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The January 20th Inauguration of President George Bush, will be honored by the presence of two of Trinity Counties most favored residents, Jim Swett and Jim Taylor. Both of these men, Medal of Honor recipients, received their engraved invitations, and will be able to attend all of the inaugural events. Jim Swett has been to every inauguration since President Eisenhower, and has promised me a long "interview", including pictures, when he returns. I'll bet Jim Taylor will have tons to share as well. I cannot wait to pass all of this on to you.

Trinity Little League softball and baseball sign-ups for the 2005 season will be held over three weekends at the Trinity Center and Coffee Creek Schools, starting January 29 and ending February 12. Tryouts will be March 5 and Opening Day is April 2. The fee for Girls softball, Minor and Major Division 7 years to 8th grade, will be \$40. Baseball fees are as follows: T-Ball \$30, Minors and Majors, \$40; Junior 13 to 14 and Senior, 15 to 16, will be \$45. There will be a \$10 discount for additional players in any division. If you have any questions, feel free to call Keith Bigham at 623-5686.

The first place winner of the Trinity Center School Geography Bee was Sam Boggs, second place winner was Arin Johnson and third place was won by Brad Berglund. Holly Anderson, TC School's Office Manager, said the geography test was very difficult and all the students participating did very well. Sam Boggs took an even more difficult written test to see where he can be placed in the next level. The Spelling Bee will be this Friday at 8:00 in the morning. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to attend.

The Trinity Center School student's drive for coins for the victims of the tsunami has been very well received. Some folks are bringing coins to the school, and the businesses that had not received coin collection jars have called the school for them. The coin drive, which started last Friday, will continue until February 14. All of the proceeds will be given to UNICIF. Good on all of you for helping the students. And I know the ones of you who have not had a chance to donate will do so at the first opportunity.

A man, who was the single occupant in his north bound vehicle, and who was later arrested as a DUI, lost control of his car and collided head on with a south bound vehicle with two young women. The teenage passenger in the second car, and the man driving the out of control car were both flown by helicopter to a Redding Hospital, while the teen driver was transported by ambulance. One of the hardest things a fireman from either the Trinity Center or the Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire Departments have to do is attend to a devastating car accident like this one that happened on Highway 3, between Trinity Center and Coffee Creek, last Friday, January 14, at about 5:50 in the evening. When you live in a small community, you know or have ties to almost every family in the area. When they respond to a scene and see the vehicles as mangled as the ones in this accident, it is hard to understand how anyone could possibly make it out alive. We were all lucky this time. Both of the girls were wearing seatbelts, and both airbags were deployed, saving the victims from sustaining life threatening injuries. Even though there were broken bones, and lots of soft tissue damage, none of the three victims had to spend the night in the hospital. It was estimated that both cars were traveling 30 to 35 miles per hour, which calculates out to hitting a brick wall going 60 miles per hour.

Ask and you shall receive! In a recent column, I pleaded with our local male population to help me remove the mangy crow from our living room. For those of you who are new to our column, there is a dubious award called "Eat Crow" award, which happens to be a crow perched in his cage with his foot sewn in his mouth. Men can win this award by saying hurtful or rude things to

or about their spouses. But the wives must be willing to repeat it. Bob Cunningham came to my rescue when he was asked by his wife, Linda, to critique a swimming suit she had purchased to take on their trip to Hawaii. Bob, who should know better, being a recent holder of the "Eat Crow" award, told his wife it would be fine as long as another person, who, and I am paraphrasing here, has a voluptuous figure did not show up in her bathing suit and stand next to her. The "Eat Crow" award moved quickly to Bob Abernathy, who, when told of Bob Cunningham's ill chosen words, announced that he did not see anything so bad about that. He said you should see Linda, his wife, in her bathing suit in the water. She looked like a cow in a bloated. Tsk! Tsk! Come on guys! Listen to your words. Sue Chatterton offers a bit of advice to you men. Any topic concerning your wives shape, weight, clothes or hair should alert you to being careful how you word your conversation.

Red Hatters from the Robin Renten Chapter of Red Hats will not be having a function in January, but February and March has great things planned. Sue Chatterton, Royal Scribe, is trying to put together a special showing of Phantom of the Opera at the Trinity Theater. She must have 35 confirmed commitments to be able to book the show. If you are interested please call Sue at 266-3677. The March function will be a Red Hat Pajama Breakfast at the Sasquatch Restaurant at 10:00 a.m. It is going to be interesting to see how creative these Red Hatters are going to be with their PJ's. I have a few wild ideas of my own.

Trinity Center School's first, second and third grade classes have started a session of working with clay with Debbie Councilman, a member of the school board, and a local potter who does beautiful pottery. I know. I received a coffee mug as a wedding gift made by Debbie. The project is a whimsical cat that not only allows the students to experience the feel of the clay and the process of working with it, but also enhances their eye hand coordination, while teaching them to follow step by step directions. Debbie has volunteered her time and art with the students of Trinity Center for the past several years. Thank you Debbie, art is such a valuable subject for our young people, but with tight budget restrictions, many schools have been forced to drop it from their curriculum. Thanks to people like you, and parents and grandparents who volunteer their time, Trinity Center School is able to keep the art program going.

I thought my investigative nose picked up the scent of a scandal in the Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire Department, when word reached my ears that a CCVFD fireman was seen in an episode of cross dressing at the recent car accident on Highway 3 last Friday evening. Turns out it was nothing more than a fireman borrowing Sue Chatterton's turnout coat to wear as he directed traffic. I will respect the sanctity of privacy and will not divulge this fireman's name. But for those of you who wish further information, you might ask Barry Bowen what he knows about it.