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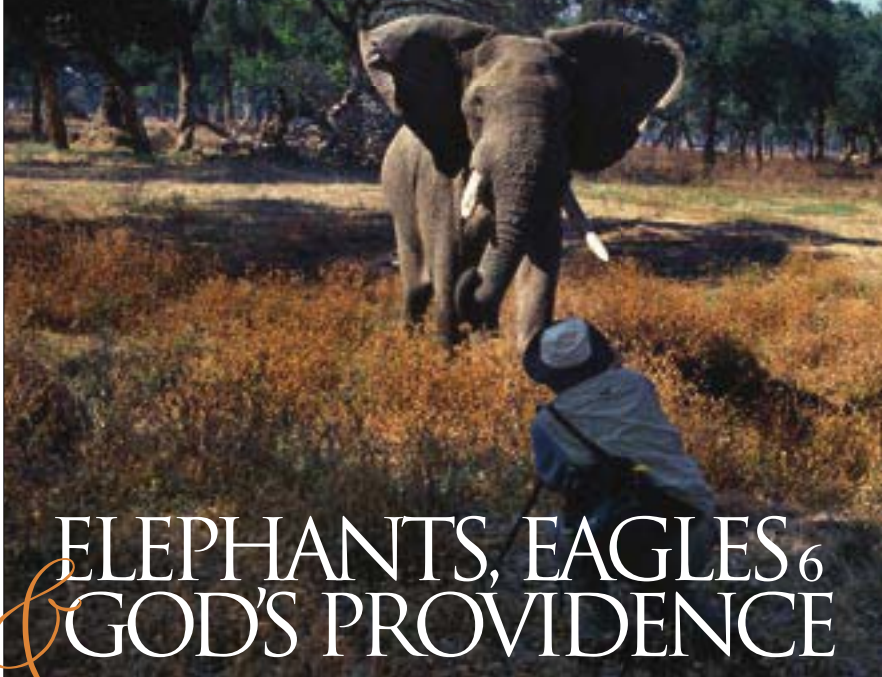


“The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the strength of my salvation, and my stronghold.”

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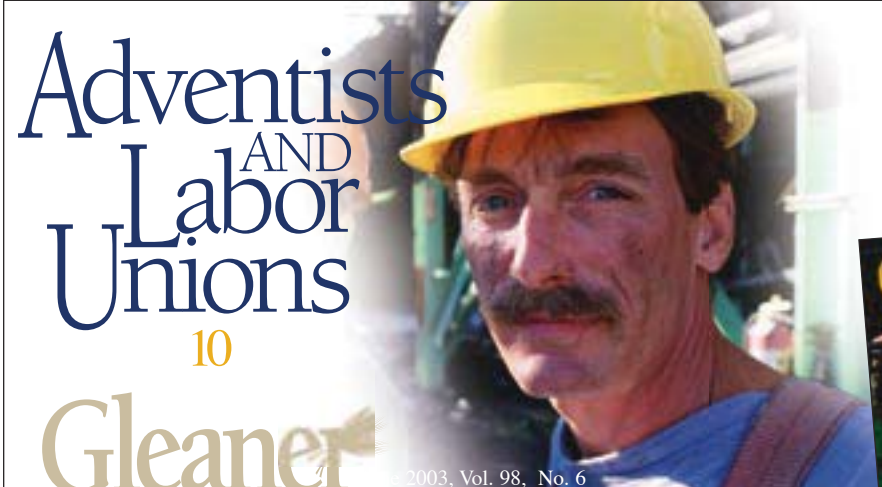
As Jeffrey L. Torretta, La Grande, Ore., was out exploring God’s handiworks he noticed how the warm light from the setting sun was radiating down on the rock formation high above the Snake River, located just above Hells Canyon Dam. He used a Nikon FM2 camera mounted on a tripod, a Nikkor 28 mm lens with an 81B warming filter and Fuji Velvia 50 ASA film to record the moment.

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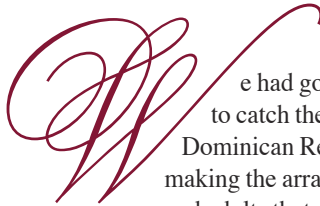
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Why in the World Are We Doing This?

B Y J E R E D . P A T Z E R



We had gotten up at an unearthly hour to catch the plane for the long trip to the Dominican Republic. We were the advance group making the arrangements for our 160 NPUC youth and adults that would be participating in the *Las Americas para Cristo, The Americas for Christ* satellite evangelism initiative during spring break. When we arrived it was dark and rainy. The people that were to pick us up weren't there and I said to myself, "Why am I doing this?"

But as we began to work we also began to see God's intervention in the typical "miracles" that every short-term missionary has learned to expect. Not the least of which was the harmony of so many different personalities teaming with the locals to sing, visit, preach, build and pray. It became evident that the total impact was much greater than the sum of the individual parts.

The team consisted of students and sponsors from five academies, Walla Walla College, and numerous church members. But those were just the on-site members. Behind the scenes were many other entities each sharing their gifts of support: Pacific Press Publishing Association, Lightbearers Ministry, The Quiet Hour, Voice of Prophecy and Faith Adventures. Additionally there were generous individuals contributing money for the general operating budget or to sponsor students. Much of that money would not be given if it were not for this outreach.

Appreciation from World Leadership

A few days ago I was at the General Conference office where I saw Ron Watts, Southern Asia Division president. He gave me this thrilling

report regarding the work in India. He stated that because of the NPUC Global Mission initiatives in that country they have had to create a brand new Mission comprised of 80 new churches and 10,000 members! Praise the Lord! This is incredible. And Inter-America and India are only two of the world divisions in which Northwest members have had a significant impact.

That's Why

Sue and I were in Idaho and slipped into the Nampa Spanish Church where they were watching the tape-delayed satellite signal from our meetings. As I observed myself preaching I had the unique experience of watching as local people stood up and went forward to the screen in response to my call for a decision. We saw the power of the gospel through the use of technology even here in the U.S. It touched my heart to know that God is indeed using our combined efforts.

So, why are we doing this? It is still true that the inspired concept of the reflex action, which is that the best way to strengthen the home field is to invest in foreign missions, is valid. Northwest people are making an incredible difference overseas and in the lives of us here at home. Thank you for your ongoing support of missions. As you read the special report starting on page 13 in this GLEANER, know that you had a part in making it happen. And I believe that you will know why in the world we are doing this. •



Jere D. Patzer is president of the North Pacific Union Conference and writes from Vancouver, Wash.



Did You Know?

Wild Animals

Tom and Pat Leeson are Northwest wildlife photographers with an international reputation. Here are nine animals they have photographed. Can you identify the animals? Look on page 45 for the answers. To see more of the Leeson's photographs visit leesonphoto.com



Past Gleaners Come Back To Life

As the old adage goes, you don't miss things until you've thrown them away. But now, GLEANER readers don't have to suffer that fate. If you're looking for an item that you remember reading in your treasured GLEANER several months ago, but you've already sent your past issues to recycling heaven, don't despair. GLEANERONLINE has made it easier than ever for you to locate that needle in a haystack. The

"search" function at www.gleaneronline.org allows you to type in a keyword and search the online archive of past GLEANERS. Granted, our online archive only goes back to August of 2002, but its usefulness will grow, especially if the item you're looking for is only a few months old. In addition, you can use the Adobe Acrobat edition of each GLEANER to print out your own copy of a special article.



ELEPHANTS, EAGLES & GOD'S PROVIDENCE

HOW DO YOU stop a charging bull elephant? The answer? Take away his credit card. Tom Leeson, a well-known Northwestern wildlife photographer has another answer and a story to tell.

"A friend and I were in Zimbabwe photographing two bull elephants eating acacia pods in the forest. I was kneeling on the ground about 25 yards ahead of the others taking pictures, when all of the sudden one of the big bulls saw me and charged with ears flapping. Our guide, who knew elephant behavior, walked up behind me and said, 'Keep shooting, keep shooting,' but I was ready to run!

"The elephants compete with baboons for the acacia pods and when they charge, the baboons always run. The elephant probably thought I was a baboon and would run when he charged. The guide knew this was a bluff and told me to keep shooting. I held still, and the elephant stopped about 10 feet away, looked me over, and went back to eating. Ultimately he took a pod about 18 inches from me.

"A little later we were photographing a cow-calf herd of elephants. This time the guide said, 'If they get our scent we're in trouble.' Soon the trunks of the adults went up smelling the air and the guide took off running, and so did we. Looking back, we saw the entire herd stomping around, looking for us where we had just been."

Becoming an internationally respected wildlife photography team was a long and difficult journey for Tom and his wife Pat. Lifelong Adventists, both Tom and Pat graduated from Columbia Adventist Academy in Battle Ground, Washington. Tom attended several colleges and ended up at Walla Walla College where he again met and eventually married Pat, a speech pathology major.

Tom tended to be a loner, preferring the outdoor life in which he had been raised. A product of the '60s and '70s, status didn't mean much to him, and

he did not want to live an average life with a house and garage full of things.

Stresses built up in their early marriage to the point that they separated and were heading for a divorce. "But Tom thought divorce was an 'average' way to settle things and figured that we needed to get away and learn to work together," Pat recalls with a smile. So with \$300 in their pockets, they packed their Volkswagen bug and took off for Gardner, Montana, near Yellowstone National Park, to become a husband/wife, writer/photographer team.

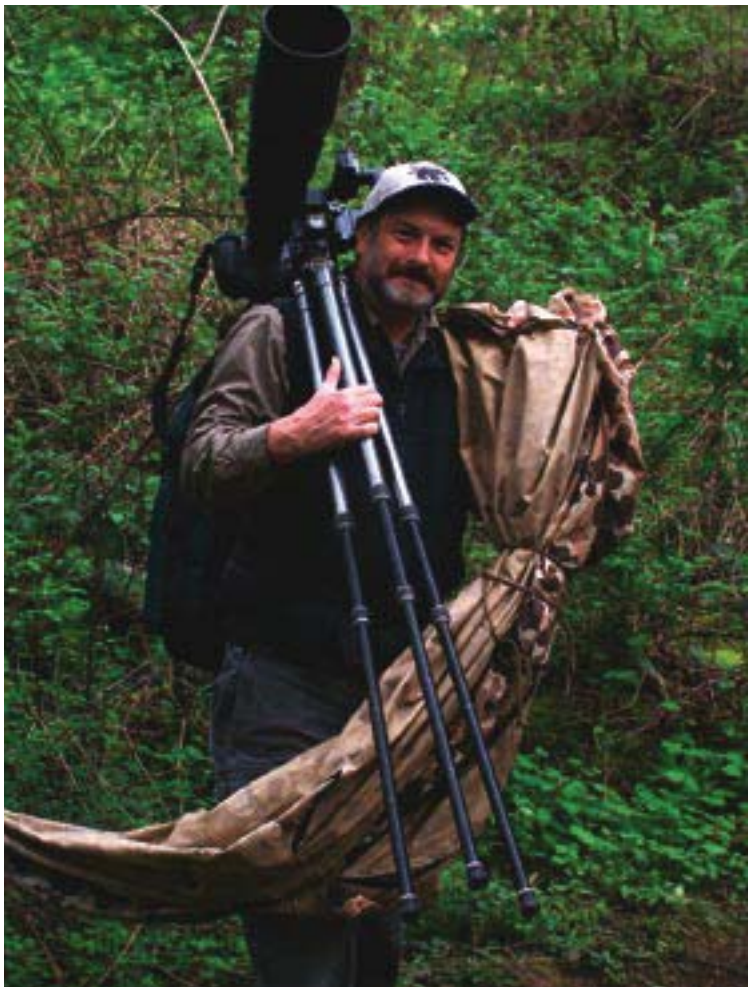
They finally located a small, non-winterized cabin to rent in nearby Cook City. "We spent the winter hauling wood and water just to survive," Pat said. As stringers for *The Livingston Enterprise* newspaper, they earned \$5 per picture. The newspaper wanted just one picture a week, but that paid their rent.

During that year, they decided to invite God to become a part of their team and business. They had taken for granted the Christianity they grew up with, and when faced with real issues, they found they had to establish their own relationship with Him.

Tom developed his understanding of the wildlife photography market through his love of the outdoors and his lifelong interest in wildlife. He and Pat read nature magazines and examined the best pictures being published.

"We compared our material to the best and worked to improve our techniques and vision," Pat says. "Tom would say, 'How can we kick this up a notch? Let's problem solve here, let's figure out what we can do to picture this subject better.' He knew what *Field and Stream* wanted and what *Audubon* would buy. He knew what kind of pictures and what techniques to use for various markets."

B Y R I C H A R D D O W E R



They started their wildlife photography career in Yellowstone, then moved to Port Angeles, Washington. Each day they got up early, drove up to Hurricane Ridge to shoot, then Pat would go to her part-time job at Payless. Later Tom would meet her in the parking lot, and they would again go shooting in the late afternoon.

Since they did not have money to travel, they would go back to the same places and take pictures of the same animals over and over, creating their unique style of photography. They documented the life cycle of black bear, grouse and most of the animals in the Northwest and North America. God blessed the fact that they did not have money, which forced them to create their style of working in-depth. That's still how they do their best work—staying in a place long enough to capture it thoroughly.



During the next four years they made just enough money to keep them going but never enough to really get them on the road to success. Then in the late 1980s and into the middle '90s, the nature photography market boomed, and their business took off. During those lean years, they bought only what they could eat or put in the camera, but now they have prospered and can travel to photograph the wildlife that the market demands. Ten years from the time they moved to Montana, Tom and Pat were again in Cook City, on an assignment for *National Geographic*, and they were able to stay in the lodge instead of their first little cabin.

Tom and Pat have photographed on every continent but Australia. Pat has traveled to India and has been in Africa three times. Tom

photographed pandas in China and sailed on a Russian icebreaker in Antarctica.

Now, with their daughter Laura in school, and since someone needs to be in the office, one stays home while the other goes on assignment. Tom handles the more physical assignments and ones requiring the long, heavy lenses. Pat travels to some shoots, loves the underwater work and has photographed humpback and sperm whales and dolphins.

Their photographs appear in hundreds of U.S. and foreign publications each year including the magazines of the National Geographic Society, National Wildlife Federation, National Audubon Society and the Sierra Club. Their work has also appeared in the *Reader's Digest*, *Time*, *Life*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Geo* and other national magazines, as well as on the tails of Frontier airliners. A limited edition of their book, *The American Eagle*, was a presidential gift of state when George H.W. Bush presented a copy to England's Queen Elizabeth in 1991.

Tom and Pat are finishing their current book *America's National Wildlife Refuges* to be released this September as a celebration of the National Wildlife Refuge system centennial.

Pat says that when the book is complete, they don't have a clue about what to do next. "Over the long haul, we have discovered how God has led in our lives and business. Somehow we have been directed into projects even though we didn't know it at the time. When the time comes, we pray about it, and make a decision that might be right or wrong. Later we find out it was exactly right."

Tom remains confident of God's leading. "We are in this soft market right now, but we do have the confidence of knowing that God will meet our needs," he said. "That's our real security at this time when the market is not there."

Tom and Pat love the outdoors and the wildlife they photograph. They hope that people will appreciate these beautiful wild animals as much as they do. Pat says, "If you don't know something, you can't love it. If you don't love it, you're not going to save it." Through their images, Tom and Pat hope to encourage others to be stewards of the Earth and its inhabitants. •

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Northwest Spirit, a new series of articles appearing occasionally, will profile Adventists who are fulfilling God's plan in their own special ways.



BY FRED HARDINGE

have found peace in coming to KidsBibleinfo.com. I think that everyone should know about it. Thanks."

"I really like the stories. I hope you have some new ones next week. Bye!!!!"

These comments are just a few of the many that stream into the KidsBibleinfo.com (www.KidsBibleinfo.com) office every week. Launched on October 31, 2002, this Web site shares the hope of Jesus as found in Scripture with grade-school age children.

Bibleinfo.com (www.Bibleinfo.com), a global evangelistic Web project of the Upper Columbia Conference, was never designed specifically for children, although many frequent the site. For several years it has been the desire of Bibleinfo.com to provide a graphic-rich site targeted to children.

Barna Research recently released data demonstrating that children five to 13 years of age have a 32 percent probability of accepting Jesus as their Savior. However, when they reach 14 years of age that probability drops to only four percent!¹ Since children are very computer literate, KidsBibleinfo.com seeks to utilize this wonderful window of opportunity for the cause of Christ.

Although originally slated for launch later this year, the date was accelerated when the Review and Herald Publishing Association published 800,000 booklets last fall with the KidsBibleinfo.com logo for distribution at Halloween. It was felt that something should be available and so the "Sneak Peak" edition was launched.

The response has been far greater than anticipated. Analysis of the site traffic during the first five months of operation reveals that KidsBibleinfo.com has received more than half a million hits with more than 30,000 unique visitors from 111 countries. With the site written only in English, we praise God for the global penetration He has given in such a short time span.

Brent Hardinge, KidsBibleinfo.com webmaster, says, "The Sneak Peak edition is just a small representation of a much bigger dream. We anticipate having a lot more Bible topics, character-building stories, Bible games, and interactive Bible studies—all in a graphically rich and multi-lingual environment. We also plan to provide a means for those who love the Lord to interact with the children who visit the site."

This ministry is made possible by the generous donations of many individuals and organizations. A liberal donation from the Northwest chapter of Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) in 2002 made the early launch possible. We are grateful to the many authors and creators of children's Bible-oriented materials. They have donated a wealth of lessons and stories that now await formatting for the Web as time and resources allow.

It is thrilling and rewarding to read the responses from visitors to this site as they share from a child's perspective the desires of their hearts. Listen to one more:

"Hi, I would like to know how to preach to a friend that doesn't know God in a spiritual way. I have a friend at school that doesn't know God and I really want to preach to her in a way that she can understand. Thank you for reading."

Children are the foundation upon which rests the future. The desire of KidsBibleinfo.com staff and volunteers is to help them build their lives on the real foundation, Jesus Christ. •

¹ <http://www.barna.org> > Research Archives > Evangelism

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Bright colors and rich graphics help kids navigate the site's features, including lessons, stories and games.



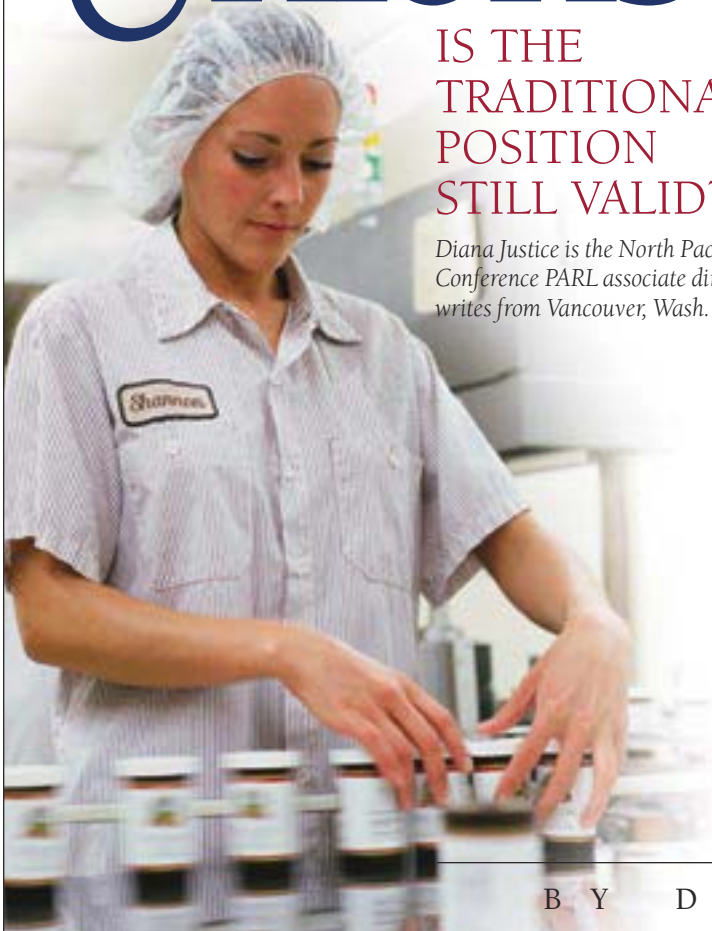
The site features topics and graphics aimed specifically at children.

Adventists AND Labor Unions



IS THE TRADITIONAL POSITION STILL VALID?

Diana Justice is the North Pacific Union Conference PARL associate director and writes from Vancouver, Wash.



Labor unions were once an anathema to most Adventists. Many members did not view union membership as an option, citing significant counsel from Ellen White and other sources. At one point, Ellen White described the practices of labor unions: “Unionism has revealed what it is by the spirit that it has manifested. It is controlled by the cruel power of Satan. Those who refuse to join the unions formed are made to feel this power. The principles governing the forming of these unions seem innocent, but men have to pledge themselves to serve the interests of these unions, or else they may have to pay the penalty of refusal with their lives” — *Manuscript Releases, vol.4, p.75.*

But today, some are asking questions: Is that counsel still valid? Do labor unions really pose a threat to liberty of conscience in the workplace? And, if so, what should Adventist workers do in relating to the requirements of their own employment?

One member, we’ll call her Cathy, had worked for some time as a nurse at her city’s local medical center when the staff voted to bring in a labor union. While still pondering her choices in this situation, Cathy received what she perceived as a threatening letter stating that she would be terminated if she didn’t join the union within 60 days. When Cathy called the union representatives to clarify their position, she was told that it was too late for her to apply for a religious exemption from membership. That is when Cathy called the North Pacific Union Conference’s Office of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL) for some assistance. Once a PARL representative spoke to the manager of the local union and supplied the correct forms and explanation, Cathy was exempted from membership and was able to keep her job at the medical center. In this case, the situation turned out positive, and another member was able to work according to her own conscience.

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Church's Position

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has traditionally discouraged its members from taking on membership in a labor union. Members have been encouraged instead to arrange with the union to be exempted from membership and to donate an amount equal to the required union dues and fees to a non-union, non-religious charity.

Is What You See What You Get?

On the face, today's labor unions seem harmless enough. Activity at the most basic level of a union is usually quite benign. Many members have not seen any physical violence in their locals. Most members feel they have at least some voice in molding the future of their workplace. And, more important to employees, most believe their wage level and benefits would not be as generous if the employees were left to do their own workplace bargaining.

Let's face it. Some who have championed the traditional Adventist position have failed to give credit where it is due. Labor unions have been instrumental in pushing through some positive changes for American workplaces. Although numbers are difficult to find, many Adventists currently work as full-fledged union members. In fact, the majority of Adventists who phone PARL with questions about labor union membership see nothing wrong with the union at their workplace. So what's the big deal?

Two Concerns

The traditional church position is based on principles that remain valid guidelines for Adventists who confront this issue in their own workplaces. Following are two problematic principles about labor unions—concerns that Adventists should not glibly dismiss as they determine their own position.

Principle 1: Loss of free will.

When you join a labor union, your choice about employment matters is given over to the union. Your dues and fees may help support an abortion lobby or fund a walkout or strike at your job. While obviously it is important that an Adventist employee should work positively as a team member, the Bible teaches us to avoid yoking with unbelievers in any way

that compromises our own ability to act according to conscience. Is it wise for a Christian employee to let union bosses take over what should be his or her own responsibility for getting along with fellow employees, speaking up for unfair practices and setting a proper work ethic?

While the collective bargaining agreement intends to foster order, efficiency and fair pay for employees, it still allows procedures that may work against the conscience of the Christian.

Principle 2: Support of unchristian methods.

The same root problem exists in 2003 as in earlier days. Labor unions are still notorious for using strong-arm methods to force compliance or otherwise get their way. Union members and supporters are sometimes swept into conflict against former friends and colleagues. The resulting class conflict and violence has at times deprived people of earning a livelihood unless they joined the union, labeling them "scabs" or "rats" if they differed. Adventists calling PARL for assistance have mentioned abuse such as general harassment, verbal isolation, tire slashing, destruction of products in the management's store, threats of physical violence on those who choose of their own volition to cross picket lines, and, yes, threats to a person's life. Union dues, officially or unofficially, support all of this.

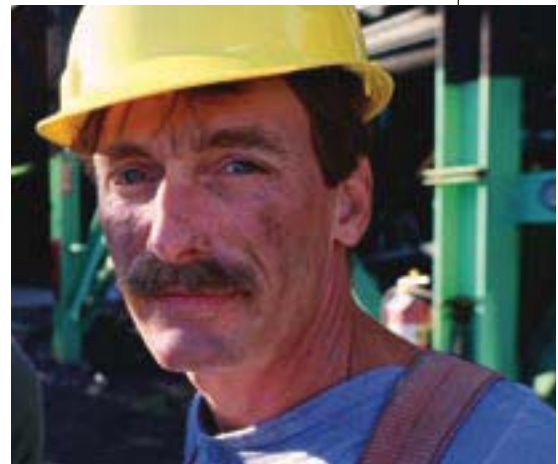
Guaranteed Exemption

In order to create closed shops* in which union membership is a condition of employment, legislation has mandated a guaranteed exemption for any

employee who has religious or ethical scruples against becoming a member. Those employees must be treated the same as other employees according to the collective bargaining agreement between their employer and the union. So Adventists and other employees can receive positive benefits of this agreement while legitimately opting out of union membership and any entanglements with its negative side.

The Bottom Line

So how should an Adventist member relate to labor unions? The choices and the issues all revolve around individual conscience, yet the church will continue to caution its members about labor union membership. The Office of



Public Affairs and Religious Liberty exists partly to assist to those who sense personal conflicts between God's plan of conscientious choice and labor union policies and actions.

Labor unions may often promote positive changes in the American workplace. But they will also continue to create challenges for employees and employers, including church-related institutions, who desire to maintain independent choice. The concerns echoed in Ellen White's counsel still exist. The principles of religious liberty and freedom of conscience are ones that no institution or union has the right to change. •

**Idaho is the only right-to-work state in the North Pacific Union Conference. To be a right-to-work state means all labor unions in that state must have an "open shop" in which employees may choose whether or not to belong to the union.*

COURT RULES ON RIGHT TO WORK NOTICE

In the "Today's Business News" section of the April 23 *The Oregonian*, ran a story that reported a decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. The court ruled that employees of companies with government contracts of more than \$100,000 cannot be required to join a union to maintain their jobs or pay dues other than what is necessary for collective bargaining. Notices to that effect must be posted in their workplace. The court restored President George W. Bush's 2001 executive order mandating that the notices be posted.

Fresh Start

Exercising Faith

Some years ago I registered with my friend Roger for a mini-triathlon. While the biking and jogging seemed doable, the swimming scared me. It felt as if I'd be attempting to cross the Grand Canyon on a pogo stick.

"It's only a quarter of a mile," Roger explained. "You couldn't drown if you tried."

"But Roger, people drown in hot tubs."

"Sure, but that's different. They aren't competing."

"Huh?"

"Trust me it's different."

"Okay. It's different."

Next thing I knew, we were diving into the frigid waters of Moses Lake. To survive among a thousand other swimmers I ventured my version of hydro Tae-Bo. After what seemed like the melting of an ice age, I finally carved a wake around the final buoy and thrashed toward shore.

"I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

Collapsing on the sand I looked up at Roger peering over me. I seemed to be hallucinating—Roger's hair was dry. "Did you swim?" I asked. "Or was I so slow that you had time to go home and blow-dry your hair?"

I went swimming," he smirked. "I walked right next to you the whole way. Didn't you hear me preaching at

you? 'Get going. Work hard. Persevere.'" I didn't have to swim, because the water was never more than four feet deep."

"Why didn't you tell me?" I asked wide-eyed.

"I wanted to, but it was too comical to watch you almost drown."

"You mean I almost drowned in water no deeper than my chest?"

"If it makes you feel any better, the water was deeper than your hot tub," Roger laughed.

Needless to say, I was as mad as a wet hen. It just didn't seem fair that I had worked so hard while Roger took an easy walk in the wading pool.

But that's human nature, isn't it? It seems that few of us fully embrace the hard road of discipline if we can opt for the

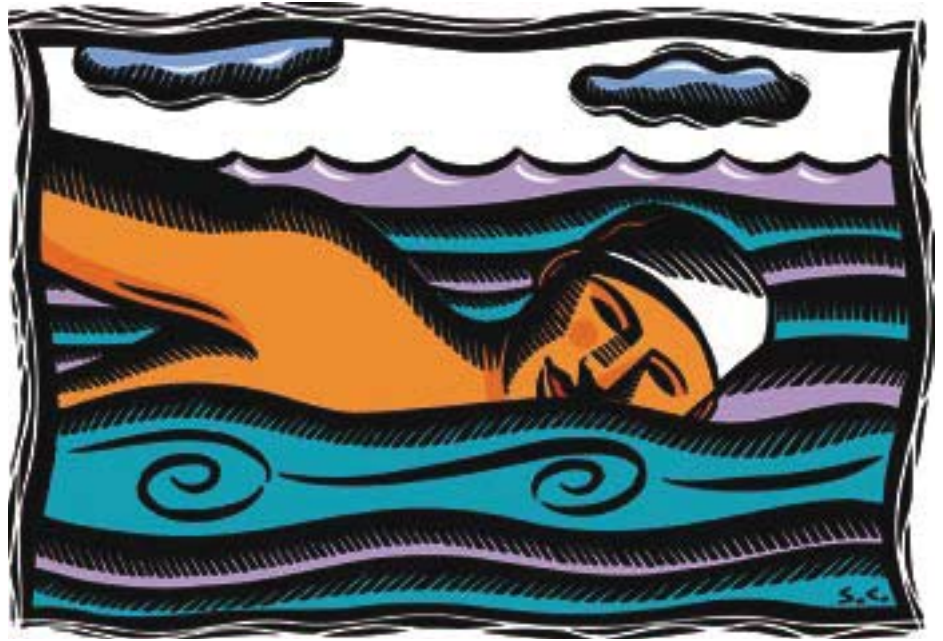
path of ease. Yet it's when we push ourselves to the limit and test our outer boundaries that we grow stronger.

This principle rings true not only in the swimming arena, but in the spiritual arena

rising early for morning devotions, and practicing secret acts of service. These, along with a host of other spiritual disciplines, will make you a strong disciple of Jesus.

And that's the only way to someday echo the words of Paul: "I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7).

Discipline yourself now in order to finish the race. Get going. Work hard. Persevere.



as well. Just as we'll never become better swimmers by walking in the water, so we will never become better disciples by opting out on the spiritual disciplines.

So don't dodge the disciplines. Rather, embrace the hard work of fasting, praying,

The world doesn't need anymore hot tub Christians. In fact, I've heard you could die there. •

Karl Haffner writes from College Place, Wash., where he serves as senior pastor of the Walla Walla College Church.

FOLLOWING IN THE TRADITION

Los Americas para Cristo, “The Americas for Christ,” was a major evangelistic program originating in the Dominican

Republic. The administration of the Inter-American Division had requested that Jere D. Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference president and speaker for the series, hold evangelistic meetings in the capital city of Santo Domingo.

The meetings were part of a multi-year evangelistic plan in the Dominican Republic beginning more than a year ago. These March meetings were preceded by many outreach events involving other international evangelists, 150 pastors and thousands of Dominican church members. The members distributed hundreds of thousands of pieces of literature and gave numerous Bible studies all in preparation for this satellite series to be broadcast to the North, South, and Inter-American divisions.

Cesario Acevedo, Dominican Union president, said that the satellite series allowed the Gospel to enter many homes that they would not have had the opportunity to enter. “Our responsibility is to evangelize not only in our own territory but also to the entire world. Through the satellite broadcasts and the Internet, thousands of people were able to view the meetings,” he said.

While bare facts don’t tell the entire story, facts can help give scale to this project.

- The meetings were held in a 5,000-seat domed stadium in Santo Domingo, March 14–29.
- Each meeting was broadcast by satellite to 60 downlink sites in the Dominican



A beautiful background provided the setting for musicians and speakers during the evangelistic meetings, March 14–29.

Republic and by cable to 100,000 potential homes there.

- The meetings were videotaped for satellite broadcast at a later date to North, Central and South America and the Caribbean in English, with Spanish translation on stage and simultaneous translations into French and Portuguese that allowed thousands of

(continued)



Jere Patzer, speaker, and Garry Gregory, Spanish translator from Costa Rica, preached fourteen sermons for the evangelistic meetings in the Dominican Republic.

A DREAM, A DEMON AND A PROMISE

It all started in January when I filled out an application for a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. The last time I had gone on a mission trip I had almost lost my job so I struggled with whether or not to go and decided I wouldn’t go.

That evening I dreamed that Richard Parker, Upper Columbia Conference youth director, told me that I needed to go to the Dominican Republic, stating that God wanted to use me on this trip.

About a month later Pastor Parker came to Walla Walla

Valley Academy and told me he wanted me to speak for an evangelistic series. I prayed about it, talked to my parents and boss, and decided, yes, God was calling me to go.

I did preach a series of meetings using the *New Beginnings* seminar materials. On one of the Sabbaths, during a baptism, I witnessed a young lady step into the baptismal pool as a demon took control of her body. She was thrown into the water, and the pastor had to use all of his strength to

get her into the position for baptism. Finally, he put his hand into the air and said, “I now baptize you in the name of the Father...” — she shook — “...in the name of the Son...” — she shook again — “...and in the name of the Holy Spirit.” At every mention of Jesus’ name, the demon shook the girl. At last she was under the water with Jesus in control, and the demon fled.

After the meeting the girl came up to me and gave me a big hug. She attended every

meeting from then on with her baptismal certificate in one hand and her Bible in the other. She knew that she had Jesus in her heart and that the devil could no longer control her life. She was free!

Even though the devil was strong, just the name of Jesus was more powerful. Through this experience it became real to me that Jesus will overcome the devil anytime, as long as we allow Him to. •

Tye Davis, Walla Walla Valley Academy junior



The 5,000 seat stadium was filled to capacity during the Americas For Christ series of satellite evangelistic meetings in Santo Domingo.

other locations to participate in the meetings.

- About 160 people from North America traveled to the Dominican Republic to support the meetings. While most of these people were from the Northwest, others came from Virginia, California and Hawaii.
- Approximately 1,000 new graphic sermon illustrations with texts in Spanish were created specifically for these meetings. Featuring the Hispanic cultural heritage, these graphics will become an additional resource for evangelism.
- Using the *New Beginnings* seminar materials, 13 area meetings were conducted by North American guest evangelists during the two-week period, and six of the speakers were teenagers.
- Pastor Ramon Canals from Oregon went “home” to the Dominican Republic to hold one of the meetings and baptized his own brother.
- When Jon Tillay, a 17-year-old junior at Walla Walla Valley Academy, preached his own series, a woman came up to him and said, “Jon, the reason that I was baptized was because of you.” Jon, who is now planning to do a series of meetings in the Walla Walla Valley next fall, says, “God gets all the credit, but what a neat way to use someone like me.”
- John Bryson, Idaho Conference youth ministries

coordinator, reports that his conference sent 66 people to the Dominican Republic. Included in the group were 43 teenagers, 5 pastors and 18 other sponsoring adults. The group built the El Envi church for Maranatha Volunteers International during the day and participated in the evenings in four different evangelistic meeting sites throughout the Santo Domingo area. Larissa Moore, Gem State sophomore, said that their driver, Rafael, gave his heart to God while they were there.

- More than 21,000 people have been baptized as a result of the combined work of the evangelistic team members.
- In the Northwest, 20 Hispanic pastors report that to date 62 people have been baptized and more are expected as a result of these tape-delayed satellite meetings.

In 1903, General Conference president A.G. Daniells lauded the West Michigan Conference for voting to devote 50 percent of its yearly tithe to the mission fields. In 1904, the Iowa Conference

Not only did the group from Idaho build this new church in El Envi near Santo Domingo, they also held four different evangelistic meetings in the evenings.



FOUR MINUTES TO AIRTIME

After months of planning, the day for the opening night of the series had arrived. While everyone was preparing for that first meeting, only a few were aware that a monumental problem existed.

By three o’clock Friday afternoon, the television crew had been unable to establish the uplink to their satellite. Williams Costa Jr., from Brazil and producer for our series, began to look feverishly for another resource. He contacted Cosmos, one of the local satellite companies, who indicated they were not busy at the moment and would be happy to assist.

The truck carrying the satellite dish and transmitter drove onto the grounds about an hour later. The crew worked feverishly to get all the connections made. The program was scheduled to begin at eight o’clock and, with just four minutes to spare, the uplink was established.

Santiago Frias, Cosmos president, began attending the

meetings at the request of his wife. He was impressed with the Bible-based messages and told Todd Gessele, NPUC graphics creator, that the meetings could have been advertised better. When Todd asked how, Frias suggested a press conference and proceeded to make all the arrangements.

The next day, Cesario Acevedo, Dominican Union Mission president, Silvestre Gonzalez, communication director, Jere Patzer, series speaker, Garry Gregory, Spanish translator, and Robert Folkenberg, Carolina Conference global evangelism director, held a well-attended press conference to explain the purpose of the meetings.

It was amazing to see God’s plan unfold as He helped us work through each circumstance. He was there silently working and blessing our efforts to witness for Him. •

Marlene Klam, Americas for Christ support team member

voted to send half of their laborers and half of their annual tithes to mission fields.

Patzer said, “Our global evangelism outreach program

is following the tradition of those visionary pioneers. And while we haven’t approached their level of sharing for missions, I am humbled to know that we here in the Northwest are having a small impact in preparing the world for the soon coming of Jesus.” •

Richard Dower, GLEANER editor



Palmer Church sign welcomes and invites Palmer residents.

Palmer Church Sign Brings Visibility

After much shopping, planning, designing and anticipation, the Palmer Church powered up its newest evangelistic tool—a large marquee-style church sign. Neil Biloff, Palmer Church pastor, explained, “The sign has multiple purposes, including providing increased awareness of Seventh-day Adventists and our beliefs, advertisement of church and school programs, and a public-service tool for the Mattanuska-Susitna Valley.”

Biloff has offered the sign to the state troopers and the mayor for Amber Alerts and other emergency messages.

Shortly after installation, Biloff was attending a Rotary Club meeting in Palmer where he heard pleasure expressed about the new sign. One Rotarian stated, “Not only does the sign invite passing motorists to the church, it also welcomes them to Palmer.” One gentleman living down the road even came into the church for the first time to personally thank the pastor for installing a beautiful sign that is an asset to the community. •

Dorothy Johnson, Palmer Church communication leader

NATIVE EVANGELISTIC GATHERING

Miracles, fishes, souls! These are some of the amazing results of a month-long Native evangelistic gathering at Northside Church in Anchorage in March. As



Cousins Marvin Aguchak and Mike Suroun decided to be baptized in the near future.

many as 65 non-Adventist Natives, as well as Adventist Natives and non-Natives, attended the meetings, which featured Canadian evangelist Bryan Bechthold and his wife, Denise.

Since food is a key element in Native culture, the

gathering included nightly potlucks of Native dishes. Northside member Joan Tobuk got help from community services leader Betty Wood, who managed to find low-cost, good-quality salmon. “We had more than enough food to feed our Native visitors,” said Tobuk. “It reminded us of the miracle of the loaves and the fishes!”

Northside pastor Robert Martinez found that music is another vital part of Alaska Native culture. “We discovered that they just love simple, old-fashioned gospel songs like ‘Amazing Grace’ and ‘The Old Rugged Cross,’” he said. “Those gospel songs touch their hearts as deeply as the sermons do, maybe even more so.” The meetings included music in Native tongues.

In an effort to keep close to interested attendees, a newly-

established Native Sabbath school class uses the *Native New Day* lessons to strengthen prospective native church members. Martinez stated, “The gathering has taught us that we can reach the Alaska Natives more effectively by first better understanding and genuinely respecting their culture and then by using this understanding to reach out to them in love.” •

Robert Martinez



Singers from the Native Baptist Church participated in the Anchorage Native gathering.

TWO PEOPLE JOIN HOMER CHURCH



Lianna Blair first encountered Adventism upon visiting a member-owned builders’ store and talking with summer employee/winter evangelist Don Barnet. The Homer members welcomed her with open arms and Brad Traxler, Kenai-Homer pastor,

From left: Lianna Blair and Jessica Schlosser were baptized in the Homer Church by Brad Traxler, pastor. (Photo by Mel Kohltfarber.)

arranged Bible studies at her request.

Jesse Schlosser, daughter of member Connie Wolfolk, desired to commit her life to Jesus in baptism for some time. During the last year Jesse has become more involved in the music ministry of the Homer Church and is happy to be a part of the spiritual renewal in progress. •

Melvin Kohltfarber

IDAHO CONFERENCE'S 50TH CONSTITUENCY SESSION

Our Passion: Telling the Story

Elizabeth Parker sat in one of the front rows of the Gem State Adventist Academy gymnasium. Her knitting needles worked rhythmically on an afghan, but she listened intently along with nearly 350 other delegates

all incumbent conference officers. Stephen McPherson will continue as president, Don Klinger as secretary, and Rick Roy as treasurer. In addition, Klinger will direct the communication

the North American Division, delegates reinstated him as education director to allow more time for consideration of a replacement. The conference executive committee expects to fill that position after a thorough search process is completed.

requirements. They conceived the two-tiered system, with a conference organization to promote the mission of the church and an association or corporation to hold property and serve as the legal entity. That has become the standard model for church organization.

In other actions, two new congregations were voted in as official churches: Garden Valley, a result of ASI-encouraged growth, and Middleton, with more than 60 current members. Delegates also voted to change conference bylaws to reflect the expanded role of the K-12 Board of Education as separate from the regular program committees.

In recent years, however, issues of multiple organization liability and ascending liability have increased the potential of jeopardizing conference finances and ministry under the traditional system. Attorney Bob Kyte, who presented the proposal to the session on behalf of the constitution and bylaws committee, noted this as an issue of stewardship. "We want to be faithful to the mission our pioneers first initiated. Our leaders have counted the cost and determined that a conference, in one incorporated system, is the best possible way to be good stewards in today's litigious society." With the new system, the mission of Idaho Conference remains the same, while the structure is modified for legal protection.

Responding to new counsel from church legal advisors, delegates also approved a resolution to combine the Idaho

Conference and the Southern Idaho Corporation into one incorporated organization called Idaho Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc. Early church pioneers desired to form a strong organizational structure without becoming entangled with the state and its

Reelected Idaho Conference president, Stephen McPherson, gave his report supported by pictures and graphics.



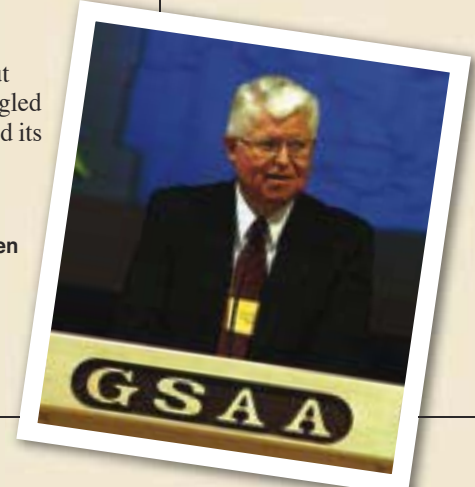
Jere Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference president, was the devotional speaker for 50th constituency session of the Idaho Conference.

who had come from all points of the compass to attend the 50th Idaho Conference Constituency Session on April 13. For Elizabeth, it had already been a long day, having answered the strident call of her alarm in Baker City, Ore., at 3:30 a.m. in order to arrive in Caldwell on time.

In spite of the long hours, Elizabeth and the other delegates carefully set a course for the next four years, including the re-election of

and trust departments, while Roy will oversee stewardship development.

Bruce Juhl, Caldwell church pastor, will direct the ministerial department in addition to his full-time pastoral duties, and Bill Mansker, associate treasurer, will continue to serve as Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) director. Although highly-regarded Larry Blackmer will soon be moving to a new position in



In his president's report, McPherson noted that conference baptisms had averaged 200 per year for the past term, reflecting the second highest Anglo growth rate in the Northwest. But he challenged delegates to pray and work for a five percent annual growth, a rate that would translate to approximately 300 new members each year.

In other reports, Idaho delegates heard that:

- Gem State Academy has a goal of increasing dormitory population by 50 percent during the next two years.
- GSAA has adopted a balanced budget for next school year with a plan to pay down previous losses over the next two years.
- Camp Ida-Haven usage has doubled and income is up 50 percent.
- A goal of raising \$50,000 per year has been targeted to develop a new Church Planting Fund.
- More than 80 student baptisms have occurred in the past four years due to the influence of Christian education.
- Youth Council activities, led by Pastor John Bryson, have included one short-term mission trip each year—most recently to the Dominican Republic.

Plans for the Future

Conference evangelism plans include a goal of connecting with significant numbers of Idaho's unchurched population. Radio KTSY plans to play an important role in that strategy. In the near future, manager Mike Agee and his staff plan to add an additional station in

Jack Staddon from the Eagle Church takes careful notes during the reading of the report nominating the new executive committee.



Middleton and one in the Twin Falls area, as well as doubling the current KTSY listening area via translators. The conference has recently hired Brian Yeager as a church planter and part-time KTSY chaplain. He is developing a new church specifically for the unchurched populace—10-15,000 of whom currently tune in to KTSY.

Prior to the constituency session, leadership followed a well-defined process of accountability to membership.

From December to February, officers held town hall meetings in John Day, Baker City, La Grande, Enterprise, Payette, Caldwell, Cloverdale, Salmon, Idaho Falls, Twin Falls and Kuna. These meetings were advertised in church bulletins and helped leaders move into the



Payette Church member Royalynn Case asked a question during the discussion about combining the Conference and the Association into one legal organization to be called the Idaho Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (as voted—pending individual acceptance)

- GREG ABERLE
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- GARY CRAWFORD
- ANGIE DEVITT
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- DON KACK
- DON KLINGER
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- RANDY MAXWELL
- MICKEY MEYER
- HECTOR PERLA
- MARY PETERSON
- VERN PRITCHARD
- RICK ROY
- MIKE SCHWARTZ
- DAVE SHASKY
- JUDY THIETTEN
- GLENDA UNDERHILL

constituency session and the new term ahead with guidance and suggestions from a wide cross-section of church membership.

Although a tight regional economy continues to impact the conference budget, delegates left the session with a renewed sense that God has given the church a unique mission in Idaho. As North Pacific Union Conference president Jere Patzer pointed out in the morning devotional, taking his cue from the experience of Elisha's servant at Dothan, "God has unlimited resources already at our disposal to encourage, protect and enable us to do His work. We must commit ourselves to Him and pray, 'Lord, open our eyes.'" •

Steven Vistaunet, North Pacific Union assistant to the president for communication

EDEN'S EDIBLES

Vegan Cooking Seminars

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provision.*

In the spring of 2002, members of the Garden Valley Church cautiously decided to host a two-night vegetarian cooking school in the midst of their meat-eating, mountain resort community. But, the Lord had a surprising lesson in store. Imagine how shocked everyone was when cooking school attendees expressed a desire for demonstrations featuring vegan cuisine! It seemed that many neighbors knew as much about vegetarian eating and "slices" of the Adventist health message as did the members.

Lesson learned . . . this spring, the Garden Valley Church took their neighbors' call to "higher ground" quite seriously and conducted a six-week series of vegan cooking seminars. On Tuesday evening, Feb. 25, "Eden's Edibles" opened with a full house as the community was invited to feast on a six-course,

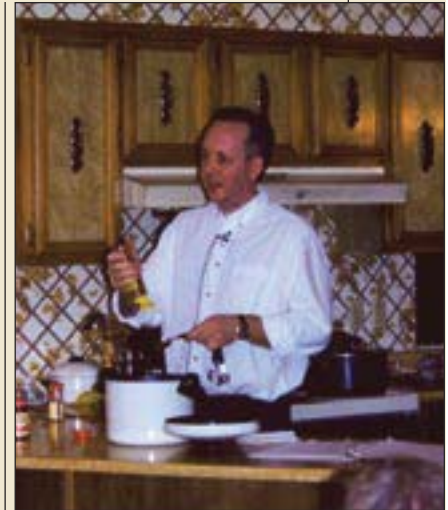
Nancy Essink explained that it is necessary to understand the listed ingredients to be sure that the food is completely vegan, even marshmallows.

all-vegan banquet. Sitting amidst the elegant china table settings and soft candlelight, even the most reluctant carnivorous diners could not refrain from applause as they were treated to Terresa Doering's Tropical Tantalizer and savored their way through the remaining fabulous vegan meal crowned with Tofu

Never underestimate the impact of our example and witness on those around us!

Carob "Cheese" Cake and freshly brewed Roma.

Beginning on Tuesday evening, Mar. 4, approximately 30 men and women attended four weekly, one-hour vegan cooking demonstrations featuring healthy handouts, exciting food demonstrations, a "build-as-you-go" Eden's Edibles Cookbook, and lots of demo dish giveaways. As a special feature, Dan Ross, Darrel Tank and Barry Warner presented their favorite vegan dishes on "Guy's Night"—a very popular class, indeed!



Dan Ross's recipe for Apple Oat Breakfast Casserole made a big hit when he demonstrated it for "Guys' Night."

"Eden's Edibles" officially concluded on April 1 with a vegan potluck and recipe swap. Dene Sue Ross and Janet Guthrie, co-coordinators, were thrilled when participants requested that "Eden's Edibles" continue one Tuesday evening each month. "What a wonderful blessing and powerful lesson," said Ross. "We had concerns that a multi-week, vegan-only outreach would be too 'stout,' but the Lord was faithful in all His provision. In our own wisdom, we thought it best to start slow, but the Lord showed us that often we lack faith and set our sights too low. Never underestimate the impact of our example and witness on those around us!" •

Dene Sue Ross



MONTANA PASTOR HOLDS SERIES IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

John Bilbro, Jordan (Mont.) Church pastor, held a series of meetings in the Dominican Republic Feb. 14 through March 1. His was one of 41 simultaneous evangelistic series organized by Robert Folkenberg, Carolina Conference global evangelism director.

Five other Americans shared in this particular series, meeting with Bilbro in their hotel each morning for worship and going over problems any of them may have encountered, including communication difficulties. Very few people in the Dominican Republic speak any English, and Bilbro speaks no Spanish. Though he had an interpreter for most of

the meetings, he was unable to communicate with people everywhere like he wanted.

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Bilbro rode back and forth to the meetings with the pastor and his wife, each of whom spoke only a few words of English. The roads were all paved, but traffic was very heavy. Bilbro was surprised

he did not see any accidents. The drivers all knew where the horn and throttle were and exactly how wide their cars were. If they could get their fenders in first, they had the right of way.

Bilbro preached at the Sion Church, capacity 200 people. During the week the church was about three-quarters full, but each weekend the church was full, and people were standing outside.

Many people came forward with each call to accept Jesus as their Savior. The goal to baptize 50 people during 2003 was met and surpassed when, by Feb. 28, they had baptized 55. Many more are studying and planning for baptism later.

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The Dominican Union Mission consists of two conferences and three mission conferences. The Adventists are the largest Protestant denomination in the Dominican Republic. Each church has four series of meetings a year presented by the pastor, the women, the children and another group.



Pastor John Bilbro preached at Sion Church in the Dominican Republic.

The island features steep, heavily forested mountains, and the islanders grow banana, coconut, pineapple and many other fruits we do not have. The only grain crop Bilbro saw growing was rice.

Bilbro enjoyed his time there, meeting both Dominicans and the other Americans who were there presenting evangelistic series in other towns. He felt the Lord's presence as a constant companion. Bilbro was sponsored by the Montana Conference and the North Pacific Union Conference. •

Shirley B. Bilbro

YOU GO GIRL!

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced that Kyra Eddy, a



four-year senior from Brussett, Mont., is among its 15,000 finalists. Kyra is a high achiever in all aspects of her life—academics, leadership, sports, her spiritual walk with God, and her many friendships with students and teachers. She always does her best in everything and that has paid off in college testing. The Mount Ellis Academy staff is proud and delighted that Kyra chose MEA for her high school education. •

Juanita Starkebaum, MEA administrative assistant

A SABBATH IN INDIA

Bob Paulson, a layman from Puyallup, Wash., and Garwin McNeilus, a Minnesota layman, conducted a 50-village mission in the city of Ongole, Andhra Pradesh, India, in January 2001. Fifteen thousand people were baptized, stunning the members in North America. In a matter of months, 10 evangelistic teams converged on Guntur, India, for a 50-village mission. Incredibly, 10,851 were baptized. (The coordinator reports that more than 13,000 have been baptized to date from that one series.)

It electrified many, including Merlin Fjarli of Medford, Ore., a dedicated businessman who is successful because of his dedication to God and the Lord's work and because of his drive to carry through immediately on business decisions without "letting the grass grow under his feet." He sponsored two more missions with total baptisms of nearly 30,000. One hundred churches have been built with 30 more under construction.

A fourth mission sponsored by the Fjarlis is underway in the Ongole area, with thousands attending and a large harvest expected. It remains a vibrant area where either foreign or local evangelists will find a harvest waiting only to be gathered.

Probably the question most often asked when we return from massive baptisms in India is "do they stick?"

We did not need to ask that question for we saw the answer with our own eyes.

Let me take you to a church we attended recently in Allur, one of 57 planted by Paulsen and McNeilus two years ago. We met with Indian brothers and sisters who all sat on the floor with their feet folded under them for two hours. Pews were non-existent.

Sabbath School was well organized beginning with the superintendent's welcome followed by

joyful congregational singing, special music, an offering collection and a well-prepared lesson study. The gifts of the Spirit promised by God and distributed by the Holy Spirit were in evidence.

Sabbath School was not just "business as usual" but vibrant with personal testimonies. Patima told how a cobra had confronted her and how, when she prayed to the living God, the snake slithered away.

Another woman, having to carry water at a great distance, told of how her empty water jar had been filled overnight.

A young girl carried one small egg and laid it in the silver tray at the front of the church

To the astonishment of our Western group, a woman came into Sabbath School carrying a heavy sack of rice on her head. It was so heavy others had to help to lay it on a stack of rice-filled sacks where others had earlier brought their "tithes and offerings."

A young girl carried one small egg and laid it in the silver tray at the front of the church where three other eggs had been placed beside bills and coins. There was also a small container of salt and another of spice or curry. These humble gifts to God are sold to other members or at the village market.

This church is composed of Dalits, the landless and poor "untouchables" of India. Do they become responsible, contributing members of Adventist churches? You be the judge. •

Bruce Johnston



Villagers in India cheerfully brought their tithes and offerings to church on Sabbath. The eggs in the offering basket are tithe.



Dan McCulloch, Medford senior pastor and Merlin Fjarli unveil the plaque of a newly dedicated church. Money to construct the church was donated by the members of the Medford Church's Sabbath School Classroom B.



At the conclusion of the Prophecy Seminar, conducted by Willard Register, MD, (right), four people joined the church.

Doctor Prescribes Daniel and Revelation for Answers to Life Situations

Once again in Grants Pass, Ore., a very attentive audience heard the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation revealed in an unforgettable way with North Valley Church (Merlin, Ore.) member Willard Register, a Grants Pass physician, and his Romanian assistant, Christi Salcianu, using Seminars Unlimited lessons and an improved PowerPoint presentation that they designed and developed. It was so good, in fact, that 75 percent of the attendance stayed right through the end of the meetings at the Riverside Inn Conference Center.

Of special interest were the 15-minute "Health Nuggets" introduced at the beginning of each meeting by noted authors and guest speakers Marcella Lynch and Carolyn Sutton.

So far, the meetings have resulted in three baptisms and one profession of faith. Others are attending church and studying further at the Registers' follow-up Bible studies on Tuesday evenings. •

Melba Hoffman

LIVINGSTONE ADVENTIST ACADEMY BREAKS GROUND

From left: Jerry Magee, school board chair; Gil Plubell, the Oregon Conference education superintendent's special assistant; Don Livesay, Oregon Conference president; Barbara Livesay, Livingstone Adventist Academy (LAA) principal; Rod Lucas, school board vice chair, Kerry Lucas,

home and school leader, Virgil Lucas, building committee member, and Dan Neiderman, a staunch supporter of the school, broke ground on a new high school complex March 20, 2003.

"We have been looking forward to this day for years," said Barbara Livesay, "and through God's guiding hand

and our constituent churches' dedication and generosity, we will soon be able to provide the community with a complete Christian education here in Salem, Ore."

The expansion represents the growth that Livingstone has experienced for the last few years, which has included adding a daily hot lunch program and a full-scale music department.

Since 1898, LAA has offered a Christ-centered education for students in kindergarten through grade 10. The school will add 11th grade starting in the fall of 2003, followed by 12th grade in 2004. •

Ken Magee



CEDAR CREEK HOLDS COOKING SCHOOL

Cedar Creek (Wash.) Church held a cooking school as a community outreach before this spring's evangelistic meetings. "I am delighted to get these recipes that my family can enjoy," said new member Marilee Miller.

Christine Fleming coordinated the program and, with Dianne Marshall and Marsha Casassa, demonstrated and prepared the vegetarian

recipes. Kay Johnson and Sandra Swanberg presented lectures on healthful living.

Already the husbands of two of last year's participants have been baptized. •

Miriam Kelly, Cedar Creek communication leader

Christine Fleming demonstrated how to prepare vegetarian dishes at the Cedar Creek cooking school.



MILO MISSION TO BELIZE

Thirty-nine people, mostly Milo Adventist Academy students and staff, spent their spring break in Ranchito, Belize, building onto a church and presenting two Vacation

fruit like papaya, pineapple, mango, watermelon, guava and custard apples.

“It’s hot up here in the rafters; it’s hot up here in the rafters,” Nick Hough and

parent Tom Harmon sang as they worked on high scaffolding inside the church, hammering boards for a ceiling. Their song drifted to the girls who painted the front of the church and the window shutters.

Others painted interior walls. And in back of the church, Al Andrieux, history, math and science teacher, Kelley, and Don Bovee, manager of Thunderbird Wood Products, coordinated the process of mixing cement, laying block

and cutting rebar. Slowly but surely a Sabbath School room grew onto the church.

On Sunday, everyone worked all day because there was no VBS. Nearly a dozen Belizeans joined them to help lay block. Mortar flew between the walls and peals of laughter echoed around the church as everyone worked together and got acquainted.

On the last day of VBS, all were sad to say goodbye. The eight grade government school was home to about 240 students who stretched the limited craft supplies but stole hearts. Although not a Christian school in name, there were no rules against teaching about Jesus, so every classroom was able to hear character-building and Bible stories and learn new songs and games, all with the intent of drawing them closer to Jesus.

English is the official language of Belize and its schools, but everyone speaks Spanish at home, so the younger kids had some trouble understanding English. But whether everyone understood each other or not, they got to know each other. Although it was difficult for the few VBS presenters to remember so many names, the children learned theirs and shouted them whenever they came to the school.

Getting to know the kind, generous Belizeans made the trip worthwhile for many. Although the mosquitoes and heat were a constant stress, the lovely people more than made up for it.

On the last evening, their new friends came to bid the mission team farewell. Several of the church leaders and mission trip participants shared their thanks for their experiences. After those formalities and a few songs, everyone wanted their pictures with their favorite team member. Lines of children followed the VBS helpers, wanting their addresses or asking them to send pictures.

The mission trip participants now look forward to seeing their Belizean friends in heaven, where they won’t ever need to say goodbye. •

Tobi Foster, Milo student participant



Rick Foster, a classical guitarist from Milo, entertained a group of local students.

Bible Schools each day during an uncharacteristic heatwave.

“Hi ho, hi ho! It’s off to work we go!” John Kelley, Milo’s maintenance director, sounded a little more chipper than most of the crew felt at 5:30 a.m., especially since at home it was only 3:30 a.m. At breakfast, a line formed downstairs for endless peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and fresh

Milo mission trip participants proudly stand in front of the church where they helped build a Sabbath School wing during a heatwave in Ranchito, Belize.



SPANISH GROUP EXPERIENCES GROWTH

Tualatin pastor Perry Melnychenko baptized five members into the Canby (Ore.) Church Spanish group on March 8, 2003. "We found the right church," said new members Ema Morales, father and daughter Siliberto and Laura Valentin, and spouses Jesus and Fanny Valdez.

These baptisms followed a series of evangelistic meetings held by Rafael Ordonio three evenings a week in February at the church. Six more people are waiting to be baptized.

The group was formed June 15, 2002, with four members

from the Milwaukie (Ore.) Church and with the support and encouragement of pastor Ramon Canals and his wife, Aurora. A few weeks later, members from the Woodburn (Ore.) Spanish Church came to support the Canby group. They began doing missionary work from house to house. "This is a very important part of our work for the Lord," said founding members Oscar and Dolores Aguayo.

The group now includes 22 adults, nine children and six young people. Nineteen regular visitors assist with



the Sabbath and Wednesday evening services, Bible studies and visitation. •

Diana J. Harrold

After the baptism, the new church members stood with their children, Oscar Aguayo and Rafael Ordonio (left) and Perry Melnychenko (right).

ALBANY WOMEN'S MINISTRIES HOSTS VICTORIAN TEA

Formally-dressed waiters escorted 100 ladies to tables cast in the soft glow of many candles for the Albany (Ore.) Church's fifth annual Victorian Tea. Each of the thirteen hostesses from women's ministries invited up to nine ladies to the tea, which was held in the church fellowship hall. Several ladies of other denominations attended and became better acquainted with the ladies of the Adventist church.

The hostesses decorated their own tables uniquely using a variety of floral, statuary and other

Albany women's ministries committee, from left: Louise Warren, Judy Van Tassel, Joy Miller, Dee Wright, Coralie Cole.

decorations, such as porcelain dolls, candelabras, fountains, music boxes, china tea service and linen. The hall was arranged as a Victorian garden with sculpted benches, a tea table beneath a rose-covered arch and water features. Many of the ladies wore Victorian

dresses and hats.

Waiters, many husbands of the hostesses, served a three-course tea, and dinner music was provided by the 4Praise Quartet. The featured speaker of the evening was Corleen Johnson, Oregon Conference women's ministries director.



Other Albany women's ministries events this year have included prayer breakfasts, holiday food baskets for the needy, Christmas shoeboxes stuffed with gifts for needy overseas children, and an "Angel Tree" for Christmas presents for local needy children. They produced and sold a 300-recipe vegetarian cookbook to fund these projects and to contribute to Central Valley Adventist Academy's worthy student fund. Upcoming events include the annual women's retreat on the Oregon Coast and a Columbia riverboat cruise for ladies and their families. •

Joy Miller

ELDERS AND PASTORS EXPLORE CHURCH REVITALIZATION

Nearly 150 elders and pastors from 52 churches around the Upper Columbia Conference gathered at Camp MiVoden in Idaho Feb. 21-23 to explore the principles of church revitalization at the Elders' and Pastors' Retreat.

For several years, the Mid-America Union has helped churches move into a growth mode. They started with nine churches and more recently expanded to an additional 52 churches. Gary Brady, pastor, and Dave Card, elder, of one of these churches that is experiencing revitalization made presentations at the retreat along with Doug Kilcher, who coordinates the church revitalization program and is ministerial director of the Mid-America Union.

The three-member team assured the attendees that small churches could experience renewal and growth. But they pointed out that it requires a significant commitment over a number of years on the part of the members.

Brady shared the story of his church in Clinton, Mo. In four years of focusing on revitalization, this church went from an average attendance of 30 elderly members to

Pastor Gary Brady shared how the Clinton Church in Missouri was revitalized.

100 attendees of all ages. Now the Clinton Church is involved in the community and reaching out in a variety of ways.



Gerald Haeger, Upper Columbia Conference ministerial director, organized and coordinated the Elders' and Pastors' Retreat at Camp MiVoden.

The revitalization team emphasized the importance of

discovering God's vision for a church. The success of a church rests with God and the willingness of the members to cooperate with His plan. Once the members are united in pursuing God's vision, the team encourages a church to participate in a self-assessment process using the Natural Church Development plan. The Upper Columbia Conference provides

this service through the Church Ministries Consulting Service. After this look into the mirror, a church is ready to implement God's vision for the future.

Many of the elders and pastors who attended the retreat were excited with what they learned and want to share with their churches. It is their hope that their churches will soon be taking the journey to renewal and revitalization. •

Doug R. Johnson, Upper Columbia Conference communication director

Doug Kilcher shared the principles of church revitalization.



KENYA MISSION TRIP



Volunteers from the Wenatchee Church take a break in front of the church they built in six days in Kenya.

Mark Witas, Wenatchee youth pastor, led a team of 39 youth and adults on a mission trip to the Trans-Mara region of Kenya from March 18 through April 1. The group completed a brick-and-mortar church in six days and delivered school supplies, soccer balls and jump ropes to the local children in that area.

Medical providers in the group held a clinic for the Masai

population where they treated fevers, infections and dysentery, and pulled a lot of teeth, Witas said. The volunteers saw an amazing variety of wildlife in the neighboring Masai Mara game reserve. At night, they slept in tents while two Masai warriors kept watch for aggressive animals. •

Kim Eastman, Wenatchee Church communication leader

SO, CHANGE MY PERSPECTIVE

Spokane Junior Academy's Spiritual Retreat 2003

Students in the upper grades at Spokane Junior Academy (SJA) headed to Camp MiVoden, Hayden Lake, Idaho, for a spiritual retreat focused on bringing students closer to God and to each other.

The weekend retreat's topic, "So, Change My Perspective," was an acronym for different personality types (sanguine, choleric, melancholy, and phlegmatic). Jodie Foster, South Hill Church youth pastor and retreat speaker, used Bible verses to identify the traits of the twelve disciples and showed how God relates to everyone according to who they are.

On Friday evening, students were tested for personality type and then separated into four groups, one for each personality. An array of activities during the weekend clearly pointed out the differences between each group. It was fascinating to see how each group handled

the same concepts, such as acting out the same Bible story, drawing a picture of a park, or writing a song. These were used to show how much each personality differed in thinking processes and in relationship to each other.

A candlelit agape feast consisting of fruit, soup, bread, and other light foods was held on Friday night, followed by communion. This peaceful and spiritually uplifting evening ended with time to share our

thoughts of what significance communion had for us.

Throughout Sabbath, we made many discoveries about each other and ourselves through more personality activities. After sundown we had time for swimming, games, and a Hawaiian survivor tournament. The highlight of the competition was the survival food relay. Each team member ran and tried to eat a certain unusual food as fast as possible.

Some of the foods included baby food, lemon juice, dried seaweed, and half a mayonnaise, peanut butter, jam, mustard and ranch dressing sandwich.

Sunday was to be a snow day, but because of the lack of snow, the sponsors scheduled games, a ping-pong tournament and swimming in the MiVoden pool. That evening we were treated to a terrific Hawaiian dinner prepared by Kathy Craft, SJA secretary. The delicacies included scallops in sweet and sour sauce, tropical drinks and cheesecake.

By Monday morning it was time to pack up and leave. The hard work put in by Foster, the Associated Student Body (ASB) officers and the teachers paid off in many memories made and friendships grown, both with God and each other. •

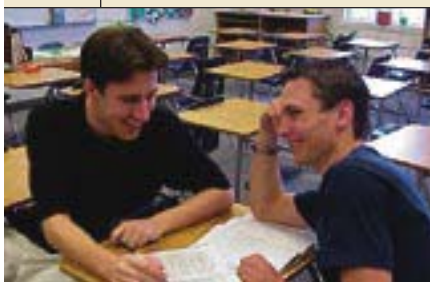
Stephanie Kay, SJA 10th grader and ASB social vice president



The weekend spiritual retreat included personality testing, an agape feast and plenty of social time.

A FIGHTING CHANCE for Academic Success

The peer tutoring program at Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) is designed to give



When students help each other, everybody benefits.

students a fighting chance for academic success.

“Sometimes students need more one-on-one attention than the teachers can give them,” says Joy Turner, UCA’s tutorial program director.

“Our peer tutoring program is a huge help in meeting that need.”

Due to the generosity of UCA’s alumni, ten students are employed as tutors. At least one of them is on hand in the library throughout the school day and in each dorm during evening study hall. In addition to helping the student with the subject matter, the tutors help them learn how to organize and prioritize their assignments. The tutors themselves also learn valuable skills, such as discipline and patience, as they work

with their peers or younger students.

There are several reasons why students will be involved in this program. Students who have a D, F or incomplete in any class are required to meet with a student tutor on a daily basis. Parents, as well as teachers, can request that a student receive tutoring and special accountability. For example, some students have assignment sheets that must be signed by each teacher every day to indicate that the appropriate homework was turned in. Other students voluntarily seek the assistance of a tutor, either on a regular basis or just when they need extra help with a particular chapter or assignment.

At the beginning of the year, about 50 students were taking advantage of the program. One sign of the success of the program is that by the end of the year, only about 30 needed to use it on a regular basis.

“We still strive to teach to the top third of the class,” says principal John Nafie. “At the same time, we want to provide needed assistance to the other students as well, so they can do their best and expand their potential.” •

*Cheri Corder, UCA
communication director*

GOLDENDALE BAPTISM

Shirley Magnuson felt the need to come back to the church she had been away from for so long. For the past year and a half, she has been reaching out to the Adventist



Shirley Magnuson was baptized in March.

church by completing the Voice of Prophecy *Discover* Bible studies and the Amazing Facts lessons. Robert Snell, Goldendale (Wash.) Church *Discover* Bible school coordinator, worked with her on the studies. The Holy Spirit was working on her heart, convicting her to come home. Shirley’s sister and brother-in-law in Alaska were praying for her. Wes and Jackie Parker, Goldendale members, studied with her as well. After much study and prayer, Shirley was rebaptized on March 15. Shirley and her husband, Lonnie, make their home in Warwick, near Goldendale. •

Elaine Kubler

EPHRATA TREASURER HONORED

When Andrew McCrary, Ephrata (Wash.) Church pastor, invited Clara Fitzgerald up to the podium, she was in for one of the biggest surprises of her life! The church honored Clara’s 22 years of treasury service with a corsage, a beautiful plaque, a fitting verbal tribute and a beautifully decorated cake in her honor. Clara is a lady of quiet service, going each Sunday on a special route to deliver bulletins to shut-ins, picking up and dropping off mail for them, and even doing an occasional load of laundry. •



Pastor Andrew McCrary honored long-time treasurer, Clara Fitzgerald, with a plaque.

Annita Davison

BLUEBERRIES, A MAGAZINE AND A MINISTRY

Marvin Zweegman, 53, had reached the end of his rope. With the collapse of his 18-year marriage and mounting financial problems, nothing seemed to matter, not even the other things he had always valued and enjoyed like his family, religion and his job at the dairy farm. His lonely, loveless future looked bleak, he contemplated suicide.

Then one remarkable day, Zweegman's perspective on life and plans radically changed. The blanket of gloom and hopelessness that pervaded his whole being during the previous several weeks suddenly disappeared. His faith in a loving and compassionate Savior returned, and all he wanted was to do God's will and to serve Him earnestly in the best possible way.

What turned his life around in a flash? He received in the mail *America: Superpower of Prophecy*, a "magabook" sent by a stranger who cared about his salvation. The uplifting and enlightening words sparked in him a desire to know the truth and to follow it. This led him to the Ferndale (Wash.) Church, where he kept his first Sabbath and shared his story.

"God has used the magazine to make dynamic changes in my life and thinking. He has mercifully seen fit to reveal to me

The uplifting and enlightening words sparked in him a desire to know the truth and to follow it.

some truths which I had not previously comprehended," says Zweegman.

He soon met that special person whose bulk-mailing ministry gave him a new lease on life. At 74 years

old, Ruth Milchenko's main passion is working for Christ by witnessing and sharing God's love whether it's giving out blueberries, whole wheat bread or dried persimmons, handing out literature door-to-door, supporting field missionaries, imparting health remedies, or providing a warm home to a needy person.

Last year, she dedicated her 50 or so blueberry bushes in her backyard to the Lord to raise additional money for her personal mission budget. And what a delightful miracle He brought on those special plants — an abundant summer harvest such as Ruth had never seen! Branches were loaded,

buyers and orders came from all over the place, and juicy blueberries kept coming. She earned \$1,200, four times her normal sales. Her combined resources enabled her to blanket the Ferndale and Lynden areas with thousands of pieces of literature. One piece became Zweegman's lifeline when he urgently needed it, and 17 other people have requested Bible studies or a visit.

Ruth had the awesome privilege to witness the most beautiful fruit of her blueberry ministry in December of last year. After a series of Bible studies and deep soul-searching, Zweegman gave His life to the Lord in a joyful baptism attended by his new church family at the Everson (Wash.) Church.

Today, Zweegman is actively involved in God's work in Sabbath School, the church choir and prayer meeting leader. And he has started his own literature ministry as his funds allow, enthusiastically distributing magazines, books, tracts and pamphlets with his personal testimony. •

Maritess Robles-Branson, Ferndale Church communication leader



Ruth Milchenko and Krista and Jenny, her teenage granddaughters, picked blueberries to help fund her literature ministry.



From left: PSAA students Julia Jun, Hae Jung Um, Jae-Yeol Shim and In-Soo Han shared traditions of dress, games, sports, art and food at their Korean booth on multicultural day.

APPLE PIE, SUSHI AND LEFSA

"It's a foretaste of heaven," says Howard Munson, Puget Sound Adventist Academy, (PSAA) Bible teacher, speaking of the cultural diversity on the campus. He quotes Psalm 133:1: "Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

In April, Gail Orr, PSAA vice-principal, organized the first multicultural day in which students had the opportunity to share their unique heritage. "All participation was voluntary but the response was tremendous," said Orr. "The goal was for students to gain appreciation for and celebrate the cultural diversity of their classmates."

Students set up booths to reflect traditions and foods from their culture. Going through the booths was a culinary experience, with samples of Norwegian lefso, Japanese vegetarian sushi and East Indian flat bread. Displays also included games, artwork, books, clothing and music. Fourteen cultures were represented: Korean, Japanese, Indonesian, African-American, Chinese, Jamaican, East Indian, West Indies, Hispanic, Italian, Swedish, Filipino, Norwegian and, of course, American, with hot dogs, apple pie and baseball. •

Kathy Fridlund

PUYALLUP CHURCH BURNS MORTGAGE

A spirit of celebration greeted church members as they arrived April 5 for the Puyallup (Wash.) Church mortgage burning. Since breaking ground in October 1994, the building fund has been paid in full. A full program was emceed by Bob Paulsen, with a historical tribute and challenge by Larry Zuchowski, pastor from 1984-93. Tributes to the Lord's blessing were presented by building committee chair Janet Rowe, member Doug Paulsen and Ethel Havens, the oldest

member present and also the first Puyallup Pathfinder director with her late husband, Dale. As the flames rose from the mortgage burning, the kids could hardly contain themselves to think there was fire in church. The adults were more concerned that the sprinklers not go off. A prayer of affirmation was offered by Washington Conference president John Freedman. •

Shirley Meitzler, Puyallup Church communication leader



From left: Michael "Tiger" Paulsen, building committee chair Janet Rowe, emcee Bob Paulsen and Lauren Meharry, elder and event coordinator.



The Sound of Praise quartet added to the enjoyment of the occasion in the unfinished fellowship hall.

LACEY FELLOWSHIP HALL NAMED

The Lacey Church held their first banquet/business meeting on Feb. 23. The banquet featured food by ladies of the church and dinner music by the Sound of Praise quartet. After a "State of the Church" address by pastor Steve Shipowick, members chose to name their new fellowship

hall in honor of Bessie and Jim Tuttle, who donated the property to the church. They also decided to apply for a loan so the hall could be finished and used for the glory of God as soon as possible. •

Dora Lee Christie

LIFESTYLE NEWS NOTES FROM PUYALLUP

The Puyallup (Wash.) Church has served the Puyallup Valley for more than 40 years with the Breathe-Free stop smoking program, co-sponsored with the Good Samaritan Hospital and often the first contact many have had with church members.

The Prism Weight Loss Management program has been meeting at the church once a week for four years. During this time, more 300 individuals have learned to change their lifestyle and appreciate improved health while losing about 1,000 pounds combined each year.

The newest health program to Puyallup is CHIP, or Cornary Health Improvement

Project, a concentrated four-days-a-week program for four weeks, followed by monthly support classes. Participants are challenged to make changes in their diet, exercise and stress management. Of the 39 participants, there was an average drop of 14 percent in cholesterol and eight pounds in weight. A side benefit to this program is healthier church potlucks.

For more information, check www.puyallupsda.org. •

Shirley Meitzler, Puyallup Church communication leader



Gerri Powers, CHIP leader, presented participant Buck Lindsey with the "exercise award." Photos by Tammy Ellison.



The Prism Weight Loss Management class meets weekly at the Puyallup Church.



Homecoming Weekend 2003 gave many alumni the chance to get reacquainted with old friends. More than 900 people showed up for a fellowship dinner on Sabbath.



Current general manager for the KGTS radio station Kevin Krueger (right) poses with former managers Loren Dickinson (center) and David Bullock (left) during a dedication ceremony held for the station's new facilities in the Canaday Technology Center. KGTS has broadcast since its inception 40 years ago from the administration building.



Many classic and classy vehicles were on display at the Fifth-Annual Homecoming Car Show held on Sunday.



The worship service on Sabbath was delivered by Joe Galusha, 1968 graduate, longtime biology faculty and current associate vice president for graduate studies at Walla Walla College.



Professor James Hannum cuts a ribbon on the new Communications Department studios, officially named in his honor during a surprise retirement party held Saturday night. He retires this year after 20 years of teaching at Walla Walla College, and a lifetime of working in Adventist media.

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

WHO'S WHO HONORS 34 STUDENTS

The 2003 annual publication of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges," includes 34 Walla Walla College students, selected as outstanding examples of student leaders.

Students are nominated for academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

"Who's Who" students are selected from more than 2,300 institutions in the U.S. as well as several foreign nations.

This year 16 WWC students included were

from Washington: biology majors Melissa McFadden and Daniel Moor; business administration majors Rodney Baladad, Mackenzie Fridlund, Tamara Heisler, and Debra Matson; elementary education major Katrina Klein; engineering major Lief Sorensen; English majors Laura DeBruler, Mari Ferguson, and Nicholas Lindquist; graphic design major Keri Newell; mass media communication majors Petra Hernandez and Adam Lombard; mathematics major Robert Sanborn; and technology

major Brian Hernandez. From Oregon: Chelsey Ham, mass media communications major, and Kevin Smith, engineering major. From Idaho: business administration major Cameron Cook and English major Malora Christensen. From Montana: technology major Jessica Craik. Other WWC students named from the United States were: business administration majors Kelly Case from Massachusetts, and Timothy Williams, from Colorado; computer information services major Kevin Helbley, from

Nevada; and engineering major Jonathan Knoll, from Vermont. Six WWC students from California were named: biology majors Heather Eick and Michelle Hoag; business administration majors Kate Bullock and Heidi Withrow; and theology majors Troy Ahrens and Ross Brown.

Three Canadian citizens attending Walla Walla College were also named: technology majors Brian Bell and Karin Spangler; and mass media communication major Debra Patt. •

Bradley Nelson

HEALTH NEWS NOTES

Adventist Medical Center Offers New Service to New Moms

Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Ore., recently opened its Mama Shop to better serve the needs of its maternity patients. The new service, which is conveniently located in the hospital's Family Birth Place, specializes in breast pumps and nursing bras along with things for new babies and more traditional gift shop items like candy, toys and books. Funded by a gift from the hospital's Volunteer Auxiliary, the Mama Shop is run by volunteers with Family Birth Place nurses helping out as needed.

Walla Walla General Hospital Offers Free Massage Therapy

Walla Walla General Hospital now offers massage therapy to patients at no extra charge. Individuals admitted to the hospital for surgery or delivery of a baby, are eligible for this special service. According to several clinical studies, massage decreases anxiety, offers an alternative to pain management and may contribute to improved outcomes. In light of this data, the hospital decided to offer the service as an extension of its mission and quality care.

Adventist Medical Center to Add New Surgery Suites

Adventist Health's Board recently approved a surgery expansion at Adventist Medical Center that will add clinical capabilities and



Whether it's candy for siblings, a magazine for dad, or a gift for new baby or mom, the Mama Shop is a popular destination point for those visiting Adventist Medical Center's Family Birth Place.

office space to the hospital's Portland, Ore., campus. As part of a 10-year master plan, the facility will add two new surgery suites, which are slated for completion in the summer of 2003. The new suites will be larger than any of the hospital's existing surgery areas and will be designed to accommodate the long-term needs of the department. Pending future board approval, the hospital's master plan also includes a new on-campus physician office building, further surgery expansion and an outpatient services center complete with

its own entrance and parking garage.

Tillamook County General Hospital Announces New Web Site

Tillamook County General Hospital recently redesigned its web site to give www.tcgh.com a brand new look. The redesign is an effort to keep the facility's web site looking up-to-date and consistent with current Web trends. The Tillamook, Oregon-based hospital also hopes the new look and feel will help users more easily navigate the site. In

addition, the new design will allow greater flexibility and efficiency in editing and adding online content.

Walla Walla General Hospital Hosts Teddy Bear Check-up

Walla Walla General Hospital helped area kids overcome hospital fears by hosting its annual "Teddy Bear Check-Up" earlier this year. The event, which emphasized the importance of safety, drew 120 children and their stuffed friends to the hospital's campus. Not only did their fuzzy companions receive some TLC from pediatric caregivers, the kids were able to visit various departments throughout the facility to better acquaint them with the hospital, meet employees and staff, and collect prizes.

Adventist Medical Center's Hospice Flourishes in 2002

Adventist Medical Center's Hospice flourished in 2002 reaching a census of 100 patients on Dec. 9. The growth rate in 2002 was up 67 percent from 2001, and the hospital's hospice program continues to break records. To keep pace with the growth, the Hospice has hired 18 new staff members. In addition, the annual Angels and Bows event, which offers loved-ones an opportunity to celebrate and remember those they have lost, was attended by more than 120 people and raised nearly \$16,000 for the Hospice Patient Care Fund and the Hospice Endowment Fund. •

NORTH PACIFIC UNION PATHFINDER CLUBS

Demonstrate Their Knowledge of II Kings

Twenty-six Pathfinder clubs from around North America participated in the 2003 Invitational/Division-level Pathfinder Bible Achievement Program, formerly known as the “Bible Bowl,” which took place at

the Village Church in Berrien Springs, Mich., on April 12.

In order to make it to the division-level event, a club had to earn a first-place score in its area, conference, and union-level Bible achievement programs. Clubs must score 90

percent or more of the highest score posted for first place, 80–90 percent for second place, and 79 percent or below for third place. Fifteen teams earned a first-place score in this year’s division-level event, including the Sandy (Ore.) Mountaineers. Also representing the North Pacific Union were the High Desert (Bend, Ore.) and Apple Valley (Rock Island, Wash.) clubs earning second and third-place scores, respectively.

Each year a book of the Bible is selected to be the subject of the 90 questions asked during the program. This year the topic was II Kings. Questions were asked by Terry Dodge, Michigan Conference Pathfinder director and Pathfinder Bible Achievement Program author and director, and displayed on a large screen. Once a question was asked, clubs had just 10 seconds to begin writing their



The High Desert (Bend, Ore.) club is confident as they wait for the correct answer to be displayed on the screen.

answers. A panel of experts, comprised of Andrews University theologians, was on hand to deal with answers that were challenged or in need of verification.

“The whole program was started with the idea of giving the Pathfinders the opportunity to get into Bible study and learn more about the Bible, book by book,” says Dodge, who began the program, then known as the Pathfinder Bible Bowl, in 1988 in the Rocky Mountain Conference. “It is a challenging program that involves the entire church—

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The High Desert (Bend, Ore.) team members put their heads together to come up with the right answer.

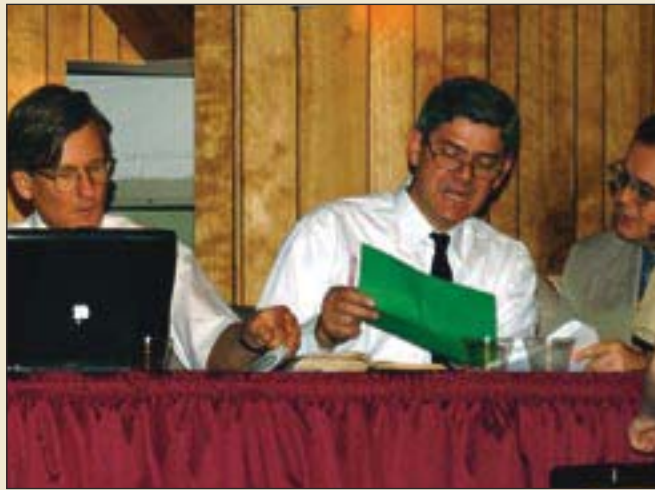


The 2003 Invitational/Division-level Pathfinder Bible Achievement Program was held on April 12 at the Village Church in Berrien Springs, Mich. Twenty-six clubs from across North America participated in the event.

pastors, teachers, club leaders, coaches. It involves lots of people, and the kids can always come out on top if they choose to study hard enough.”

Next year’s event is planned for April 17 at Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs. Proverbs will be the subject and, as Dodge pointed out, many of the clubs that participated in the 2003 event probably already began studying the book of Proverbs on the way home from Berrien Springs. •

Reggie Johnson, Lake Union Herald editorial assistant



A panel of experts reviewed answers for biblical accuracy when questions arose. II Kings was the subject of this year’s program.



Team captains display their first, second, or third-place certificates. Of the 26 clubs that participated, 15 recorded a first-place score.

GROWTH AND CHALLENGE in Papua New Guinea

When Natalie Misikaram was asked to be women’s ministries leader in her local church in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG), she wanted to bring the women together to pray and encourage each other. She noticed that she was not the only woman whose husband did not attend church. She organized the women into prayer bands to pray daily for the 33 missing husbands.

The women prayed for each family and each husband by name. Natalie encouraged the women whose husbands did not attend church to show God’s love in every act and to avoid arguing, instead to offer to pray with their husbands if they would allow it. Within a year, the women began to see the results of their prayers. Some husbands stopped smoking or drinking; some began attending church. The

women prayed even harder.

With the pastor’s help, Natalie arranged a prayer luncheon at a beautiful garden and invited couples who were both faithful church members as well as families with a missing spouse. The event built bridges and opened hearts to the love of God.

Within two years, 25 of the 33 prayed-for husbands, including Natalie’s, were attending church, and 20 of these have been baptized. Eight more husbands continue to be remembered in daily prayers.

Many adults, mostly women, cannot read or

Even urban churches, such as this one in Lae, Papua New Guinea, are very basic and need upgrading.



write, so the women saw a need for a literacy program for their own members. Six church women volunteered to be trained to teach others to read and write, and 34 people enrolled in the literacy classes which met two mornings a week for two years.

Some of the students told their neighbors about the classes, and some non-Adventists who wanted to learn to read asked to join the classes. One of these women

Natalie Misikaram, women’s ministries leader in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, organized a women’s prayer ministry through which 25 non-member husbands were converted, including her own.



chewed betel nut, even in the church. She noticed that the other women came clean and sweet-smelling and not chewing betel nut. Within a few weeks, she gave up the betel nut, bathed more frequently, and dressed better. Two non-Adventist women were baptized, both graduates of the literacy program.

A growing church is a blessing, but it also poses challenges. The church throughout Papua New Guinea is growing rapidly—far more rapidly than their ability to provide churches for the believers. Part of this quarter’s Thirteenth Sabbath offering will help build churches in Papua New Guinea, and an Aboriginal outreach and care center in western Australia. •

Charlotte Ishkanian, editor of Mission.



I N T E R A C T I O N

“To Protect and Serve”
[February, 2003]

Thank you for the many interesting articles throughout the year. I especially have enjoyed the last one about the African Americans in our area in service jobs. So inspiring to know they are out there for the community. Thank you for sharing.

Judy Hays—LONGVIEW, WASH.

“A Long-ago Summer in Forks: The Power of One” [March, 2003]

The delightful feature story, “A Long-ago Summer in Forks” by Bruce Johnson hit a most nostalgic chord with me. I was 9 years old in 1951 when my sister, 13, and brother, 11, and I moved to Forks with our mother—a single parent suffering from advancing multiple sclerosis. We were affiliated with the Seventh-day Church of God at the time, but were rapidly befriended by the young Mrs. Cowles and others of that kind congregation.

My sister, Holly, went on to become the wife of Pastor Sid Nelson, serving many years in pastoring and missionary service until their tragic death July 1999.

My brother, Chet, also went on to serve this denomination with nearly 40 years of teaching, recently retiring as chair of the Industrial Education Department of Walla Walla College.

So while the practical godliness of Mrs. Cowles has served this denomination generously through her family, her influence along with others of the Forks

church had some added benefits not lost to this denomination.

Herbert A. Blake—PUYALLUP, WASH.

What a wonderful read. Exciting! It [March issue] had a hint of storybook format, for it kept going on and on from the feature, “The Power of One.” The magazine was virtually impossible to put down until read in the entirety. Encouraging is an understatement!

Thank you for including the articles on two heavenly inspired outreach projects—“Grandma’s House” and “Cookie’s Retreat Center.” Both, though different in function, meet a felt need in the communities. Stars in the crowns for the staff and founders of each project!

Carol Martin—[E-MAIL]

I saw that someone submitted an article for Cookie’s Retreat Center in the March issue. We were thrilled to see it in there but found errors in both of the phone numbers listed! Our office number is (509) 624-6334. And our 24-hr. crisis hotline is (509) 624-6333. We also have a toll free crisis number (866) 625-6333.

Kim Bryan—PRESIDENT,
COOKIE’S RETREAT CENTER

“In the Military and Lonely”
[April 2003]

Should we put up an “honor roll” in the church for the men and women in the armed forces? I would say: NOT! These men and women have been trained to

kill and to maim. Is that what we want to honor? If we have an honor roll it should have the names of conscientious objectors and medics in the armed forces. These risk their lives to save others and should be honored.

Dola Farag—SPOKANE, WASH.

I so appreciated the editorial by Jere Patzer on creating an honor roll in the church for our military personnel. I have sent a copy of it to our elders here at the Knoxville, Tenn., First Church where we have several members in service.

Dwight Lenhoff—LIFETALK RADIO
NETWORK [E-MAIL]

“KEEPing Students in Christian Education” [May 2003]

Shelley Bacon is correct that Adventist kids in public schools don’t hear the name of Christ spoken openly with love and respect, and that they can’t share their prayer requests openly with their teachers or fellow students. But she also says “these children cannot feel the Savior’s touch through the hands of a God-loving teacher.”

That is very biased and unfair! That is saying that only Adventist teachers are God-loving, and that the Savior’s touch can only come through an Adventist teacher. We all know better than that!

My children attend a small, public, charter school and we love it!

Rebecca Sanders—[E-MAIL]

Kesler 62nd

Milton and Yvonne Kesler recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary with family and friends.



Milton F. Kesler married Yvonne G. Steele June 8, 1941, in the Berkeley, Calif., Church. Milton worked at the Lemoore Air Station and Yvonne was a medical assistant. Both were very active Pathfinder leaders in California and Oregon for more than 30 years.

The Kesler family includes: Joyce and Edward Jacobs, Ohio; Frances and Gerry Sevel, Calif.; Mervin Kesler, Keene, Texas; Byron Kesler, Volcano, Hawaii; 9 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

Lewellen 96th

Mabel (Flannagan) Lewellen celebrated her 96th birthday with her Moses Lake (Wash.)



Church family at a party, hosted by her children, at the Summerwood Special Care Center, Moses Lake. She was born in 1907 in Web, Okla., married Roy Lewellen in 1925, and received her teaching degree in 1951.

In 1965 Mabel was nominated teacher of the year in the Moses Lake school district where she taught. After teaching there for more than 30 years, she retired and became very active in senior citizen organizations, living in her own home until recently.

The Lewellen family included: Faye, Georgia, Wanita, Deana, and Roy. Husband Roy died in 1964, and Wanita at the age of 17.

Parks 100th

Mildred (Rust) Parks celebrated her 100th birthday Sunday, Jan. 19, 2003, at a party hosted by the Cottage Grove (Ore.) Church.

Mildred was born into a family of 11 children Jan. 29, 1903. She was raised in Blachley in the Triangle Lakes area in Oregon. She became an Adventist in 1935 after she opened her home to the Ryder family who were holding tent meetings and raising up churches. She moved to Laurelwood to put her daughter through school. She spent a few years in Anchorage, Alaska, where she learned to endure the severe life of a woman on the frontier. Even at 100 she feeds, houses, clothes, and helps the homeless and needy off the streets of Eugene, Ore. She takes them into her home and tells them about Jesus. She is patient with their mistakes and points them to "Something Better."

Mildred married Robert Parks in 1950. She still gets up



to fix her husband breakfast before he goes off to work. If you happened in at one of her ample vegetarian meals you would get a warm invitation to join the many present.

Mildred's family includes a daughter, Mildred Jane Yocum, 4 grandsons, and 4 great-grandchildren.

Running 91st

Andrew M. Running, born May 1, 1912, recently celebrated his 91st birthday with his children and his Ashland (Ore.) Church family. He has been a member of the Ashland Church for 26 years.

Andrew is the fifth of five boys born in a homestead log cabin near Trout Lake, Ore. He married Dorothy Miriam Peterson in 1939, and they established their home in Longview, Wash. He entered the Adventist publishing work in 1946 and retired from it in 1976, retiring to Ashland in 1977. Dorothy passed away in December 2001.

The Running family includes: daughter, Carol; son, Tom; 1 granddaughter; 4 great-grandchildren.



BRANSON—Sarah H. was born Feb. 22, 2003, to Michael and Kelsey (Lang) Branson, Myrtle Creek, Ore.

HANSON—Dominik James was born Oct. 16, 2002, to Cory and Kari (Christianson) Hanson, Milton Freewater, Ore.

MANUAEL—Claira S. was born Apr. 4, 2003, to Walter and Christie Manuel, Klamath Falls, Ore.

MORGAN—Gracieann Faith was born Apr. 17, 2003, to Marilee Morgan, Philomath, Ore.

PATZER—Kyrie Eleis was born Apr. 2, 2003, to Darin and Natalie (Hook) Patzer, Spokane, Wash.

PELTON—Alexis Jillianne was born Mar. 11, 2003, to Tommy and Hannah (Lopez) Pelton, Spanaway, Wash.

PRICE—Noah E. was born Mar. 2, 2003, to Justin and Brenda (Hubin) Price, Sedro Woolley, Wash.

VAUGHAN—Andrew Gabriel, was born Dec. 24, 2002, to Anthony and RoDawna (Couch) Vaughan, Portland, Ore.

ALDERMAN—Doris J., 50, born Aug. 29, 1952, Mt. Vernon, Wash.; died Mar. 27, 2003, Auburn, WA. Surviving: husband, Sheldon; daughter, Amy Alderman, Auburn; sisters, Betty Penner, College Place, Wash., Lois Cornell, Portland, Tenn., Marilyn Gepford, Estacada, Ore, Margie Meidinger, College Place; brother, Ralph Anderson, Walla Walla, Wash.

BALHARRIE—Anna E. (Metcalf), 91, born May 21, 1911, Toronto, Canada; died Apr. 8, 2003, Santa Rosa, Calif. Surviving: daughter, Jeanne Balharrie, Redlands, Calif.; son, John, Lincoln City, Ore.; 4 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren.

BLEHM—Marv L., 65, born Feb. 28, 1938, Scappoose, Ore.; died Apr. 14, 2003, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Evie; daughters,

Mara Blehm, Beaverton, Ore., Sheri Hougen, Lincoln City, Ore.; sons, Ted, Hillsboro, Ore., Larry Ramey, Beavercreek, Ore.; sister, Darlene Jones, Battle Ground, Wash.; 2 grandchildren.

DAVIS—Austin Edward, 91, born Apr. 6, 1911, Powhatan, Ark.; died Mar. 18, 2003, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Thelma, daughters, Lala Tanning, Kennewick, Wash., Mourene Wilson, Boise, Idaho; son, Charles, Milton Freewater, Wash.; 5 sisters; 4 brothers; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

ERICKSON—Harry B., 90, born May 12, 1912, British Columbia; died Apr. 5, 2003, Sublimity, Ore. Surviving: wife, Kathleen; daughter, Lori Deaton, Spokane, Wash.; sons, Douglas, Salem, Ore., Gregory, Loma Linda, Calif.; sisters, Ruth Berndt, Manor, Texas, Betty Patapoff, Olympia, Wash., Helen Lonski, Lebanon, Ore.; 7 grandchildren.

FERREN—Mary Jane (Baughman), 75, born Nov. 16, 1927, Guadalupe, N.M.; died Mar. 18, 2003, Creswell, Ore. Surviving: husband, Patrick; daughter, Patti Delk, La Pine, Ore.; sons, Roger, Springfield, Ore., Jim, Spokane, Wash., Robin, Creswell, Marc, Springfield; sister, JoAnn Reel, Eugene, Ore.; brothers, Jim and Frank Ferren and Gordon Tietjen, all of Calif.; 9 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

FOLKENBERG—Jean F., 91, born Feb. 23, 1911, Aberdeen, Wash.; died Feb. 2, 2003, Portland, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Dorothy Becraft, Sandy, Ore., Priscilla Meaney, Clackamas, Ore.; 8 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

FOWLER—Alice, 96, born Sept. 4, 1906, Sumner, Wis.; died Mar. 24, 2003, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, Ray W.; foster daughters, Stacia Merickel and Vivian Black both of College Place.

GARRETT—Leo A., 91, born July 24, 1911, St. Anthony, Iowa; died Feb. 26, 2003, Clear Lake, Wis. Surviving: daughter, Shirley Meitzler, Puyallup, Wash.; sons, Harold, Clear Lake, Wis., Paul Fallang, College Place, Wash.; 9 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren.

HARRISON—Pauline (Pryhorocki), 88, born Sept.

26, 1914; died Mar. 13, 2003, Hermiston, Ore. Surviving: husband, John B., Boardman, Ore.; daughters, Sharon Lopez, Puyallup, Wash., Sandra Harrison, Loma Linda, Calif.; son, Jim, Pendleton, Ore.; sisters, Phyllis Bunkowski, Milton Freewater, Ore., Marjorie Griswold, Milton Freewater; brothers, Sam, Milton-Freewater, John, Vancouver, Wash.; 2 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild.

KINGSBURY—Marion Julia (Kendall), 95, born Feb. 23, 1908, Bismark, N.D.; died Apr. 3, 2003, Sonora, Calif. Surviving: daughters, Jean McMurry, Sonora, Katherine Haworth, Simi Valley, Calif.; son, Tom Kingsbury, Troutdale, Ore.; brother, Edgar Kendall, Spokane, Wash.; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren.

KNUDSEN—Ruby J., 94, born April 23, 1908, Princeton, Minn.; died April 20, 2003, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Joyce Crain, Auburn; son, Gerald, Auburn.

LAIB—Leyona Helen, 83, born May 9, 1919, Aurora, N.D.; died Mar. 24, 2003, Glens Ferry, Idaho. Surviving: daughter, Donna Bybee, Glens Ferry; son, Dennis, Glens Ferry; sisters, Irma Boeple, Fallon, Nev., Elsie Ahl, June Papke, Goldie Adams, and Mildred Speenback, all of Lodi, Calif.

MARTIN—June Iola (Pohle), 70, born June 16, 1932, Stockton, Calif.; died Mar. 24, 2003, Murphys, Calif. Surviving: husband, Cecil; daughters, Diane Cowles, Forks, Wash., Pauline Miner, Keizer, Ore.; sons, Steve, Stockton, David, Keizer; father, Joseph, Murphys; sister, Carol Sahley, British Columbia; brother, Robert, Hagerstown, Md.; 3 grandchildren.

MCFARLANE—Alice “Grace” (Eden), 97, born Oct. 2, 1905, Cassville, Mo.; died Oct. 15, 2002, Sonora, Calif. Surviving: daughters, Betty Hanks, Sonora, Barbara Reed, Everett, Wash., Bev Mull, Sandy, Ore.; son, William, Sonora; 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great-grandchildren.

MOLSTEAD—Ralph W., 97, born Nov. 28, 1905, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho; died Mar. 2, 2003, Portland, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Marjorie Bauer, Eugene, Ore.; son, Richard, Vancouver, Wash.; 4 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren.

MURPHY—Allen Wayne, 76, born Dec. 11, 1926, Portland, Ore.; died Aug. 9, 2002, Clackamas, Ore. Surviving: wife, Esther; daughters, Sussane Summerton, Gladstone, Ore., Sharon Murphy, Portland; son, Richard, Gurnee, Ill.; sister, Martella Degenmark; 4 grandchildren.

NAGY—Irene V. (Krenzler), 73, born May 30, 1929, Alberta, Canada; died Feb. 28, 2003, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. Surviving: husband, Al; daughters, Pam Wirtz, Kelowna, B.C., Brenda Russell, Winnipeg, Man.; sister, Wanetta Trenchuk, LaCombe, Alta.; 4 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.

OSTER—Joan M. (Hitchman), 84, born June 7, 1918, Sheffield, England; died Apr. 7, 2003, Nine Mile Falls, Wash. Surviving: husband, Harry; sons, Robert, Nine Mile Falls, James, Eugene, Ore.; 3 grandchildren.

PERSHALL—Thelma E. (Gilliam), 94, born Apr. 8, 1908, Rainer, Ore.; died Mar. 1, 2003, Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Jeannie Sackett, Laguna Woods, Calif., Sharon Mechalke, Mills, Wyo.; sons, Jack G., Bill R., and Dan W. all of Wenatchee, Wash., Lee, Salinas, Calif., David, Houston, Texas; brother, Gene Gilliam, Silt, Colo.; 20 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

PHILLIPS—Ruth H. (Hellerud), 64, born Feb. 19, 1939, Deposit, N.Y.; died Mar. 19, 2003, Springfield, Ore. Surviving: husband, Ray; sisters, Judith Hellerud, Yucaipa, Calif., Ethel Kirkpatrick, Prunedale, Calif., Dona Constantine, Tustin, Calif., Lydia Hellerud, Bainbridge, N.Y., Miriam, N.Y.; brother, David, San Diego, Calif.

PURCELL—Pamela, 45, born Sept. 15, 1957; died Nov. 28, 2002, Florida. Surviving: daughters, Sara Johnson and Rachael Kissimee both of Florida; mother, Fay Thomack, Florida.

RANDAHL—Marie S., 91, born Nov. 17, 1911, Ola, Ark.; died Apr. 7, 2003, Central Point, Ore. Surviving: sons, Kent, Central Point, Keith, Medford, Ore.

RIISE—Orpha Cleo (Gann), 87, born Feb. 6, 1916, Prescott, Ariz.; died Dec. 26, 2002, Missoula, Mont. Surviving: daughters, Judy Stathem, Twin Falls, Idaho, Patricia Kyle, Orondo, Wash., Brenda Carpenter,

Lolo, Mont.; sister, Nellie Payton, Ceres, Calif.; 2 grandchildren.

SCHLOTTER—Gwendolia (Arnett), 91, born Nov. 12, 1911, Luther, Ore.; died Feb. 15, 2003, Eugene, Ore.

SCRIVEN—John, H., 90, born Nov. 6, 1912, Moody, S.D.; died Mar. 29, 2003, Otis Orchards, Wash. Surviving: wife, Lillian (Balliet); daughters, Ginger Blount, Otis Orchards, Phyllis Rosin, Manchester, Ky.; sister, Yanda Ockenga, Colman, S.D.

SHERWOOD—Doris A. (Fellows), 91, born Sept. 14, 1911, Jackson, Mich.; died Mar. 25, 2003, Salem, Ore. Surviving: husband, Don; daughters, Guinevere Cook, Salem, Carolyn Hammond, Franktown, Colo., Donna Gibb, Bakersfield, Calif.; 9 grandchildren.

SHIPTON—Georgia “Kitty” A. (Benzing), 51, born May 20, 1951, Marquette, Mich.; died Jan. 21, 2003, Salem, Ore. Surviving: husband, Mike; daughter, Kim Wagnier, Salem, mother, Bernice Benzing; sisters, Kathy, Lynn, and Sue all of Skandia, Mich.; brothers, Charles and Mike, Skandia; 3 grandchildren.

TRAVIS—Marian Thomas, 80, born Aug. 30, 1922, Great Bend, Kans.; died Sept. 15, 2002, Redmond, Wash. Surviving: sons, Ronald T., Kirkland, Wash., Robert M., Los Angeles, Calif.; 4 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren.

WADE—Bob F., 72, born Sept. 21, 1930, Edmond, Okla.; died Mar. 7, 2003, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Patricia Mundy, Sonora, Calif.; Debbie Ruff, Spokane; son, Rick, Valdez, Alaska; 8 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild.

WADE—Helen I., 73, born May 8, 1929, Bloomfield, Iowa; died Oct. 25, 2002; Spokane, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Patricia Mundy, Sonora, Calif.; Debbie Ruff, Spokane; son, Rick, Valdez, Alaska; 8 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild.

WALKER—Burton E., 79, born Feb. 9, 1923, Glendale, Calif.; died Aug. 21, 2002, McCall, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Bette (Ritter); daughter, Nancy Keto, McCall, Debbie English, Renton, Wash.; son, Rand, McCall; sister, Jane Munsey, The Little Salmon River (Parma, Idaho?); 5 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.



A N N O U N C E M E N T S

MONTANA

13th Annual Christian Women's Retreat

Grace-filled Women. Mary Maxson, North American Division women's ministries director, will be the keynote speaker for this year's women's retreat, **Sept. 13-14**, at Glacier Bible Camp, Hungry Horse, Mont.

It is Mary's vision for women's ministries to "Lift up Jesus Christ" by enabling women to discover and realize their leadership and ministry potential—within the home, the church, and the community. Topics include: "Gripping Grace," "Freeing Forgiveness," "Jubilant Joy," and "Ordinary to Extraordinary."

There will be three workshops to select from: "Christian Family Finances" with Myron and Candace Iseminger, "Making the Sabbath a Delight" with Alane, Allison and Emily Waters, and "Biblical Theology of Femininity" with Melissa Wallace.

For details contact Christian Women's Retreat, Attn: Candace Iseminger, Montana Conference, 1425 W. Main Street, Bozeman, MT 59715; (406) 587-3101.

OREGON

SAGE Big Lake Camp Work Bee

SAGE Oregon Big Lake Camp work bee will be held **June 8-13**. Projects will include remodeling a bathroom, building a deck behind the ranger house, re-roofing a cabin, painting, cleaning and general maintenance. Volunteers of all ages are invited. Meals and lodging will be provided. Bring your own bedding. If you can help, please call Donna Johnson at (503) 794-4333.

SAGE Oregon Meeting

A SAGE Oregon gathering will be held in the Columbia Academy cafeteria, 11100 NE 189th St., Battleground, Wash. at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, **June 22**. Bring salads and sandwiches. Strawberry shortcake and ice cream will be provided. A home talent program is being planned, followed by a time for organizational discussion. An offering will be taken to cover expenses. All who are interested in SAGE (Seniors in Action for God with Excellence), as well as SAGE members, are welcome. If you plan to attend, please call (503) 652-2225, ext. 457 and leave a message giving the number in your party.

Camp Meeting Workshops

Praying for Our Families, presented by Phil Dunham at the Gladstone camp meeting convention center. Bring your Bible. Receive a free Prayer Study Journal. Wednesday, **July 16**, 10:30 a.m. — "For Whatever Reason," 2:30 p.m. — "God Has Promised Himself Blind"; Thursday, **July 17**, 10:30 a.m. — "Shhh... God Is a Pushover," 2:30 p.m. — "My Attitudes Towards God's Answers"; Friday, **July 18**, — 10:30 a.m. "While Praying For Loved Ones... Remember."

Lord, Save Our Children, presented by Richard O'Ffill at the Gladstone camp meeting convention center. Wednesday, **July 16**, — 11:00 a.m. "Why Did This Have to Happen to Us?" 3:00 p.m. — "Doing What's Right When the Children Do Wrong"; Thursday, **July 17**, — 11:00 a.m. "How to Learn from Past Experience," 3:00 p.m. — "What Can We Do to Help Our Children Now"; Friday, **July 18**, 11:00 a.m. "Where Do We Go From Here?"

Relationship Killers, presented by Harvey and Kathy Corwin at the Gladstone camp meeting convention center, Friday, **July 18**, 2:30 p.m., "What Predicts a Good Relationship?" covers such topics as: What does the power of taking ownership mean to you? What is the number one problem in relationships? What percentage of your brain can be objective about yourself? How does God make a difference?

For more information, call the 24-hour Family Life Line: (503) 654-6054.

Newbold College Reunion Potluck

A potluck lunch for Newbold alumni will be held during Oregon's Gladstone Camp Meeting, Sabbath, **July 19**, 1:00 p.m., at Rivergate Adventist School gymnasium, 1505 Ohlson Rd., Gladstone, Ore. (just behind the campgrounds). Information: Lora Woodruff, (503) 297-2620; lora_woodruff@yahoo.com.

Southern Reunion Potluck

Southern Adventist University will hold their annual alumni lunch meeting on Sabbath, **July 19**, at Oregon's Gladstone Camp Meeting. Information: Jan Haveman, jhaveman@southern.edu

Singles at Camp Meeting

All singles are invited to the annual Gladstone Camp Meeting Oregon Conference Singles potluck Sabbath,

July 19, 12:30 p.m. Bring your favorite vegetarian dish for an afternoon of food and fellowship. Follow the signs on the campgrounds to the Somerset Assisted Living Community Enrichment Center at 8360 Cason Road, Gladstone, Ore.; (503) 723-7868. For information on the lawn picnic, call (503) 654-6054, press #4.

June Oregon Singles Events

June 13—Vespers at Sunnyside Church, 7:30 p.m. Join them as they welcome the Sabbath with worship, fellowship and refreshments; **14**—Picnic and hiking at Beacon Rock. After the hike soak your muscles at Carson Hot Springs. **21**—Singles potluck lunch at Southern Oregon Campmeeting at Milo Academy. Meet near the flag pole right after the meeting. Bring a lawn chair and lots of food. Be prepared for a hike in the afternoon. Call Marilyn Matthews at (541) 479-1788 or Connie Noel at (541) 471-6094 for further details. **22**—Swimming at Kahneeta. Check the web site or hotline for details as dates near or for additional events: www.orsingles.org; singleevents@juno.com; (503) 654-6054.

Seaside Missing

The Seaside Church would love to reestablish contact with the following members: Ray Formby, Jeffrey Gregg, Sandra Harrold, John Johnson, Kathleen and William Oliver, Jean Robertson, and William Zachary. If you know an address or phone number for these members, contact Pastor Elwood Starr, (503) 861-2567; elwoodandvernas@yahoo.com.

UPPER COLUMBIA

Retirement Party for WWA Teacher

Walla Walla Valley Academy is having a retirement party for Virginia Ann Young on Monday, **June 9**, at College Place Village Church fellowship room, 6:00-8:00 p.m. There will be a short program at 7:00 pm. Virginia is completing 40 years of service in teaching Adventist youth from elementary school through college. Come and share in this special celebration. No gifts please. Cards or scrapbook items would be appreciated.

Christian Writers' Seminar

Christian Writers One-day Writing Seminar, **June 20**, at Walla Walla College. Designed for beginning and experience writers. From conception to publication learn how to write an article editors can't turn down, pre-

sented by Nancy Semotiuk, author of more than 300 articles and six cover stories. In addition, Dick and Nadine Dower, GLEANER editors, will present inside information for writing for the GLEANER. There is a small fee. Information: Sandy Zaugg, (509) 525-8944; zaugg@innw.net.

Ambassadors of Hope

The Quiet Hour will be hosting Ambassadors of Hope, with Bill Tucker, Joedy Melashenko, Jim Zachary and others, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, **June 27-29**. Information: Andrew Eide, (800) 900-9021, ext. 104; andrew@thequiethour.org.

MiVoden "Child" Years Staff Reunion

Camp MiVoden is planning a staff alumni weekend you and your family won't want to miss! We will be honoring Clayton and Audrey Child's 10 years (1975-1985) of directorship and service. If you were a staff member that worked under their leadership please mark your calendars for **Sept. 3-7**. Information: (208) 772-3484; alumni@mivoden.com. Come, rekindle old friendships, make new ones, and relive those unforgettable moments of the past!

Kamiah Missing

The Kamiah Church has lost contact with the following members: Kathleen Hernandez, Blanche Howarth, James Joos, David and Laura Lamar, Caroline Stites, and Betty Stone. If you know an address or phone number for any of these members, please contact Phyllis Wood, church clerk, at RR1 Box 59F, Kooskia, ID, 83539; (208) 926-7531; hotprop@cybrquest.com.

NORTH PACIFIC UNION

Northwest SAGE Convention

"Soul Survivor" is the theme of the 2003 Annual Northwest SAGE Convention to be held in Hope, British Columbia, **Sept. 3-7**. Speakers include Elder Jim Coffin, pastor, former editor, and Bible character actor; Dr. David Larson, bio-ethicist and professor in LLU School of Religion; Dr. Malcolm Maxwell, retired president of Pacific Union College and Elder Jere Patzer, NPUC president. Dr. Scott Campbell and Krystal Grady are the featured musicians. Other events include afternoon sightseeing and recreation, a craft/hobby display, and the "Saturday Night Live" talent show. If you have reached the "SAGE age" of 50, plan to come and enjoy the fun and fellowship!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more information, call Joan Libby at (425) 481-7171 or visit the new SAGE website at www.sage-washington.com.

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

WWC 2003 Graduation

Walla Walla College will hold its 2003 graduation services during the weekend of **June 13-15**. The first event, consecration, will be in the Walla Walla College Church on Friday, **13**, at 8 p.m. On Sabbath, **14**, the baccalaureate service will be in the Walla Walla College Church at 11 a.m. Dr. Ernie Bursey, former dean of the School of Theology will be the speaker. Commencement will be on the Centennial Green (weather permitting) starting at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, **15**. The speaker will be Elder Lowell Cooper, general vice-president of the General Conference.

WORLD CHURCH

Natural Remedies and Hydrotherapy Workshop

The Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary is again offering their 6-day workshop on Natural Remedies and Hydrotherapy, **July 13-18**. In addition to seminary faculty, it will feature presenters Dr. Charles Thomas of the Desert Springs Therapy Center, Drs. Bruce Hyde and Jeff Gates of the Battle Creek Lifestyle Health Center, and Dr. Vicky Griffin, Michigan Conference Health Director. Information and registration: Fran McMullen, (269) 471-3541; fran@andrews.edu.

BAYDA Camporee

The Black Adventist Youth Directors Association (BAYDA) is planning a Pathfinder Camporee on **Aug. 5-9** at the Agape Farms Campgrounds in Mt. Union, Pennsylvania. Themed Knowin' Him through Heritage, Service, Sacrifice, Worship and Relationships, this camporee will provide its participants an unforgettable experience.

In the past, BAYDA has provided the opportunity for all youth across North America to come together and participate in the United Youth Congress. This year, BAYDA is focusing on the Pathfinder ministry with its youth activity.

In addition to the normal pin trading, drill exhibitions and other fun activities, Pathfinders will participate in neighborhood community service projects.

For more information about the camporee, visit www.camporee.bayda.org. You may also register for the camporee at www.plusline.org or call (800) 732-7587.

Sunset Table

Daylight Saving Time	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
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ALASKA CONFERENCE				
Anchorage	11:29	11:38	11:42	11:41
Fairbanks	12:22	12:39	12:47	12:43
Juneau	9:57	10:04	10:07	10:07
Ketchikan	9:22	9:28	9:32	9:32

IDAHO CONFERENCE				
Boise	9:23	9:27	9:30	9:30
La Grande	8:37	8:41	8:44	8:44
Pocatello	9:05	9:09	9:12	9:13

MONTANA CONFERENCE				
Billings	9:00	9:05	9:07	9:08
Havre	9:17	9:21	9:24	9:25
Helena	9:18	9:22	9:25	9:25
Miles City	8:52	8:57	8:59	9:00
Missoula	9:27	9:31	9:34	9:35

OREGON CONFERENCE				
Cool Bay	8:54	8:58	9:01	9:01
Medford	8:45	8:49	8:52	8:52
Portland	8:56	9:00	9:03	9:03

UPPER COLUMBIA				
Pendleton	8:41	8:45	8:48	8:49
Spokane	8:44	8:48	8:51	8:52
Walla Walla	8:41	8:45	8:48	8:48
Wenatchee	8:54	8:59	9:02	9:02
Yakima	8:52	8:56	8:59	8:59

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE				
Bellingham	9:09	9:14	9:16	9:17
Seattle	9:03	9:08	9:11	9:11

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2003 Northwest Tour



Fri., June 13 at 7:00 PM
First Church of the Nazarene
8th & Madison, Eugene, OR

Sat., June 14 at 7:30 PM
Auburn Academy Auditorium
5000 Auburn Way, Auburn, WA

Sun., June 15 at 8:00 PM
Centralia Community Church of God
3320 Borst Ave., Centralia, WA

Tues., June 17 at 7:00 PM
First Church of the Nazarene
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Wed., June 18 at 7:00 PM
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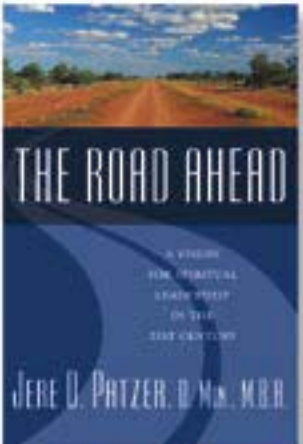
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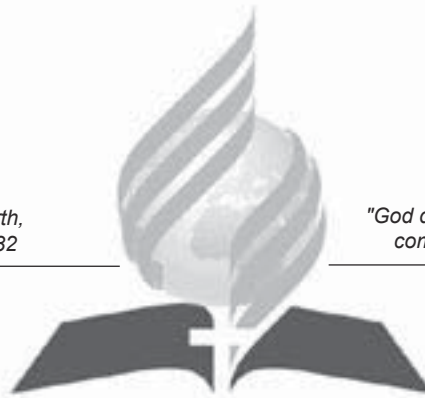


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