sorry, there isn't much going on around to take pictures of. I loved taking pictures of our community happenings. Always something going on. And I miss people. Love all of you and miss seeing everyone that I use to love to visit. When this evil virus goes away, we won't know how to act around each other. lol. Anyway take care, wear those masks, and all those things we are supposed to do. I want to see you all again in the next few months. Mind your p's and q's and please be careful. from your little ol' gal from Argentine, Sue

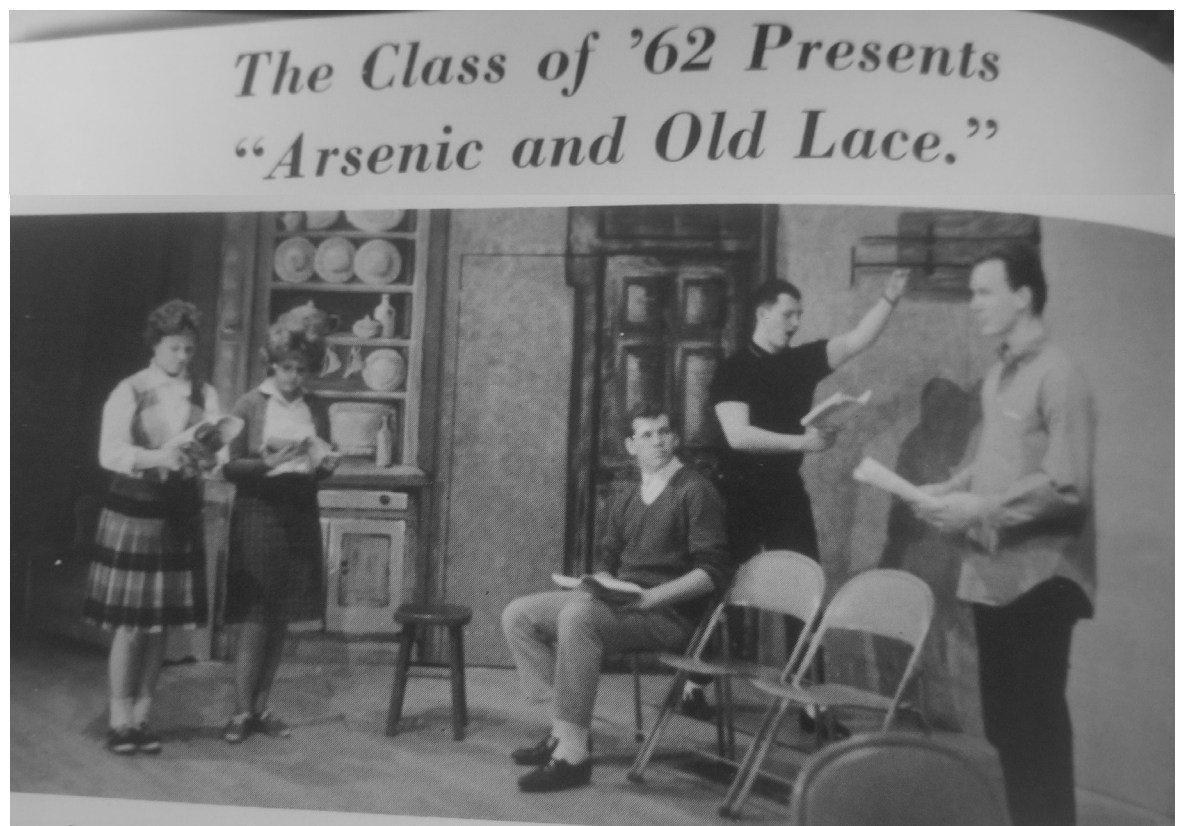
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Argentine beat Rosedale.



Argentine debating with Rosedale, "way back when."



Class of '62 rehearsing "Arsenic and Old Lace" at Argentine High School.

# Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

I am happy to announce that the Turner Community Garden and The First Baptist Church of Turner has partnered in forming the Turner Community Food Pantry and Clothes Closet. Beginning every on Saturday, starting with January 16, from 1pm - 4pm canned and dried goods will be available for pickup. Donations will also be accepted during these hours. For more information or if you wish to volunteer to work call (913) 287-7756. A flyer is posted on [www.facebook.com/revrun.steve](http://www.facebook.com/revrun.steve).

On Monday, I received the following notice from the Kansas City Board of Public Utilities. The Kansas Energy Low-Income

Energy Assistance (LIEAP) began accepting applications on Monday, January 4 and will continue to accept them until Wednesday, March 31.

"The program provides an annual benefit to help qualifying households pay their winter heating bills. Persons with disabilities, older adults and families with children are the primary groups who are assisted. Last year about 34,000 households received an average of \$600 in financial relief, according to the Kansas Department for Children and Families, which offers the program.

To qualify, applicants must be responsible for direct payment of their heating bills. The level of benefit varies according to household income, number of people living in the home, type of residence, type of heating fuel and utility rates. Eligibility is based on applicant's heating bill. If an applicant needs assisting covering electric costs, they need to request the benefit be split between the two utilities.

Applicants need to have made payments on their heating bill two out of the last three months. Those payments must be equal to or exceed \$80 of the total balance due on their

energy bills, whichever is less.

To learn more about eligibility requirements or fill a LIEAP application, visit the Kansas Dept for Children and Families website or call 1-800-432-0043. LIEAP applications are on the Kansas Department for Children and Families website at Low-Income Energy Assistance program." If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this info on.

I cannot believe I have been glued to television for the past week watching the disturbing events in the Nation's Capitol. I have voted in every Presidential election since I could; sometimes my candidate won, sometimes s(he) lost but I have always believed in the system. I still do, and the acts of those thugs spurned on by our very own President should be fully prosecuted. My only fear is that he will grant them a presidential pardon before he leaves office. I pray he has no more antics planned before or on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Good riddance to someone so incompetent he should never have been elected President.

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## Walter Lietzen... from page 1

was Walter who answered.

"This is Jon Males calling. I work for the Kansan. I know this is going to sound strange... but would you consider selling your newspaper?"

There was a long pause. Actually it was very long.

"Welllllllllllll," he said. "I hadn't really thought about it. But everything is negotiable. Why don't you stop by sometime and we can talk about it."

Truly, it was one of the craziest ideas that I had ever had. But, somehow, after talking to Walter, it didn't seem quite so crazy anymore.

I did it. I stopped by the Silver City Record a couple of days later. We hit it off immediately. I'm guessing that Walter had his doubts about me, but I didn't have any doubt about him. There really wasn't much negotiation. He wasn't ready for that. He had a very simple idea.

"Why don't you come by here after work and on

weekends and help me out for a while. I'll show you how we do things. Give it a couple of months. If you like it by then, and you still want to buy it, then we can talk price."

Jamie and I did just that. We fell in love with the process. And, we fell in love with Walter.

And, after a couple of months, the negotiations went fast. Actually, there weren't really even negotiations. Walter made sure that his selling price was affordable. And, I agreed to it.

What I didn't realize was the package deal.

He offered to stick around and help for a while. I thought that was a superb idea. I thought maybe he might give it a week or two. Maybe even a month. Two weeks stretched into a month. And, a month stretched into twenty years. On May 1, of this last year, I sat down beside Walter as he was working at his desk.

"Walter, do you realize that it's been twenty years ago today that we bought

the newspaper from you?"

He replied, "It seems like just yesterday."

I remember back over the course of those twenty years. Walter was there for everything. He helped edit. He helped type. He helped write. He helped with my writing skills. I learned more about writing from Walter than I did in all my years in school. He was patient and constructive. Sometimes he would laugh at my writing, but usually as he pointed out... it was actually something to laugh at. I had to agree.

Walter didn't stop there. He built shelves, built tables, vacuumed the carpet, took out the trash, made deliveries and pickups at the courthouse. He was everywhere we needed him. He was an absolutely priceless asset.

More than once I offered to pay him for his services. Every time I asked, he gave me the same answer.

"If you were to pay me it would be a job," he said. "This way, I can come and go as I please and do only what I choose to do."

On May 9, 1989, Walter became a grandfather. Not that he wasn't already a grandfather. But, he became a grandfather to our little boy, Marc, on that day. Walter adopted Marc, and we officially adopted Walter.

I remember him carrying Marc around the office for hours at a time. Marc would be sitting on his lap as he worked. Once Marc began to walk he would chase Walter around the office. It was an amazing sight. Walter would read book after book to Marc. And, Marc couldn't get enough of Gramps, as he liked to be called. The two of them were inseparable. For the first five years of Marc's life, Walter was his Gramps. He was his best friend. Marc went to the office with us every day and couldn't wait to get there. Many was the day where you would see Marc and Gramps walking down the street together, hand in hand, headed to the ice cream store. It's a picture in my head that I'll never let go.

Once Marc got older and came to the office less, his dependency on Gramps gradually decreased. But the love affair never ended. Marc grew up and Gramps accepted the departure. But, throughout the years, Marc's parents never forgot what a wonderful experience that Walter offered their child. It was the experience of a lifetime.

Granted, this is one man's perspective of another human being's life. I know that Walter was many things to many people. But, across the board, I don't think that his personality or demeanor ever changed from person to person.

Walter taught me many things along the way. He was my teacher, my mentor, my tutor, my advisor, my friend, and my adopted father.

He taught me to calmly accept things as they happen. Don't get too excited at first. Give it some time. "Let it sit for a while," he would say. By the way, I'm still working on this one. Walter had it down pat. It's not such an easy philosophy for me.

He taught me that when you asked somebody to do something, not to complain about how they did it. He said, "I always figure that they did it the best way that they knew how at the time. It might not be the way I would choose to do it, but I have to accept that they were making the best decision that they knew how (or) "could" at the time."

I learned that everything is negotiable.

I'll miss Walter. I already do. But he's made his mark on me. I'm a better person today because of Walter Lietzen.

God brought Walter into my life. Who am I to stand in the way of giving God his turn?

It's a tough thing to say at the moment, but it's a truthful statement....

I've never been better, never had it so good.

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# Guest Editorials

## Treason, Sediton, Election Tampering, Attempted Coup : “Just Another Day At The Trump White House!!”

By: Tom Valverde

On Sunday afternoon, The Washington Post released the transcript and audio tape, provided by an anonymous source. The one-hour call between President Trump and Georgia’s Secretary of State, Brad Raffensperger and General Counsel for Georgia’s Secretary of State, Ryan Germany. In this call, Trump is heard making a last-ditch effort to overturn the November 3rd, Election. As he is the president, his “do me a favor,” request of Mr. Raffensperger and of the General Counsel are full of references of angry Georgians, and how they can’t let this happen to the president! Trump fails to realize that he is violating election law, and that the people in Georgia are angry, at him, that’s why they voted him out.

Trump’s words are truly criminal, as he clearly asks the Secretary of State to “find” the votes he needs to defeat President-elect Joe Biden. For months, Trump has spoken about a “rigged election,” but the person who has been busy trying to undo the election and seeking ways to rig the election, is Donald Trump, himself. What Trump has obviously forgotten is that he is president of the United States, not North Korea, China, or some third world communist country!

For brevity, I will abbreviate Trump as T: Raffensperger as R: and Germany as G: The following is the transcript of the Saturday January 2, 2021 phone call:

T: “We won the Election in Georgia, based on all of this and there’s nothing wrong with that Brad. You know, I mean having the correct, the people of Georgia are angry, and these numbers are going to be repeated on Monday night, along with others that we’re going to have by that time, which are much more substantial even, and the people of Georgia are angry, the people of the country are angry. And there’s nothing wrong with saying that, you know, uh, you’ve recalculated.”

R: Well, Mr. President the challenge that you have is the data that you have is wrong.”

T: “Now, do you think it is possible that they shredded ballots in Fulton county, because that’s what the rumor is. And also, that Dominion took out machines, uh, Dominion is really moving fast to get rid of their, uh, machines. Do you know anything about that, because that’s illegal.”

“This is Ryan Germany, No, Dominion has not moved machines out of Fulton county.”

T: “But they have moved inner parts of the machines, and replaced them with other parts?”

G: “No.”

T: “Are you sure, Ryan?”

G: “I’m sure!”

T: “You should want to have an accurate election, and you are a Republican!”

G: “We believe that we do have an accurate election.”

T: “No, I know you don’t. No, no you know you don’t have--not even close! You’re off by hundreds of thousands of votes. You know what they did and you’re not reporting it. That’s a, you know, that’s a criminal, that’s a criminal offense. And you can’t let that, that’s a big risk to you and Ryan. But they are shredding ballots, in my opinion. Based on what I’ve heard, and they are moving as fast as they can. Both of which are criminal fines and you can’t let it happen, and you are letting it happen. I’m notifying you that you are letting it happen. So, look, All I want to do is this, I just want to “find” 11,780 votes, which is one more than we have. Because we won the State. So tell me Brad, what are we going to do? We won the Election. And it’s not fair to take it away from us like this. And it’s going to be costly, in many ways. And, I think you have to say that you’re going to reexamine it, but reexamine with people that want to find answers, not with people that don’t want to find answers. For instance, I’m hearing Ryan, that he’s probably, I’m sure a great lawyer and everything, but he’s making statements about these ballots, that he doesn’t know. But he’s making them with such, he did make them with surety. But now, I think he’s less sure. Because now, I think, he’s less sure. Because the answer is they all went to Biden, and that alone wins us the election by a lot, you know, so.”

R: “Mr. President, you have people that submit information, and we have people that submit information and then it comes before the Court. And the Court then, has to make a determination. We have to stand by

our numbers, we believe our numbers are right.”

T: “Well, under law, you’re not allowed to give faulty election results, okay? This is a faulty election result and honestly, this should go very fast. You should meet tomorrow, because you have a big election coming up and because of what you have done to the president--You know the people of, uh Georgia know this was a scam and because of what you’ve done to the president, a lot of people aren’t going out to vote. And a lot of Republicans are going to vote negative because they hate what you did to the president! Okay, they hate it and they’re going to vote and if you would be respected if really, really respected, if this thing could be straightened out, before the election, you have a big election coming up on Tuesday.”

These are the president’s words and there are many instances of halting, “uhs,” and sentences said repeatedly. Disgusting is the one word that sums up the illegal maneuverings of this failed president. Only time will tell what fate has for him when he is no longer the president. 52 U.S. Code § 20511, Criminal Penalties A person, including an Election official who in any Election for Federal office knowingly and willfully intimidates, threatens or coerces or Attempts to intimidate, threaten or coerce--Any person for exercising any right under this chapter, or knowingly and willfully deprives, defrauds or attempts to deprive or defraud the residents of a State, of a fair and impartially conducted Election process by the procurement, casting, or tabulation of ballots that are known by the person to be materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent under the laws of the State in which the Election is held, Shall be fined in accordance with title 18 or imprisoned, not more than 5 years, or both.

So, the “favor” Trump has asked for is for Georgia’s Secretary of State to “find” exactly 11,780 votes, so that he can remain in Office. Four more years of such Overt Corruption is unthinkable for the majority of civil, law-abiding Americans! So clearly in violation of both State and Federal Election laws and is an Impeachable Offense. Trump has clearly Abused the Power of his Office. How will they explain away this transgression? Trump’s presidency has been typified by so many Scandals, that it is an unwelcomed chore to try to keep up with them all. It was best said by former Missouri State Senator, Claire McCaskill who made this comment: “The Trump White House is a Scandal a Minute!” Republicans have for decades called themselves the “Party of Law and Order.” These past four years have been the exception, they have Never held Trump accountable. It is hoped that Donald Trump will be brought in to Court and finally face Justice. In the United States, No one is above the Law!

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### MBE / WBE INVITATION TO BID

JE Dunn has been preselected to bid the Lee’s Summit High School Renovations and Addition project. This project consists of a multi phased project starting March 2021 and finishing in August of 2023. There will be 325,000 square foot of major renovation work in the existing high school and 58,000 square foot of Building Additions. MBE/WBE participation is encouraged.

Bidding Documents may be obtained by contacting the various plan rooms or via Smart Bid Net (by invitation). Email linda.webb@jedunn.com to receive invitation. Sealed bids are required for all scopes of work. Sealed bid can be mailed or hand delivered to JE Dunn Construction, 1001 Locust St, Kansas City, MO 64106 no later than January 29, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

A Pre-bid site walk will be conducted at the Lee’s Summit High School located at 400 SE Blue Pkwy, Lee’s Summit, MO 64063 from 1:00-4:00 PM on January 13, 2021. Attendance is strongly recommended. Please contact Andre Grant at andre.grant@jedunn.com or (816)745-0799. EOE/M/F/Vet/Disabled

Bid Opening will start at 2:30 PM. on January 29, 2021 via Microsoft Teams if you would like to join.

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## Some Celebrity Passings

By: Sue Reich

Orson Bean, age 91, passed away February 8, 2020. Hit and killed by a car.

Sean Connery, age 90, passed away October 31, 2020. “007”

Charles Boseman, age 43, passed away August 28, 2020. cancer

Wilfred Brimley, age 85, passed August 1, 2020.

Edd Byrnes, age 87, passed away January 8, 2020. “Kookie” 77 Sunset Strip

Regis Philbin, age 88, passed away July 24, 2020. talk show hosts many years on TV

Charley Pride, age 86, passed December 12, 2020. Covid 19

Alex Trebeck, age 80, passed away November 8, 2020. “Jeopardy” pancreatic cancer

Roy Horn, age 75, passed away May 5, 2020. Mauled by a tiger, later died from Covid 19

Ruth Bader Ginsberg, age 87, passed away September 18, 2020. Supreme Court Justice

Rhonda Fleming, age 97, passed away October 14, 2020.

Eddie Van Halen, age 65, passed away October 7, 2020. Rock guitar player

Diana Rigg, age 82, passed away September 10, 2020. “The Avengers” on TV lung cancer

Little Richard, age 87, passed away May 9, 2020. One of the founding fathers of Rock

Olivia de Haviland, age 104, passed away July 26, 2020. Top notch actress in movies

David Prowse, age 85, passed away November 28, 2020. Played “Darth Vader” Covid 19



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