

McCain stops cancer treatment as remarkable life nears end

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WASHINGTON — Arizona Sen. John McCain has discontinued medical treatment for an aggressive form of brain cancer, his family said Friday, likely indicating the war hero, presidential nominee and longtime leading lawmaker is nearing the end of his life.

McCain has surpassed expectations for survival, but “the progress of disease and the inexorable advance of age render their verdict,” the family said. “With his usual strength of will, he has now chosen to discontinue medical treatment.”

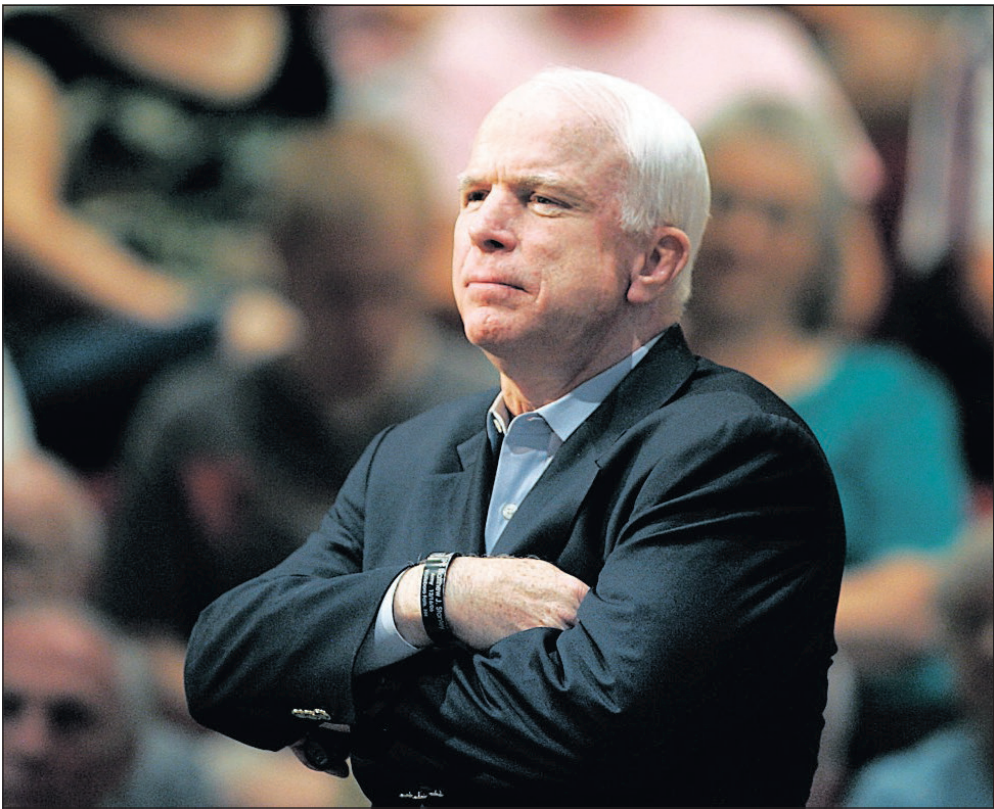
The six-term GOP senator, who would turn 82 next week, has been away from the Capitol since last December. If he should resign his seat or die soon, Republican Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey would name a replacement to serve until the 2020 election. The winner of that election would serve the remainder of McCain’s term through 2022.

In more than three decades in Congress, McCain became known as a political maverick willing to stick to his convictions rather than go along with party leaders — an independent streak that has drawn a mix of respect and ire.

Most recently, he has been a thorn in the side of President Donald Trump, keeping up his criticism of the White House even while undergoing severe medical treatment in Arizona.

In July, he issued a searing rebuke of Trump’s summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin, calling it a “tragic mistake” and “one of the most disgraceful performances by an American president in memory.”

The strained relationship between Trump and



AP Photo/Matt York

In this Aug. 25, 2009 file photo, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., holds a health care town hall meeting in Sun City, Ariz. McCain’s family says the Arizona senator has chosen to discontinue medical treatment for brain cancer.

McCain dates back to 2015, when Trump suggested the Vietnam veteran, who spent more than five years in a North Vietnamese prison after his Navy plane was shot down, was not a war hero.

The ill will grew after McCain voted in 2017 against a Republican replacement for “Obamacare.” He doomed the bill with a dramatic thumbs-down on the Senate floor. Complaints about McCain’s vote have become a staple of Trump’s campaign speeches. He doesn’t mention McCain by name but makes clear his intent by mockingly imitating the thumbs-down gesture.

The feud between the two men has persisted even amid the decline in McCain’s health. While political leaders of both parties paid tribute to McCain

and offered prayers Friday, Trump and the White House remained silent.

Earlier this month, Trump signed a military policy bill named for McCain, but he made no mention of McCain at a signing ceremony.

The son and grandson of Navy admirals, McCain is a former Navy pilot. He was elected to Congress in 1982 and to the Senate four years later, replacing the retired Barry Goldwater.

Despite his famous stubborn streak and occasional orneriness, McCain is widely admired on both sides of the aisle, and tributes poured in Friday after the family announced the treatment decision.

“We are so fortunate to call him our friend and colleague,” Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said on Twitter. McCain, his wife Cindy “and the entire

McCain family are in our prayers at this incredibly difficult hour,” McConnell said.

Arizona Gov. Ducey called McCain “an American hero” who always put his country before himself.

A “spirit of service and civility” guided McCain’s life, standing as a model for Americans regardless of political affiliation, Ducey said.

Cindy McCain tweeted that she loves her husband “with all of my heart” and thanked those who have cared for him.

McCain underwent surgery in July 2017 to remove a blood clot in his brain after being diagnosed with an aggressive tumor called a glioblastoma.

It’s the same type of tumor that killed Sen. Edward M. Kennedy at age 77 in 2009.

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1941-2018

Robin Leach shared a different era of ‘Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous’

By **REGINA GARCIA CANO**
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Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Robin Leach, whose voice crystallized the opulent 1980s on TV’s “Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous,” died Friday. He was 76.

Leach’s family said through a public relations firm that he died in Las Vegas, where he made his home.

Leach had a stroke in November while on vacation in Mexico that led to a months-long recovery, much of which he spent at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio before returning to Las Vegas in June.

The *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, which ran Leach’s columns before he became ill, said he suffered another stroke Monday.

“Champagne wishes and caviar dreams” was Leach’s sign-off at the end of every episode of his syndicated show’s decade-long run that began in 1984.

Celebrities and others took to social media to



Photo by Charles Sykes/Invision/AP, File

In this Oct. 17, 2013 file photo, Robin Leach attends the Food Network’s 20th birthday party in New York.

express condolences and share stories about their interactions with Leach.

“Saddened to hear the news that Robin Leach has passed away,” Celine Dion tweeted. “He was a thoughtful and considerate man, and a great supporter of the entertainment scene in Las Vegas.”

Magician Criss Angel tweeted that he met “Uncle Robin,” as he affectionately referred to Leach, in 2004

and became fast friends.

“There will never be another,” he wrote.

In a statement, casino operator MGM Resorts International said Las Vegas had “lost one of its biggest cheerleaders.”

Leach covered the excesses and sometimes gaudy style of the 1980s, a time before oil billionaires, titans of industry and Wall Street traders gave way to sneaker-wearing tech

execs as the world’s richest people.

Leach appeared occasionally on the show, but he and his unmistakable English-accent narrated throughout, taking wishful viewers on tours of mansions with diamond-crusted chandeliers, yachts with Jacuzzis, and champagne that ran to four figures. It was much like rap videos would do in future decades.

Leach and producer Al Masini coined the catchphrase and conceived the show.

“He asked me if I could get magnates T. Boone Pickens or Sam Walton to do the show,” Leach told The Huffington Post in 2016. “In my naivete, I said, ‘Of course.’ And thus, ‘Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous.’”

Leach said in later years that someone still shouted “champagne wishes and caviar dreams” at him almost daily. He was constantly parodied, and like other distinctive voices of the age like Arnold Schwarzenegger and Howard Cosell, everyone had a Leach impression.

MEETINGS

MONDAY, AUGUST 27
NIXYAAWII COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD, 4:30 p.m., Nixyaawii Community School, 73300 July Grounds Lane, Mission. (541-966-2680)
ATHENA-WESTON SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING, 5:30 p.m., Athena Public Library, 418 E. Main St., Athena. Goal setting session. (Paula Warner 541-566-3551)
CASON’S PLACE CHILDREN AND FAMILY GRIEF RECOVERY CENTER BOARD, 6 p.m., Cason’s Place, 1416 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. All those interested in volunteering

are encouraged to attend. (Matt Terjeson 503-720-1620)
MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT, 6 p.m., Pioneer Memorial Clinic conference room, 130 Thompson St., Heppner. 6 p.m. provider dinner, 6:30 p.m. board meeting. (Tonia Adams 541-676-2942)
MILTON-FREEWATER CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Elghth Ave., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-5531)
IRRIGON COMMUNITY PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Irrigon Fire Station, 705 N. Main St., Irrigon.

(541-922-3047)
HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Hermiston City Hall council chambers, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. (541-567-5521)
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28
PENDLETON TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, 10 a.m., Pendleton City Hall administrative conference room, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. A new bus route system will be discussed. (Linda Carter 541-966-0331)
IONE SCHOOL DISTRICT, 3:30 p.m., Ione Community School, 445 Spring St., Ione.

Work session at 3:30 p.m., regular board meeting at 4:30 p.m. An executive session will be called. (541-422-7131)
MORROW COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Bartholomew Government Building upper conference room, 110 N. Court St., Heppner. (541-922-4624)
PENDLETON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall council chambers, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0201)
WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, AUGUST 29-31
No meetings scheduled

DEATH NOTICES

James Paul Lichner
Milton-Freewater
Jan. 17, 1939 - Aug. 23, 2018

James Paul Lichner, 79, of Milton-Freewater died Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018, at his home. He was born Jan. 17, 1939. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

Randy E Brangham
Hermiston
Aug. 29, 1952 - Aug. 6, 2018

Randy E Brangham, 65, of Hermiston died Monday, Aug. 6, 2018, at his home. He was born Aug. 29, 1952, in Evanston, Wyoming. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Sept. 1 at 10 a.m. at the Hermiston Public Library conference room (downstairs). Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Peyton F Hobbs
Hermiston
March 27, 1993 - Aug. 20, 2018

Peyton F. Hobbs, 25, of Hermiston died Monday, Aug. 20, 2018, at his home. He was born March 27, 1993, in Fort Riley, Kansas. A celebration of life service will be held Wednesday, Aug. 29 at 3 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. A potluck gathering will follow at Spillway Park, below McNary Dam, in Umatilla. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

William E. ‘Bill’ Rattray
Hermiston
April 25, 1919 - Aug. 23, 2018

William E. “Bill” Rattray, 99, of Hermiston died Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018, in Hermiston. He was born April 25, 1919, in Condon. A private family burial will be held at the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, AUG. 25

BARRERAS, MURRIE — Graveside service at 10 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.
BUSLER, NORMA — Celebration of life at 11 a.m. at Umatilla Community Presbyterian Church, 14 Martin Drive, Umatilla.
CARROLL, MATTHEW — Festival of life at 4 p.m. at 280 N.E. Washington Ave., Irrigon.
FITTERER, ANNETTE — Funeral services at 9 a.m. at Burns Mortuary, 336 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Burial will follow at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton.
SAMS, VERA — Memorial services at 10 .m. at Weston Community Hall, 210 E. Main St. Inurnment will be in the Weston Cemetery.

SUNDAY, AUG. 26

ESTERBLOOM, SAM — Celebration of life with military honors at 2 p.m. at New Hope Community Church, 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston.

MONDAY, AUG. 27

MORLEY, STEVE — Memorial service at 3 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton.

TUESDAY, AUG. 28

FRIEDRICHSEN, GIL — Memorial services at 2 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 325 S.W. Sixth Ave., Milton-Freewater.

OBITUARY POLICY

The East Oregonian publishes paid obituaries. The obituary can include small photos and, for veterans, a flag symbol at no charge. Obituaries may be edited for spelling, proper punctuation and style.

Expanded death notices will be published at no charge. These include information about services.

Obituaries and notices can be submitted online at www.eastoregonian.com/obituaryform, by email to obits@eastoregonian.com, by fax to 541-276-8314, placed via the funeral home or in person at the East Oregonian office.

For more information, call 541-966-0818 or 1-800-522-0255, ext. 221.

EOU announces spring 2018 dean’s list

LA GRANDE — At the close of spring term, 469 EOU students qualified for the dean’s list. These students maintained a GPA of 3.5 or higher while completing at least 12 hours of graded EOU coursework during the term.

The following local students earned this distinction:

Athens: Devin Griggs, Jessica Lambert, Shyllee Stroud; **Boardman:** Javier Di Mauro; **Helix:** Tegan Jackson; **Heppner:** Emily Cecil; **Hermiston:** Ashleigh Banker, Ana Cisneros-Gonzalez, Abigail Drotzmann, Tristan Estabrook, Hannah Mabbott, Emily Simon, Saige Smith; **Ione:** Amanda Rea, Yezmin Ver-

duzco; **Irrigon:** Darin Hauner; **Milton-Freewater:** Jose Abrego, Amy Arnzen, Cassidy Harris, Heidi Smith; **Pendleton:** Haley Bradley, Jamie Burrows, Lindsey Caldera, Lori Christensen, Mason Davis, Sarah Flanagan, Blake Frazier, Kimberly Gosiak, Shelby Greb, Travis Hancock, Mara Johnson, Adam Lange, Mayra Mendoza, Paige Navratil, Christopher Niles, Madison Parker, Emily Sorey, Joel Sou, Shelby Spriet, Bethany VanCleave; **Pilot Rock:** Kendall Walker, Bailey Weinke; **Stanfield:** Ryan Bailey; **Umatilla:** Berenice Chavez, Kasandra Galbraith, Anay Mendoza; **Weston:** Sydney Peal.

LOTTERY

Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018	Friday, Aug. 24, 2018
Lucky Lines 02-08-11-14-FREE-20-21-26-30 Estimated jackpot: \$26,000 Pick 4	1 p.m.: 2-0-7-5 4 p.m.: 0-1-9-6 7 p.m.: 3-4-4-6 10 p.m.: 5-7-2-5 Pick 4 1 p.m.: 8-7-5-6