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The 'Horrors of War'

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By DAVID M. DUKE
Messenger staff writer

In the fall of 1944, Adolph Hitler, fearing that the war in Europe could turn in favor of the Allies, unleashes a host of secret weapons — including bio-engineered "super soldiers" and a werewolf (yes, a werewolf) against American forces fighting in war-torn France. It is up to a brave group of renegade army personnel, led by the determined Lt. Jonathan Schmidt, to put this deadly menace to rest and win the war of freedom.

OK, so Hitler never really unleashed a werewolf on Allied forces, but he will in the upcoming sci-fi/horror/action-adventure film "Horrors of War," currently wrapping principal photography in Athens County. On Saturday, the cast and crew of this low-budget independent film, produced by Columbus-based Sonnyboo Productions, were bivouacked at the Pratts Fork Church in Lodi Twp. to complete the final two days of a quick 18-day film shoot.

"The simplest way to describe (the film) is 'The X-Files' meets 'Band of Brothers,'" said director and



Left, the crew of "Horrors of War" prepares for a shot on the grounds of the Pratts Fork Church in Lodi Twp. on Saturday. Top left, the crew can be seen from the inside of Pratts Fork Church as they prepare for a shot. The hills of southern Athens County will double for WWII northern France in the film. Top right, a boom operator gets ready to record sound as actors Joe Lorenzo, center, and Jon Osbeck prepare for a scene.

Messenger photos by David Duke



Messenger photos by Brian Kellogg
Lyle Lodi uses Rosie the dog to move cattle during the Buckeye Cow Dog Association Inc. Hourglass Trial on Saturday.

Cow dog competition

Dogs, handlers compete in
sanctioned trial

By RYAN COOK
Messenger staff writer

NEW MARSHFIELD — With a sharp blow of a whistle, the dog changes direction, moving the cattle forward in what looks like a choreographed dance between animals.

But this dog isn't playing, it's working — and in this case, competing.

More than 100 dogs and their owners descended upon Lavelle Farms in New Marshfield Saturday for the Buckeye Cow Dog Association Inc. Hourglass Trial.

Athens attorney and head of the association, John Lavelle, hosted the arena trial at his farm and he said he hopes to expand the association.

"The purpose of the association is to promote low-stress livestock handling methods with dogs," Lavelle said.

As a way to accomplish that goal, Lavelle held the trial — which featured people from Tennessee, Texas, Georgia, Indiana, Michigan, West Virginia and Ohio — competing in five classes, including Open, Ranch, Nursery, Novice and Horseback.

Bill Reed, from Collierville, Tenn., was in attendance with four of his dogs, including Shep. Together, they won the 2005 National Cattledog Championship in March, and the Open Class trial at Saturday's event.

The competition, Lavelle said, was based on time and points. Dogs have eight minutes to herd three cows through various obstacles, earning points for each cow that completes an obstacle. The dog with the lowest time and the highest amount of points, wins. Lavelle, who had three dogs in the competition, finished second in the Open Class, with Ace.

Reed said he has been herding cattle using dogs on his ranch for about 13 years.

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Red, an Australian cattle dog, seems to be staring down this cow — or vice-versa.

E-mails offer glimpse of Taft's inner circle

COLUMBUS (AP) — The release of thousands of e-mails last week by Gov. Bob Taft's office provided some insight into the workings of the governor's inner circle as well as shed some light on developments in the investment scandal emerging in his administration.

The e-mails, originally requested by the Ohio Ethics Commission, showed how Taft's office prepared for bad news concerning the scandal at the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, the state's insurance program for on-the-job injuries.

However, the bulk of the e-mails had nothing to do with the investments but were included because they were in the time frame the Ethics Commission had asked for.

Some examples:

- In October 2002, the Ohio Department of Agriculture was trying to shut down Buckeye Egg Farm because of a long list of environmental violations at its four locations, where manure from millions of hens was polluting the air and water. Taft's former chief of staff, Brian Hicks, was questioned about the administration's official policy. In turn, he exchanged e-mails with Taft policy adviser Kate Bartter, a former official at the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, about the issue.

Hicks: "What exactly is our policy goal on Buckeye Egg? We need to get everyone the same talking points ASAP."

Bartter: "One of our policy goals was to not talk about this right now to the media! I haven't figured out why (agriculture director) Fred Dailey was talking about this but I will."

Taft staff lawyer Judith French e-mailed Hicks, who pleaded no contest last week to failure to report an accurate disclosure form, with the subject line "Re: Ethics Reminder to the Cabinet."

Hicks' reply: "Looks good."

Taft official Jon Allison passed along to Hicks an e-mail that then-Rep. Eileen Krupinski, a Democrat, was looking for an appointment to a state board from Taft, a Republican.

E-mail forwarded by Allison: "(Former) Sen. (Jim) Carnes' office called me this morning because they received word that Eileen Krupinski is seeking an appointment to the Unemployment Review Commission. Sen. Carnes is highly OPPOSED to us appointing her. He said he would like to talk to Brian Hicks if she is even remotely under consideration."

Hicks' reply: "She should have voted for our budget."

• And some of the e-mails, such as this one from

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Saudi King Fahd dead at 84

Crown Prince Abdullah named ruler

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Saudi Arabia's King Fahd, who moved his country closer to the United States but ruled the world's largest oil producing nation in name only since suffering a stroke in 1995, died early Monday, the Saudi royal court said. He was said to be 84.

Crown Prince Abdullah, the king's 81-year-old half brother and the country's de facto ruler, was appointed the new monarch.

"With all sorrow and sadness, the royal court in the name of his highness Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz and all members of the family announces the death of the custodian of

the two holy mosques, King Fahd bin Abdul Aziz," according to a statement read on state-run Saudi TV by the country's information minister.

Fahd died at approximately 2:30 a.m. EDT, a senior Saudi official in Washington told The Associated Press. President Bush was alerted within minutes of Fahd's death, the official said on condition of anonymity. The king's funeral was to be held Tuesday evening, he said.

Saudi TV, which said the king was 84 years of age, broke into regular broadcasting to announce Fahd's death. Quranic verse recitals followed the announcement by the minister, Iyad bin

Amin Madani, whose voice wavered with emotion as he read the statement.

Madani said only that the king, whose exact date of birth wasn't known, died of an illness.

Fahd died at the King Faisal Specialist Hospital in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, where he was admitted on May 27 for unspecified medical tests, an official at the hospital told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

At the time of his widely publicized hospitalization that caused concern home and abroad, officials said he was suffering from pneumonia and a high fever.



AP photo

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia is shown in a March 1989 photo. King Fahd moved his country closer to the United States but ruled in name only since suffering a stroke in 1995.

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FOR THE RECORD

STATE HIGHWAY

PATROL:

LOGAN — Christine A. Peters, of Thornville, was injured Sunday night in a four-wheeler accident on Hocking County Road 1.

No information on her condition was available from Hocking Valley Community Hospital by The Messenger's news deadline this morning.

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NELSONVILLE POLICE:

NELSONVILLE — John B. Yates, 39, of Nelsonville, was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault.

Assault suspect in court today

NELSONVILLE — A man wanted by the Athens County Sheriff's Office for questioning in connection with an alleged sexual assault was arrested Saturday by Nelsonville police.

Timothy Alberty, 32 of Albany, was taken to Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail and is scheduled to appear in Athens County Municipal Court today.

Alberty was taken into custody shortly after 8:20 p.m. Saturday, according to a Nelsonville police report, but details of the arrest were not available by The Messenger's news deadline this morning.

Alberty was wanted for questioning in connection with the alleged sexual assault of a teenage boy last Tuesday in the Albany area.

E-mails

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then-policy director Paolo DeMaria in January 2002, didn't seem to have had a direct effect on good government:

• DeMaria: "If anyone has the DeMaria Girl Scout cookie order form circulating on the floor please let me know of its location. Thanks — Paolo."

• DeMaria to Hicks in September 2002: "I suggested to Marcie, based on her weekly, that the Governor and Mrs. Taft attend the Lil Bow Wow concert in Columbus in early Oct. — P"

Then again, this exchange between staffer Elizabeth Ross and Hicks might have had an effect:

Subject: Re: \$2 billion
Ross: "Brian Paolo asked that I forward this to you."
Hicks: "I can't open this."

Woman set self on fire: Authorities

DELAWARE (AP) — A woman accused of tricking people into giving her money by pretending that she had cancer died after setting herself on fire, authorities said.

Kara W. Hurt, 30, of Columbus, was indicted Friday by a Delaware County grand jury on a charge of theft by deception. Hurt drove to Alum Creek State Park late Friday or early Saturday and set herself on fire in her pickup truck, said Delaware County Sheriff Al Myers.

He said Hurt exited the truck and some people nearby tried to extinguish the flames. She was taken to the Ohio State University Medical Center, where she died about 11 a.m. Saturday, hospital officials said.

"She did leave a note behind," Myers said. "She felt that she had embarrassed her family, and she felt that nobody would ever trust her again."

Myers said he did not know whether Hurt used an accelerant.

Delaware County Prosecutor Dave Yost said that Hurt told members of the Powell chapter of the Moms Offering Moms Support club in a February 2004 speech that she had been diagnosed with breast cancer and that she also had cervical cancer in 1996.

Although Hurt did not request money, members of the club sent her checks and gift certificates totaling about \$1,900.

One member later talked to one of Hurt's relatives and found out that she did not have cancer. The member filed a police report in Powell in April.

Michelle Biagi, president of the Powell MOMS group, said recently that while some members felt betrayed by Hurt, they also were worried about her.

After hearing of Hurt's death, Biagi said the group wanted to send its prayers to Hurt's family.

"That's all we can do at this point," she said.

'Horrors of War' filming

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co-writer John Whitney. "It's a cross-genre piece, and we're trying to make a movie that's interesting and kind of fun."

Whitney, a native of Dayton, studied film at Ohio State University and has been making commercials, music videos, independent shorts and feature films in Ohio for more than 14 years. "Today we are shooting the lull-before-the-storm scenes," he explained.

That storm refers to encounters with scientifically altered Nazis who are impervious to pain, as well as a Nazi werewolf. Which begs the question, how do you create a Nazi werewolf? "We have a makeup artist named Sean Collins who did some life-mask castings on the actors and with those they created applications (prosthetic devices), and the stuff looks really good. We're really happy," Whitney said.

At this time the film has been pre-sold in some regions around the world, but it's still unclear whether it will see a theatrical run in the U.S.

"There's definitely some interest in Europe right now," said Whitney. "Usually you don't pre-sell the United States unless you've got major studio backing. For the independents (the studios have) got to see the movies first. But I would think, depending on the success of the film, it will go theatrical in Europe."

However, Whitney remains optimistic for the film's chances in the U.S. market. "Who knows what will happen here in the United States or Canada? I have no idea. It would be awesome (to have a U.S. theatrical release). There's always hope. But definitely it's going to be on home video, for sure," he said.

"Horrors of War" was originally written as an anthology with story lines prepared by Peter John Ross (who is also co-directing the film), producer Philip Garrett and actor Jon Osbeck, but now it is a film with two stories. "We have a character who's a through-line to the whole story named Lt. Schmidt. He's kind of like the Fox Mulder of the film," said Whitney, making a reference to the character played by David Duchovny on "The X-Files."

The film stars a cast of Ohio locals, including Jon Osbeck as the intrepid Lt. Schmidt. Osbeck is also one of the writers of the film. A resident of Columbus, Osbeck has acted in several independent features, including "Green Card Fever," "Ghost Reader" and "Wheels."

"I'm having tons of fun," said Osbeck as he prepared to shoot the day's scene in front of the Pratts Fork Church.

"I'm from Columbus, and I started doing a little bit of work when I was 12," said Osbeck. "And then I didn't do anything for a long time. But then, about four or five years ago, I got back into it. I dabbled a little bit in writing and directing, but I've always loved acting."

Standing in his WWII-era army fatigues, he said that the production team of "Horrors of War," like his costume, was a "perfect fit."

The film's producer, Philip Garrett, may be the production's biggest Ohio booster. Garrett grew up

in Springfield, and graduated from Ohio University in 1992 with a degree in business. At the age of 30, after working in the software industry for a number of years, he changed direction and landed a job with DreamWorks. There he worked in visual effects on a number of films, including "The Mexican," "Evolution" and Steven Spielberg's "Artificial Intelligence: A.I." and "Minority Report." In 2004, Garrett returned to Ohio to start making movies.

Garrett said that he hopes the production company — through "Horrors of War" and other projects — can achieve enough financial success to allow more films to be made in his home state. "We're here today in the foothills of Appalachia and it's beautiful. Yesterday we were in Youngstown, which is sort of this post-industrial town that's not doing so well, but it's cinematic in a lot of ways," he said. "I think that Ohio is pretty rich and has some diversity in terms of the land, the cities and the towns."

Athens County was selected as a site for filming because of its resemblance to northern France, Garrett said.

It's time to shoot the day's big scene. With the Pratts Fork Church in the background, actors Jon Osbeck and Joe Lorenzo, both dressed in their army gear, await word from a young scout played by Louie Cowen. A boom operator holds a microphone high above the actors' heads. Director Whitney sits behind cinematographer Scott Spears, who mans the camera that is mounted on tracks for a dolly shot. The director's assistant calls for quiet, and the slate is placed in front of the camera with scene and take numbers marked.

The sound engineer indicates that tape is rolling, the slate is slapped, the actors take a moment's pause and then Whitney quietly calls for action. With this the camera, which is focused on background action of soldiers leaning up against the church, slowly trucks to the left as actor Cowen enters into a medium three-shot with Osbeck and Lorenzo. He tells them that the church is secure. Lorenzo says that they will head out on patrol in the morning. Osbeck says he wants to go along. All three walk camera-right out of frame. Whitney yells cut.

The scene is played three or four more times until it is to Whitney's liking. Then it's time to move on to the next scene somewhere behind the church, and the crew begins to set up for the next shot. You have to move quickly when you only have 18 days to shoot a feature film.

Does directing a feature — even a low-budget indie — give Whitney a sense of power? "No, far from it. It's not a sense of power: It's a sense of dread and loathing knowing that you're working these guys too hard, and hoping to get them home on time because they're underpaid," said Whitney with a laugh. "I just hope it will go fast enough so that people don't hate me in the end."

"Horrors of War" is scheduled for a 2006 release somewhere in one form or another.

To view the trailer for "Horrors of War," go to www.horrorsofwar.sonybooo.com.

Cattle dog competition

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"I started trialing as a hobby," said Reed, who has since retired. "That's what I do now."

Claudia Frank, of Greenfield, brought three dogs to the competition. She has been training dogs for 43 years and herding livestock for more than 20 years.

"Of all the dog things I do, this is the hardest and most challenging," Frank said about herding cattle.

Frank said the dogs are never fully trained, and handlers are always trying to improve with their dogs.

"You never stop training (the dogs)," Reed said. "You're always trying to fine-tune them to get them ready for competitions, and keep training them to get them to the next level."

In order to get the dogs to maneuver through the obstacles, most of the handles used whistles.

"Different tones will make the dog do different things," Reed said.

He has certain sounds to tell his dogs to turn right

and left, lay down, walk straight and even bite.

"The reason we use whistles is because at sheep dog trials, we're working the sheep sometimes one-quarter mile away," Reed said. He said that with a wind blowing from behind, the dog could hear the whistle up to one mile away.

Scott Pfeiffer of Athens County, who is also a member of the Buckeye Cow Dog Association, said the main dog breed used to herd cattle is the border collie. He said he and Lavelle sometimes use a special breed of dog called a Hanging Tree Cow Dog, which has to be specially bred.

Pfeiffer said he likes to use an Australian shepherd, although there are not many people using them anymore to herd cattle.

Lavelle said the trial was sanctioned by the United States Border Collie Handlers Association, which means handlers could earn points toward qualifying for other national competitions.

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Lawyer trying to keep victims' families out of the courtroom

RAVENNA (AP) — Evidence presented during the trial of a man accused of killing his girlfriend and her son, as well as a college student being held hostage, will include a 911 call with the sounds of one of the victims being shot, his lawyer said Friday.

Kent State University student Sarah Positano, 22, was shot while talking to a hostage negotiator, said Portage County public defender Dennis Day Lager, who is representing James E. Trimble.

"You're going to hear Miss Positano shot, and you're going to hear her die, and that is certainly going to provoke uncontrollable emotional outbursts," he said during a hearing Friday.

Lager is trying to keep the three victims' families and friends out of the courtroom while graphic evidence such as the 911 call is presented, saying their emotional reactions might sway the jury.

Lager asked the judge to send loved ones to another room in the courthouse, where they could watch the proceedings on closed-circuit television.

Trimble, 45, of Brimfield Township, is scheduled to stand trial in September in the killings of Renee L. Bauer, 42; her 7-year-old son, Dakota, and Positano, whom he's accused of taking hostage in her apartment after the two other shootings on the night of Jan. 21.

The county coroner said Renee Bauer used her body to shield her son on the night they were shot.

Bauer's body had 13 bullet wounds in the back and head, and the boy had eight bullet wounds, some of which may have passed through his mother's body first, the coroner said.

Trimble has been charged with three counts of aggravated murder. Trimble has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity and is being held in the Portage County jail without bond. He could get the death penalty if convicted of any of the three charges.

At the hearing, the county pros-

ecutor said family and friends want to be inside the courtroom during the trial. "Certainly, they will be cautioned ... as to any outbursts in court, but it is their absolute right to be inside the courtroom at that time," Portage County Prosecutor Victor V. Viguicci said.

Viguicci cited Ohio Supreme Court rulings that have permitted those close to the victims to be present despite graphic evidence.

Common Pleas Judge John A. Enlow said he intends to rule some time this week.

Former football player charged with murder

CANTON (AP) — A former University of Pittsburgh football player has been charged with killing a teenager outside of a gas station, authorities said.

Police say Steven J. Walker, 19, of Canton, shot and killed Michael Cheek, 17, on Friday night. A warrant charging Walker with murder was issued Saturday, according to court documents.

He turned himself in on Sunday and was being held in the Stark County jail on \$2 million bond, authorities said.

Walker and Cheek started arguing inside the station, Lt. James Cole said Saturday. A witness said Cheek was trying to get to his car when he was shot.

He was taken unconscious to a hospital and died shortly after the shooting, authorities said.

Walker was dismissed from the Pittsburgh football program in early December 2004 and has not been a student at the school since then, Panthers spokesman E.J. Borghetti said Sunday.

Borghetti would not say why he was dismissed from the program.

Before he was dismissed, Walker, a defensive back, was on the team for just over 4 months and did not play in any games, Borghetti said.

Walker also started at quarterback for three seasons at Buchtel High School in Akron.

OBITUARIES

Betty Moore

GLOUSTER — Betty J. Moore, 80, of Glouster, passed away Sunday, July 31, 2005, at her residence in Glouster.

Betty was born July 26, 1925, in Columbus, to Henry Loudermilk and Irene Loudermilk. She was a member of Redtown Free Methodist Church, where she was a delegate, Sunday school superintendent, adult Sunday school teacher and WMI president. She was a member of Friendly Circle Senior Club of Chauncey, and a volunteer at Logan Health Care Center and O'Bleness Memorial Hospital.

Surviving are sons, Russell H. (Lyn) Moore of Phoenix, Ariz., and Samuel (Rita) Moore of Columbia, S.C.; a daughter, Rachel (Larry) Nichols of Glouster; 18 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; brothers, Edward (Mary Lou) Loudermilk and Marvin (Freida) Loudermilk of Glouster; and a sister, Anna Kasler of Hilliard.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 30 years, Russell A. Moore; stepsons, Frank and Donald Moore; a stepdaughter, Bertha McCollum; a granddaughter, Pamela Poe Mascari, whom she raised; and a sister, Gail McClure.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, 10 a.m., at Redtown Free Methodist Church, with Rev. James Brown officiating.

Graveside service will be held Wednesday, 3 p.m., at Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Hilliard.

Calling hours will be observed on Tuesday, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., at Brown Funeral Home in Murray City; and on Wednesday, one hour prior to the service, at the church.

Donations can be made to Redtown Free Methodist Church, 18088 Route 13, Glouster, OH 45732. Letters of condolence may be sent to this family at the Website www.brownfuneralservice.com.

Tommy 'Joe' Bruce

NELSONVILLE — Tommy "Joe" Bruce, 62, of Nelsonville, passed away Sunday, July 31, 2005, at his residence.

Born Sept. 18, 1942, in Athens County, he was the son of the late Arthur and Rose Ramsey Bruce. He was married to Rita Hook Bruce for 39 years. She survives.

He was retired from GTE of Logan, and was owner and operator of Tom's Toy Trucking Excavation. He graduated from Chauncey-Dover High School, was a veteran of the United States Air Force, and a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Athens Elks Lodge 973.

In addition to his wife, Rita, he is survived by two sons, Tommy (Sharon) Bruce of St. Clairsville and Brian (Glenda) Bruce stationed with the U.S. Army at Ft. Hood, Texas; two grandsons, Logan and Bryant; a sister, Joyce James of Athens; a special sister-in-law, Dorothy Bruce; and several cousins, nieces, nephews, step-brothers and stepsisters.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his stepmother, Ora Barnhart Bruce; two brothers, Jim and Jack Bruce; a sister, Jean Dodd; and his mother- and father-in-law, Floyd and Mary Hook.

Services will be held Wednesday, 1 p.m., at Souers-Cardaras Funeral Home, 46 Fayette St., Nelsonville, with Rev. Lewis Dannels officiating. Intombment will be in Athens Memory Gardens Mausoleum. Military rites will be conducted by the Combined Color Guard Unit.

Friends may call at the funeral home on Tuesday, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., where an Elks service will be held at 7. To send an expression of sympathy or sign the online guest registry, please visit www.cardaras.com.

Roger Fisher

JACKSON — Roger Darrell "Monk" Fisher, 51, of Jackson, died Saturday, July 30, 2005. Arrangements are by Eisnaugle-Lewis Funeral Home, Jackson.

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

Pat McCormick

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pat McCormick, a walrus-mustachioed comedy writer for Phyllis Diller, Red Skelton and others who also appeared on "The Tonight Show" and had a role in three "Smokey and the Bandit" movies, died Friday. He was 78.

A 1998 stroke had left him partially paralyzed.

McCormick dropped out of Harvard Law School to pursue advertising work in New York but abandoned that career when he began earning money writing jokes for television and nightclub performers.

McCormick eventually became a writer for "The Jack Paar Show." Over a five-decade career, he wrote for the 1960s comedy series "Get Smart" and "The Danny Kaye Show." He also wrote and appeared on "Candid Camera" and was an announcer and straight man on Don Rickles' short-lived TV variety show in 1968.

He was a regular on "The New Bill Cosby Show" in 1972.

McCormick wrote for and made scores of appearances on "The Tonight Show." He played characters in sketches, dressing up as turkeys, squirrels and the shark from "Jaws." In one 1974 show, he streaked naked across the stage behind Carson during the opening monologue.

McCormick, who was more than 6½ feet tall and weighed more than 200 pounds, also appeared in small roles in movies. He played Big Enos in the 1977 movie "Smokey and the Bandit" and two sequels.

Hildegarde

NEW YORK (AP) — Hildegarde, the "incomparable" cabaret singer whose career spanned almost seven decades, died Friday. She was 99.

The performer has been credited with starting the single-name vogue among entertainers. Born Hildegarde Loretta Sell in Adell, Wis., she was known for 70 years simply as "The Incomparable Hildegarde," a title bestowed on her by columnist Walter Winchell.

During the peak of her popularity in the 1930s and '40s, she was booked in cabarets and supper clubs at least 45 weeks a year. She appeared on the cover of Life magazine in 1939, and her recordings sold in the hundreds of thousands. Revlon even introduced a Hildegarde shade of lipstick and nail polish.

Hildegarde's admirers ranged

from enlisted men and officers during World War II to King Gustaf of Sweden and the Duke of Windsor.

From the 1950s through the 1970s, in addition to her cabaret performances and record albums, she appeared in a number of television specials and toured with the national company of the Stephen Sondheim Musical "Follies."

Her autobiography, "Over 50 ... So What!" was published by Doubleday in 1961.

Hildegarde accompanied herself on the piano and chatted between numbers, often poking fun at herself.

During a 1993 performance at Manhattan's Algonquin Hotel, she said, "Wrinkle, wrinkle, leave me alone. Go and sliver Sharon Stone."



In Loving Memory of Margie Robinson

Who left us 2 years ago
8-1-03

We did not have a chance
to say our final goodbye.

But our love for you
will never die.

Your precious memory
lingers on
til we meet again.

Sadly missed by
your daughters,
Mona & Carolyn
and families