

## DEATHS REPORTED

**Aungst, Warren S., Jr.**  
85, husband of Anna Kready Aungst, of Longwood Manor, Maytown, January 9, 2008. Miller/Sekely Funeral Services, 367-1543.

**Blough, Allen G.**  
85, husband of Mildred Foreman Blough, of Elizabethtown, January 9, 2008. Miller/Sekely Funeral Services, 367-1543.

**Brackbill, E. Herman**  
90, of Leola, January 9, 2008. Shivery Funeral Home, 687-7768.

**Centola, Steven R.**  
55, husband of Susan Smith Centola, of Lancaster, January 9, 2008. Sheetz Funeral Home, 653-5441.

**Darkes, Lester H.**  
78, husband of Evelyn Patrick Darkes, of Elizabethtown, January 8, 2008. Miller/Sekely Funeral Home, 367-1543.

**Harsh, John Franklin**  
70, husband of Abbie Harsh, of Tampa, FL, January 7, 2008. Blount & Curry, 813-968-2231.

**Hollinger, Coreta E.**  
94, of 227 E. Fulton St., Ephrata, January 10, 2008. Roseboro, 336-6531.

**Jones, John J.**  
64, husband of Rae Jean Nye Jones, of Lancaster, January 9, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home and Chapel, 560-5100.

**Kane, Wilbur J.**  
80, husband of Dorothy A. Shenk Kane, of Luther Acres, Lititz, January 9, 2008. Richard H. Heisey Funeral Home, 626-2464.

**Manning, Edward F.**  
82, of Lancaster, January 7, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, 393-9661.

**Martin, Kathryn V.**  
80, wife of Christian Martin, of Ephrata, January 9, 2008. Stradling Funeral Home, 733-2472.

**Shawcross, Elizabeth Smith**  
85, wife of William H. Shawcross, of Willow Valley Retirement Communities, December 12, 2007. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, 393-9661.

## Warren S. Aungst, Jr.

Warren S. Aungst, Jr., 85 of Longwood Manor, Maytown, formerly of Elizabethtown, passed away on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at Lancaster Regional Medical Center.



Born near Landisville, he was the son of the late Warren S., Sr. and Anna Strickler Aungst. He resided at Longwood for the past three years with his wife Anna Kready Aungst. They celebrated their 67 wedding anniversary on August 29th and Mr. Aungst would have been 86 on January 15th.

Warren farmed for many years, worked at Three Mile Island and retired from Atlantic Breeders Corp. in Lancaster.

He was a charter member of Word of Life Chapel in Bainbridge. He enjoyed gardening and hunting and working with marble that he found on his farm, but his favorite times were those spending time with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by three brothers.

In addition to his wife, Anna, Warren is survived by six married children, Ken and Marsha Aungst of Bainbridge; John and Arlene Fry; Wayne and Susan Miller; Donald and Barbara Miller, Dale and Donna Aungst, Dwight and Anne Aungst all of Elizabethtown; 14 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and two brothers, Harvey Aungst of Maytown and Harold Aungst of Shirleysburg.

A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, January 13, 2008 at Word of Life Chapel, 139 Wickersham Road, Bainbridge, PA at 6:00 PM. There will be no viewing. The family will receive friends immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Word of Life Chapel Mission Fund, 139 Wickersham Road, Bainbridge, PA 17502.

Arrangements by Miller/Sekely Funeral Services, Elizabethtown.  
www.millerfuneralhome.com

## E. Herman Brackbill

E. Herman Brackbill, age 90 of Leola, died Wednesday, January 9, 2008 after a lingering illness. He was born in Salisbury Twp., PA, son of the late Harry G., Sr. & Esta Leaman Brackbill. He



was preceded in death by his wife, Jane Young Brackbill who passed away on October 14, 1998. He was a graduate of Paradise High School and Millersville State College.

Brackbill was a man of many talents, working over the years as a miller, farm equipment dealer and farmer, and in later years as a data entry clerk for Yoder - Green Leaf in Smoke-town and as an historical interpreter for the Ressler Mill in Monterey. He was a life long member of Leacock Presbyterian Church of Paradise, where he served as elder, youth advisor, Sunday School Teacher, and sang bass in the choir for over 60 years.

Brackbill was active for many years in Christian Endeavor, a non-denominational youth organization, serving at county, - state of which he was president from 1954- 1956 and also on the international level. He served for several years in Contact - Lancaster and was on the board of Woods Home in Paradise.

Surviving are 3 children: Evelyn wife of Olin Jarrett, Jr. of Marshall, N.C., N. Marie Brackbill of Leola, John husband of Marlene of Williamsburg, VA, 4 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, 4 siblings: Eunice Robinson of Ronks, Warren H. husband of Marilyn Dennison Brackbill, Doris wife of I. Lec Brown, Jr., Janice wife of Ralph Homsher all of Paradise. Over 30 nieces and nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by 6 siblings: Reba Moore, Florence Yuninger, Harry G. Jr., C. Harold, Hershey and Jacob C. Brackbill.

Funeral service will take place at the Leacock Presbyterian Church, 3181 Lincoln Highway East, Paradise on Monday,

## OBITUARIES

## Kathryn Martin

Kathryn V. Martin, 80, of Ephrata, entered into rest at Ephrata Community Hospital, on Wednesday, January 9, 2008, following a brief illness.

She was born in Ephrata, a daughter of the late Elmer and Maria Albright Mease.

She is the wife of Christian "Christy" Martin with whom she celebrated 60 years of marriage June 28th.

She especially loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren, loved cats, enjoyed bowling, crocheting and traveling.

She had worked as a press operator for the former Shorenson and retired from Meke Co. in New Holland.

Surviving in addition to her husband, is a son, Gary N., husband of Pamela Becker Martin of Lititz, 2 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister, Melvin Mease, Wilbur Mease, Lowell Grube and Vandetta Willwerth.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday evening at 7 p.m., at the Stradling Funeral Home, 201 Church Ave., Ephrata, with Pastor Steven Hess officiating. Interment will be private in the Memory Gardens Memorial Cemetery, East Cocalico Township. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

The family requests memorial contributions in Kathryn's memory be sent to the Susquehanna Assoc. for the Blind, 244 N. Queen St., Lancaster, PA 17602. Arrangements by Stradling Funeral Homes, Akron/Ephrata. For additional information or to send a condolence to the family, visit www.stradlingfuneralhome.com

## Allen G. Blough

Allen G. Blough, 85, of Elizabethtown, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, January 9,

## Dr. Steven R. Centola

Dr. Steven R. Centola, 55, Professor of English at Millersville University, passed away Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at Lancaster General Hospital. Steve courageously bat-



ttled a rare form of cancer for the past 6 months.

Steve, a devoted husband and father, is survived by his wife of 33 years, Susan Smith Centola, and their three children, Tamara, Paul and Devon, and granddaughter Keirra, all of Lancaster. Born in Philadelphia on August 1, 1952, Steve was the son of Gloria D'Alessio Centola of Woodlyn, and the late Mario Centola. He is also survived by his brother Thomas Centola of Woodlyn.

Dr. Centola began his career in 1981 as an Assistant Professor of English at Virginia Tech. He earned his B.S. in English from West Chester University of Pennsylvania in 1974; these were followed by an M.A. in English and American Literature from the University of Rhode Island in 1977 and a Ph.D. from the University of Rhode Island in 1982.

In 1985, Dr. Centola joined the English Department at Millersville University as an Assistant Professor with duties in the teaching of American literature and writing studies. Dr. Centola designed and taught a range of courses in American drama, the American novel, American regional literatures, and seminars on the works of Arthur Miller, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, and Eugene O'Neill. All of his courses were extremely sought after, very popular and widely influential. He directed or served as a reader on many graduate and undergraduate thesis projects.

Dr. Centola was the author of numerous published articles on Arthur Miller in scholarly journals, essays in refereed collections, and numerous books including an edition of Arthur Miller's collected essays,

Interim Dean of Graduate Studies, and he held numerous positions in the faculty union, APSCUF, including two terms as elected President. He was a recognized leader in the areas of curriculum development and he spoke at local high schools throughout the area on the wonder and magic of literature. Dr. Centola brought his sharply focused insights on literature and higher education to community and professional audiences alike, most recently during his interviews on National Public Radio and "Creatively Speaking" for WRTI, Temple Public Radio. He regularly participated in talk-back sessions surrounding performances of Arthur Miller's plays including one in Delaware for the opening of Mr. Miller's last play, The Price in 2005. In 2003, he appeared on the PBS series "American Masters" in the "None Without Sin" documentary.

Dr. Centola was a passionate and dedicated teacher who will be sorely missed by all those who knew him. He was widely revered for his vision, his versatility in combining the study of literature with other disciplines, and his flexibility of mind. In his 26 years as a college professor, he showed exceptional dedication to student learning, encouraging students and recognizing their potential, and he exemplified the liberal arts tradition in higher education.

Steve was active member of St. Leo The Great Church and in many facets of his community. His love of sports led him to coaching, an experience he treasured. Throughout the years he served as a coach for the Hempfield Travel Soccer Team, and Lanco United Premier Soccer Team, as well as head coach of the Lancaster Catholic High School girl's soccer team. He also helped as an assistant coach with the Lancaster Catholic boy's soccer team. Most recently, Steve coached his son Devon's basketball team at St. Leo the Great School.

A talented musician and composer, Steve played the guitar and had once considered becoming a professional musician. Most importantly he

**Shawcross, Elizabeth Smith**  
85, wife of William H. Shawcross, of Willow Valley Retirement Communities, December 12, 2007. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, 393-9661.

\* No Obituary appears

## SERVICES TODAY

### Cairns, I. Donald

Rengier Chapel of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 31 South Duke St., Lancaster, Fri., 11:00 AM. Fred F. Groff, Inc.

### Doggett, Marcia Lillian

Christ Church Episcopal, 104 Nevin St., Ridley Park. Fri., 12:00pm. Auer Memorial Home & Cremation Services, Inc.

### Hernandez, Pedro Jr.

In The Light Ministries, 415 South Shippen St., Lancaster, Fri., 2:00 PM. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home

### Hoehn, Joan R.

Riverview Burial Park, South Duke Street, Lancaster, Friday, 1:00 P.M. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home.

### Hoover, Pauline Grace

Stradling Funeral Home, 30 N. 9th St., Akron, Fri., 10AM.

### Kempton, Wendell W.

Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster, Fri., 2:00 PM. Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel

### Kunkel, Mary E.

New Providence Mennonite Church, 121 Main St., New Providence, Fri., 2:00 PM. Bachman Funeral Home

### Manning, Nelson E.

Trinity E.C. Church, 44 E. Orange Street, Lititz, Friday, 11 AM. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home.

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www.millerfuneralhome.com

### Markes, Josephine Anne

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 558 W. Walnut St., Lancaster. Fri., 10:00am. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home.

### Martin, Amos S.

New Holland Mennonite Church, Fri., 12:30 PM. Groff-High Funeral Home

### Mast, Mary E.

Gravenor Home for Funerals, 100 W. Main St., Ephrata, Fri., 10:30am.

### Sardino, Jean L.

St. Joan of Arc Church, 359 West Areba Avenue, Hershey, Fri., 11:00 AM. Hoover Funeral Home

### Schwartz, William Jr.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 555 Locust Street, Columbia, Fri., 10:00 AM. Jones Funeral Home

### Vandyke, Keith M.

Parkesburg United Methodist Church, 411 Main St., Parkesburg, Fri., 1:00pm. Wilde Funeral Home.

### Wagner, Ruth V.

Landis Valley Mennonite Cemetery, Lancaster, Fri., 11:30 AM. Richard H. Heisey Funeral Home

### Wallace, Minnie C.

Edward L. Collins Funeral Home, Inc., 86 Pine Street, Oxford, Fri., 7:00 PM.

### Weidler, Jere L.

St. John's United Methodist Church, 3001 Lincoln Highway East, Paradise. Fri., 11:00am. Shivery Funeral Home.

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preceded in death by 6 siblings: Reba Moore, Florence Yuninger, Harry G. Jr., C. Harold, Hershey and Jacob C. Brackbil.

Funeral service will take place at the Leacock Presbyterian Church, 3181 Lincoln Highway East, Paradise on Monday, January 14, 2008 at 11 A.M. with Rev. Robert Birch officiating. Interment will be in the adjoining church cemetery. Visitation with family will be held on Sunday January 13th from 2 to 4 P.M. at the Shivery Funeral Home, 3214 Lincoln Highway East, Paradise and at the church on Monday from 10 A.M. until time of service. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions be made in Herman's name to the Leacock Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, 3181 Lincoln Highway East, Paradise, PA 17562, Hospice of Lancaster County, P.O. Box #4125, Lancaster, PA 17604 or to the American Lung Association, 525 Plymouth Road, Suite #315, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462.

## John Franklin Harsh

John Franklin Harsh, 70, of Tampa, FL, passed away January 7, 2008.

Survivors include his loving wife Abbie; daughters, Jennifer Jones and Misty Steffen; stepchildren, Bob, Mark and Marjorie Solomon; grandchildren, Andrew, Erin, Ben, Hunter, Emily and Zia.

A retired hydrologist with the United States Geological Service, John was an active member of the Carrollwood Rotary and enjoyed bridge, golf, fine food and travel.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Moffitt Cancer Center in John's memory. www.moffitt.usf.edu

## Lester H. Darkes

Lester H. Darkes, 78, of Elizabethtown died on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at Lancaster General Hospital. He was the husband of Evelyn Patrick Darkes of Elizabethtown.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2008 at Elizabethtown Brethren in Christ Church, 996 East High Street, Elizabethtown at 11:00 AM. There will be no viewing. The family will receive friends immediately following the service. For the full obituary, please visit

www.millerfuneralhome.com

## Allen G. Blough

Allen G. Blough, 85, of Elizabethtown, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at Heart of Lancaster Hospital.



Born in Lebanon County, he was the son of the late Elmer and Ada Gible Blough. He was the husband of Mildred Foreman Blough. They celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on February 27, 2007.

Mr. Blough was a member of the New Life Assembly Church in Lancaster. He retired in 1971 from the former Spangler Flour Mill in Mount Joy as a driver in the shipping department.

He enjoyed hunting, especially in Potter County, camping, and doing jigsaw puzzles.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Blough is survived by two sons, LeRoy Blough, Vernon L., husband of Patricia Blough, both of Elizabethtown, a daughter, Linda J., wife of Michael Ruhl, Lancaster, seven grandchildren, two step grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, one step great grandson, and two sisters, Mary Breneman, Lancaster, and Nellie, wife of Charles Martin, Wolmersdorf.

A Funeral Service will be held on Monday, January 14, 2008 at Miller/Sekely Funeral Services, 130 North Market Street, Elizabethtown, PA at 11:00 AM. The family will receive friends from 10:00 until the time of service. Interment will take place in West Green Tree Cemetery, Elizabethtown. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 314 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603.

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graduate and undergraduate thesis projects.

Dr. Centola was the author of numerous published articles on Arthur Miller in scholarly journals, essays in refereed collections, and numerous books including an edition of Arthur Miller's collected essays, *Echoes Down the Corridor. Collected Essays, 1944-2000* (Viking Press, 2000). Dr. Centola and Mr. Miller enjoyed a longstanding personal relationship. Mr. Miller was a mentor, a father figure and a guiding spirit. Dr. Centola and Mr. Miller worked very closely on all his Miller-related projects. In 1990, Dr. Centola launched the first Millersville University Academic Theme program when he brought Arthur Miller to campus for a guest lecture and a performance of selections from Miller's plays. In April 1991, Dr. Centola organized and led the first International Arthur Miller Conference at Millersville University. The Arthur Miller Society, founded and created by Dr. Centola, grew out of the 1991 conference. The society remains active today, and is worldwide in scope. Dr. Centola had an international reputation as the leading North American Arthur Miller scholar.

Dr. Centola was a valued member of the Millersville University community. From 2002-2005, he was appointed as

team. Most recently, Steve coached his son Devon's basketball team at St. Leo the Great School.

A talented musician and composer, Steve played the guitar and had once considered becoming a professional musician. Most importantly, he loved spending time with his family, coaching, fishing, playing football, basketball, soccer and baseball with his sons. Throughout his life, Steve touched many people. His daily presence in both his family and professional life will be deeply missed.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated from St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 2427 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster Pa, on Saturday, January 12, 2008, at 10 AM. A viewing will be held at St. Leo from 8 am to 9:45 am. PLEASE NOTE: The Mass will begin promptly at 10 AM. Interment will be private and held at the convenience of his family. Please omit flowers. Memorial contributions may be made to: Advanced Treatment for Adrenocortical Carcinoma ATAC Research Fund, 400 N. 5th Street, Suite 1650, Phoenix, Arizona 85004 or to The American Cancer Society, 615 Community Way, Lancaster PA 17603. Arrangements by The Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., Mount Joy. For online condolences,

www.sheetzfuneralhome.com

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## OBITUARIES

### Elizabeth S. Shawcross

Elizabeth (Betty) Smith Shawcross died Wednesday, December 12, at home in Lancaster, PA, where she lived for two years with her loving husband Rear Admiral U.S. Navy Retired

William H. Shawcross at Willow Valley Retirement Communities.

Born July 7, 1922, in Camden, NJ, she was the daughter of the late William Briggs and Edna (Kyle) Smith. Her brothers Earl, Wilbur and Robert Smith predeceased her.

Betty grew up in Haddon Heights, NJ, and then in Schwenksville, PA, where she went to high school. She then attended Wilson College in Chambersburg, PA, from which she graduated in 1944 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature. She also received a teaching certification from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA.

Upon graduation Betty worked in the Business Production Department for N.W. Ayre Advertising Agency in Philadelphia, PA. In the late 1960's she worked in The Malacology Department as an assistant to Dr. George Davis, the head of the department at The Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia.

In 1945 Betty married Robert Skerrett Haas and joined him in his travels across the U.S. while he served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. After the war, Betty and Bob moved to Philadelphia, and raised their five children in Devon and Wayne, PA, before moving to Greenwich, CT in 1971. Robert predeceased her in 1992.

After moving to Greenwich, Betty began her training in Botanical Painting and studied with Karen Brown and Katie Lee. Betty was active in The Greenwich Art Society and served as President from 1980-1984. She was a member of The Guild of Natural Science Illustrators and The Philadelphia

Society of Botanical Illustrators until her death. Two of her paintings were exhibited at the 2007 Philadelphia Flower Show.

Betty married William Shawcross in 1994 and joined him in Wilmington, NC, where she spent much of her time painting botanical subjects and gardening; two of her favorite hobbies. They enjoyed their time with many dear friends, socializing, cruising and traveling the world.

Beloved children surviving Betty are Nancy Geyer (Peter) of Abington, PA; Barbara Kiskan (Stephen) of Stamford, CT; William Haas (Marjorie Gold) of Baltimore, MD; James Haas (Domenica) of Bridgewater, NJ; and Steven Haas of Riverside, CT. A son, John, predeceased his parents in 1954. Surviving Grandchildren include Kevin Adriance (Kelly) of Corning, NY; Brian and Laura Kiskan; Kyle Haas; Jacquelyn, Sara and Julia Haas.

Betty also had step-children who she loved very much: Susan Bradford (Bruce) of Deland, FL; Gail Hines (Foster) of Lincoln, CA; Nancy Shawcross of Hoschton, GA; and William Shawcross (Linda) of Clemmons, NC. Betty also had a special place in her heart for step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren Nord Johnson (Kim); Mary Cloud (Todd); Amber and Bethanie Hines; Kate and Emily Shawcross; Shaw and Grant Cloud; Olivia and Faith Johnson.

Betty was a very beautiful and gracious lady who lived each day to the fullest. Her family and many friends will keep her in their hearts forever.

Betty was laid to rest on December 19, 2007 at West Laurel Hill Cemetery in Bala Cynwyd, PA.

Those wishing to make a contribution in Betty's memory may make a gift to her alma mater, Wilson College, 1015 Philadelphia Avenue, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

Arrangements by Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home.

To send an online condolence please visit [www.snyderfuneralhome.com](http://www.snyderfuneralhome.com)

### Edward F. Manning

Edward F. Manning died on January 7, 2008 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He was born on July 13, 1925, the son of the late Michael Manning and Hannah Connelly Manning.

Mr. Manning attended Homestead High School in Pittsburgh where he excelled in basketball, track and field resulting in a scholarship to Long Island University. Mr. Manning married the late Patricia Jones, and they had two sons, Mark and Edward. They eventually settled in Lancaster where Mr. Manning enjoyed a lengthy career as a builder.

Mr. Manning is survived by his son, Edward, of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, his sister, Margaret Micka of North Strabane, Pennsylvania, and his brother, Richard Manning of Greer, South Carolina. In addition to his wife, Patricia, Mr. Manning was preceded in death by his son, Mark, and his brothers, Jerome "Bud" Manning and John "Red" Manning.

Memorial services will be held in the chapel at Conestoga View, 900 E. King Street, Lancaster on January 16, 2008 at 11:00AM with Rev. Norman Hohenwarter officiating. Contributions may be made in Edward's memory to Catholic Charities, 925 N. Duke Street, Lancaster PA 17602. Arrangements made by the Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, Lancaster, 393-9661. For directions, information, or to send online condolences, please visit, [www.snyderfuneralhome.com](http://www.snyderfuneralhome.com)

### Wilbur J. Kane

Wilbur J. Kane, 80, of Muhlenberg Lodge, Luther Acres, passed away on January 9, 2008, at his residence. Born in Brownstown, he was the son of the late Frank and Mary Eitmier Kane. He and his wife, Dorothy A. Shenk Kane, of Lititz were married for 62 yrs.

Wilbur was a member of the Lebanon Moravian Church where he assisted with meals for the homeless. He formerly worked for the I.B.E.W. and enjoyed canoeing in the

## Secondhand smoke is OK outdoors

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** Golf season will begin again in Indiana in a few short months. We have only two smokers in our group of 20, but every day when we choose up teams, it seems like one of the smokers shares a cart with me.

In a wide-open cart, how will the secondhand smoke effect me?

**DEAR READER:** Secondhand smoke usually dissipates within seconds in an outdoor environment, so I don't believe the smokers in your golf group will affect your health. Still, it wouldn't hurt if you and your nonsmoking colleagues request that the smokers limit their consumption and smoke several feet away from the golf action.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my health report "Pulmonary Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** Help! My ears are ringing and I assume it to be tinnitus. Is there anything I can try before seeking medical attention? It doesn't seem to be bothering my hearing.

**DEAR READER:** There is a nonprescription medication that was devised to treat tinnitus. It is called Lipo-Flavonoid. Although it does not work 100 percent of the time, it is certainly worth a try. If it isn't suc-



Dr. Peter Gott

cessful, see an ear-nose-and-throat specialist for testing and treatment.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I recently read your column for the first time, and I'm hooked. Your column is now the first thing I read. (Previously it was the obituaries.)

I have struggled with my weight forever. I've never been thin. At one time I was on my way to a "thinner me," but that was because I was working two full-time jobs and missed most meals. I couldn't keep up that pace, and one job was eliminated.

The problem I have is that I can't seem to stick to any diet for any length of time. I've read every diet article in magazines, looking for the thing that will be the key for me.

There are so many diets, low-carb, no-carb, low fat, etc. What do you suggest or recommend for people who struggle?

**DEAR READER:** Many of my readers have found success in losing weight by following my no-flour, no-sugar diet. (Books include "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet" and "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Cook Book".)

It is more of a lifestyle change, which makes it easier to stick with. You can even "cheat" occasionally, and once the weight is lost, the restrictions can be lessened.

I believe you will have success on my diet, and I'm sending you a copy of my health report "A Strategy for Losing Weight: An Introduction to the No Flour, No Sugar Diet."

Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

## '07 a real downer for AC casinos

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — A punch in the mouth. A kick in the pants. A slap in the face.

Call it what you like, but 2007 was a painful wake-up call for Atlantic City, the gambling resort which for 28 previous years had known nothing but ever-increasing revenues.

Year-end figures released Thursday by the state Casino Control Commission document the first-ever decline since casino gambling began here in 1978, showing a 5.7 percent decrease from the previous year.

All told, the city's 11 gambling houses took in \$4.92 billion, down from \$5.21 billion in 2006. Only three casinos reported increases for the year.

Most of the damage was done by the opening of slots parlors in Pennsylvania and New York, which drew customers who were once Atlantic City's exclusive domain. A partial smoking ban didn't help, either.

Slots revenue fell 8.9 percent in 2007, even as table games revenue was up 3 percent.

"It was difficult, no doubt about it," said Mark Juliano, chief executive officer of Trump Entertainment Resorts, which operates three of the city's 11 casinos. "The real impact of '07 was plain and simple: It was Pennsylvania. It's also not going anywhere."

"The good news is it has reinforced with all the major players here the need to work really hard to transform Atlantic City to the next plateau, a place where people come and stay for two or three days instead of relying on day-tripping bus customers."

Three of those bus-riding customers were sunning themselves on an unseasonably warm day this week outside the Tropicana Casino and Resort. The three women from Long Island, N.Y., typify what gives Atlantic City casino operators indigestion but what also gives them hope.

The three friends like free buffet coupons, hotel rooms

## Boy, 13, to be charged in Berks school stabbings

READING (AP) — A 13-year-old boy will face aggravated assault and other charges after he allegedly stabbed

dents intervened to stop the attacks before the boy was subdued by school officials at

with Karen Brown and Katie Lee. Betty was active in The Greenwich Art Society and served as President from 1980-1984. She was a member of The Guild of Natural Science Illustrators and The Philadelphia

## John "Jack" J. Jones

John "Jack" J. Jones, 64, of Lancaster, died Wednesday evening at the Essa Flory Hospice Center.

Jack was the husband of Rae Jean Nye Jones, with whom he celebrated 26 years of marriage this past March 21st. Born in Shamokin, Jack was the son of the late William B. and Genevieve Kurtz Jones.

He had worked for the PA Dept. of Labor and Industry as a claim examiner for the past 10 years.

Jack was a member of Covenant United Methodist Church in Lancaster.

A US Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War, he served as a military policeman, attaining the rank of Airman 2ND Class.

In addition to his wife, Jack is survived by his siblings: his twin brother William B. married to Frances Jones of Shenandoah; his twin sisters Mary Marconi of Danville and Jean Shutt of Northumberland; a sister Margaret Grinaway of Shamokin, and several nieces and nephews.

Friends and relatives are respectfully invited to attend the memorial services at Covenant United Methodist Church, 110 N. Mulberry St., Lancaster, PA on Monday at 10AM with the Rev. Ted Mefferd officiating. Friends will be received by the family following the service. Interment in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery at 2PM, the Rev. Glen Esler officiating. Jack's family respectfully asks that no flowers be sent, with memorial contributions being made in his memory to Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Drive, Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. Arrangements by the Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home and Chapel, Lititz PA, 717-560-5100. For additional information or to send an online condolence, please visit [www.snyderfuneralhome.com](http://www.snyderfuneralhome.com)

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## Coreta E. Hollinger

Coreta E. Hollinger, 94, of 227 E. Fulton St., Ephrata, entered into rest at the Ephrata Community Hospital on Thursday, January 10, 2008.

Born in Denver, she was a daughter of the late Samuel Z. and Mary Ellen (Whitman) Smith and an adopted daughter of the late William and Annie Smith. Her husband, Alvin M. Hollinger, died on March 4, 1994. She was a member of Ranck's U.M. Church and enjoyed playing the piano, knitting, crocheting and the Philadelphia Phillies.

Surviving are 4 daughters, Janet A. (Raymond E.) Harnish Sr., New Holland, Ethel M. (Leonard G.) Fake, Ephrata, Marlene M. (Beryl A.) Dyer, New Holland, and Barbara A. (Rev. Gary W.) Bonebrake, Oneonta, NY; 6 grandchildren, Debra (Dennis) Weaver, Terry Harnish, Beryl Dyer, Ray (Kimberly) Harnish Jr., Jonathan (Marie) Bonebrake, and Rachel (Steve) Nicoletti; 4 great grandchildren, Jocelyn Abreu, Alison, Brendon and Dylan Harnish; sisters, Kathryn Musser, Carlisle, Edith Hollinger, Lititz, Olive Harnish and Blanche "Kitty" Knipple, both of Lancaster, Helen (Melvin) Erb and Ida Wade, both of Florida, and Edith Snyder, Reinholds; and brothers, Warren Smith, Kennett Square, Henry (Naomi) Smith, New Holland, and Harold (Edna) Smith, Lancaster.

The Funeral will be on Tuesday at 10:00 AM, Viewing 9-10 AM in Ranck's U.M. Church, 700 Ranck Rd., New Holland, PA. Interment in Memory Gardens, Ephrata. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Coreta's memory may be made to Hospice of Lancaster County, Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. [www.roseborofuneralhome.com](http://www.roseborofuneralhome.com)

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Kane. He and his wife, Dorothy A. Shenk Kane, of Lititz were married for 62 yrs.

Wilbur was a member of the Lebanon Moravian Church where he assisted with meals for the homeless. He formerly worked for the I.B.E.W. and enjoyed canoeing in the Swatara Creek.

Surviving in addition to his wife, is a son, Philip S., husband of Barbara A. Kane, of West Lampeter; three grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Preceding him in death was a son, Michael J. Kane.

Memorial Services will be held on Sunday, January 13, 2008, at 2:00 P.M. at Richard H. Heisey Funeral Home, 216 S. Broad St., Lititz, with Rev. Richard Thierolf officiating. There will be a visitation with the family from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. Burial will be in Lititz Moravian Cemetery. Contributions may be made in his memory to Hospice of Lancaster Co., P. O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. Online condolences: [www.Richardheiseyfuneralhome.com](http://www.Richardheiseyfuneralhome.com)

## Boy, 13, to be charged in Berks school stabbings

READING (AP) — A 13-year-old boy will face aggravated assault and other charges after he allegedly stabbed three students and brought explosives to school, police said Thursday.

The boy is due in juvenile court for a detention hearing Friday, Central Berks Regional Police Sgt. Ronald Uczynski said.

The eighth-grader, whose name has not been released by authorities, is being held at the Berks County Juvenile Detention Center.

Witnesses said the boy, wearing a dark trench coat and listening to his MP3 player, burst into an English class Wednesday and began slashing at students with a knife, flipping desks, throwing books and lighting firecrackers.

Three students suffered minor stab wounds; fellow stu-

dents intervened to stop the attacks before the boy was subdued by school officials at Antietam Middle-Senior High School.

Police said the boy brought to school a small can of gasoline, a water bottle filled with torch fluid, firecrackers, knives and face masks to keep out fumes.

When the school reopened Thursday, students could use only one entrance to get inside and police searched every student with a handheld metal detector.

Police Officer Ray Serafin said all bags were searched, and some pocketknives and other minor contraband were seized.

The school in Lower Alsace Township, about 60 miles northwest of Philadelphia, enrolls 540 students in grades seven through 12.

warm day this week outside the Tropicana Casino and Resort. The three women from Long Island, N.Y., typify what gives Atlantic City casino operators indigestion but what also gives them hope.

The three friends like free buffet coupons, hotel rooms and show tickets — all costly expenses for the gambling houses when multiplied by thousands of players all seeking a freebie. They come for a few hours, then go back home. And they're fairly low-stakes gamblers.

Yet the reasons they come to Atlantic City are some of the very ones casino executives trumpet as things that make Atlantic City an appealing alternative to racetrack slots parlors in other states.

"We love the Boardwalk, the water and the scenery," said Ann Cappielli, who comes here once a month and who was hoping to win back the \$60 she had just lost on slots at the Tropicana.

"I love the restaurants and the shops, and just sitting on the Boardwalk and watching people from all walks of life go by," added her friend Madeline Franco. "You can't do that at Mohegan Sun. You're trapped inside the casino there."

Yet the Atlantic City that these three women know is changing.

The revenue decline has meant cutbacks on free rooms, show tickets and even buffet coupons mailed to gamblers to get them to come here. And along with a wave of new hotel tower construction that will add more than 2,500 rooms to the market by Labor Day will come top-name — and high-priced — entertainment and dining venues.

In December, the casinos' revenue fell by 10.6 percent, led by another awful month at the Tropicana, whose owners lost their casino license that month after a year of poor performance.

The Tropicana was down 20.9 percent in December, and 12.1 percent for the year. About two dozen potential buyers have expressed interest in the Tropicana, which is expected to be sold by the end of April.

Caesars Atlantic City was the only casino that had what could be considered a good year in 2007, with its revenue up by 5.1 percent. Harrah's Atlantic City showed a 2.1 percent increase, and the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa, which routinely dominates the market here, showed an increase of just 1.6 percent for the year. The Borgata, however, led all casinos with revenue of \$750.9 million.

## Hollywood's 'Mayor' Johnny Grant, 84

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Johnny Grant, the avuncular honorary mayor of Hollywood who traveled the world as Tinseltown's No. 1 cheerleader for more than a half-century, has died. He was 84.

Grant died just before 7 p.m. Wednesday, apparently of natural causes, said Officer Jason Lee. Grant was found dead on a bed in the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, Lee said.

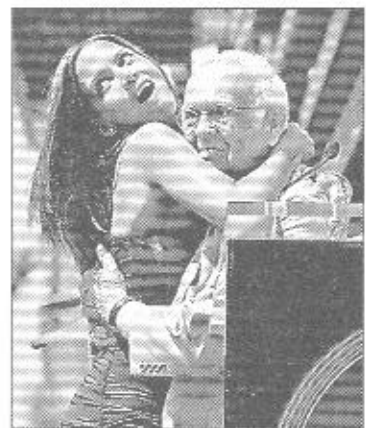
Grant was perhaps best known as the jolly host alongside more than 500 celebrities he inducted into the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

The lifelong bachelor lived in a 14th-floor suite at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel.

Grant's mission in life was bringing the Tinseltown story to everyone. He hosted red carpet Oscar arrivals and Walk of Fame festivities, appeared in bit parts in movies, and produced Hollywood's annual Christmas Parade.

"I feel I have been the luckiest guy in the world," he often said. "It's been a pretty good ride."

Ana Martinez-Holler, a spokeswoman for the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce who has worked with Grant for 20 years, said he had had several recent health problems, including a broken bone in his back.



Associated Press

**Honorary Mayor of Hollywood Johnny Grant gets a hug from actress Halle Berry in April at a ceremony in which Grant got his own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.**

"I had lunch with him today ... we had omelets together, and he said he wasn't feeling good," she said Wednesday. "I saw him walk away after lunch, and that was the last time I saw him."

"Hollywood won't be the same without him," she said.

Grant also joined globe-trotting Bob Hope as a USO ambassador, bringing entertainers to war zones to perform for U.S. military personnel during the Korean and Vietnam wars and battles in the Middle East.

He helped introduce home-

sick soldiers to Debbie Reynolds, Connie Stevens, Jane Russell, Terry Moore, Penny Singleton and Angie Dickinson, among others, leading Hope to once quip that he himself was "the rich man's Johnny Grant."

"You'll never find a more generous soul in your life," Dickinson told The Associated Press in 2006. "He was a ladies man. He's a Taurus. He's a doll."

Another close friend, actress Mamié Van Doren, described Grant simply as "Mr. Hollywood."

"I dated him in my teens," she recalled. "He's one of the greatest people I've ever known, so kind."

Over the years, Grant chatted with Marilyn Monroe, Elizabeth Taylor, Michael Jackson, Tom Cruise, Bing Crosby, Walt Disney, Frank Sinatra and Dolly Parton and was a friend to several presidents, including John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson and Richard Nixon. He counted President Reagan as one of his closest friends.

Born in Goldsboro, N.C., Grant was a cub reporter for radio station WGBR when he hitchhiked to Washington to cover President Franklin D. Roosevelt's third inauguration. The diminutive reporter sat in a tree to write down what he saw for his report.

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