

A good & Proper life

A tribute to one of Montana's greats

In the last couple weeks, Montana lost two prominent literary figures. James Welch won world recognition for his novels and other works that gave the rest of us a glimpse into the world from the perspective of the American Indian. His death from a heart attack and lung cancer was widely reported.

Less noticed was the death of Datus C. Proper of the Bozeman area. He was fishing in Hyalite Creek, not too far from his home, on July 27, where he apparently slipped on a rock and fell, hitting his head, and drowned. He was 69.

Out There



PAUL VANG

Proper grew up in Yellowstone National Park and won a scholarship to Exeter Academy in New Hampshire. After graduating from Cornell University in New York, he served as a foreign service officer with the State Department. His first name, incidentally, is a family name, going back to his ancestor, Datus Sedgwick, who came to America in 1630.

Proper developed a love for fly-fishing as a youth and learned about upland bird hunting at Exeter, where two teachers, Larry Mitchell and William Bates took him under their wings and introduced him to ruffed grouse and pheasants.

During Proper's diplomatic career, he served in Angola, Portugal, Brazil and Ireland, where he met his wife, Anna. He also took advantage of opportunities to hunt and fish around the world, as well as areas within a couple hours of Washington, D.C., before urban sprawl changed the landscape of the area.

Proper wrote about flyfishing and hunting for many magazines and wrote four books, including, "Running Waters," which I reviewed in January 2002, and "The Last Old Place," a travel guide of Portugal.

He will be best known for two books, "What the Trout Said," and "Pheasants of the Mind." "What the Trout Said" is Proper's analysis of trout flies and why flies work or don't work, based on 'conversations' he had with trout over the years. In "Pheasants of the Mind," Proper wrote of his life-long love for pheasant hunting, and all that goes with it.

While Proper often discussed techniques and equipment — and I'll note that the last five seasons I've used a 'strap vest' for bird hunting, based on his concepts for a better hunting vest — it was Proper's way with words and his gentle sense of humor that made his writings so enjoyable. Let me share a few quotes from 'Trout' and 'Pheasants.'

"It is as important as some of the other things men think about, like nuclear physics;" and, "Trout live in the world's pleasant places and are sometimes sought by pleasant people. Where and with whom would you prefer to give your best?" From an 'explanation' of why he wrote, "What the Trout Said."

"Stoneflies have so little class that they crawl after their mates rather than doing an aerial dance. What a waste! Think what you or I could do for mating behavior with two fine pairs of wings!"

"Given a hot, windy, late summer day ... the fish always notice grasshoppers. They often rise spectacularly, and sometimes get hooked. This is about the way Montana boys behave at the Saturday night dance."

"Linda had a laugh that would have made a blind man wake up and propose. None of us were blind. She was tall, brown-haired, and slim where women are supposed to be slim, but not elsewhere."

On a frustrating day for pheasants that seemed all too familiar: "And so we waltzed on up the hill through wet, knee-high grass.

Verse: Slosh, slosh, slosh, slosh, slosh, slosh.

Chorus: Bang-bang! Damn!

Repeat."

And, finally, in words that seem all too fitting, Proper tells of his old teachers. "Not long

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"We recognize that the use of ATVs is a legitimate use of the forest," said Klein. "It is troubling when we continue to see people using them illegally. ... The number of incidents that we are recording doesn't reflect favorably upon the sport of motorized recreation."

Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth said recently that the National Leadership Team has identified four major threats to the national forest system. They include fire and fuels; unwanted invasive species; loss of open space; and the impacts of unmanaged recreation, particularly the unmanaged use of off-highway vehicles.

"OHVs are a great way to experience the outdoors, and only a tiny fraction of the users leave lasting traces by going cross-country," Bosworth told members of the Izaak Walton League in Pierre, S.D., in July. "But the number of OHV users has just exploded in recent years. Even a tiny percentage of impact from all those millions of OHV users is still a lot of impact."

Bosworth said the impacts come in the form of hundreds of miles of unauthorized roads and trails due to repeated cross-country use, more soil erosion, water degradation and habitat destruction.

There are also more conflicts occurring between different users of the national forest, he said.

"We've got to get a handle on that," he said.

Ultimately, the Forest Service is going to need some help from people who enjoy ATVs in the backcountry to ensure that the sport can continue at its current levels. In the Madison District, there are about 600-plus miles of roads, most of which are open to motorized recreation, and another 700 miles of trail, of which about 25 percent is open to ATVs or motorcycles.

"The options that we're faced with as land managers is either to encourage education or if that doesn't work, then limit opportunities," said Klein. "We've had to close places before because of an inability to control illegal cross-country use."

"No one wants to be a fink, but ATV users do need to do a better job of policing their ranks," he said. "They need to let those few who can't follow the rules know they are giving the rest a black eye."

"The best way to maintain opportunity is to ride legally," said Klein.

People are discovering the backcountry of Montana.

Proper ...

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after I left, Mr. Bates took Mr. Mitchell hunting when the leaves were in color. New Hampshire's orbit swings very close to heaven at that time of the year. The old man picked up his gun, walked into a grouse covert by himself, sat on a granite boulder, and then lay back to rest a little. He did not wake up. I used to think he was out of style, but I've rectified my attitude. Larry Mitchell knew how to do everything right."

According to a Bozeman Chronicle interview with his widow, Anna, Proper had just completed a rough draft of a new book on hunting. I'm saddened by the death of Datus Proper, but am cheered that I can look forward to reading just a bit more of wisdom he wrote before leaving us.

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Datus Proper

Author died doing what he loved

By **KELLYN BROWN**
Chronicle Staff Writer

BELGRADE — Anna Proper stood out her back door overlooking a sprawl of 60 acres south of Belgrade, which she and her late husband bought in 1987.

"Sometimes he grabbed me and gave me a big hug," Proper said. "He then pointed and said, 'Do you see that?'"

He showed her wildlife, trees and plants, which blanket the couple's property.

That was Datus Proper's way: to pay attention to detail. And, with wit and charm, he shared nature's details with his family, friends and readers.

Datus drowned Sunday evening while fishing Hyalite Creek. An author of four books, Datus also was a regular contributor to *Field & Stream* magazine and a former U.S. diplomat. He was 69.

He grew up in Yellowstone National Park, before driving his Indian motorcycle to Cornell University in New York to get a degree in English. He then served in the Foreign Service in Angola, Brazil, Portugal and Ireland, where he met Anna.

Monday, Anna and friends of Datus huddled in the author's office, where many of his books line the shelves and antique fly rods — along with several flies — hang on the wall for display.

"He loved the outdoors, children and his dogs," said longtime family friend Tammie Jaumotte. "He had a lot of dignity. He had an aura around him that was so different from other people."

David King, who called Datus his best friend, said the writer "worked at every sentence, so each was packed with extra layers of thought."

Along with fishing books, Datus wrote about pheasants and a travel guide for Portugal dubbed, "The Last Old Place."

He trained German shorthair pointers and two of his old dogs, Huck and Trooper, are buried on his land under a tree next to a winding stream.

Anna said Datus often fished the stream called Thompson's Creek, but he referred to it as Humidity Creek in his writings.

"He never went to a stream and said I want to catch a lot of fish," Anna said. "Instead, he just loved figuring out what the fish were taking."

King, who was fishing with Datus on Sunday when the author apparently slipped on the rocks on Hyalite Creek and drowned in the shallow water, said he didn't see what happened.

"My best guess is he slipped on the rocks and hit his head," King said.

While standing out her back door, Anna said every time she begins to cry about losing Datus she remembers the last thing he was doing.

"That's what I think about," Anna said. "That when he died he was doing what he loved."

Datus Proper finished a rough copy of a book on hunting before he died. His wife, Anna, said she is hoping to publish the writer's fifth book. Along with Anna, Datus leaves behind a son Scott Proper, 26, who is attending Oregon State University.

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Change speed limits before tragedy strikes again

It's difficult to say whether a lower speed limit on Huffine Lane would have prevented the death of 16-year-old David Brock. Or if 44-year-old Veronica Mason might have lived, as well.

Brock was riding his bicycle on the shoulder of the five-lane street near Ferguson Road earlier this month when he veered into the road and was hit by an oncoming car. Then at the same intersection late last Friday night — just eight days after Brock's death — Mason was trying to walk across Huffine when she was struck by a car.

The speed limit there is 65 mph.

We'll never know if the drivers would have been able to stop in time if the speed limit was lower.

We'll never know if a slower speed would have lessened the impact and perhaps spared either Brock or Mason.

What we do know is that a speed limit of 65 mph is ludicrous on a road so heavily traveled and so close to town.

A limit of 65 mph — especially on the stretch between College Street and the stop-light at Ferguson — is far too dangerous

Certainly, there was a time when Huffine Road could be described as "rural," and a higher speed limit was perhaps appropriate.

Huffine, though, is no longer a country road. It's a street used by hundreds, if not thousands, of vehicles each day. A limit of 65 mph — especially on the stretch between College Street and the stoplight at Ferguson — is far too dangerous. In its present state, tragic deaths such as Brock's and Mason's were not only foreseeable, they were inevitable.

The same can be said for North 19th Avenue from Oak Street to Interstate 90. The speed limit there, too, reaches 65 mph. We haven't had a bicyclist or a pedestrian killed on that section of road, but really, it's only a matter of time.

Changing the speed limits on each road, however, is complicated. Even though Huffine and North 19th run through the city, each is regulated by the Montana Department of Transportation. Officials there said last week that they won't consider lowering the speed limit on Huffine unless they first receive a request from city commissioners.

To their credit, Bozeman officials late last week — before Mason's death — dashed off such a request, asking the Department of Transportation to reevaluate the speed limit on Huffine between College and Ferguson. The request puts in motion a formal engineering study that should confirm what we already know to be true.

We urge the city to request a similar study for North 19th.

Unfortunately, a tragedy is often necessary to spur action, and that has certainly been the case here. Let's hope that the loss of these two lives will be tragedy enough.

The Chronicle editorial policy

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OF NOTE

Norma McClure

Actress

Norma McClure, 69, an actress who appeared in the 1973 blaxploitation comedy "The Mack," died of congestive heart failure July 26 in Palmdale, Calif.

She was best known for her appearance in "The Mack." One of her scenes was reprised for "True Romance," a 1993 film scripted by Quentin Tarantino, a blaxploitation aficionado.

Also known as "The Mack and His Pack," the movie follows the travails of a Bay Area pimp, Goldie, played by Max Julien, who contends with crooked cops and rival pimps, while managing his hypnotized prostitutes. Richard Pryor portrayed Goldie's sidekick, Slim.

Whitney Shoemaker

AP Reporter

Whitney Shoemaker, 83, a former reporter for the Associated Press and retired government public affairs employee, died July 29 on Hilton Head Island, S.C. The cause of death was not reported.

Mr. Shoemaker joined the AP in 1947 as a correspondent in Annapolis, then worked in Baltimore before transferring to Washington, where his beats ranged from sports to Congress and the White House.

He left reporting in 1963 to become assistant to the president of the Motion Picture Association of America. He then worked for the Commerce Department before becoming an assistant for public correspondence to President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1966. He later was a public affairs deputy at the Office of Management and Budget from about the late 1960s to late 1970s.

Datus Proper

Foreign Service Officer and Writer

Datus Proper, 69, a book author and magazine contributor who was a former State Department foreign service officer, drowned July 27 while fishing in Hyalite Creek near Belgrade, Mont. Authorities said he apparently slipped on rocks.

He was the author of four books, including works on fishing, pheasants and a travel guide to Portugal. He was a regular contributor to Field & Stream magazine.

Mr. Proper, an English graduate of Cornell University, served with the State Department in Angola, Brazil, Portugal and Ireland.

Aaron Bell

Bassist

Aaron Bell, 82, a bassist who played with Duke Ellington and other musical greats, died July 28 at a hospital in New York. The cause of death was not reported.

In 1946, he went to work as a bassist with the Andy Kirk Orchestra, going on to play with the groups of Lucky Millinder, Lester Young and Miles Davis, as well as with his own Aaron Bell Trio.

He was Ellington's bassist from 1960 to 1962 and later worked with him as an arranger. He also recorded with Buck Clayton, Billie Holiday and Sammy Davis Jr., among others.

Marshall Lon 'Deacon' Freeman

Singer

Marshall Lon "Deacon" Freeman, 82, the last surviving member of the Oak Ridge Quartet, which later became the gospel group The Oak Ridge Boys, died July 30 in Rocky Face, Ga. The cause of death was not reported.

After World War II, he joined a group called the Georgia Clodhoppers as a singer and rhythm guitar player. The group became the Oak Ridge Quartet and made regular appearances on the Grand Ole Opry. Mr. Freeman left the group in 1949 and took a job broadcasting at a radio station in Rome, Ga.

In 2000, The Oak Ridge Boys were inducted into the Gospel Music Association's Gospel Hall of Fame in Nashville. Mr. Freeman was honored along with current Oak Ridge Boys Joe Bonsall, Richard Sterban, Duane Allen and William Lee Golden.

Carlos Lemos

Colombian Politician

Carlos Lemos, 68, who was president of Colombia for 10 days in 1998 when President Ernesto Samper traveled to Canada for medical treatment, died of lung cancer July 29 in Bogota, Colombia.

He had served as a city councilman, congressman, foreign minister and vice president under former President Samper.

Mr. Lemos, a newspaper columnist from the southwest state of Cauca, launched his political career as a member of the Communist Party, but then switched to Colombia's Liberal Party for the next 30 years.

Tex McCrary

Publicist

Tex McCrary, 92, a legendary New York publicist who popularized the talk show format and helped convince Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to run for president in 1952, died July 29 in New York. The cause of death was not reported.

He and his wife, the actress and model Jinx Falkenburg, popularly known as "Tex and Jinx," had two New York radio talk shows and a television show.

One of Mr. McCrary's biggest public relations successes was producing an exhibit for the United States Exhibition in Moscow in 1959 featuring the "typical American house." Its kitchen became the setting for the famous debate on the merits of capitalism between then-Vice President Richard Nixon and Nikita Khrushchev of the Soviet Union.



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the inscription on the James Ossuary, is of a tablet from the Jewish First Temple.

up forgery equipment and partially completed forgeries, according to news reports. But Shanks said there might still be an innocent explanation for an artifact collector's owning carving equipment and carvings.

Even if Golan confesses, will people be more careful about the next extraordinary claim?

The Shroud of Turin, the purported burial cloth of Jesus, is still revered by many people, even though many scientists say the evidence seems clear that it's a forgery. And the search for Noah's Ark resurrects itself every few years with blurry photos of Mount Ararat.

People tend to follow their hearts when applying scientific standards to matters of faith, said David Freidel, a Southern Methodist University archaeology professor.

"They let down their skeptical eye when they see something that confirms what they already believe," he said. "You'll never see the stories of Noah's Ark go away. You'll always have creation scientists."

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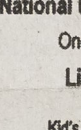
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DATUS CARRYER PROPER

Born: 18 April 1934, Des Moines, Iowa

Died: 27 July 2003, Gallatin County, Montana

THE ORDER FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD - RITE II

Opening Anthems	Page 491, BCP
Processional Hymn #216 Hail Thee, Festival Day!	
The Collects	Page 494, BCP
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Second Reading	
Hymn #8 Morning Has Broken	
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Homily	
Anthem	St. James' Choir
Prayers of the People	Page 497, BCP
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The Blessing and Dismissal	
Recessional Hymn #304 I Come With Joy	

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You are invited to a reception downstairs in the Parish Hall
immediately following the Service.

This past summer author Datus Proper unexpectedly died while doing what he loved best - fly fishing. He grew up in Yellowstone Park, the son of a park ranger. His teenage summer job was clearing back-country trails. I expect he caught more trout by age eighteen than most of us do in a lifetime. His State Department career allowed him to hunt and fish worldwide. He shot big game in Africa and fished dorado in Brazil. Yet clearly his first loves were rising spring-creek trout and pointed well-earned pheasants.

Datus was always a generous and open-minded friend. He was excited by the possibilities of the day. He remained curious, seeking new ways to see and understand the natural world. Thinking of a day outside with Datus still brings a smile.

Thank you to Datus' Friends

Tom Eversman

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The Milestick's

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

DATUS PROPER

JULY 31, 03

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JOHN 6:37-40

AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO INVITE THREE OF DATUS FRIENDS FORWARD TO SHARE A FEW WORDS....HARRY, WE'LL BEGIN WITH YOU...

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR PAINTING SUCH A WONDERFUL PICTURE OF DATUS! WE ARE HERE TODAY TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE AND REMEMBER..AND I'D ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO SHARE MORE STORIES AT THE RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE SERVICE! .

IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION, THIS SERVICE IS TO REMEMBER HIS LIFE AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, TO CELEBRATE HIS RESURRECTION INTO *NEW LIFE*-BACK HOME INTO THE ARMS OF THE GOD WHO CREATED HIM.

I THINK MOST WOULD AGREE THAT HE WAS ONE OF GODS BEST CREATIONS! A GREAT COMBINATION OF FUN AND PLAYFUL, HARD WORKING AND SMART. HE LOVED TO MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY AND WAS AN INCREDIBLY LOVING PERSON.

DATUS' SMILE WOULD LIGHT UP A ROOM... HIS SENSE OF FUN AND PLAYFULNESS WAS EVIDENT EVEN IN THE MOST SERIOUS OF SITUATIONS.HIS FAMILY TELLS ME THAT EVEN WHEN THINGS WERE BAD,...HE LOOKED FOR AND FOUND A FUNNY SIDE. AND WHEN ALL ELSE FAILED, HE'D SAY..THIS

Anna has told me about all the loving things he did for her on a day to day basis. One fun thing was the way he always brought her something from his day out trip - whether a special mug, a branch shaped like a dancer or a rock with a cross on it - all treasures

Hi Anna!

I wasn't sure if you'd want this - but thought I'd send it in case.

I have intended for months to retype it due to my messy additions, but have not - so I decided to send as is. Blessings! Mary

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how much he loved!

TOO SHALL PASS"..... CALMA WAS HIS PHILOSOPHY AND SERVED HIM WELL IN HIS CAREER IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE... IN TOLERATING THE REQUIRED EARLY REJECTION LETTERS AS A WRITER... IN THE FIELD, HUNTING... OR WAITING PATIENTLY FOR THAT ELUSIVE HUGE TROUT TO RISE AGAIN -

DATUS LOVED LANGUAGE. SCOTT TELLS ME HE LIKED TO PLAY WITH IT. . I FOUND OUT THAT HE USED TO READ UNCLE REHMUS WITH AN AUTHENTIC ACCENT... NOW THAT BOOK IS HARD TO READ OUTLOUD! I FOUND A PHRASE HE HAD UNDERLINED IN THAT WELL-WORN BOOK THAT REFLECTS HIS SENSE OF FUN..., IT SAID "TURRIBLE SPLUTTERATION! " ~~WONDER IF HE USED THAT ONE IN HIS DAY TO DAY COMMUNICATION??~~

Did he ever
use that
one on you
Scott > 40

IT WAS SOO FUN TO LOOK THROUGH HIS FAVORITE BOOKS.. HE HAD TURNED PAGE CORNERS, WRITTEN COMMENTS, UNDERLINED, PLACED STICKY NOTES AND EVEN REFUTED WHAT WAS WRITTEN! TYPICAL AUTHOR!

IN ADDITION TO LITERARY STUFF, ANOTHER BIG PIECE OF OF DATUS' HEART WAS GIVEN TO CONSERVATION. HE FISHED, TOOK CARE OF HIS LAND AND HUNTED WITH THE UTMOST RESPECT FOR THE EARTH AND IT;S CREATURES. HE TOOK TO HEART A QUOTE I FOUND IN A BOOK THAT HE HAD HIGHLIGHTED.....IT SAYS...THE AUTHOR, BY CONSULTING WITH NATURE, WILL CONSULT NOT ONLY WITH THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE, BUT WITH THOSE WHO MAY COME AFTER."

BY THE WAY DATUS WAS FILLED WITH RESPECT FOR THE LAND, WATER AND CREATURES HE FOUND THERE, DATUS CONNECTED WITH GOD. HE CALLED THE TREES HIS

CATHEDRAL, AND SAW GOD IN THE EYES OF HIS BELOVED DOGS.

I THINK MANY OF YOU HAVE NOTICED THAT HE WAS ABLE TO BE TRULY PRESENT IN THE MOMENT. ANNA HAS TOLD ME THAT WHEN SHE WAS RUSHING AROUND TOO MUCH, HE WOULD GRAB HER, WRAP HIS ARMS AROUND HER AND SAY...STOP! LOOK AT THE BIRDS!
WE HAVE MUCH TO LEARN FROM DATUS ABOUT APPRECIATING THE GIFTS OF EACH DAY,,,

DATUS SPIRIT WAS BIG.....BIG ENOUGH TO ENJOY HIS CHURCH AND THE SACRAMENTS, PRAYER AND STUDY, BUT ALSO TO SEE GOD REFLECTED IN THE DETAILS ON EACH PHEASANT'S FEATHERS, THE UNIQUENESS OF EACH RAINBOW TROUT HE CAUGHT, AND IN THE FACE OF ANNA AND SCOTT AND ALL OF CREATION. IN FACT HIS OWN WRITING WAS DESCRIBED AS "PSALMS FOR THE ANGLER"

HE WAS NOT AFRAID OF DEATH AND HAD TALKED ABOUT HEAVEN WITH ME JUST RECENTLY.

THE NIGHT BEFORE DATUS DEATH, SOME OF US GATHERED TO ENJOY TIME WITH HE AND ANNA. WE DIDN'T REALIZE IT THEN BUT IT WAS A SEND-OFF FOR DATUS...BACK TO THE ARMS OF THE GOD WHO CREATED HIM AND LOVES HIM MORE THAN WE COULD EVER KNOW.

AS CHRISTIANS , WE EXPERIENCE THE REALITY OF DEATH BUT SORROW IS NOT THE FINAL WORD.

THE MESSAGE OF RESURRECTION AND HOPE IS A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO EACH ONE OF US HERE TODAY...THAT WE WILL BE WITH GOD AND BE REUNITED WITH OUR LOVED ONES

AND UNTIL THAT TIME, DEATH IS THE END OF A PHYSICAL
PRESENCE BUT NOT THE END OF A RELATIONSHIP.

SO AS WE SEND DATUS BACK HOME TO THE GOD WHO
CREATED HIM WITH THAT BEAUTIFUL SMILE, WE
REMEMBER HIS LAST EVENING ON THIS EARTH WITH THE
WORDS OF NORMAN MACLEAN..."THEN, IN THE HALF-LIGHT
OF THE CANYON, ALL EXISTENCE FADES TO A BEING WITH
MY SOUL AND MEMORIES AND THE SOUND OF THE RIVER
AND A FOUR-COUNT RHYTHM AND THE HOPE THAT A FISH
WILL RISE.

AMEN

OBITUARIES

Willis Bryant Collins Jr., 86, a retired Foreign Service officer, died June 29 at the Washington Hospice in Washington, D.C. Mr. Collins served during World War II as an officer in the U.S. Navy in Africa, Italy and France. He joined the Foreign Service in 1955 and served in Europe, Africa and Asia until he retired in 1974.



Larry Corbett, 61, a retired Foreign Service officer, died unexpectedly of heart failure related to chemotherapy treatments for lung cancer on April 7 in Westlake Village, Calif. Before joining the Department, Mr. Corbett served in the U.S. Army at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland from 1964 to 1966. His Foreign Service assignments included

Brussels, Rio de Janeiro, Bonn, the U.S. Sinai Field Mission, Oslo, Victoria Mahe, Cotonou, Bangui, Helsinki and Vienna. In Washington, D.C., he served in Foreign Buildings Operations, the Bureau of European and Canadian Affairs and the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs. He retired in 1998 to Gardnerville, Nev.

Sylvia W. Crowl, a Foreign Service information specialist, died July 29 in Lakeland, Fla. After joining the Foreign Service in 2000, she served as an information systems officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem until an illness forced her to return to the United States for treatment.



Genevieve "Jen" DiMeglio, 62, a retired Foreign Service secretary, died May 14 of lung cancer in Chester, Pa. After working in the private sector, Ms. DiMeglio joined the Foreign Service in 1966 and served in Copenhagen, Libreville, Beirut, Paris, San Salvador, Georgetown, Guangzhou and in the executive office of the Bureau of European Affairs. She was also a roving secretary based in Rome with the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs.



William "Bill" Fanjoy, a retired Foreign Service information specialist, died Aug. 28 of sudden cardiac arrest in Bangkok, Thailand. He joined the Department in 1979 and served in Bonn, Bujumbura, Tokyo, Mombasa, Washington, D.C., and Bangkok. He retired in Bangkok in 2002.



John Keppel, 85, a retired Foreign Service officer, died June 23 of a heart attack in Bloomington, Ind. After graduating from college in 1940, Mr. Keppel expected to assume responsibility for the family's fine arts business, but his experience as a U.S. Army officer and aide to a division commander in the Normandy campaign heightened his interest in foreign affairs. He joined the Foreign Service in 1947 as a Soviet specialist, serving two tours in Moscow. He served in the U.S. Embassy in Seoul during the Korean War and as an adviser and translator for General Walter Bedell Smith at the 1954 Geneva Conference. He served in Rome from 1955 to 1957. In 1959, Mr. Keppel helped escort Khrushchev on his 1959 visit to the United States and served as an adviser during the 1960 Kennedy-Khrushchev summit in Paris. Later, he headed the political section of the U.S. Embassy in Rio de Janeiro and chaired political studies at the Foreign Service Institute. After retiring in 1969, Mr. Keppel worked for the United Nations Fund for Population Activities.

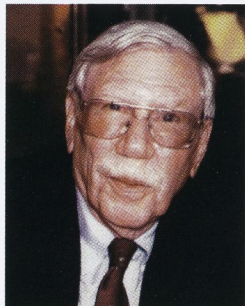


Dudley W. Miller, 77, a retired Foreign Service officer, died May 29 in Gettysburg, Pa. He joined the U.S. Army after high school and was awarded the Bronze Star for his service in France and Germany during World War II. After the war, he worked in the Defense Department before joining the Foreign Service. During his 27-year career, Mr. Miller served in Saudi Arabia, Greece, Yugoslavia and the United Kingdom. Following his retirement in 1979, he joined the U.S.-U.S.S.R. Trade and Economic Council as vice president and then president until 1985.

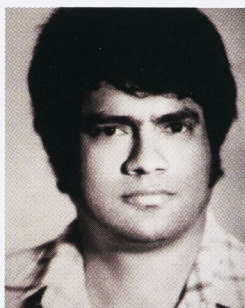


Albert Dennis "Scotty" Moscotti, 82, a retired Foreign Service officer, died Aug. 7 of complications related to Parkinson's disease at his home in Honolulu. After serving in the Army Air Force in the Pacific Theater during World War II, he joined the Department. Mr. Moscotti served in Karachi, Madras, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok and Washington, D.C. After retiring in 1970, he became a professor of Far Eastern Studies at the University of Hawaii and wrote two books on Burma.

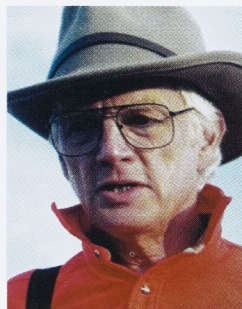
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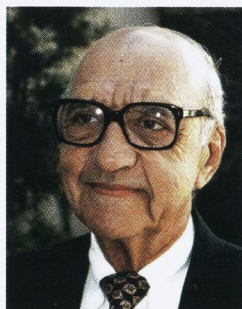
F. Pierce Olson, 73, a retired Foreign Service officer, died April 14 of cancer in Jackson, Wyo. He served as an economic officer in Warsaw, Manila, The Hague, Basel, Bern, Oslo, Toronto and Stockholm. In retirement, Mr. Olson was active in the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce and was affectionately known as the region's unofficial historian.



Juan Peña, 62, a Civil Service employee, died suddenly July 30 at his home in Alexandria, Va. Born in the Dominican Republic, he joined the U.S. Information Agency in 1985 as a laborer in the agency's Brooklyn, N.Y., warehouse. Later, he became a woodworker. When USIA merged with the Department in 1999, he moved to the logistics center in Newington, Va., where he was promoted to facilities management specialist and served as the incoming pouch supervisor until his death.



*Datus C. Proper, 69, a retired Foreign Service officer, died July 27 in a drowning accident while fishing in Montana. He served in São Paulo, Luanda, Dublin and Lisbon. In Washington, D.C., he served in the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs and as the Department's liaison officer with the U.S. Coast Guard. After retiring in 1987, Mr. Proper settled in the Gallatin Valley of Montana, where he wrote on outdoor sports and travel and was a regular contributor to *Field and Stream* magazine.*



*Richard C. Salvatierra, 83, a retired Foreign Service officer, died of cancer Aug. 30 in his hometown of Tucson, Ariz. After serving in the Army during World War II, Mr. Salvatierra joined the U.S. Information Agency, serving in Panama, Costa Rica, Cuba, Mexico, Peru and Italy. He completed his 28-year career as consul general in Guayaquil and director of Latin American studies at the Foreign Service Institute. After retiring, he began a second career as an editorial writer for the *Tucson Citizen*, writing more than 1,500 articles, most of them on foreign affairs topics.*

In the Event of Death

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