

OBITUARIES/NEWS

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OKLAHOMA CITY
Marvin Albert Beck Jr.

Marvin Albert Beck Jr., 61, died Friday, Jan. 26, 2007, in Oklahoma City. He was a resident of Oklahoma City.

Survivors include a son, Scott (Annaly) Beck of Oklahoma City; a daughter, Marcy (William Jr.) Herd of Atlanta, Ga.; his mother, Catherine Beck of New Castle; and two sisters, Mary (Tim) Petric of Stow, Ohio, and Annette (Rom) Schroeder of Dublin, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his father, Marvin Albert Beck Sr.

The Rev. Stan Icenogle will conduct a funeral service at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Bluff Creek Christian Church, 6286 W. State Road 144, Greenwood. Burial will be at Bluff Creek Cemetery in Greenwood.

Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory, Greenwood Chapel, 481 W. Main St., is handling arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the Beck family at www.wilsonstpierre.com.

INDIANAPOLIS
Roberta Jean Gray

Roberta Jean Gray, 70, died Friday, Jan. 26, 2007. She was a resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include two sons, Steven (Anita) Gray and Daniel Gray; two daughters, Cathy (Roger) Thompson and Robin (Jack) Nichols; a brother, Leslie Snider; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Francis and Margaret Snider; her husband, Charles Gray; and a daughter, Vickie (William) Giboney.

A funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 1977 S. State Road 135 in Greenwood. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 911 E. 86th St. Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

INDIANAPOLIS
Lucille Hawkins Jarboe

Lucille Hawkins Jarboe, 96, of Indianapolis, died Friday, Jan. 26, 2007.

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She was born Sept. 16, 1910, in Shoals to Grover and Grace (Hickman) Hawkins. Lucille was married to Dudley Jarboe on June 25, 1935. He preceded her in death June 18, 2002.

She was also preceded in death by an infant son, Michael; four brothers; and two sisters.

She is survived by her sons, Jack, Jerry, Jim (Rene) and Joe; six grandchildren, Janie, Jeff, Linda, Sean, Jim and Jason; nine great-grandchildren; a brother, Clyde Hawkins; and a sister, Gene Cropp.

Lucille attended Shoals High School, where she played girls

basketball. She later moved to Indianapolis and worked at Indiana Bell Telephone Company and C.B. Cone. She was a member of St. Therese-Little Flower Catholic Church in Indianapolis.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Feeny-Hornak Shadeland Mortuary, 1307 N. Shadeland Ave. in Indianapolis. Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the mortuary followed by a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Therese-Little Flower Catholic Church, 4720 E. 13th Street in Indianapolis. Entombment will be at Washington Park East Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Lucille devoted her life to the loving care of her family and was always there for them.

FRANKLIN
Ross Thomas Marquis

Ross Thomas Marquis, 87, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007, at Homeview Nursing Home in Franklin. He was a resident of Franklin.

Survivors include his step-daughter, Kathryn Jones of Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Isaiah "Eddie" and Mary Mae (Laker) Marquis; and his wife, Leila Florence Kennedy Marquis.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Friends Church, 3030 Kessler Blvd. E. Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46220.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory, Vandivier-Tudor Chapel, 951 N. Main St., Franklin.

FRANKLIN
Margie Louise Wright

Margie Louise Wright, 80, died Friday, Jan. 26, 2007. She was a resident of Franklin.

Survivors include her husband, Ernest Wright; two sons, Everett N. (Deborah) Wright and Stephen W. Wright; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Beatrice Bundy.

A funeral service will be conducted at 9 a.m. Tuesday at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 1977 S. State Road 135, Greenwood.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Obituary policy

The Daily Journal will publish free death notices for Johnson County area residents, former residents and close relatives of area residents.

A free death notice contains basic information, including details about visitation and services, memorial contributions and some survivors.

Families who want to include more information or include a photograph can purchase a custom obituary. Additional information may include memberships, employment, education and additional survivors.

The custom obituaries on this page have been paid for.

The Daily Journal takes obituary information from funeral homes. All obituaries must be verified with funeral homes before publication.

The deadline for submitting obituaries to the Daily Journal is 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Sundays, the deadline is 1 p.m.

Researchers find medicine to help insomniacs

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

Researchers studying a disease that causes people to suddenly drop off to sleep are trying to turn what they have learned into a new way to help insomniacs get some shut-eye.

They found that blocking brain receptors for orexin, a blood peptide, promoted sleep in rats, dogs and people, according to a paper in Sunday's online issue of the journal Nature Medicine.

Orexin, also known as hypocretin, is important in maintaining wakefulness.

It is absent in the brains of people who suffer from narcolepsy, a chronic disorder in which people cannot regulate sleep-wake cycles normally.

It is estimated to affect more than 135,000 people in the United States, according to the National Institutes of Health.

The research team, led by Francois Jenck of the Swiss drug company Actelion Pharmaceuticals, reasoned that they might be able to induce sleep if

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Luis de Lecea
Associate professor at Stanford University on a study of narcolepsy that could lead to new treatments for people suffering from insomnia

they could block orexin.

They developed a drug that can block the receptors in the brain that respond to orexin-hypocretin.

The researchers reported successful testing in rodents, dogs and men.

The first tests were proof of the concept and the drug is now being evaluated to establish the correct dosage, said Roland Haefli, an Actelion spokesman.

Researchers hope to decide this year whether to conduct a phase-three study, a detailed assessment of the drug that would be the final step before seeking U.S. government approval for its use. Such studies can take a few years.

Narcolepsy victims often also experience cataplexy, a condition

in which they lose control of muscle tone for a few seconds to minutes.

Jenck said in a telephone interview that the drug tests did not prompt indications of cataplexy.

Dr. Thomas Scammell, an assistant professor of neurology at Harvard University, said the work was "promising, with a certain amount of caution."

"I think it may be the beginning of something quite exciting," said Scammell, who was not part of the research team.

The drug works differently from other sleep aids that are available and the researchers "provide this very broad perspective, all the way from rodents to humans," he said.

Scammell said the drug may work for people who do not toler-

ate current sleeping pills well. But he said there are concerns that blocking orexin could cause a problem in the brain that is similar to narcolepsy.

"Subsequent studies will be important to make sure sleep quality is good," he said.

Also, cataplexy is difficult to study in the lab because it is often triggered by strong emotions, he said.

Luis de Lecea, an associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Stanford University, also sees promise in the research.

"This new compound may give rise to a new family of sleep aids," de Lecea said.

The advantage of targeting orexin-hypocretin, he said, is that it involves a relatively small number of neurons. Therefore, it can be much more selective than current sleep aid drugs.

But de Lecea, who was not part of the research team, cautioned that because of the way study was done, it was impossible to determine the sleep quality.

Jenck's research was funded by Actelion.

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