

# A PAPER ON CELEBRITY OBITUARIES

*David Hedison, actor who played James Bond's CIA counterpart Felix Leiter and the boffin whose experiments go awry in Kurt Neumann's cult horror 'The Fly' –*

By a coincidence, Mr Fane's father also once read his own obituary. Apparently as a result, Garvey suffered a second stroke and died. Several books list his death in as fact, including *Hunting the flu: one scientist's search for a killer virus* and *The plague of the Spanish lady: the influenza pandemic of 1918*. While the headlines may have looked accurate, the information in them was decidedly not, since most of the obituaries were just templates that borrowed text from others, specifically the late Queen Mother. Dominic Guzzetta: in November 1997, the former University of Akron president was reported by the Akron Beacon Journal to have been 'posthumously honored' at a fundraising event. Further down the Wormhole: Ted Nugent was declared dead in a hoax, but is regrettably still alive. On an episode of *Price*, he revealed that he was believed to have passed away while discussing its then-concurrent syndicated spinoff *Price*, which was being cancelled at the time. He was found by his 21 year old niece, and caught when his fingerprints matched those of Lawrence Bader; "Johnson" insisted the rest of his life that he had no recollection of his life as Bader. Thinking it was for real, he phoned his mother in Australia with the 'news', who passed it on to the media. A doctor declared him dead, but according to his wife he was clearly still breathing and responsive. Denver later said in an interview that for years after this incident, he would often encounter people who were surprised to see him alive. The report was disproven by the singer himself, who replied on Twitter that he was in fact alive. Unlike many news organizations, CNN accidentally made them available online. Drusus Julius Caesar : A premature poem in his memory led to the poet's execution. On his deathbed, the great showman hoped to read what the papers would say about him. Culkin debunked the report by posting pictures of himself on Twitter, even poking fun at the hoax by writing a caption about "the great things you can do when you're alive". Three hours later, amid confusion about the extent of his injuries, all three U. He went on to set records for distance swimming into the sea, and died in 1997. It's the BBC we are talking about here, and there's a certain expectation from them. In 1997, CNN anchors referred to him repeatedly as if he was deceased after he had been shot. He made a remarkable recovery, and read a report of his death in *The Times*. Everest with a group of climbers, one of whom, Thomas Weber, had already died. Goddard Retirees and Alumni Association newsletter in April 1997. At the time, Bush was in intensive care recovering from illness. The film was so realistic that shortly after it was released its director, Ruggero Deodato, was arrested for murder. Jim Gosger : The still-alive alumni of the New York Mets baseball team was erroneously included in an In Memoriam digital billboard display during a Mets game on June 30, 1997. Shortly after he retired in 1997, more premature obituaries appeared announcing his death, but he appeared on three episodes that were hosted by Drew Carey, and His boat was found abandoned, and the Coast Guard announced that no one could have survived. The New York Evening Sun obligingly printed his obituary on March 24, 1997, two weeks before his actual death on April 7. In addition to their similar names, Ferguson and the real victim both drove red Chevy pickups and were of similar age. Mandela Barnes, a former member of the Wisconsin State Assembly and the Democratic nominee for Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin in the election for governor and lieutenant governor in Wisconsin, was erroneously reported as having been killed in a motorcycle crash north of Milwaukee. However, the next day both Black and bandmate Kyle Gass clarified that the page was hacked and that Black was alive and well. Domino died in October 1997, 12 years after the reports. While he was yachting, the waters his boat was supposed to be in became rough, and the air foggy. Ferguson differently spelled last name was killed in a vehicle collision. John Allen, a serial criminal, faked his own suicide by drowning off Beachy Head Britain's most notorious suicide spot in to escape prosecution for theft, presumably resulting in his being declared dead. Weeks after the accident, when concerned hospital staff asked her her name, she wrote 'Whitney Cerak', which was confirmed by dental records. Nowadays a renowned huckster running for office as a Republican would be unthinkable, but Barnum served two terms in the Connecticut legislature, speaking passionately against slavery and sponsoring an law that banned birth control in the Nutmeg State until it was overturned by the Supreme Court in 1907. Subsequently, a former colleague of Edwards visited him in Ireland and confirmed he was still alive. Chamberlain was shown the newspaper report 'when they thought he was able to take it', and reportedly 'got a great kick out of seeing

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his obituary'. Gandaruban: This Sri Lankan man living in Singapore faked his own death in and fled the country to escape creditors after his car rental business collapsed. He stopped the movie to do something at almost the exact moment that an NBC news crawl announced he had just died. She was ultimately pardoned, and became something of a celebrity.