

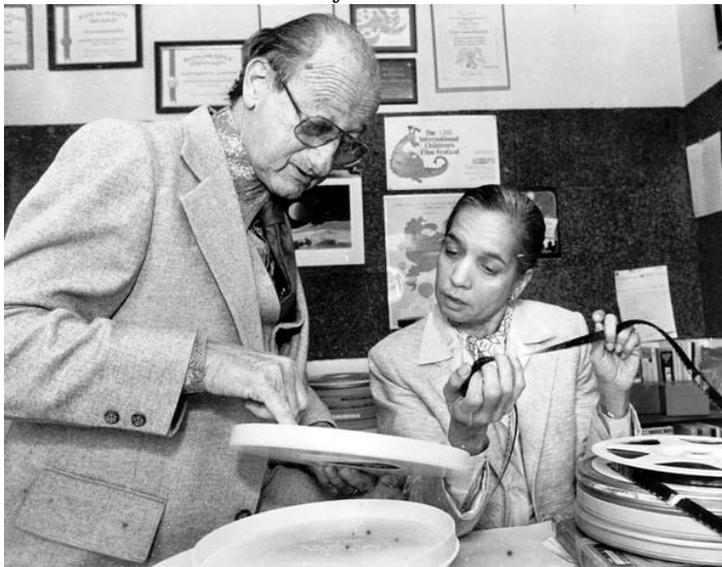
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## OBITUARIES

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### PASSINGS: Furio Scarpelli, M. Edgar Rosenblum, Milan Herzog, William G. Spitzer, Christie Stanley

Furio Scarpelli, screenwriter, dies at 90; M. Edgar Rosenblum, theater director, dies at 78; Milan Herzog, educational film producer, dies at 101; William G. Spitzer, USC physicist, dies at 82; Christie Stanley, former Santa Barbara County D.A., dies at 61



Milan Herzog, seen with his wife, Shanta Gidwani, produced hundreds of films for Encyclopaedia Britannica. (Los Angeles Times / April 28, 2010)

#### **Milan Herzog: Educational film producer**

Milan Herzog, 101, who produced hundreds of educational films for Encyclopaedia Britannica that were viewed in classrooms across the country, died April 20 at his home in Los Angeles.

Herzog was born Aug. 23, 1908, in Croatia and rode out World War I with his family in Yugoslavia.

From there, he pursued a law degree in Paris and later worked as a translator, journalist and judge.

Alarmed by the rise of Adolf Hitler, Herzog fled with his family to the United States. By that time, he had mastered five languages: Serbo-Croatian, French, Spanish, English and German.

In the late 1940s while living in Chicago, he began producing films for Encyclopaedia Britannica on such subjects as photosynthesis and Christopher Columbus.

After moving to Los Angeles in the 1970s, Herzog was an independent film producer for more than 20 years.

His first wife, Roni, died in the late 1970s. He married Shanta Gidwani, an Indian filmmaker, in 1979.