

OBITUARIES/NEWS

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FRANKLIN

Russell 'Leroy' Carson

Russell "Leroy" Carson, 72, passed away Monday, Jan. 29, 2007, at his residence in Franklin. He was born May 10, 1934, in Indianapolis to Wilbert Wallace Carson and Mary Evelyn (Russell) Carson. He married Wilma (Kirby) Carson on Sept. 29, 1955. She lovingly survives.

Other survivors include four children, Russell (Lori) Carson of Summer Shade, Ky., Sabrina Walters of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Ronny (Samantha) Carson of Bargsville and Randy (Ridona) Carson of Indianapolis; 10 grandchildren, John, David, Star, Jared, Kyle, Krystal, Jeremy, Jaima, Krystle and Apryl; eight great-grandchildren, Tristan, Carson, Tyler, Katelyn, Mallory, Madison, Chandler and Lynzi; and seven brothers and sisters, Wally (Hazel) Carson, Virginia (Carl) Busher, Jim (Charlotte) Carson, Ira Carson, Ed (Ellen) Carson, Boyd (Julie) Carson and Rita (Greg) Harveth.

He was preceded in passing by his parents.

He attended Indianapolis schools.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, serving in the Korean War.

Leroy was an entrepreneur, owning and operating several different businesses.

He was a member of Franklin American Legion Post No. 205, Shelbyville Eagles Aerie No. 766, Beech Grove VFW No. 5626 and Speedway Moose Lodge No. 500. Every Saturday evening, Leroy enjoyed a night out with his wife, Wilma, for dinner and ballroom dancing. He also was a published author of short stories and two novels. He was an avid dog lover, having been a breeder of pit bulls.

A service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Flinn and Maguire Funeral Home, 2898 N. Morton St., Franklin. Friends may call from 8 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood.

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Edward Ambrose 'Ed' Hammond Sr.

Edward Ambrose "Ed" Hammond Sr., 65, passed away Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007, at his residence in Franklin.

He was born Jan. 6, 1942, in Morganfield, Ky., to Sam and Emma (Hagan) Hammond.

He is survived by two sons, Ed Hammond Jr. of Indianapolis and Keith Hammond of Sacramento, Calif.; two brothers, Raymond Hammond of Uniontown, Ky., and Sam "Bubba" Hammond of Louisville, Ky.; a sister, Francis Johnson of Owensboro, Ky.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in passing by a brother, Joe Hammond; and a sister, Sea Hammond.

He attended school in Kentucky.

Ed was a police officer. He was employed by the Breckenridge military facility in Morganfield, Ky., and Atterbury Job Corps in Edinburgh. He was a Franklin police officer for 25 years, retiring Dec. 10, 2000.

He was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed fishing and barbecues with his family.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Flinn and Maguire Funeral Home, 2898 N. Morton St., Franklin.

A Mass of Christian burial will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Morganfield, Ky. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield. Burial will be at St. Agnes Cemetery in Uniontown, Ky.

GREENWOOD

Mary L. (Landwerlen) Jansen

Mary L. (Landwerlen) Jansen, 78, passed away Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007. She was a resident of

Franklin

Russell "Leroy" Carson, 72
Edward Hammond Sr., 65

Greenwood

Mary L. Jansen, 78

Indianapolis

Charlaine Kirchoff Smith, 63

Greenwood and a former resident of Indianapolis.

She was born Aug. 27, 1928, in Indianapolis to Clara (Hoffman) and Leo Landwerlen. She was a graduate of St. Agnes High School and the St. Vincent School of Nursing. She married Ralph "Joe" Jansen on Nov. 25, 1950.



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She was a member of St. Roch Catholic Church and the church Altar Society. She enjoyed all sports and was an avid Roncalli Rebel booster.

Preceding her in death were her parents and two brothers, Ralph and Jack Landwerlen.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Mary Ann (Rick) Arnold; six sons, Paul (Mary Anne), Joe (Jill), Dave (Ann), Jim (Beth), John (Susie) and Jerry (Barb) Jansen; two sisters, Shirley Dilger and Joyce Wuensch; a brother, Leo Landwerlen; 19 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Roch Catholic Church, 3600 S. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Daniel F. O'Riley Funeral Home, 6107 S. East St., Indianapolis, where morning prayers will be recited at 9:30 a.m. Thursday. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Indiana, 9135 N. Meridian St. Suite B4, Indianapolis, IN 46260, or www.alzindiana.org.

INDIANAPOLIS

Charlaine Kirchoff Smith

Charlaine Kirchoff Smith, 63, died Monday, Jan. 29, 2007. She was a resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include her husband, Larkin Smith; two daughters, Jeen (Brad) Endris and Julie (Doug) Combs; six grandchildren; a brother, Carl Kirchoff; and three sisters, Alice Milleville, Lorraine Wolff and Marian Burg.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Juliana Kirchoff.

A funeral service will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Calvary Lutheran Church, 6111 Shelby St., Indianapolis. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 1977 S. State Road 135, Greenwood.

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.

Witness questions timing of leak

Ex-press aide: Former chief of staff gave him name of agent

By MATT APUZZO
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

Former White House press secretary Ari Fleischer testified Monday that then-colleague Lewis "Scooter" Libby told him over lunch that the wife of a prominent war critic worked at the CIA.

Fleischer said the conversation happened July 7, 2003, days before Libby told investigators he was surprised to learn about the CIA operative from a reporter. That discrepancy is at the heart of Libby's perjury and obstruction trial.

Fleischer, who was the chief White House spokesman for the first 2½ years of President Bush's first term, said Monday that Libby invited him to lunch to discuss Fleischer's planned departure from the White House. He said it was the first time he and Libby had eaten lunch together.

They talked about Fleischer's career plans and their shared interest in the Miami Dolphins football team, Fleischer testified. He can't remember who brought it up but he said the conversation then turned to the growing con-



Lewis "Scooter" Libby, former chief of staff for Vice President Dick Cheney, gets out of his vehicle at the U.S. Federal Court in Washington on Monday.

trovery over former Ambassador Joseph Wilson, who accused the White House of ignoring prewar intelligence on Iraq.

"Ambassador Wilson was sent by his wife," Fleischer recalled Libby saying. "His wife works for the CIA."

Fleischer said Libby also used the woman's name, Valerie Plame, and told him it was "hush hush."

"My sense is that Mr. Libby was telling me this was kind of newsy," Fleischer said.

Fleischer said he again heard about Plame four days later aboard Air Force One from

White House communications director Dan Bartlett. Bartlett was reading documents and began venting that reporters kept repeating Wilson's claim that Vice President Dick Cheney sent Wilson on a fact-finding trip to Niger.

"His wife sent him," Fleischer recalled Bartlett saying. "She works at the CIA."

Fleischer said he relayed that information to reporters from Time magazine and NBC. A reporter from Newsweek magazine also was there but may have walked away, he said. The reporters paid no attention to the comment, he testified.

"I never in my wildest dreams thought this information was classified," Fleischer testified.

Fleischer testified under an immunity deal with prosecutors and arrived in court with his attorneys. He said he sought the deal after reading an article about the investigation.

"I thought, 'Oh my God. Did I somehow play a role in outing a CIA operative?'" Fleischer said.

Libby's attorneys plan to argue during cross-examination that the immunity deal makes Fleischer's testimony less credible.

Prosecutor Peter Zeidenberg sought to head off that argument early in Fleischer's testimony by having him describe his deal.

"I cannot be prosecuted for what I did with the information I was provided," Fleischer said. "The immunity provides no protection for perjury."

Libby says he was surprised to learn from NBC News reporter Tim Russert that Plame worked at the CIA. Anything he later told reporters about Plame was simply a repetition of what he learned from Russert, Libby said.

Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald's first witnesses were government employees who testified that they told Libby about Plame days before the Russert conversation. Fleischer is a key witness because, as Fitzgerald said in his opening statement: "You can't learn something on Thursday that you're giving out on Monday."

Nobody was ever charged with leaking Plame's identity. Libby is the only person charged in the case.

Rising temperatures worrying residents

Report will advise about climate changes

By ANGELA CHARLTON
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS

The planet's temperature is rising, sea levels threaten to swallow coastlines and the world's residents want to know how much to be afraid. An authoritative answer comes this week.

Some 500 scientists and officials convened in Paris on Monday for a week of word-by-word editing of a long-awaited report on how fast the world is warming, how serious it is and how much is the fault of humans.

The report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, to be released Friday, could influence what governments and businesses do to fight global warming. It will be watched closely in the United States, whose government stands accused by many around the world of playing down the peril.

Scientists are keeping quiet about the report's contents but

say it is both more specific and more sweeping than previous efforts to chart hotter summers, snowless ski seasons and break-away ice sheets and what they mean for the Earth's future.

"At no time in the past has there been a greater global appetite for reliable information on global warming, the panel's chairman, climatologist Rajendra Pachauri of India, told the conference.

The report is expected to warn of continued temperature rises through the century and reiterate that people-created pollution is partly to blame.

But debate may arise at the closed-door meetings over how much sea levels are rising.

Early drafts of the paper forecast smaller sea level rises than the last report, in 2001. But many top scientists reject the new figures, saying they are not new enough: They do not include the recent melt-off of big ice sheets in two crucial locations — Greenland and Antarctica.

Senate joins global warming battle

By ZACHARY COILE
SAN FRANCISCO JOURNAL

WASHINGTON

The Senate, showing a new enthusiasm for the fight against global warming, begins hearings this week on competing proposals by lawmakers to curb greenhouse-gas emissions.

Last year, the Republican-led Senate Environment and Public Works Committee conducted regular hearings on whether global warming was a hoax. But Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., who now

leads the panel, is staging a rare open-microphone hearing today, where senators will offer their ideas for tackling climate change.

Calls for action will probably grow when the U.N. Panel on Climate Change issues a report Friday in Paris that is expected to show increased certainty among scientists that human use of fossil fuels is causing warming.

The report also includes projections about the damage that various regions could suffer from rising sea levels, heat waves and droughts.

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Understanding Land Use Challenges in Johnson County

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 7 to 9 p.m.

Indian Creek High School, Trafalgar

- Indiana Commerce Connector: INDOT
- Eminent Domain: Roger Young, atty.
- Negotiating Easements: Mark Thornburg and Marcus Selig, Indiana Farm Bureau

Thursday, Feb. 15, 7 to 9 p.m.

White River Twp. Government Building, 4800 W. Stones Crossing Road

- Small Acreage Farming: Roy Ballard, Hancock Co. CES
- Land Trusts: Central Indiana Land Trust, Inc.
- Selecting a Home Site: Bob Weaver

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 7 to 9 p.m.

Whiteland Community High School

- Model Ordinances for Agriculture Zoning: R.J. McConnell, Johnson Co. Commissioner, member Indiana Land Resource Council
- Johnson Co. Planning & Zoning Issues, Kimberly Moore, Johnson Co. CES
- Panel Discussion: Johnson Co. P&Z Director Brian Waterman and Plan Commission members Bill Gervasio and Kevin McGinnis

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Youngsters should be made to understand that tobacco in any form is unhealthy. While some kids believe that chewing tobacco is safer than smoking cigarettes, it is not. A person can get the same poisons and cancer-causing agents in chewing tobacco as from smoking tobacco. While it may be true that a person does not inhale chewing tobacco, it greatly increases the chances for oral cancer. In addition, chewing tobacco poses a real threat to the health of teeth, gums, and the bones that hold teeth in place. Thus, aside from being very addictive, chewing tobacco causes cavities; periodontal disease; a precancerous condition called "leukoplakia"; and cancer of the mouth, pharynx, and throat. Even chewing gum is preferable.

Smokeless tobacco can irritate your gum tissue, causing it to recede or pull away from your teeth. Once this gum tissue recedes, the

roots of your teeth are exposed, increasing your risk for tooth decay. The roots of your teeth may also become sensitive to hot and cold or other irritants, which means you could experience some discomfort when eating or drinking. Call CEDAR LANE FAMILY DENTISTRY at 736-7476 if you have questions about your dental health. We provide a wide range of innovative dental services specifically tailored to the needs and wants of our patients. At all times, our focus is on you and what you want from dentistry. Ultimately, you manage your own oral health. We're located at 850 Cedar Lane.

P.S. As headlines in recent years can attest, baseball players do not always make the right health choices. Young players should respect themselves and not emulate unhealthy behaviors of their heroes.

KEEPSAKES

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