

PEOPLE OF NOTE

Benton earns national diabetes educator status

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Zeleka Benton RN has achieved Certified Diabetes Educator status by the National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators. Candidates must meet education and professional practice experience requirements to take the exam. Achieving



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the CDE credential demonstrates distinct and specialized knowledge in caring for patients with diabetes. There are currently more than 13,000 diabetes educators nationwide who hold the CDE credential. Benton is a graduate of Winston-Salem State University with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is a member of Chi Eta Phi Nursing Sorority and treasurer of Metrolina Association of Diabetes Educators. She is also a

mentor for the Urban League. Benton has been a diabetes educator for three years at the Presbyterian Diabetes Resource Center at PrimeCare Medical Center, Beatties Ford Road. • Jimmy Allen has completed 30 hours of continuing education as a member in the National Association of Enrolled Agents. Enrolled agents are tax professionals who have demonstrated technical expertise in the field of tax-

ation. The EA designation is earned by passing a two-day examination administered by the Internal Revenue Service or by working a minimum of five years at the IRS in a position where the provisions of the IRS code and regulations were regularly applied and interpreted. Enrolled agents are licensed to represent taxpayers before all administrative levels of the IRS for audits, collections and appeals. • Melody Covington of

Matthews has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society. Covington is a student at Norfolk State University in Virginia. Golden Key provides academic recognition to college juniors and seniors in the top 15 percent of their class. The mission of the society is to build global communities of

academic achievers by providing opportunities for individual growth through leadership, career development, networking and service.



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10 Commandments marker erected, removed

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read aloud the Ten Commandments and the Bill of Rights, which are inscribed side-by-side on the monument.

Robinson placed the monument in front of City Hall on Monday while it was closed for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. He said he was inspired by Alabama's ousted chief justice, who placed a similar monument in his court building. Robinson said he paid the \$2,000 cost

of buying and moving the monument himself. Mayor Allen Joines called the move divisive. "Obviously, if you are going to do something like this, this is not the right way to do it," Joines said Monday. "We are working hard to bring the city together. Actions like this tend to push people apart." Robinson, who is running for the Republican nomination for Congress, had said he didn't get permission to

put up the marker because he didn't know the procedure. Former Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore placed a 2 1/2-ton Ten Commandments monument in the rotunda of the Alabama Judicial

Building in 2001 and was ousted last year for refusing to obey a federal court order to remove it. The federal judge found the monument to be an unconstitutional governmental promotion of religion.

Report criticizes Iraq policy

MINNESOTA SPOKESMAN-RECORDER

MINNEAPOLIS—A study released recently by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace said, "Officials misrepresented threat from Iraq's weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missiles programs over and above intelligence findings."

The report challenged two of the Bush Administration's claims that led up to the war with Iraq. The administration said that Iraq had links to terrorist networks and possessed weapons that could pose an imminent threat to the United States.

But the Carnegie report brings into question the administration's failure to establish a link between Iraq and terrorist networks. There was "no solid evidence" that Saddam Hussein was connected to Osama bin-Laden or al Qaeda, the report said. It also stated that Iraq's nuclear program had been suspended for many years.

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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST
Thursday: Breezy with some sun. 52
Thu. night: Partly cloudy and cold. 27
Friday: Mostly sunny and chilly. 46/25
Saturday: Partly sunny. 52/31
Sunday: Increasing cloudiness. 50/29
Monday: Mostly cloudy. 51/40
Tuesday: Sunshine and some clouds. 53/33
Wednesday: Snow and rain, then rain. 49/28
THE WEEK AHEAD
Temperatures
Precipitation
U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES
City Today Hi Lo W Friday Hi Lo W Saturday Hi Lo W Sunday Hi Lo W Monday Hi Lo W
Atlanta 52 28 pc 48 32 s 52 38 pc 50 38 c 55 36 c
Boston 32 20 c 24 10 pc 18 8 c 20 10 c 27 14 c
Chicago 16 6 pc 24 14 c 28 20 pc 32 20 c 32 19 pc
Cleveland 19 13 sf 19 13 sf 20 13 c 26 19 c 29 17 c
Denver 42 20 pc 46 22 s 46 20 pc 47 21 c 44 16 c
Des Moines 17 13 c 38 22 c 40 23 pc 36 20 c 33 18 pc
Detroit 20 8 sf 20 12 c 22 14 pc 25 18 c 30 16 c
Houston 54 42 c 56 44 c 58 44 c 66 46 pc 68 48 c
Indianapolis 23 12 pc 29 23 c 34 25 pc 41 27 c 39 23 c
Kansas City 34 23 pc 46 28 pc 51 31 s 42 26 c 37 24 pc
Los Angeles 72 50 s 72 50 s 64 50 c 62 48 c 70 45 pc
Miami 76 52 pc 71 52 pc 73 57 c 77 61 c 79 61 c
Minn.-St. Paul 10 -5 pc 16 6 pc 20 10 c 19 9 c 22 7 c
New Orleans 59 40 c 57 42 pc 62 48 c 67 50 c 65 47 c
New York City 38 21 c 28 16 pc 22 16 c 28 21 c 30 21 c
Omaha 30 15 pc 38 27 c 44 26 pc 38 19 c 30 17 pc
Phoenix 63 47 pc 64 45 s 64 46 pc 63 46 c 64 39 c
San Francisco 58 44 s 56 44 c 56 44 c 57 44 s 58 42 pc
Seattle 46 36 pc 46 38 c 40 30 c 46 34 c 46 32 c
Washington 44 22 pc 34 20 s 32 20 c 32 24 c 43 24 c
THE NATIONAL SUMMARY
Cold air will continue to cover the northern Plains, Midwest and Northeast. Temperatures from Minnesota to Maine will average 5 to 10 degrees below normal. A strong jet stream will guide storms across the Mississippi and Tennessee valleys. Storms will bring rain and snow to the Pacific Northwest.
Weather: (W) s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.
SUN & MOON
Sunrise Sunset
Thu., Jan. 22 7:29 a.m. 5:41 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 23 7:29 a.m. 5:42 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 24 7:28 a.m. 5:43 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 25 7:28 a.m. 5:44 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 26 7:27 a.m. 5:45 p.m.
Tue., Jan. 27 7:27 a.m. 5:46 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 28 7:26 a.m. 5:47 p.m.
Moonrise Moonset
Thu., Jan. 22 8:27 a.m. 6:40 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 23 9:06 a.m. 7:51 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 24 9:39 a.m. 8:57 p.m.
Moon Phases
New First Full Last
Jan. 21 Jan. 29 Feb. 6 Feb. 13

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