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DAVID BOWIE 1949-2016

‘Starman’
mastered
music,
fashion
and art

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David Bowie, the infinitely changeable, fiercely forward-looking songwriter who taught generations of musicians about the power of drama, images and personas, died on Sunday, two days after his 69th birthday.

His death was confirmed by his publicist, Steve Martin, on Monday morning. No other details were provided.

Bowie had been treated for cancer for the last 18 months, according to a statement on his social-media accounts. “David Bowie died peacefully today surrounded by his family,” a post on his Facebook page read.

His last album, “Blackstar,” a collaboration with a jazz quartet that was typically enigmatic and exploratory, was released on Friday — his birthday. He is to be honored with a concert at Carnegie Hall on March 31 featuring the Roots, Cyndi Lauper and the Mountain Goats.

He had also collaborated on an Off Broadway musical, “Lazarus,” which was a surreal sequel to the 1976 film that featured his definitive screen role, “The Man Who Fell to Earth.”


Bowie wrote songs, above all, about being an outsider: an alien, a misfit, a sexual adventurer, a faraway astronaut. His music was always a mutable blend — rock, cabaret, jazz and what he called “plastic soul” — but it was suffused with genuine soul. He also captured the drama and longing of everyday life, enough to give him No. 1 pop hits like “Let’s Dance.”

In concerts and videos, Bowie’s costumes and imagery traversed styles, eras and continents, from German Expressionism to commedia dell’arte to Japanese kimonos to spacesuits. He set an example, and a challenge, for every arena spectacle in his wake.

If he had an anthem, it was “Changes,” from his 1971 album “Hunky Dory,” which proclaimed:
Turn and face the strange,
Ch-ch-changes,
Oh look out now you rock and rollers,
Pretty soon now you’re gonna get older.
Bowie earned admiration and emulation across the musical.

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SPECIAL INVESTIGATION



SCOTT STRAZZANTE | Gocelin Lopez, 5, swings in the shadow of a Crestwood water tower. For years, the village boasted that it had the cheapest water rates in Cook County.

POISON IN THE WELL

Crestwood officials cut corners and supplied residents with tainted water for 2 decades


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Like every town across the nation, south suburban Crestwood tucks a notice into utility bills each summer reassuring residents their drinking water is safe. Village leaders also trumpet the claim in their monthly newsletter, while boasting they offer the cheapest water rates in Cook County.

But those pronouncements hide a troubling reality: For more than two decades, the 11,000 or so residents in this working class community unknowingly drank tap water contaminated with toxic chemicals linked to cancer and other health problems, a Newspaper investigation found.

As village officials were building a national reputation for pinching pennies, and sending out fliers proclaiming Crestwood water was “Good to taste but not to waste!,” state and village records obtained by the newspaper show they secretly were drawing water from a contaminated well, apparently to save money.

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“You would expect them to tell their constituents what’s in the water they’re drinking.”

Senate President John Cullerton, pictured above



PHOTOS COURTESY OF AP | Clinton is looking to win votes against Sanders with a debate before the New Hampshire primary.

Clinton wants debate
ahead of primary

Democratic front-runner hopes to reach undecided voters

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ADEL, Iowa (AP) -- Hillary Clinton pressed the Democratic National Committee on Wednesday to add a presidential debate before next week’s New Hampshire primary, seeking another high-profile exchange with rival Bernie Sanders as she trails him in first primary state.

Sanders’ campaign responded that it would be willing to participate in a Feb. 4 New Hampshire forum if she was willing to agree to three more debates - one each in March, April and May.

The push by Clinton for more debates underscores Sanders’ strength in Iowa and New Hampshire and the heightened concern within Clinton’s team that she could lose both of the early voting states.

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FEATURE

After battle, taking on world

Former prep star overcomes eating disorder to compete for world marathon title

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The omelet Tera Moody ordered earlier this summer in a Chicago restaurant had mushrooms, tomatoes, spinach, onions — all in a skillet with the surface area of a bowling ball.

It was a meal fit for the elite marathoner Moody has become after years battling an eating disorder that nearly ended her running career.

“My advice to young women is to focus on yourself and don’t compare yourself to other people,” said Moody, 28, whose remarkable comeback has led her to Sunday’s World Championships marathon in Berlin. “That’s what got me in trouble, seeing people who were really skinny running well, not knowing then that it might help you run well for a year but it wouldn’t last.”

Others’ opinions about her shape can no longer cause her the discomfort that led to an eating disorder so severe the 5-foot-8-inch Moody said she dropped from 128 to 96 pounds in her first semester at the University of Colorado a decade ago.

“We became extremely worried when we saw her in November at the NCAA [Cross Country] Championships,” said her mother, Cleta.

Her parents recommended she have the problem evaluated when she returned home to St. Charles that Christmas. In a denial typical of anorexics, Moody refused, saying she was fine.

“I don’t lie to my parents, and I lied about this,” Moody said.

Elite college runners generally are encouraged to be lean. To Moody, that suggestion was a catalyst toward anorexia.

“I’m a Type A personality, so I took that as to stop eating,” she said.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ADIDAS | Marathoner Tera Moody competes at the Colorado Trails Marathon last July.