

# OBITUARIES/NEWS

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## FRANKLIN Margie M. Baker

Margie M. Baker, 95, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at Indiana Masonic Home in Franklin.

She was born July 26, 1910, in Clinton County to the late Dallas and Nellie M. (Evans) King.

Margie had worked at L.S. Ayres and Blocks. She was a charter member of Southport Christian Church and a 60-year member of Southport Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 422.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arville T. Baker. She is survived by three sons, Robert F. (Doris), James D. and Wayne L. (Wanda) Baker; two daughters, Joann (Oren) Demaree and Janie Baker; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at noon Saturday at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Road 135, with visitation from 10 a.m. until service time Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood.

Memorial contributions may be made to Indiana Masonic Home, 690 S. State St., Franklin, IN 46131.



BAKER

Franklin  
Margie M. Baker, 95  
Rhonda Diane O'Neill, 58  
Greenwood  
Grace E. Humes, 97  
Indianapolis  
Melvin J. Boland, 75

three brothers, Herbert Bradley of Skokie, Ill., Omer Bradley of Indianapolis and H. Dean Bradley of Antioch, Ill. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Neva Elaine Bultman; a granddaughter, Stacy Bultman; and a brother, Clyde Bradley.

Arrangements are being handled by Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center in Indianapolis.

Information: www.singletonmortuary.com

## FRANKLIN Rhonda Diane O'Neill

Rhonda Diane O'Neill, 58, of Franklin, died peacefully in her home while surrounded by family Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006.

She was born July 18, 1947, in Indianapolis. Her primary concern was always her family and what she could do to help others. She was a devoted military wife, and at one point was the head of the Chain of Concern for other military families. She enjoyed volunteering wherever she was needed.

She was the loving wife of Tony O'Neill; adored by her daughters, Julie Lockhart, Angela Babbidge (son-in-law Daniel), Jamie Mahaffey and Amy McCarty (son-in-law Shawn); loving grandmother to Brandon, Tony, Matthew and Justin; and sister to Ronald Key, John Godsey, Jim Godsey, Deana Ray and Lori Grable. She was preceded in death by her parents and son-in-law Jeffrey Lockhart.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. today at Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center, Washington Park East, 10722 E. Washington St. in Indianapolis, with visitation from 11 a.m. until service time today at the funeral center. Entombment will take place at Washington Park East Cemetery in Indianapolis.

In honor of her numerous contributions over the years, memorial donations may be made in Rhonda's name to the Riley Hospital Foundation, 50 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46204; or to the charity of donor's choice.

Information: www.flannerbuchanan.com

## 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.



O'NEILL

## INDIANAPOLIS Melvin J. Boland

Melvin J. Boland, 75, died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006. He was a resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley (Stacy) Boland; two daughters, Pam Boland of Haiko, Hawaii, and Lisa LeJune of Greenwood; two sons, Mark Boland of St. Mary's, Mo., and Randy Boland of Indianapolis; a stepdaughter, Dianna Ward of Indianapolis; two sisters, Dorothy Brown of Houston, Texas, and Joyce Henneman of St. Genevieve, Mo.; seven grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his parents, Randolph and Zella (Pittman) Boland.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center, 7602 Madison Ave. in Indianapolis. Friends may call from 1 p.m. until service time Saturday at the mortuary.

Information: www.singletonmortuary.com

## GREENWOOD Grace E. Humes

Grace E. Humes, 97, of Greenwood and formerly of Indianapolis, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006.

She was born July 27, 1908, in Clark County, Ill., to the late Albert and Josie (Bennett) Bradley. Grace married John H.

Humes on Sept. 9, 1938, in Indianapolis, and he preceded her in death Jan. 26, 1985.

She was a member of Southport Presbyterian Church, where her service will be conducted at 7 p.m. today in the Toney Chapel, with visitation from 2 to 5:30 p.m. today. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood.

Memorial gifts have been suggested to Southport Presbyterian Church, 7525 McFarland Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46237.

Survivors include a daughter, Charlene (Gene) Thompson of Greenwood; four grandchildren, Bruce Bultman, Sheila Miller, Susan Egan and Heather Taylor; six great-grandchildren, Jessica Bultman, Gregory Bultman, Lauren Taylor, Ashley Taylor, Oscar Egan and Grace Egan; and



HUMES

# Stroke study gives new hope

## Applying drug straight to blood clots could save some victims

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### KISSIMMEE, Fla.

Like pouring Drano directly on a clog, doctors dramatically improved stroke survival by dripping a clot-dissolving drug right onto a blockage choking off the brain's blood supply.

Many patients given this experimental treatment had stunning recoveries within a day, often without the speech loss and paralysis that can follow a stroke, doctors reported Thursday.

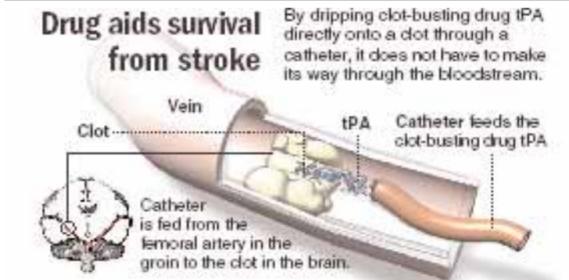
A second study found that people given the treatment were 65 percent more likely to be able to walk, talk and function normally three months after their strokes than those given standard care.

"We're very encouraged by these results," said that study's leader, Dr. Joseph Broderick, neurology chief at the University of Cincinnati. "We found that we were either partially or completely able to open the blocked artery 69 percent of the time."

The promising results from the two small studies were presented at a conference of the American Stroke Association.

Strokes kill about 163,000 Americans each year and are a leading cause of long-term disability. Most are due to clots that deprive an area of the brain of blood, causing it to die.

The usual treatment is intra-



SOURCE: American Heart Association

venous doses of the clot-busting drug, TPA, but it must be given within three hours of the start of symptoms, doesn't always work, and sometimes causes dangerous bleeding in the brain.

Doctors tested a novel way to give TPA to try to overcome these three problems. It is similar to angioplasty, the procedure to open clogged heart arteries. A tube is inserted in a vessel in the groin and guided to the clot, in this case, in the head rather than near the heart.

TPA is dripped directly onto the clot through the tube instead of having to make its way there through the bloodstream.

One-fourth of the 128 patients given this treatment in the past decade at the University of California at Los Angeles had dramatic improvement of stroke symptoms within a day, study

leader Dr. Doojin Kim reported. Many of the rest improved, too, but less dramatically.

About 90 percent survived, compared with 74 percent of stroke patients who get standard intravenous TPA. Most not only survived but had excellent final outcomes. Bleeding in the brain also was less frequent with the novel approach.

The second study involved 73 patients with severe strokes who first got intravenous TPA, then dripped treatment if the first approach didn't work. Some also received ultrasound to further break up the clot, given through a tiny device passed through the same tube that carried the TPA.

The results: Twice as many suffered the side effect of bleeding in the brain, but twice as many clots were dissolved, accomplishing the main goal of

treatment, Broderick reported.

The new technique has definite promise according to Dr. John Mailer, associate director for clinical trials at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, the federal agency that funded both studies and has agreed to sponsor a larger one based on these results.

Broderick's study also was partly paid for by Ekos Corp., a company in Bothell, Wash., that makes the ultrasound tube device.

The new technique appears best for people younger than 80 and those with major rather than mild strokes, doctors said. Broderick estimated that up to half of stroke patients might qualify.

That would make it of significant benefit. Only about 30 percent of clots currently dissolve with intravenous TPA alone, said Dr. Gregory Del Zoppo, a stroke expert from the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, Calif., who had no role in the studies.

The challenge now is figuring out which patients would do best with these clot-dissolving strategies as opposed to trying to pull the clot out with a new corkscrew-like device that came on the market last year.

Both techniques promise to give stroke patients another option if the basic intravenous TPA treatment fails, but the relative risks and benefits of each need further study.

# FDA sets new terms for whole grain foods

By LIBBY QUAD  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### WASHINGTON

Multigrain, oat bran, cracked wheat, or seven-grain. Which has the heart-healthy whole grains recommended by the government?

To answer that question, the Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday came out with a new definition of whole grains.

The agency wants to make it easier for people to choose foods made from whole grains. The choice is not easy, given the bewildering array of slogans and logos in the supermarket.

For example, Cheerios and other General Mills cereals have their own "whole grain" emblem.

Companies from Bruegger's Bagels to Snyder's of Hanover pretzels use black-and-gold labels shaped like a postage stamp saying a product is a "good source," an "excellent source" or a "100 percent source" of whole grains. Quaker Instant Oatmeal has a small green banner saying, "Made With Whole Grain Oats."

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Food and Drug Administration  
on providing a definition of whole grains

said Barbara Schneeman, director of the FDA's office of nutritional products, labeling and dietary supplements.

Whole grains are vital to a healthy diet, according to federal guidelines. They say three servings each day of whole grains will cut the risk of heart disease and type 2 diabetes.

A serving is about an ounce and can be found in a half-cup of oatmeal, a slice of bread or a cup of cold cereal flakes.

While the FDA is trying to make things clearer for consumers, the agency seems to be causing confusion in the food industry.

The definition is just a draft, but if the FDA makes its permanent, many companies may have to change their food labels.

The FDA says a company can make factual statements, such as

saying a product has 100 percent whole grains or 10 grams of whole grains. But the agency says a product should not claim to be an "excellent" or "good" source of whole grains.

The FDA did not say whether companies should start changing their labels.

"We would have to look at a particular product to understand whether something is being used appropriately," Schneeman said.

The agency recently refused a request from General Mills to define an "excellent" or "good" source of whole grains, saying those terms apply to specific nutrients but not to whole grains.

The industry reacted cautiously.

People are bewildered by the clutter of claims in ads and on packages, said K. Dun Gifford, president of Boston-based Oldways Preservation Trust, a

think tank. Gifford helped create the black-and-gold Whole Grains Council stamps, which he said offer simple descriptions, not scientific health claims, to help consumers.

Robert Earl, senior director of nutrition policy at the Food Products Association, said the FDA's move is "something we're going to need to digest and discuss among our members."

It is not clear whether the definition will last. The FDA opened a two-month comment period on it, but officials said they did not know when, or if, the change would go into effect.

The definition says a whole grain must retain its basic structure.

It applies to corn, rice, oats and wheat and lesser-known cereal grains, such as bulgur, millet and sorghum. It does not include soybeans, chickpeas, sunflower seeds and other legumes or oilseeds.

The tricky part is what's done to the grain during processing. If it's intact, ground, cracked or flaked, it still is a whole grain. Rolled or "quick" oats are still whole grains.

Popcorn is a whole grain. Pearled barley is not.

# Government toughens rules on mattress flammability

By ELIZABETH WHITE  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### WASHINGTON

A higher government standard for mattress flammability that would give people more time to escape if their beds catch on fire was approved Thursday, but consumer groups complained language attached to the rule limits suits against manufacturers.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission's three-member board unanimously approved the new rule, which creates standards governing how quickly a fire from open flames such

as candles and cigarette lighters would spread across mattresses. Until now, a standard on the books only regulated smoldering fires from cigarettes.

"It's going to save a lot of lives, prevent a lot of injuries from mattress fires and we're proud of that," CPSC Chairman Hal Stratton said.

The CPSC estimates the new standard to limit fire intensity and prevent or delay "flashover" when the mattress is engulfed in flames, will increase escape time and could prevent up to 270 deaths and 1,330 injuries a year.

The rule, which will go into

effect in July 2007, limits the amount of heat that can be released in the first 30 minutes if a mattress catches fire.

The rule is the first ever "major regulation" to come out of the CPSC because it will cost mattress manufacturers at least \$100 million per year to comply.

Several consumer groups and at least one U.S. senator, though, object to language in the preamble of the new rule that will preempt existing state standards and requirements.

They say it will prevent people from seeking court compensation if hurt by a product meeting the

CPSC standard, particularly in states where current flammability standards may be higher than the new national rule.

Stratton noted that the preamble language is not part of the actual rule and it is not an unprecedented move.

"We believe that the state courts are pre-empted from making findings that would establish some other standard, whether it's higher or lower," Stratton said.

"The groups are concerned that courts are not able to establish a higher standard, well, I'm concerned that maybe the courts could establish a lower standard."

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