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DEATHS REPORTED

Bedi, William
82, husband of Annabell Snader Bedi, of Lititz, March 27, 2008. Stradling Funeral Homes, 733-2472.

Eckman, Paul R.
89, of Hamilton Arms, March 27, 2008. Richard A Sheetz Funeral Home, 397-6329.

Eisenhart, Herbert
49, husband of Mary Ruth Eisenhart, of Baltimore, MD, March 19, 2008. Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Cremation and Funeral Care, 410-897-4852.

Forwood, Wilbur A.
77, of East Hempfield Twp., March 26, 2008. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 872-2266.

Glick, Christian F.
91, of 507 Cains Road, Gap, March 27, 2008. Furman Home for Funerals, 656-6833.

Groff, Miriam Brubaker
85, of Lancaster. Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home, 394-4097.

Hoover, Emma W. (Nolt)
96, of 10 E. Queen Street, Stevens, March 27, 2008. Stradling Funeral Homes, 859-1230.

Hoover, Frances Davidson*
of Ephrata, March 26, 2008. Paul I. Gravenor Home for Funerals, Inc., 733-6181.

Irwin, Edward W.
86, husband of Jean Hope Irwin, of Coatesville, March 26, 2008. Wilde Funeral Home, 610-857-5551.

Myer, Esther K.
73, of Conestoga View, March 26, 2008. Shivery Funeral Home, 687-7768.

Patterson, Margaret Simpson
86, wife of Anthony R. Patterson, March 27, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel, 560-5100.

Wilde, Martha M.
79, wife of William S. Wilde, of Parkesburg, March 27, 2008. Wilde Funeral Home, 610-857-5551.

* No Obituary appears

OBITUARIES

Margaret S. Patterson

Margaret Simpson Patterson, 86, died March 27, 2008 at her home from pancreatic cancer, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late William Hensel and Agnes Malone Simpson.



She graduated from Sacred Heart School and Lancaster Catholic High School. She worked at the Lancaster General Hospital and attended the University of Pennsylvania while working at Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia. Shortly after World War II, she returned to Lancaster where she met Anthony R. "Pat" Patterson, a young project engineer at Armstrong Cork Company. They married shortly thereafter.

Her volunteer work was compelling and varied. As a young woman, she served in many volunteer capacities at Sacred Heart Church and the Junior League of Lancaster. After her family relocated to Northeastern Pennsylvania, she established the welcoming committee for newcomers at Our Lady of Snows Church in Clarks Summit. She was also a founder of the Friends of Lourdesmont, which assisted at-risk girls. She was dedicated to the pro-life movement.

During her winters in Florida, she volunteered in the soup kitchen of the Guadaupe Center of Immokalee, assisting impoverished migrant laborers and their children. She also worked at the charity thrift shop. In Lancaster, she was a volunteer at St. Joseph's Hospital and Hospice of Lancaster

County. She was a superb communicator of both the oral and written word, and enhanced profoundly the lives she touched.

She was preceded in death by her twin sister and by her brothers W. Roger and George B. Simpson, her son, Joseph Timothy Patterson, her daughter, Marian Patterson Byrnes, her grandson, Thomas Patrick Byrnes, and her son-in-law, Mark Edmund Burns. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Anthony R. Patterson, sons Anthony R. Patterson, Jr., DMD, Christopher M. Patterson, Esq., and Matthew P. Patterson, DMD of Lancaster, and George B. Patterson of Sewickley, and by daughters Margaret Patterson Burns, LMSW, of Dallas and Rosemary P. Costello of West Chester. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 19 nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 558 W. Walnut Street, Lancaster, PA on Monday, March 31, 2008 at 10 AM. Interment will follow in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. There will be a viewing at the Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel, 3110 Lititz Pike, Lititz, PA on Sunday night from 7-9 PM and a viewing on Monday at Sacred Heart from 9:00-9:45 AM. Sunday night the Rosary will be recited at 8:45 PM.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Margaret's memory to Hospice of Lancaster County, PO Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125; Lancaster Catholic High School, 650 Juliette Ave., Lancaster, PA 17601; A Woman's Concern, 616 N. Duke St., Lancaster, PA 17602, or Sacred Heart of Jesus, 558 W. Walnut St., Lancaster, PA 17603. To send online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralhome.com

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William Bedi

William Bedi, 82, of Lititz, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, March 27, 2008. He was a wonderful husband, father



Esther K. Myer

Esther K. Myer, age 73 formerly of Harrisburg passed away at Conestoga View on Wednesday, March 26, 2008. She was born in Lancaster County, daughter of the late Luke B. & Suzie L. Kurtz Myer.



In the past she had attended the Paradise Mennonite Church. She had worked for UGI and later was a key punch operator for the Pennsylvania Dept of Transportation. She graduated from Locust Grove Mennonite School. She enjoyed spending time with her family.

Surviving are four siblings: Anna Mary Kingsbury of Hershey, Daniel Myer of Colville, WA, Elizabeth, wife of Raymond H. Myer of Lancaster, formerly of Elizabethtown, Suzanna Reitzel, formerly of Lancaster, nieces and nephews also survive. She was preceded in death by a brother: Luke B. Myer, Jr. and two infant siblings Ruth and Milton Myers.

Funeral service will take place at the Shivery Funeral Home, 3214 Lincoln Highway East, Paradise, PA on Monday, March 31st at 3 PM with a calling time from 2:30 PM until time of service, Pastor Fred Martin will be officiating. Interment will be in the Paradise Mennonite Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Hospice of Lancaster County, PO Box 1425, Lancaster, PA 17604-1425. www.shiveryfuneralhome.com

Christian F. Glick

Christian F. Glick, 91, of 507 Cains Road, Gap, died Thursday, March 27, 2008 at his residence after a lengthy illness. He was the husband of the late Hannah Stoltzfus Glick and the late Pheobia Miller Glick. Born in Ronks, he was the son of the late John K. and Sarah Fisher Glick. A retired farmer and owner of Limeville Book and Health Store, Mr. Glick was a bishop of the New Order Amish Church.

Surviving are two sons,

Paul R. Eckman

Paul R. Eckman, 89, formerly of East Petersburg, was reunited with his wife in heaven on Thursday, March 27, 2008 while a resident of Hamilton Arms.



He was married 55 years to the late Caroline Bauman Eckman who died in 1996. Born March 1, 1919 in Lancaster, he was the son of the late George W. and Catherine L. May Eckman.

Mr. Eckman retired as a supervisor from the Stroehman Brothers Bakery in Harrisburg in 1987 after 36 years of employment. He was a life long member of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Mr. Eckman served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was stationed aboard the U.S.S. Tranquility A.H. 14 in the South Pacific. He was a member of the American Legion Post #56 in Lititz and the National AARP. He was an avid Phillies fan and enjoyed spending time with his family.

Surviving is a son Lance P., husband of Cathy Eckman of Mountville; a daughter, Barbara C., wife of Robert Kreider of Elizabethtown; five grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by five brothers and four sisters.

A Funeral Service will be held on Monday, March 31, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 750 Greenfield Road, Lancaster, PA with the Rev. Mark L. Russell and the Rev. Clifton D. Eshbach officiating. Friends may call at the Richard A. Sheetz Funeral Home, 2024 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, PA on Sunday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. and at the church on Monday morning from 9:30 A.M. until the time of the service. Interment in Riverview Burial Park, Lancaster, PA. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mr. Eckman's memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 1877, Merrifield, VA 22116-8077. Arrangements by the Richard A Sheetz Funeral Home. 397-

Wilbur A. Forwood

Wilbur A. Forwood, 77, of East Hempfield Twp., died unexpectedly Wednesday, March 26, 2008 in the ER of LGH.



Wilbur retired in 1994 after 31 years with Wyeth Laboratories serving in various capacities in Product Development, Quality Control and Manufacturing. He started as a Laboratory assistant and worked his way to his final position as Vice-President of U.S. Manufacturing Plants located in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

Born in Elizabethtown, Route #1, Lancaster County, he was the son of the late Roland Ralph and Annie (Fry) Forwood.

Wilbur proudly served his Country as a Medical Laboratory Technician in a Mobile Army Surgical (MASH) Hospital during the Korean War. He then attended and graduated from Franklin and Marshall College.

As a member of the Lancaster Friends Meeting (Quaker), he served on various committees including the Building Committee, Care and Counsel Committee, and as Clerk of the Meeting in 2002 and 2003. Wilbur also was active in local Democratic Politics.

He is survived by two sons, John P. Forwood, of Lancaster and Mark J. Forwood married Andrea, of Williamsport; six grandchildren and four siblings, Larry, Harold and Glenn Forwood and Ann Nagle.

A Memorial Service will be held at Lancaster Friends Meeting (Quaker), 110 Tulane Terrace, Lancaster, PA 17603 on Saturday, April 26, 2008 at 10 AM. Interment will be private and at the convenience of the family. Kindly omit flowers. Memorial Remembrances can be made in Wilbur's memory to the Lancaster Friends Meeting Scholarships Fund. Arrangements Entrusted to the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Millersville, PA, 717-872-2266. For on-line condolences, directions or other information, you are welcome to visit our website at: www.scheidfuneralhome.com

Martha M. "Marty"

SERVICES TODAY

Lantz, Ann E. Bachman Funeral Home, 7

Brooks, Ruth A. Williamsburg Room, Long

SERVICES TODAY

Brooks, Ruth A.
Williamsburg Room, Long Building at Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community, 625 Robert Fulton Highway, Quarryville, Fri., 11:30 AM. Dewald Funeral & Cremation Services

Brubaker, Mildred E.
Zeltenreich's Cemetery, Friday, 1:45 PM. Groff-High Funeral Home.

Carlin, Charles F.
Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Fourth and Cherry Streets, Columbia, Friday, 11:00AM. Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc.

Eby, Helen V.
St. John's Center United Church of Christ, 432 Reading Road, East Earl, Fri., 10:30am. Eckenroth Home for Funerals.

Geist, Anna M.
St. Peter's Catholic Church, 2nd & Cherry Streets, Columbia, Fri., 1:00pm. Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc.

Ho, Giau
Vietnamese Alliance Church, 3435 Nolt Road, Lancaster, Friday, 7:00PM. Fred F. Groff, Inc.

Hostetter, Charles H.
Ruhl's United Methodist Church, 4810 Elizabethtown Road, Manheim, Fri., 2:00 PM. Buch Funeral Home

Hostetter, H. Elizabeth
Blue Rock Mennonite Church, Blue Rock Road, Route 999, Lancaster, Fri., 10:00 AM. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home

Jenkins, Robert I.
Manor Church, 530 Central Manor Road, Lancaster, Fri., 6:00 PM. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home

Johnson, Ronald E.
Good Funeral Home, Reamstown, Fri., 10:00 AM.

Lantz, Ann E.
Bachman Funeral Home, 7 South Decatur St., Strasburg, Fri., 2:00 PM.

Macomber, Alice R.
New Holland United Methodist Church, 120 West Main St., New Holland, Fri., 10:00 AM. Groff-High Funeral Home

Morse, Rebecca Anne
Marketechs, 3425 Woodbridge Circle, York, Friday, 11:30 AM. John W. Keffer Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.

Samley, Charles E.
St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church, 601 E. Delp Rd., Lancaster, Fri., 10:30am. Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel.

Shank, Mitchell Kennard, Sr.
Miller/Sekely Funeral Services, 130 North Market St., Elizabethtown, Friday, 3PM.

Sheckart, Paula J.
Kraft-Workman Funeral Homes, Inc., 31 S. Eighth St., Columbia, Fri., 11:00am.

Smith, Roberta K.
Willow Valley Lakes Manor Auditorium, 300 Willow Valley Lakes Drive, Willow Street, Friday, 10 AM. Young Funeral Home.

Swain, Emily May
Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, Fri., 9:30 AM. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home

Weaver, Ethel W.
Funeral Home of Fred F. Groff, Inc., 234 W. Orange St., Lancaster, Fri., 11:30am.

Weibley, Maynard A.
Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Fri., 10:30 AM. Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc.

William Bedi, 82, of Lititz, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, March 27, 2008. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather.



He was born in Knauertown, PA, a son of the late Joseph and Margaret McElroy Bedi. He was the husband of Annabell Snader Bedi for 63 years.

He graduated from Warwick High School, Pottstown and was class president. He had worked as a tool and die maker at Alcoa retiring in 1986. At the time of his passing, he worked part time for the Manheim Township School District. He touched a lot of lives through his generosity and love of work.

He was a member of the Grace Baptist Church of Lancaster where he taught Sunday school and enjoyed gardening and his grandchildren.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are his children, Bonnie, wife of Ken Siegrist of St. Petersburg, FL, Paula, wife of Randall Farlow of Denver, William Jr., husband of Carol Bedi of Nashville, TN, Thomas, husband of Nannette Bedi of Manheim, Phyllis, wife of George Landis of Akron, and Joseph Bedi of Manheim, 14 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren, and a brother, Bob Bedi, and sisters, Mary Lou Sellers, Eva Duncan, and June Crowe.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Joe and Steve Bedi, and sisters, Jen Fessler, Ann Graffius, Susan Witmer, and one great grandchild.

A viewing will be held from 1 to 2 PM, Tuesday, April 1st at the Grace Baptist Church of Lancaster, 1899 Marietta Ave., Lancaster, followed by the funeral service at 2:00 PM with Dr. Robert L. Haslem and Pastor Marvin E. Reich officiating. Interment will follow in the Millport Cemetery, Warwick Township.

The family requests memorial contributions in William's memory be sent to Grace Baptist Church of Lancaster Mission Fund, 1899 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603. Arrangements by Stradling Funeral Homes, Akron/Ephrata. For additional information or to send a condolence to the family, visit www.stradlingfuneralhome.com

late Phyllis Miller Glick. Both in Ronks, he was the son of the late John K. and Sarah Fisher Glick. A retired farmer and owner of Linneville Book and Health Store, Mr. Glick was a bishop of the New Order Amish Church.

Surviving are two sons, Benuel B., husband of Rachel Lapp Glick, Indiana, PA, John E., husband of Barbara Stoltzfus Glick, Gap, with whom he lived; three daughters, Sarah and Rebecca Glick, both of Gap, Esther, wife of Eugene Grimm, Quarryville; fifteen grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; a sister Emma, wife of Abner Zook, Newmanstown, Pa.

He was preceded in death by brothers David, Henry, John and Samuel and a sister, Rachel Zook.

The funeral will be Sunday March 30, 2008 at 2 p.m. from the Pequea Amish Mennonite Church, 115 Blank Road, Narvon with interment at Buena Vista Cemetery. The viewing will be at the church on Saturday March 29, 2008 from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Kindly omit flowers. Furman Home for Funerals, Leola.

Herbert Paul Eisenhart

Herbert Eisenhart, 49, of Baltimore, Maryland, previously of Manheim, Pennsylvania, passed away on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 in Baltimore, Maryland. He was born in York, Pennsylvania and is the son of Cordelia Singer Eisenhart and the late Paul Levere Eisenhart.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ruth Eisenhart, of Baltimore, Maryland; his daughter, Jaime Van Allen of Arnold, Maryland; his son, Michael Eisenhart of Stevensville, Maryland; two stepchildren, Tina and Timmy, and 11 grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Cremation and Funeral Care, P.A., 814 Bestgate Road, Annapolis, Maryland, 21401, on Saturday, April 5, 2008 from 3:00 p.m. until time of Memorial Service at 4:00 p.m. Interment will be private in Abbottstown, Pennsylvania.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Zion Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 2 South Hazel Street, Manheim, PA 17545. Online condolences can be made at www.fhnfuneralhome.com

Interment in Riverview Burial Park, Lancaster, PA. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mr. Eckman's memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 1877, Merrifield, VA 22116-8077. Arrangements by the Richard A Sheetz Funeral Home, 397-6329, for other information or to send an online condolence to the family, visit our website at www.kearneyasnyderfuneralhome.com

Emma W. (Nolt) Hoover

Emma W. (Nolt) Hoover, 96, of 10 E. Queen Street, Stevens, died early Thursday morning, March 27, 2008, at Ephrata Community Hospital following a short illness.

She was the wife of the late Paul M. Hoover, who died in 1988.

Born in Earl Township, she was a daughter of the late Menno H. and Annie (Wenger) Nolt. She was a member of Meadow Valley Mennonite Church, Weaverland Conference.

A homemaker, she enjoyed making quilts.

Mrs. Hoover is survived by three sons, Allen N. Hoover of Stevens, Ivan N. Hoover of Lancaster, and Melvin N. Hoover of Narvon, a daughter, Verna N. Hoover, with whom she resided, 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren, and her sister, Lydia W. Nolt of Ephrata. Besides her parents and husband, Mrs. Hoover was preceded in death by two sons, Landis and Joseph, a daughter, Esther, 1 granddaughter, 2 great-grandchildren, 4 brothers and 3 sisters.

A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 PM, Sunday, March 30th at the Farm Crest Chapel at Fairmount Homes, 1100 Farm Crest Drive, Ephrata. Funeral services will be held at 9:00 AM on Monday, March 31, 2008 at the Farm Crest Chapel with further services at 9:30 AM at the Groffdale Mennonite Church, Weaverland Conference, with Bishop Lester B. Martin officiating. Interment will be in the adjoining church cemetery.

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

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Martha M. "Marty" Wilde

Martha M. "Marty" Wilde, 79, of Parkesburg, passed away on Thursday, March 27, 2008 at the Essa Flory Hospice Center in Lancaster. She was the beloved wife of William S. "Bill" Wilde, with whom she would have shared 50 years of marriage this coming July.

An area resident her entire life, Marty was a 1946 graduate of the Parkesburg High School and was employed by the VA Hospital in Coatesville for 12 years. She was a member of the Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church of Parkesburg.

She is survived, in addition to her husband, by one daughter, Lisa A. Wilde of Parkesburg; and, three siblings, Rose Work of Lancaster, Edith Marisuto of Parkesburg, and Albert Madonna of Columbia, KY.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 11 AM at the Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church, 603 W. Second Ave., Parkesburg, Pa., followed by interment in the Parkesburg Catholic Cemetery. Family and friends are invited to attend the viewing, which will be held at the Church on Tuesday from 10 until 11 AM.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that donations be made in memory of Marty to the Hospice of Lancaster County, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604.

Funeral arrangements are being made by the Wilde Funeral Home of Parkesburg.

In Loving Memory of Jacqueline Gunnion

December 6, 1930 - March 28, 2005



"I miss you since you went away dear, miss you more than I can say, in my dreams I kiss you and whisper how much I miss you."

Love Vern

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OBITUARIES

Edward W. Irwin

Edward W. Irwin, 86, of Coatesville, passed away on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at his home, surrounded by his family. Ed was the only son of Edward H. and Mary Emma (Narvel) Irwin. He was the beloved husband of Jean Hope Irwin with whom he celebrated 62 years of marriage in January of this year.

In addition to his wife, Ed is survived by a son, Thomas (Ted) E. H. Irwin and his wife, Pamela Pechin Irwin of Pequa, PA; a daughter, Rebecca Hook and her husband, James M., Sr. of East Fallowfield, PA; and a son, Timothy N. Irwin, also of East Fallowfield, PA. Ed is also the proud and loving grandfather of 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Ed was a graduate of Coatesville High School, Class of 1939, and earned a B.S. in Public School Music at West Chester State Teachers College. Although he is considered as part of the Class of 1943, his graduation from college was interrupted by World War II when he enlisted in the U.S. Army. Because of his mechanical aptitude, he graduated from the Army Dental Laboratory at Lawson General Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia and served overseas for forty-two months with the Third General Hospital Division during World War II as a dental prosthetic technician. After the war, he completed his B.S. degree at West Chester in 1947. In 1951, he earned an M.S. in Public School

Administration from the University of Pennsylvania.

An accomplished musician, his greatest love was teaching instrumental music in public schools. He began his teaching career at the Downingtown Junior and Senior High schools from 1947 until 1953. In 1952, the senior class of Downingtown High School dedicated their yearbook to him. In 1953, he began working for Sun Pipeline Company where he stayed until 1958. He then returned to teaching in the Brandywine Area School District (now merged into the Coatesville Area) and continued at North Brandywine Junior High School (now Middle School) until his retirement in 1984. He taught instrumental music for a total of 32 years.

As a child and a young man, he was a member of the Olivet Methodist Church in Coatesville. He later became a member and ruling elder at the Fairview Presbyterian Church in Glenmoore and served as the adult choir director for approximately 20 years. He has been an active member and ruling elder at the Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church in Parkesburg, PA for the last 30 years.

His funeral service will be held on Monday, March 31, 2008 at 11 AM at the Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church, 1121 Octorara Trail, Parkesburg, PA. Interment will be in the Upper Octorara Cemetery. Relatives and friends are invited to a viewing on Sunday evening, March 30, 2008 at the Wilde Funeral Home, 434 Main St., Parkesburg, PA from 6 until 8 PM, and again on Monday morning at the Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church, from 10 until 11 AM.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Handi-Crafters, P.O. Box 72646, Thorndale, PA 19372, or to the Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church at the above address.

retirees groups such as: Park City Twalkers, Manheim Township Retired Citizens, The Well Spring at Lancaster General Health Campus, Stroke Survivor's Club, The American Heart Association, The Life Writer's Association, The U. S. Mariner's Association, and the East Petersburg Historical

Court: Death-row inmate Abu-Jamal deserves new penalty hearing

BY KATHY MATHESON
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Death-row inmate Mumia Abu-Jamal must be given a new sentencing hearing because the jury was given flawed instructions during the penalty phase of his controversial trial, an appeals court ruled Thursday.

If prosecutors don't want to give the former Black Panther a new death-penalty hearing, Abu-Jamal would be sentenced automatically to life in prison, according to the decision by a three-judge panel of 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Abu-Jamal's lead attorney, Robert R. Bryan of San Francisco, said he was glad the judges did not reinstate the death sentence but added he will continue fighting to get his client a new trial. The appeals panel upheld Abu-Jamal's conviction.

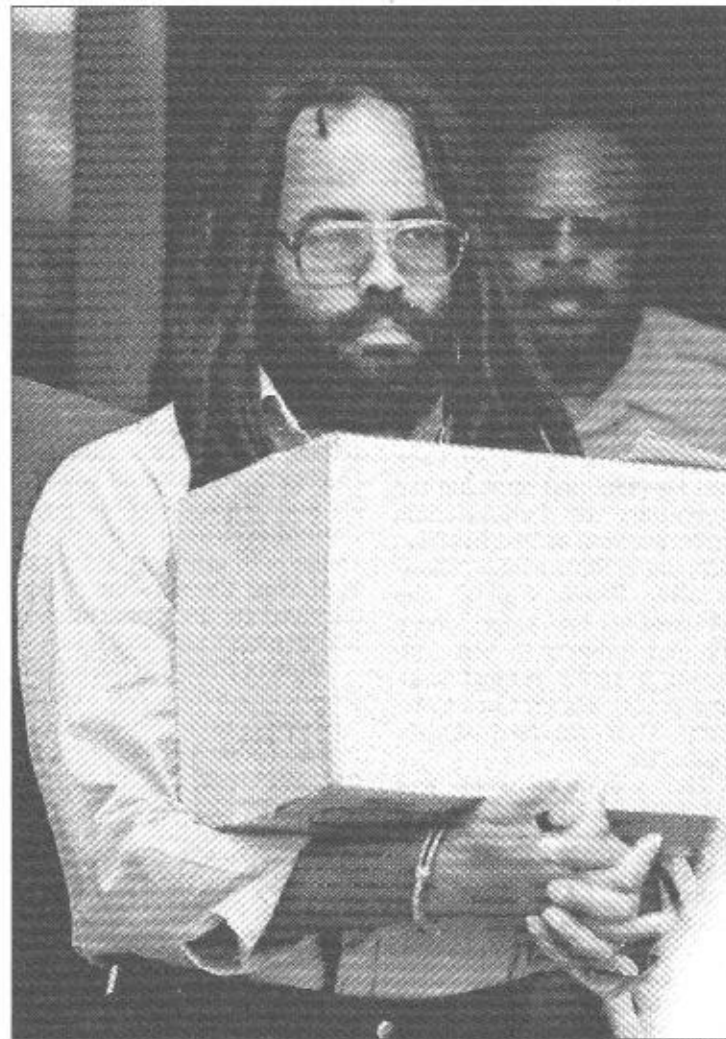
"I've never seen a case as permeated and riddled with racism as this one," Bryan said Thursday. "I want a new trial, and I want him free. His conviction was a travesty of justice."

Prosecutors are weighing their options but said they were expecting Abu-Jamal to request a hearing before the full appeals court.

A Philadelphia jury convicted Abu-Jamal, who is black, of killing white police Officer Daniel Faulkner in 1981 after the patrolman pulled over Abu-Jamal's brother in an overnight traffic stop.

Prosecutors say Faulkner, 25, managed to shoot Abu-Jamal during the confrontation. A wounded Abu-Jamal, his own gun lying nearby, was still at the scene when police arrived, and authorities consider the evidence against him overwhelming.

Abu-Jamal, born Wesley Cook, has argued in numerous appeals that racism by the judge and prosecutors corrupted his 1982 conviction at the hands of a mostly white jury. Prosecutors, meanwhile, had appealed a federal judge's 2001 decision to grant Abu-Jamal a new sentencing hearing



Associated Press

Mumia Abu-Jamal, convicted of killing Philadelphia police Officer Daniel Faulkner in 1981, leaves a Philadelphia court July 12, 1995. A federal appeals court has upheld Abu-Jamal's conviction for murdering a Philadelphia police officer in 1981, but agreed with a lower court that he cannot be executed without a new penalty hearing.

because of the allegedly flawed jury instructions.

The flaw related to whether jurors understood how to weigh mitigating circumstances that might have kept Abu-Jamal, 53, off death row. Under the law, jurors did not have to agree unanimously on a mitigating circumstance.

"The verdict form together with the jury instructions were misleading as to whether unanimity was required in consideration of mitigating circumstances," the appeals court wrote in Thursday's decision.

Since Abu-Jamal's trial more

than 25 years ago, activists in both the United States and Europe have rallied in support of his claims that he was the victim of a racist justice system. Abu-Jamal has kept his case in the spotlight through books and radio broadcasts.

At the same time, the officer's widow, Maureen Faulkner, has kept her husband's memory alive through countless public appearances, a foundation and a recent book, "Murdered by Mumia: A Life Sentence of Loss, Pain and Injustice."

On Thursday, Faulkner said she was gratified that the court

upheld Abu-Jamal's conviction but noted that the case's 26-year odyssey is still not over.

"In a way I do feel a victory," she said. "In another way ... it's like a thorn in my side that is still there that cannot be pulled out."

The ruling came after the appeals court heard arguments in May that focused on several constitutional issues, including whether prosecutors improperly eliminated black jurors in the 1982 trial.

Ten whites and two blacks served on the jury. Prosecutors struck 10 blacks and five whites from the pool, while accepting four blacks and 20 whites, according to Bryan, who argued that prosecutors at the time fostered "a culture of discrimination."

But the court indicated there is no record of the makeup of the approximately 150-person jury pool, making it impossible to determine the total percentage of blacks excluded.

In dismissing the bias claims Thursday, the court also noted Abu-Jamal did not allege improper exclusions until an appeal that was rejected in 1989.

Assistant District Attorney Hugh Burns Jr. said the dismissal fell in line with other federal court decisions that maintain such claims need to be raised in a more timely fashion.

But in a partially dissenting opinion Thursday, Judge Thomas Ambro disputed the timeliness standard and said Abu-Jamal presented enough evidence to warrant further investigation of the exclusion claims.

District Attorney Lynne Abraham said she was pleased Abu-Jamal's conviction had been upheld and believes the ruling should dispel some myths about him.

"For all those here who believe that the system might have gone awry, the 3rd Circuit has finally decided ... that Mr. Jamal is guilty when he was convicted and he's still guilty today," she said. "So don't shed any tears for Mr. Jamal; he's where he ought to be, at least in prison for the rest of his life."

Physical Therapist

Miriam "Mim" Brubaker Groff: Registered Nurse, Registered Physical Therapist, of Lancaster, PA in her 85th year at Masonic Villages where she went to be with her Lord and Savior with her children by her side. She was the wife of the late Aaron Witmer Groff, who died June, 1976.

Born in East Petersburg, PA, She was the daughter of the late Andrew Landis and Vermetta Burkholder Brubaker. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church for 66 years. She graduated from East Hempfield High School. She was a graduate of the Lancaster General Hospital School of Nursing and a Registered Physical Therapist from the University of PA in Philadelphia. She was well-known for her many years of private physical therapy practice.

In addition to her pioneering activity as an independent woman physical therapist with her own private office over the years, she headed the therapy departments at Brethren Village, Presbyterian Home, Quarryville; Beverly Manor, Veteran's Hospital, Lebanon; The Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown; and supervised three nursing homes in York. She retired in 1998 from active practice. She also, for several years, contributed nostalgic articles of "Yesterday"—a popular column in the Lancaster Sunday Newspaper.

She belonged to various

City Walkers, Manheim Township Retired Citizens, The Well Spring at Lancaster General Health Campus, Stroke Survivor's Club, The American Heart Association, The Life Writer's Association, The U. S. Mariner's Association, and the East Petersburg Historical Society. She had an avid interest in world and local news and politics. She was actively interested in medical advancements locally and worldwide. She was knowledgeable in valuable antiques and enjoyed the culinary arts, flowers, and gardening. Her priority of interest was her family.

Surviving are her son: Gordon Scott, husband of Nancy Sather Groff of Lancaster and a daughter: Patricia Joanne, wife of Patrick Grant of Fort Wayne, IN. She had five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Also surviving are two sisters: Ethel, wife of Robert Landis of Rockford, IL, and Shirley, wife of Frank Nolt of Leola, PA. She was preceded in death by three sisters: Helen LeFevre, Irene Moore, and Caroline Larish, and five brothers: Joseph, Kenneth, Elwood, Robert, and Burnell Brubaker.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a funeral from the Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home, 141 E. Orange St., Lancaster, PA on Monday, March 31st at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Dr. Randolph T. Riggs officiating. Interment will be in East Petersburg Mennonite Cemetery. Friends may call at the Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home on Sunday, March 30th from 6-8:00 p.m. and on Monday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. To send an on-line condolence, please visit www.kearneyasnyszerfuneralhome.com

Oscar-winning writer Abby Mann of 'Judgment at Nuremberg' dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Abby Mann, writer of socially conscious scripts for movies and television and winner of the 1961 Academy Award for adapted screenplay for "Judgment at Nuremberg," has died at 80.

Writers Guild of America spokesman Gregg Mitchell said Mann died Tuesday. The cause of death was not given.

Mann also won multiple Emmys, including one in 1973 for "The Marcus-Nelson Mur-

ders," which created a maverick New York police detective named Theo Kojak. The film, starring Telly Salavas, was spun off into the long-running TV series "Kojak."

In a career spanning 50-plus years as a writer and producer, Mann returned repeatedly to morally conscious themes, doing films for television on such subjects as Martin Luther King Jr., human rights advocate Simon Weisenthal and Teamsters boss Jimmy Hoffa.

rupted his 1962 conviction at the hands of a mostly white jury. Prosecutors, meanwhile, had appealed a federal judge's 2001 decision to grant Abu-Jamal a new sentencing hearing

misleading as to whether unanimity was required in consideration of mitigating circumstances," the appeals court wrote in Thursday's decision.

Since Abu-Jamal's trial more

he appearances, a foundation and a recent book, "Murdered by Mumia: A Life Sentence of Loss, Pain and Injustice."

On Thursday, Faulkner said she was gratified that the court

Jamal is guilty when he was convicted and he's still guilty today," she said. "So don't shed any tears for Mr. Jamal; he's where he ought to be, at least in prison for the rest of his life."

Bridge standoff with motorist ends peacefully

BY BOB ISENTZ
Associated Press

GLOUCESTER CITY, N.J. — Authorities took a man into custody on the Walt Whitman Bridge Thursday evening, ending a three-hour standoff that closed the bridge connecting Philadelphia and New Jersey at the height of the evening rush hour.

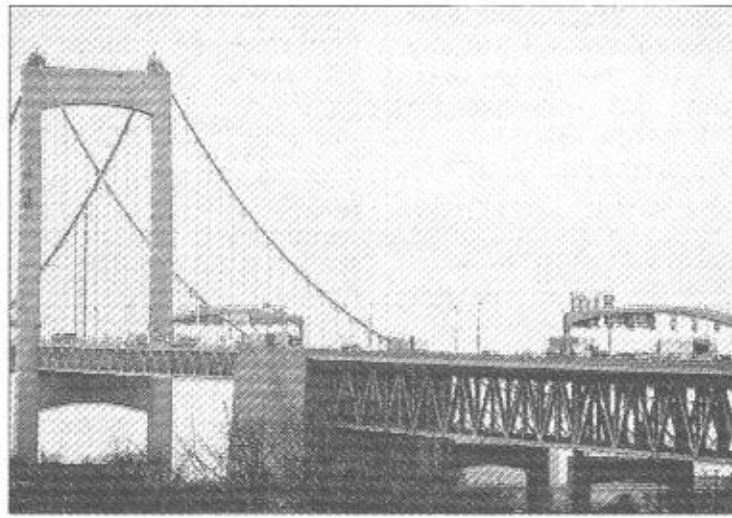
A woman and small child inside the white SUV with the man, whom authorities said had a gun and a baseball bat, were unharmed.

A toy gun and the bat were recovered from the SUV, said New Jersey state police Sgt. Stephen Jones.

Television footage of the standoff showed a white Cadillac Escalade with its rear hazard lights flashing at a standstill in the middle of the Walt Whitman Bridge.

Shortly before the standoff ended at about 7:30 p.m., an armored police vehicle pulled up bumper to bumper facing the SUV, and SWAT officers were positioned behind it.

The three people then exited the SUV and walked a few feet behind it, along the barrier di-



Associated Press

Traffic in both directions is stopped on the Walt Whitman Bridge over the Delaware River Thursday afternoon while a three-hour standoff closed a major Philadelphia-area bridge. The standoff ended with a man in custody.

viding the westbound and eastbound lanes of traffic.

After a short time, both the man and the woman lay down on the ground, and SWAT team members moved in.

Delaware River Port Authority spokesman Ed Kasuba said police negotiators managed "to peacefully convince

the driver of the SUV to just give it up."

The incident started around 4:20 p.m. Thursday when state police tried to stop the vehicle in New Jersey for a speeding violation.

"We called off the pursuit after a few minutes because he was driving erratically, and we

didn't want anyone to get hurt," police Sgt. Al Della Fave said.

State police alerted other law-enforcement agencies to the speeding SUV.

Within minutes, Delaware River Port Authority police notified state police that the SUV was stopped on the bridge, which carries Interstate 76 over the Delaware River between south Philadelphia and Gloucester City, N.J.

Jones said the man stopped the SUV on the bridge, got out and began yelling at motorists while carrying the baby in one arm and a baseball bat in the other.

At one point, he threatened to jump off the bridge, Kasuba said.

Kasuba said he believes the woman involved is the man's girlfriend.

State police said the man had some kind of contact with state troopers last week. Della Fave said the same trooper that the man spoke to last week negotiated with him on the bridge Thursday night.

After the surrender, the couple were transported to the New Jersey State Police Barracks in Bellmawr.

Police: Subway attack victim chosen at random

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A group of teenagers accused of killing a man on a downtown subway concourse targeted him in what was apparently a "stupid, random act," police said Thursday.

Sean Patrick Conroy, a 36-year-old coffee shop manager, was attacked by four youths Wednesday afternoon in the 13th Street station of the Market-Frankford line, police said.

The Philadelphia medical examiner concluded after an autopsy Thursday that Conroy died of asthma contributed to by blunt force injuries and labeled his death a homicide.

A transit police officer saw one of the teens take a swing at Conroy, but the four fled before the officer could reach them, authorities said.

Kinta Stanton, 16, arrested by another officer shortly after the attack, was arraigned late Thursday as an adult on charges of murder and criminal conspiracy, prosecutors said.

He was held without bail pending a preliminary hearing scheduled for Tuesday.

Deputy Police Commissioner Richard Ross Jr. said Thursday that the investigation so far indicated Conroy was "targeted for no reason whatsoever."

Investigators don't believe he was a robbery victim, because nothing appeared to be missing, he said.

It's unclear whether anything precipitated the attack, but it appeared to be "some kind of stupid random act," Ross said.

"Kids randomly assaulting a person who's minding their own business... is equally shocking and disturbing," Ross said.

Authorities initially thought Conroy might have had a heart attack. Conroy appeared to be having difficulty breathing and chest pains when officers arrived.

He died a short time later at a hospital.

Conroy, a South Philadelphia resident, managed a Starbucks store near the subway stop.

The attack occurred shortly after 2:30 p.m.

The attack occurred on a city-owned concourse next to the subway, not on SEPTA property, he said.

County Youth Symphony to perform

The Lancaster County Youth Symphony, under the direction of David E. Leithmann, will perform Sunday at 7 p.m. at Barshinger Performance Center at Franklin & Marshall College. The program includes

pieces by Leonard Bernstein, Handel, Vivaldi, Rimsky-Korsakov and Tchaikovsky.

Leithmann, who has served as the symphony's conductor since 1985, will be honored during the program.