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DEATHS REPORTED

Beattie, Barbara S.
58, of Lancaster, April 4, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266.

Brown, H. Richard
62, husband of Lynn I. Brown, of Conestoga, April 5, 2008. Gundel Funeral Home, 872-8621.

Dombach, Martin C.
74, husband of Suzanne Vatter Dombach, of Lititz, April 6, 2008. Spacht Funeral Home, Ltd., 626-2317.

Downer, Viola I.
79, of Lancaster, April 4, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266.

Engle, Bernice Metzler
87, of San Antonio, TX, March 14, 2008. Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., 653-5441.

Fritz, Vincent J. *
84, Columbia, April 5, 2008. Kraft-Workman Funeral Homes, Inc., 684-6633.

Groff, Ann M. *
72, of Columbia, April 5, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266.

Lackey, William H., Jr.
63, husband of Linda E. (Kirchner) Lackey, of Lititz, April 4, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel, 560-5100.

Marley, Robert S.
55, of 114 N. Fourth St., Columbia, April 5, 2008. Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc., 684-2370.

Richter, Robert V.
69, of East Earl, April 5, 2008. Furman Home For Funerals, 656-6833.

Sheidy, Mary Ellen (Shoemaker)
65, wife of Charles W. Sheidy, of Denver, April 5, 2008. Good Funeral Home & Cremation Centre, 336-4909.

Slaymaker, Sara A.
76, of Parkesburg, PA, April 5, 2008. Shivery Funeral Home, 610-593-5967.

* No obituary appears

Francis L. Kirk

Francis Levi Kirk, 81, of Peach Bottom, entered into rest on Friday, April 4, 2008, at the Essa Flory Hospice Center. He was the husband of Ethel V. Lefever Kirk, with whom he would have celebrated 51 years of marriage this coming June 30th.



Born in Peach Bottom, he was the son of the late Howard T. and Helen H. Kirk. Francis graduated from Penn State University in 1949, with a BS in Dairy Husbandry. While at Penn State he was a member of the Animal Husbandry Judging Team and Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity. After graduation he returned to Peach Bottom to work the two family farms. At one time he had the largest milking purebred Guernsey herd in Lancaster County, and in 1983 had the top milk producing herd in Pennsylvania.

While farming Francis had a strong interest in soil conservation, and in 1983 he was awarded Outstanding Conservation Cooperator from the Lancaster County Conservation District. Before retiring he placed both farms, totaling 350 acres, in the Lancaster County Agricultural Land Preserve. After retiring he was a taxi driver for the Amish.

Francis had a strong interest in history and family antiques and genealogy. An avid Penn State Football fan, he enjoyed watching football and baseball. He was a birthright member of Penn Hill Friends Meeting. Francis was also a member of the American and PA Guernsey Breeders Associations, the Oxford Lodge F. & A.M., Knights Templar and Fulton Grange #66.

In addition to his wife, Francis is survived by a daughter, Dr. Mary E., wife of Richard Hodgson, two sons, H. Thomas, husband of Teresa Hannum Kirk and Robert E., husband of Megan Millhouse Kirk, and 4 grandchildren, all of Peach Bottom; and his sister Ethel, wife of George J. Mills of Santa Ana, CA. His son William J. Kirk preceded Francis in death.

VIEWINGS: Monday, April

Viola I. Downer

Viola I. Downer, 79, of Lancaster, entered into rest on Friday, April 4, 2008 at LGH.



Born November 8, 1928 in Columbia, PA, she was the daughter of the late George F. and Sarah Y. (Harry) Kline.

Viola worked as a manager at Two Guys Dept. Store and later worked for the school district of Lancaster as the manager of the cafeteria at the Martin Luther King Elementary School. She enjoyed crocheting, painting, Bingo, and playing cards.

She is survived by two sons, Harry F. Downer, husband of Cheryl, of Wilmington, DE, Steele E. Downer, husband of Barbara, of Detroit, MI; three daughters, Marilyn L., wife of Michael E. Hite, of Lancaster, Darlene L., wife of Jon Rose, of Greenville, NC, Crystal T., wife of Robert Nosworthy, of Harrisburg; nine grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and a sister, Sarah Ann Durborow, of Lancaster. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Colin M. Nosworthy.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Route 999, Millersville, PA, (717)-872-2266 on Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 10:30 AM with Rev. Cathy M. Shiley officiating. Interment will be in the Conestoga Memorial Park, Lancaster, PA. Friends may visit with the family at Scheid's on Thursday between 9:30 and 10:30 AM. Please omit flowers. Memorial Remembrances can be made in Viola's memory to the Colin M. Nosworthy Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Central Dauphin High School, Attention: Nora Ohl, or to the American Diabetes Association. For on-line condolences, directions or other information, you are welcome to visit our website at: www.scheidfuneralhome.com

Naomi Wright

Naomi G. Wright, 92, of 328

OBITUARIES

Martin C. "Marty" Dombach

Martin C. "Marty" Dombach, 74, of Lititz, Pa, passed away at his home on Sunday morning following a long illness.



Born in Lancaster, PA, he was the son of the late David B. Dombach and the late Mary Ellen Ross Howe. Marty was the husband of Suzanne Vatter Dombach, they had been married 54 years.

He had worked for BCA Corp in Lancaster and also with Kerr Glass, most recently he worked part-time at the Manheim Auto Auction. He served with the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict aboard the USS Quincey

He was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lititz, a life-time member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post # 1463 and the American Legion PA Post # 56 in Lititz. Also he was a member of the Navy Cruisers Assoc. and attended many USS Quincey reunions throughout the East coast. Marty was also part of the Lancaster North West End Reunion and an avid golfer and past member of the Conestoga Country Club.

Marty will be lovingly remembered by his wife Suzanne, children; David M. Dombach of Colorado Springs, CO, Richard M. husband of Freda J. Dombach and Kathleen M. wife of Darrel J. Smith all of Brownstown, seven grandsons, three great grandsons, a sister, Carol wife of Eugene Varner of Dauphin, PA and brother in law, Elwood B. Hess of Manheim. He was preceded in death by a sister, Doris L. Hess.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his Life Celebration Service from St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 200 W. Orange St., Lititz, Pa on Wednesday at 12:00 PM with the Rev. James R. Gable, Jr. officiating. Interment will be held in Machpelah Cemetery. The family will receive friends at St. Paul's on Wednesday from 10:00 AM until the time of serv-

Mary Ellen Sheidy

Mary Ellen Sheidy, 65, Denver, died in her home April 5, 2008, after a long illness.



Born in Coatesville, a daughter of Harold Shoemaker, Sr., Christiana, and the late Roberta (Clifford) Rinier, she was the wife of Charles W. Sheidy for 47 years.

A 1960 graduate of Octorara H. S., Mary Ellen received her Associates in English degree from Philadelphia Community College. She worked for Muskogee School for the Blind, Muskogee, OK, Beacon Lodge Camp for the Blind, Mt. Union, (founded by her uncle, Carl Shoemaker), and as a legal secretary for many years.

A member of OMPH Catholic Church, Ephrata, she was a talented gardener, an avid "Scrabble" player and regularly completed the New York Times Sunday crossword puzzles.

More than anything else, Mary Ellen lived for her family, especially her grandchildren.

Also surviving: daughter, Jennifer (Steve) Wolfson, Bloomfield, NJ; sons, Sean (Sandra) Sheidy, Camp Douglas, WI; and Kevin (Lori Fox) Sheidy, Lititz; grandchildren, Mandi, Brandi, Kolin, Ryan, Lauren & Madeline; brothers, Harold (Janina) Shoemaker, Jr., Gretna, VA; Larry (Cheryl) Rinier, Syracuse, NY; and Richard Rinier, Reinholds. A sister, Suzanne Enright, predeceased her.

In accordance with her wishes, Mary Ellen will be cremated with no viewing or public services. A private memorial service will be held by the family. By her request, please omit flowers and remember her with contributions to Hospice of Lanc. Co., Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. Arrangements by Good Funeral Home & Cremation Centre of Reamstown. www.goodfuneral.com

Bernice M. Engle

Bernice Metzler Engle, 87, passed away on March 14, 2008 in San Antonio, Texas. Her husband, Edison Grove Engle, Jr. passed away in 1976.

Dorothy Mae Zeiset

Dorothy Mae Zeiset, 92, of Akron, entered into rest at Ephrata Community Hospital, on Friday, April 4, 2008.

Born in Indiana County, PA, she was a daughter of the late George M. and Rose Mac (Ressler) Plowman. She was the wife of the late Horace S. Zeiset, who passed away on September 1, 2006. They were married for 68 years.

She was a member of Ephrata Church of the Brethren and had worked at the former RCA of Lancaster, retiring after 32 years of service in 1978. After retirement, Dorothy and her husband delivered food for Meals on Wheels for 18 years.

Dorothy is survived by two brothers: Don and Dwight Plowman and one sister, Jennie Conrad (all of Western PA), and numerous nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers Virgil, Forrest, Lloyd, and James Plowman and one sister, Twilight Stutzman.

A viewing will be held from 10 to 11 AM on Tuesday, April 8th at Stradling Funeral Home, 30 N. 9th Street, Akron, where funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM. Pastor Galen Hackman and Pastor Rob Eshleman will be officiating. Interment will follow in the Mt. Zion Evangelical Cemetery, Akron.

The family requests memorial contributions in Dorothy's memory be sent to Ephrata Church of the Brethren, 201 Crescent Avenue, Ephrata, PA 17522.

Arrangements by Stradling Funeral Homes, Akron/Ephrata. For additional information or to send a condolence to the family, visit www.stradlingfuneralhome.com

Robert V. Richter

Robert V. Richter, 69 of East Earl, PA, formerly of Paramus, NJ, passed away on Saturday, April 5, 2008.

Prior to retiring Robert was a chef for many years for George's Catering in Moonachie, NJ.

Funeral Home & Cremation Centre, 336-4909.

Slaymaker, Sara A.
76, of Parkesburg, PA, April 5, 2008. Shivery Funeral Home, 610-593-5967.

* No Obituary appears

SERVICES TODAY

Givler, Henry Earl
First Church of God, 344 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster, Monday, 10AM. Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home & Chapel.

Lehman, David P.
Danville Mennonite Church, Mon., 10:00 AM. Brady Funeral Home

Sabatine, Philip A.
St. Anne's Catholic Church, 929 N. Duke St., Lancaster, Monday, 11:00AM. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home and Chapel.

Weinhold, Robert W.
Gravenor Home For Funerals, Inc., 100 West Main St., Ephrata, Mon., 2:00 PM.

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is survived by a daughter, Dr. Mary E., wife of Richard Hodgson, two sons, H. Thomas, husband of Teresa Hannum Kirk and Robert E., husband of Megan Millhouse Kirk, and 4 grandchildren, all of Peach Bottom; and his sister Ethel, wife of George J. Mills of Santa Ana, CA. His son William J. Kirk preceded Francis in death.

VIEWINGS: Monday, April 7th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Dewald Funeral & Cremation Services, 224 W. 4th St., Quarryville, PA., and Tuesday, April 8th from 10 to 11 AM at Penn Hill Friends Meeting, 2228 Robert Fulton Hwy., Wakefield, PA. FUNERAL: Tuesday, April 8th at 11 AM at Penn Hill Friends Meeting. Interment in Penn Hill Friends Burial Ground. Please omit flowers. If desired, contributions may be made in Francis' memory to Hospice of Lancaster County, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. www.dewalds.com

Robert S. Marley

Robert S. "Robo" Marley, 55, of 114 N. Fourth St., Columbia, died early Saturday morning at home of natural causes. He was the husband of the late Francine Dinkel Marley who preceded him in death in 1994.

A lifelong Columbia resident he was the son of the late Edward "Mang" and Mary Elizabeth Studenroth Marley.

He retired in 1995 from the Defense Distribution Center, Eastern Regional Division, Mechanicsburg.

He graduated from Columbia High School in 1970 and was a member of the B.P.O.E #1074 and the Columbia Fraternal Association.

He served in the U.S. Navy, being discharged in 1972.

Surviving are his sons, Chad E. Marley, husband of Lyndy (Seibert) and Benjamin R. Marley, both of Columbia. A grandson Copper Francis Marley and a sister Linda Moore of Jackson, FL also survive.

A memorial service will be held from the Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc., 519 Walnut St., Columbia, on Thursday at 11 AM with the Rev. J. Patrick Peters, officiating. Interment to follow in Laurel Hill Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Thursday one hour prior to the service. Please omit flowers. Contributions to the American Cancer Society, 314 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603 in Robo's memory would be deeply appreciated.

American Diabetes Association. For on-line condolences, directions or other information, you are welcome to visit our website at: www.scheidfuneralhome.com

Naomi Wright

Naomi G. Wright, 92, of 328 Sunset Avenue, Strasburg, died at home on Saturday, April 5, following a lengthy illness. She was the widow of Thomas Wright, who died in April, 2007.

Naomi was a homemaker and worked with her husband in his insurance agency. She was an active member of Wesley United Methodist Church, Strasburg, and enjoyed helping with the Methodist Women. Naomi was a member of Quarryville Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 446. She and her husband volunteered with Paradise Meals On Wheels for many years.

Born in Southern Lancaster County, she was the daughter of the late Christian and Elizabeth Hosler Groff. Naomi is survived by a son, Thomas, Jr., married to Judy Wright of Strasburg, 2 daughters, Audrey, wife of the late Dr. Robert Nowicki of Warminster and Margaret, married to Thomas Fortis of Avondale, 8 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Naomi was preceded in death by 2 sisters, Elizabeth Johnson and Ruth Fox and 3 brothers, H. Paul, Owen and Samuel Groff.

VIEWING: Wednesday April 9, 2008 from 9:30 until 10:30 AM in the Wesley United Methodist Church, 40 West Main Street, Strasburg, PA. FUNERAL: Wednesday, April 9 at 10:30 AM in the church with Pastor Timothy Duchesne officiating. Interment in Strasburg Mennonite Cemetery. Please omit flowers. Kindly consider sending a contribution in Naomi's memory to Wesley UM Church Building Fund, 40 W. Main St., Strasburg, PA 17579. Bachman Funeral Home, Strasburg, PA.

www.bachmanfuneral.com

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Duane J. Shertz Sr.
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Mom, Dad, David & Pam

respectfully invited to attend his Life Celebration Service from St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 200 W. Orange St., Lititz, Pa on Wednesday at 12:00 PM with the Rev. James R. Gable, Jr. officiating. Interment will be held in Machpelah Cemetery. The family will receive friends at St. Paul's on Wednesday from 10:00 AM until the time of service. Military Honors will be rendered by the Red Rose Veterans Honor Guard. Please omit flowers, if desired, memorials may be sent in Martin's memory to the American Heart Assoc., 610 Community Way, Lancaster, PA, 17603 or to the American Lung Assoc. of Lancaster & Berks Counties, 630 Janet Ave., Lancaster, PA, 17601. Spacht Funeral Home, Ltd.

www.lifecelebratin.com

Barbara S. Beattie

Barbara S. Beattie, 58, of Lancaster, entered into rest on Friday, April 4, 2008 at LRMC after a brief battle with cancer.

Born February 3, 1950, in Lancaster; she was the daughter of the late William Washerlayne and Barbara Lheureux.

She is survived by two sons, William T. Beattie and Robert D. Lewis, both of Lancaster; six grandchildren; two brothers; and one sister.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Route 999, Millersville, PA, (717)-872-2266 on Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 2 PM. Interment will be private. Friends may visit with the family at Scheid's between 1 and 2 PM on Thursday. For on-line condolences, directions or other information, you are welcome to visit our website at: www.scheidfuneralhome.com

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Bernice M. Engle

Bernice Metzler Engle, 87, passed away on March 14, 2008 in San Antonio, Texas. Her husband, Edison Grove Engle, Jr. passed away in 1976.

She was born on February 14, 1921 in Mount Joy to James H. and Edna Ney Metzler. She was raised by James and her stepmother, Emma I. Heisey, after the untimely death of Edna. Bernice graduated from Millersville State Teachers College in 1943. She married in 1945 and moved to the Washington, D.C. area where her children were born. Bernice was a school librarian in Arlington, Virginia for 20 years and an active member of Resurrection Lutheran Church for 50 years. In retirement, she was a volunteer at Arlington Hospital, Hospice Gift Shop, Meals-on-Wheels and as a teacher of English as a second language. In 2000, Bernice moved to the Inn at Los Patios Retirement Community in San Antonio to be closer to her family. She was a member of the MacArthur Park Lutheran Church.

Bernice will be missed by her children, Carolyn Ann married to Pat Reyes, San Antonio, TX, and Edison James Engle, married to Jana Rush, Manitou Springs, CO. A sister, Elizabeth Hopple and a brother, Robert Metzler preceded her in death.

A graveside service will be held in Mount Joy Cemetery on Wednesday, April 16 at 2pm with Rev. Michael J. Martine officiating, followed by a time of fellowship with the family at Trinity Lutheran Church, 47 W. Main St., Mount Joy. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., Mount Joy. Online condolences to www.sheetzfuneralhome.com

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Robert V. Richter

Robert V. Richter, 69 of East Earl, PA, formerly of Paramus, NJ, passed away on Saturday, April 5, 2008.

Prior to retiring Robert was a chef for many years for George's Catering in Moonachie, NJ.

Loving husband of the late Jean Richter (nee Moran).

Devoted father of Rob Richter and his wife Esther, of Atlanta, GA and Jeff Richter and his wife Kim, of Ramsey, NJ.

Loving grandfather of Kelly and Ryan Richter.

Caring brother in-law to Angel and Mike Forschino, Melanie and Loren Vallerio, Cookie and Rocky Florio, and Sam, widow of Tom King.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services and visitation on Monday, April 7, from 2-4, and 7-9 PM at Furman Home For Funerals, 59 West Main Street, Leola, PA. Memorial Services will be on Tuesday, April 8th at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 150 Water Street, New Holland, PA. Repast to follow after services.

In lieu of flowers, donations made in Robert's memory to Hospice of Lancaster County, PO Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125 or your charity of choice in his memory would be appreciated.

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OBITUARIES

Sara A. Slaymaker

Sara A. Slaymaker, age 76 of Parkesburg, PA passed away at the Brandywine Hospital on Saturday, April 5, 2008. She was born in Chatham, PA, daughter of the late Frederick N. & Sara D. Wheeler Shaub.

Sara worked for Harrison Senior Living for 23 years and most recently worked at the Parkesburg Laundry. She enjoyed doing jigsaw puzzles, gardening, watching horse racing, football and NASCAR racing, country music and spending time with her family especially her grandchildren. Surviving are 6 children: Stanley L. of Parkesburg, Colleen D., wife of Greg Coates of Leola, Susan A., wife of Johnny Estus of Gouldsboro, PA, Tommy, Sr., husband of Tina Anderson Slaymaker of Atglen, Michael D. of Coatesville, John E., husband of Samantha Hull Slaymaker of Paradise, 23 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, 7 siblings: Richard and Charles Shaub of Cochranville, Paul and Wayne Shaub of Arizona, James Shaub of Gap, Roger Shaub of Intercourse, Christine, wife of David Harting of Brownstown. She was preceded in death by 3 sons: Cabene, Jr., Bruce D., Ronnie S. Slaymaker; 2 grandsons, 5 siblings: Dorothy Zander, Rose Landis, Betty Bunting, Linda Boyd, Fred Shaub, Jr.

Funeral service will take place from the Shivery Funeral Home, 111 Elizabeth Street, Christiana, PA on Wednesday, April 9th at 11 A.M. with a view from 10 to 11 A.M. Pastor Fred Raupp will be officiating. Interment will be in the Bellevue Presbyterian Cemetery, Gap, PA. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 314 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603. www.shiveryfuneralhome.com

H. Richard Brown

H. Richard Brown, 62, of Conestoga, died Saturday at the Select Specialty Hospital in York Pennsylvania. Born January 29th, 1946, in Nottingham, PA, he was a son of the late Howard R. and Nancy (Anderson) Brown. Mr. Brown is survived by his wife Lynn I. Brown, of Conestoga.

Mr. Brown was a member of Marticville United Methodist Church. He had been a member of Unionville Presbyterian Church where he had served on various committees. Richard was a volunteer fire fighter with the Conestoga, Longwood, and PO-MAR-LIN fire departments. Mr. Brown was an avid, lifelong hunter. Richard retired from the Chester county department of corrections after twenty years service. Richard enjoyed helping the Amish community for several years as a driver.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Brown is survived by a daughter: Tina (Brown) Greer, of Lansing NC.; a son: Thomas Brown, of Coatsville; and eight grandchildren. Richard is predeceased by a brother, Bruce Brown. He will be remembered as a loving husband, dad, and pop pop.

Funeral services will be 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, at the Gundel Funeral Home, 3225 Main Street, Conestoga. Viewing will be 5:30 p.m. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Marticville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 40, Pequea PA, 17565. Arrangements by the Gundel Funeral Home Inc., for additional information or to send a condolence please call 717 872-8621, or visit www.gundelfuneralhome.com

Obama, Clinton seeking youth vote in Pennsylvania

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are hustling for the youth vote in Pennsylvania as if they have never heard this is a state where the old hold sway.

Campuses in the cities and mountainsides are alive with political activism, stirred most notably by Obama in student registration drives aimed at replicating his success with young voters dating to the Iowa caucus in January.

How motivated are his youthful supporters? So motivated that Alyssa Beasley, 20, endured an encounter with the DMV so she could switch her driver's license from New Jersey and register to vote at the same time.

And how high are their expectations? In Beasley's case, very.

"I feel like my entire hope and dream for America lies on this man's shoulders," she said on the tree-lined campus of the Jesuit-run University of Scranton.

That heady courtship is matched by a vigorous effort on Clinton's side. Altogether, the April 22 primary is becoming more of a can't-miss event for the young instead of just another why-bother one on the political calendar.

Doug Jones, 19, got so caught up in the excitement that he registered as a Democrat to vote for Clinton, even though he'll probably vote Republican in the fall.

"I'm not doing it out of sneaky and scheming motives to down the Democratic nominee," Jones, a University of Scranton student, said. "I'd like to take part in the process."

Pennsylvania ranks third in the nation in the percentage of people 65 and older, a group that has favored Clinton else-

where and appears strong for her here.

Obama is counting on a big showing from the state's nearly 700,000 college students on more than 150 campuses.

The Illinois senator has received the support of about 60

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Alyssa Beasley, age 20
Barack Obama supporter

percent of voters aged 18-24 in competitive states, exit polls indicate, and his advantage with that group doesn't appear to be waning in Pennsylvania.

The question is whether that will be enough to prevail in a state where polls have found Clinton consistently ahead, if by shrinking margins.

"We have a long way to go in Pennsylvania, and maximizing the votes of young voters is critical if we're going to be able to close the gap," said Sean Smith, an Obama spokesman.

Pennsylvania makes voting easy for students from other states because it requires only 30 days' residency to register. However, no one who voted in an earlier primary elsewhere can vote again here.

Mia Prenskey, 21, of Harrisburg said Obama supporters have been on her campus at Bryn Mawr College handing out stickers, distributing information about the Iraq war and encouraging students to vote. They struck a chord with her.

"I still don't really like the fact that Hillary voted for the war," she said.

In Philadelphia, where more than 100,000 college students

live, Obama volunteers with voter registration forms in hand have been on campuses and at train stations around Philadelphia's bustling University City district, encouraging their peers to register.

Among them was Seth Dean, 23, a University of Pennsylvania student who said he decided in January to register as a Democrat in Pennsylvania. At home in Florida, he was a registered independent.

"I kind of thought from the beginning it was going to be kind of a long drawn-out fight and it might come down to Pennsylvania, so I just made a tactical decision," Dean said.

Aside from Obama's strong base among black voters, young voters are probably his strongest group, said Scott Keeter, director of survey research for the Pew Research Center.

"I cannot recall another candidate in the past couple of decades that had such consistent support from young people," Keeter said.

A recent Quinnipiac University poll found Obama leading Clinton 51 percent to 42 percent among likely Democratic voters ages 18-44 in Pennsylvania, but trailing nine points overall.

Obama's campaign ran an ad in Pittsburgh and Harrisburg before the state's March 24 registration deadline aimed at drumming up new young voters. It cited his opposition to the Iraq war and his plan to help loan-burdened college students.

Additional efforts by Obama to reach young voters in Pennsylvania include a text messaging program that allows supporters to communicate with each other and receive information about events, said Obama spokesman Smith.

Luzerne County historic carousel to be auctioned

DALLAS, Pa. (AP) — A hand-carved 1909 carousel that graced a Luzerne County amusement park until 1984 has been put up for auction, but locals hope to raise money to keep it in northeast Pennsylvania.

Mary Ann Wintersteen, who co-owns the brightly painted carousel with her son, decided to sell the family heirloom when she could not find a civic group in the area to take it.

The Wintersteen "Menagerie Machine," which boasts 44 animals carved by a team of artists and was powered by steam until 1930, has been called a rare find by Carousel News and Trader magazine.

"You see so many carousel horses and the animals look so mean. My animals are so friendly looking," Wintersteen said, gazing at photos of the wooden horses, camels, giraffes and goats. "They're my babies."

The carousel is slated for auction in Florida on April 23, but residents with fond memories of its decades at Harveys Lake are trying to raise money for a successful bid. They said they had no idea the family had been trying to unload it.

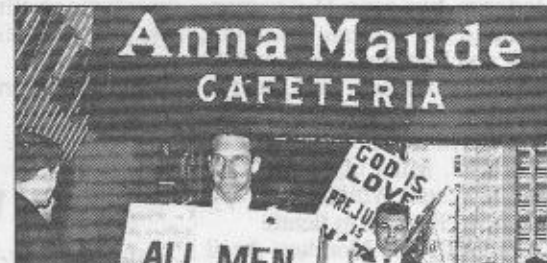
"It's probably the crown jewel of our area as far as historical pieces go, and we want to bring it back here," said Duane Updyke, an amusement ride enthusiast from Sweet Valley. "It just seems right that we have it back in our community."

With the auction catalog already printed, it's too late to call off the sale. But Updyke, a local pastor and others have formed a nonprofit group called The Brass Ring Fund to try to buy the carousel.

"She feels so bad about signing the contract, but she just didn't think anyone cared," said Elizabeth Martin of Dallas, another member of the group.



William H. Lackey Jr.



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William H. Lackey Jr., 63, of Lititz, Pa died Friday, April 4, 2008 at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Bethlehem PA. Bill was born in Coastsville he was the son of William H. Lackey Sr. and Naples FL. and the late Dorothy (Staman) Lackey. He was the husband of Linda E. (Kirchner) Lackey and this coming August they would have celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary.

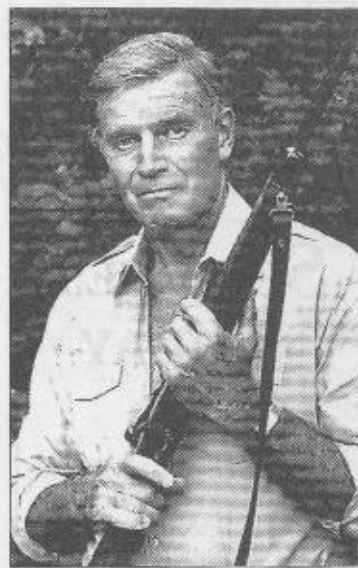
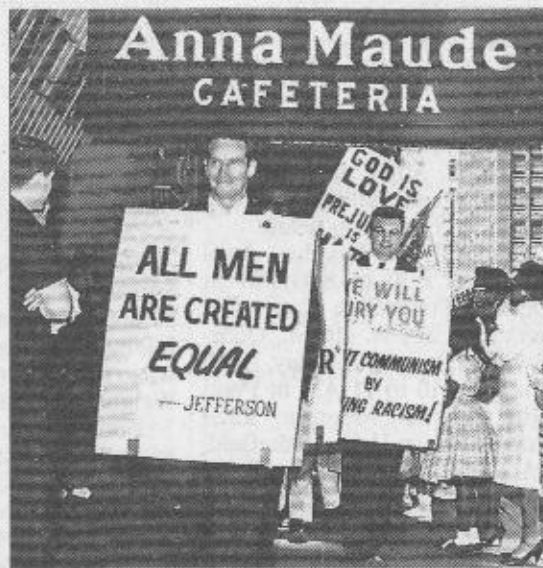
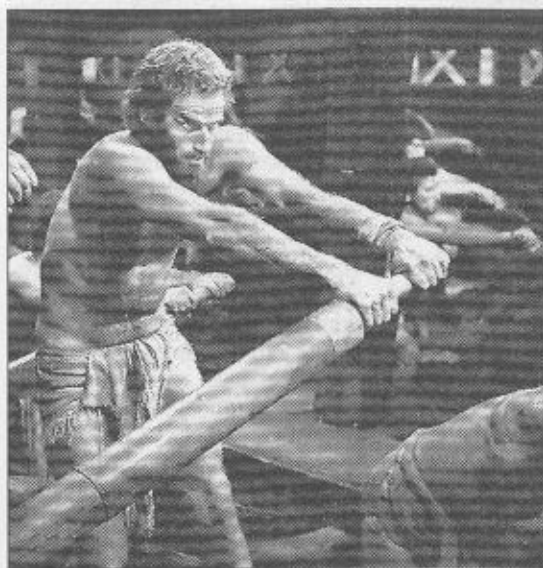


Bill was employed at Dave's Used Cars as a salesman before his illness. He was a graduate of West Chester High School and he also attended Champlain College in New York State. Bill was very active in AA and was sober for over 23 years which he was very proud of. Bill enjoyed riding motorcycles and was a member of BOA motorcycle club.

Surviving besides his wife and father are a daughter, Brooke K. Smith, wife of Leslie of Boothwyn, PA; 2 sons, Erik M. Lackey, husband of Shawn of Belair, MD., and William H. Lackey III, husband of Mona of Annapolis, MD. A step son Todd Bookman, husband of Michelle of Brownstown; 8 grandchildren, Paul, Harry, Emily, Alexandra, Tori, Gabriel, Anna, and Will. A brother Thomas Lackey, husband of Diane of Exton, and a sister, Christine Kijer of New Hampshire; 3 nephews and 2 nieces.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to American Diabetes Assoc., 3544 N. Progress Ave., Suite 101, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Service on Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM at the Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel, 3110 Lititz Pike, Lititz. You may pay respects to the family on Wednesday evening from 6-7:30 PM at the funeral home. Interment will be at Laurel Hill Cemetery.

To send an online condolence or for more information please visit www.snyderfuneralhome.com



The many faces of Charlton Heston over the years, left to right: As an angry Moses in Cecil B. DeMille's "The Ten Commandments" (1955); as the title

character in 1958's "Ben-Hur"; picketing a whites-only restaurant in 1961 in Oklahoma City; brandishing a rifle at his Los Angeles home in 1971.

Iconic actor Charlton Heston dies at age 84

BY DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES — Nancy Reagan was heartbroken over Charlton Heston's death. President Bush hailed him as a "strong advocate for liberty," while John McCain called Heston a devotee for civil and constitutional rights.

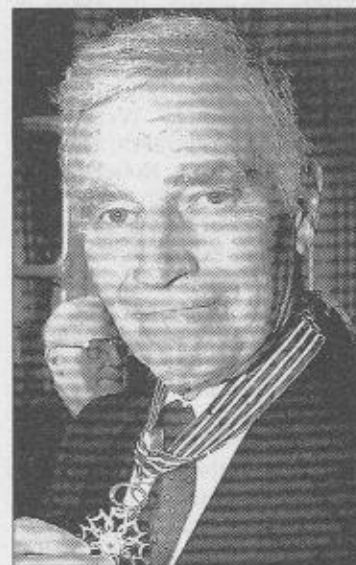
Even Michael Moore, who mocked Heston in his gun-control documentary "Bowling for Columbine," posted the actor's picture on his Web site to mark his passing.

Heston, who died Saturday night at 84, was a towering figure both in his politics and on screen, where his characters had the ear of God (Moses in "The Ten Commandments"), survived apocalyptic plagues ("The Omega Man") and endured one of Hollywood's most-grueling action sequences (the chariot race in "Ben-Hur," which earned him the best-actor Academy Award).

Better known in recent years as a fierce gun-rights advocate who headed the National Rifle Association, Heston played legendary leaders and ordinary men hurled into heroic struggles.

"In taking on epic and commanding roles, he showed himself to be one of our nation's most gifted actors, and his legacy will forever be a part of our cinema," Republican presidential candidate McCain said in a statement that also noted Heston's involvement in the civil-rights movement and his stand against gun control.

Heston's jutting jaw, regal



Associated Press photos

Charlton Heston in 1950, left, and at right in 1997 showing the medal he received upon being named to France's Order of Arts and Letters. Heston died Saturday at age 84.

bearing and booming voice served him well as Marc Antony in "Julius Caesar" and "Antony and Cleopatra," Michelangelo in "The Agony and the Ecstasy," John the Baptist in "The Greatest Story Ever Told" and an astronaut on a topsy-turvy world where simians rule in "Planet of the Apes."

"Charlton Heston was seen by the world as larger than life," Heston's family said in a statement. "We knew him as an adoring husband, a kind and devoted father, and a gentle grandfather with an infectious sense of humor. He served these far greater roles with tremendous faith, courage and dignity."

The actor died at his home in Beverly Hills with his wife,

Lydia, at his side, family spokesman Bill Powers said. He declined to comment on the cause of death or provide further details Sunday.

One of the biggest box-office draws of the 1950s through the 1970s, Heston's work dwindled largely to small parts and narration and other voice roles from the 1980s on, including an uncredited cameo as an ape in Tim Burton's 2001 remake of "Planet of the Apes."

In 2002, near the end of his five years as president of the NRA, Heston disclosed that he had symptoms consistent with Alzheimer's disease.

The disclosure was soon followed by an unflattering appearance in Moore's 2003 best

documentary winner "Bowling for Columbine," which took America to task for its gun laws.

Like fellow conservative Ronald Reagan, Heston served as president of the Screen Actors Guild.

"He was one of Ronnie's and my dearest friends," former first lady Nancy Reagan said in a statement. "I will never forget Chuck as a hero on the big screen in the roles he played, but more importantly I considered him a hero in life for the many times that he stepped up to support Ronnie in whatever he was doing."

Bush — who in 2003 presented Heston the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor — called Heston a "man of character and integrity, with a big heart."

Decades before his NRA leadership, Heston was a strong advocate for civil rights in the 1960s, joining marches and offering financial assistance.

Civil-rights leaders in Los Angeles held a moment of silence in Heston's memory Sunday after an unrelated news conference.

Heston had contributed and raised thousands of dollars in Hollywood for Martin Luther King Jr.'s movement, said Earl Ofari Hutchinson, president of the Los Angeles Urban Policy Round Table.

Fans remember Heston for some of the most epic moments on film: Parting the Red Sea as Moses in "The Ten Commandments," cursing his self-destructive species as he stumbles on the remnants of the Statue of Liberty in "Planet

of the Apes," tearing hell-bent through the chariot race in "Ben-Hur."

"Ben-Hur" earned 11 Oscars, the most ever until 1997's "Titanic" and 2003's "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" tied it.

Born Charles Carter in a Chicago suburb on Oct. 4, 1923, Heston grew up in the Michigan wilderness, where his father operated a lumber mill.

Heston took up acting after serving in the Army during World War II. He took his professional name from his mother's maiden name, Charlton, and the last name of his stepfather, Chester Heston, whom she married after his parents' divorce.

After his movie debut in two independent films, Heston was put under contract by producer Hal B. Wallis ("Casablanca"). Cecil B. DeMille cast him as the circus manager in "The Greatest Show on Earth" and then as Moses in "The Ten Commandments."

He followed with Orson Welles' "Touch of Evil," William Wyler's "The Big Country" and the sea saga "The Wreck of the Mary Deare" before "Ben-Hur" elevated Heston to the top of Hollywood's A-list. His later films included "Earthquake," "El Cid," "Midway" and "Soylent Green."

Heston and his wife had a daughter, Holly Ann, and a son, Fraser Clarke, who played the infant Moses in "The Ten Commandments." In the 1990s, Heston's son directed his father in several TV and big-screen films, including "Treasure Island" and "Alaska."