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*He brought streams out of a rocky crag and made water flow down like rivers.*  
PSALM 78:16 (NIV)

Photo was taken along the trail to Sol Duc Falls in the Olympic National Park by Teryl Monson, La Conner, Washington.

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The topic of same sex marriage seems to dominate the news during this political season. Digital painting by Todd Gessele.



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# They Aren't My Heroes!

BY JERE PATZER

There is something grossly distorted about our American values.

When some guy who can dribble, pass or hit a ball gets millions of dollars a year, yet away from the game is a moral degenerate and as promiscuous as a bull in a cow pasture...and when interviewed by some adoring media gal on national TV can hardly craft a string of two-syllable words to make a complete sentence...

When a business tycoon, male or female, is so ethically bereft that they have bilked their hard-working employees out of millions of their retirement dollars so that they can live in opulence so extravagant it is nearly beyond comprehension...

When a celebrity can be busted on drugs, shoplifting or other crimes yet have an adoring crowd of groupies applauding while accompanied by their slick attorneys who cavalierly pronounce their innocence...something is indeed fundamentally wrong.

No, these are not my heroes, and it's about time we demonstrate some appreciation for the real true-blue, pure-gold, unsung heroes of the world.

- People like Helen Hurst of Yakima, Washington, who told me she prays for me daily along with more than 300 other individuals on her prayer list. It takes her 45 minutes to intercede one by one in our behalf.
- People like Wes Roberts of College Place, Washington, who for many years was the sole provider for his completely handicapped wife

suffering with Alzheimer's. Every move she made from when she got up to when she went to bed was adoringly accomplished because of her husband, who says, "God has spared my life twice so that I could take care of my wife."

- People like Edna Canaday of College Place, who goes to a legally blind friend's home and reads the *Adventist Review* and other literature to her for four hours every week.
- People like our Pathfinder leaders, some of whom have served 25 years or more. Boarding academy faculty and staff with their 24/7 schedule of loving service. Deacons that serve the church, and ladies who prepare the wonderful potlucks. Community service volunteers and church bee attendees...and the list goes on and on.

Those of you who perform these seemingly mundane and unnoticed random acts of love are the true heroes. No, you aren't on the cover of newsstand magazines or featured on *Entertainment Tonight*. But in the big scope of eternal things, you and thousands like you in the Northwest are my heroes. We love and appreciate you. More importantly, so does the Lord.

Remember, inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brothers, you have done it unto Me. May your kind increase! •

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Jere Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference president, writes from Vancouver, Washington.

## Did You Know?

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish.*

—HEBREWS 12:1-2 [NLT]

The Olympics



**The Olympic flame is rekindled every two years in Olympia, Greece, using the sun's rays and a concave reflective mirror.**



- Beginning with the first written record of the ancient Olympic Games in 776 B.C., the games were held in Olympia, Greece, for almost 12 centuries.
- The five interlocking rings of the Olympic flag symbolize the five populated continents of the world (Africa, Australia, Asia, Europe and the Americas) "linked together in friendship." Olympics founder Pierre de Coubertin claimed that at least one of the rings colors (blue, yellow, black, green and red, along with the white background) were present at that time in each country's flag.  
*Source: [www.infoplease.com](http://www.infoplease.com)*
- Ancient Greek athletes regularly received prizes worth substantial amounts of money. The word athlete is an ancient Greek word that means "one who competed for a prize" and was related to two other Greek words, athlos meaning "contest" and athlon meaning "prize."
- While Olympic victors received an olive wreath as a prize at Olympia, it is known that victors commonly received other more lucrative rewards when returning to their home city. For instance, an Olympic victor who was a citizen of Athens could expect to receive a cash award of 500 drachmai, a literal fortune in the year 600 B.C.

*Source: [www.museum.upenn.edu/new/Olympics](http://www.museum.upenn.edu/new/Olympics)*

# Should Adventists Speak Up on Marriage?

BY GREGORY W. HAMILTON  
AND ALAN J. REINACH

The images have been splashed across the news in recent months—same-sex partners beaming at the altar with hundreds more lined up, ready and waiting to become legally joined in marriage.

When the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court allowed the issuance of marriage licenses to gay partners in November 2003, an already thorny issue blossomed into national prominence. Now, as the nation heads toward November elections, the legal battle has spread. By the end of this year, an estimated 30 states will have considered constitutional prohibitions to gay marriage. At least seven of those states, including Oregon, may include a vote on same-sex marriage on their November ballots.

While Adventist members may understandably have differing views on this topic, many are asking where the Adventist Church stands on this increasingly divisive national issue. Is there a church-wide action plan? Or is this another one of those issues where we do a bit of ambivalent hand-wringing, express a modicum of concern to make ourselves feel a little better, and then simply continue to discuss the matter among ourselves in a spirit of stoic indifference? After all, why take a public stand if this is all prophetically inevitable anyway?

Our church has officially proclaimed a statement that affirms a heterosexual union as the only biblically approved model for marriage (go to [www.adventist.org/beliefs/statements/main\\_stat53.html](http://www.adventist.org/beliefs/statements/main_stat53.html) for the official Adventist statement on same-sex unions). But is that enough? In this politically charged year, is there something more that concerned Adventists ought to be doing?

Certainly Ellen White was proactive in her lifetime, participating in various political matters such as prohibition and abolition. She encouraged church members in Battle Creek, Michigan, to vote out of office a drunken and immoral town mayor and actively counseled Alonzo T. Jones in the effort to defeat the national Sunday-law bill. Her example makes a strong case for Adventists to avoid passive neutrality on this contemporary issue.

From a strictly theological perspective, same-sex marriage is a frontal assault on both the law and the grace of God. It is based on the premise that gays are born that way and should have full social and legal acceptance and that society should make no moral judgments about their sexual conduct. On the other hand, God's law teaches us to express our sexuality in the context of heterosexual marriage. Furthermore, His grace offers us

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the ability to live beyond mere physical and emotional instincts with the freedom to make moral choices about our conduct.

Some have argued that theological issues or religious values inserted into the debate violate the separation of church and state. But Adventists have a uniquely balanced perspective that follows Ellen White's own example. Historically, Adventists have distinguished between the first and second tables of the Ten Commandments. The first four commandments contain a person's religious obligations. These are duties owed to God alone, not to the state, and over these the state has no legitimate authority. The state should not dictate the content or practice of our faith. But the last six commandments address a person's moral duties to other people. Because these pertain to human relations, they can and should be enforced by government and law. And that includes such diverse areas as murder, theft, fraud, perjury, child abuse, and, yes, marriage and divorce.

Today, morality is often considered to be a matter of subjective opinion. Within our relativistic society, Adventists can reaffirm the eternal and objective nature of the law of God. Where some would attempt to exclude religious values from the debate, we can affirm that religious values can legitimately inform public policy, but only in the social/moral sphere. Where others would encourage the state to directly sponsor public acts of worship and devotion, we can reaffirm the separation of church and state, a balance easily lost in the passion of a national issue like gay marriage.

Is this the next great civil rights test, as some would suggest? Should all lifestyles be protected by the U.S. Constitution and the various state constitutions under the constitutional rationale of equal protection? In regard to equal protection, William E. Nelson, New York University law and history professor, observes that "a theory that the state should treat all people equally cannot mean that the state may never treat two people differently [or in the case of same-sex marriage versus heterosexual marriage, two sets of people differently] for such a theory would mean the end of all law."<sup>1</sup>

Nelson writes, "In order to sustain a principle of equality under law it is



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necessary to have some theory about when discrimination is appropriate and when it is not." Indeed, moral and social definitions do affect legal decisions, just as they did when the United States Supreme Court turned down free exercise claims in outlawing polygamy in *Reynolds v. United States* (1878).

By framing the issue as one of civil rights, homosexuals are attempting to gain sympathy for their claimed status as an oppressed minority. But this sidesteps fundamental legal questions. For example, while the law refuses to answer whether or not gays are "born that way," it does legitimately address the legal limits of claims for equal protection and how people should act in reference to each other. So it's appropriate for a state or civil government to be discriminating in its decisions on what is an acceptable practice.

Those who equate gay marriage with the civil rights movement inappropriately ignore the important issues of moral limitation. For example, a small child may be born selfish, but if, when an adult, he is caught stealing, he will be punished according to the law. That is a moral judgment well within the right of the state—and based on a very old religious foundation within scripture. We would consider it ludicrous for that individual to protest the judgment by claiming that they had the right to steal because they

were naturally selfish. The judge would say, "The law cannot answer whether or not you were born selfish, but it does say clearly that you do not have protection under the law to act on those impulses."

Regardless of how the issue is eventually decided in the courts and voter initiatives, Adventist voices should be heard in a positive way. Gay activists like to point out traditional marriages and families in crisis. Isn't it better, they ask, to have a committed same-sex couple with children than a heterosexual marriage and traditional family broken apart by strife? Yet replacing a broken relationship with a lifestyle out of harmony with scripture is not the answer. And neither is campaigning against gay marriage while avoiding the dysfunction at the core of many "straight" families.

Adventists should be known more for their tireless work in strengthening biblically based marriages than they are for a stand against gay marriage. And, if Adventists join with other church or community groups to inform and educate the public, that advocacy should never slip into the vernacular of bigotry and hate. Our world needs less darkness and more light.

So, what if after the elections are over, gay marriage becomes a legally approved way of life for America? Will it be time for Adventists and other Christians to fold their tents and go home? Not at all. A darkening world will need the light more than ever. And while our voices should be heard in legislative halls, Adventists must recognize what Ellen White understood—that legislation will never change hearts. We should continue to lift Jesus up as the ultimate hope of our world and His Spirit as the power in each changed life. •

<sup>1</sup> Nelson, William E. *The Fourteenth Amendment: From Political Principle to Judicial Doctrine*, p. 138. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 1995.

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# Northwest Spirit



## BIG SKY, BIG LAND, BIG HEARTS

RANCH LAND BORDERS the eastern slope of Montana's Rocky Mountains. It's a big land with big skies and deep coulees. It's a dry land of rolling prairie sparsely populated by individuals with roots deeply planted in its rocky soil.

The Harris family moved near the prairie town of Fairfield, Montana, in 1902. When Dick Harris was born in 1912, it was still the frontier. Even though he went to school only through the eighth grade, he thought it was enough at the time. As he grew up, he had been on the prairie so much that he did not know how to talk with women, did not know how to act around them and was afraid to meet them. "We were simply not civilized," he says.

A neighboring rancher hired a sheepherder who was a retired missionary to Africa. This fascinating storyteller captured Dick's interest each day and always gave him a pamphlet after their visits. These pamphlets contained sermons on the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, the second coming of Jesus, death, Satan and the seventh-day Sabbath. "Reading those pamphlets changed my outlook on life completely," Dick says. When he was 23, he was baptized, and then, he says, he started to become "civilized."

One day the principal of Mt. Ellis Academy (MEA) told Dick that he would work it out so that Dick could graduate in three years if he enrolled. Dick took him up on the offer and graduated in 1938. He went on to study at Walla Walla College (WWC) for two quarters before coming back to the ranching life.

Betty Duffy lived on a ranch with her folks about 30 miles from Lewistown, Montana. When it came time for her to go to high school, the family either had to move to town or she would have to board, so she went to Great Falls to live with her Adventist grandmother. On Sabbath, Dick would

drive about 30 miles to the nearest Adventist church, which was in Great Falls, and there Dick and Betty met and fell in love. His car didn't have a heater, so they decided to get married before winter set in. They married in September 1940.

Dick filed for a homestead overlooking Freezeout Lake and built a cabin. Realizing that he could not make a living on the acreage of one homestead, Dick started buying land as it became available—some for a dollar an acre—and built his ranch a piece at a time over a number of years. They raised sheep and cattle and sold the lambs and calves for cash, but even at a dollar an acre it was a struggle to pay for the land. "In spite of lack of money, we had gardens and lived pretty well," Dick remembers.

Dick and Betty believed in Adventist education and sponsored a one-room school on their ranch for their children, Phil, Wesley, Keith and Louella. The school usually had six to eight students, including cousins, the teacher's child and other Adventist kids. Phil still believes that they got just as good an education as at any place else.

That must have been the case because all of them graduated from MEA. Dick says, "Because I took the principal's offer to go to Mt. Ellis and got through in three years, even though I was 23 years old, my experience at Mt. Ellis was impressive enough that I sent my kids there—all of them. The way it worked out and the way they put up with me, I got a Christian education, and I am glad I did." Sadly, Wesley was killed in an airplane crash when he was 22. The other three went on to graduate from WWC.

Phil, Keith and Louella met their spouses (all Gem State Adventist Academy alumni) at WWC, and they in turn sent their children to MEA, with the exception of one who went to Upper Columbia Academy.

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Several years ago the family of Dick and Betty Harris gathered at the site of the original homestead cabin for a family portrait.



Phil must open several fence gates on his way to check on the cattle.



Arlene planted several special prayer gardens in her yard and invited the women of Fairfield to come to those gardens on Tuesday morning or evening to pray for their families, friends and community. She says that this has been the most successful and rewarding outreach with which she has ever been involved.



Phil and Keith talk over the tasks that need to be done for the day.

Arlene, Phil's wife, says, "One blessing that God has given to this ranch is that we have been able to educate our kids, and our kids have been our priority."

For each of the last 20 years, a Harris family member has attended MEA. Denver, Phil and Arlene's youngest child, was the last of this third generation to graduate when he finished his studies this year.

Phil, who graduated with a business degree, says that the only thing he ever had any interest in doing was ranching, and he made that decision when he was 5 years old.

Keith jokes that he is a rancher because he did not have anything else to do but adds that everything he studied for his industrial arts degree he uses on the ranch. "We are sometimes accused of being workaholics, but all we are doing is out there playing all day," Keith says.

Gayle, Keith's wife, echoes her husband's sentiment. "We don't need to go on vacation because we are on vacation all the time," she says with a twinkle in her eye.

In addition to their lives on the ranch, Arlene and Gayle own Superior Business Equipment, an office-machine business in Great Falls that provides sales and service in north-central Montana.



**Dick and Betty Harris have created a legacy of Christian education in their ranch family.**

Phil and Keith work the ranch themselves with their own machinery. They do all of the repair work themselves and have taught mechanical skills to their sons. The ranch's money-producing crops include calves, wheat and hay.

One of the reasons that they have been able to stay in business is that their children started working at a young age. Keith and Gayle's youngest child, Eric, joshes, "I could adapt to slave labor—I've gotten used to it."

"They know that they are needed and important, and it is important for a kid to be able to contribute something to the family," Gayle explains.

In addition to raising their four sons, Phil and Arlene have extended their sense of family to troubled kids. They provided a home for the very first Project Patch kid before there was the Project Patch Ranch and have kept about a dozen of them through the years. Keith and Gayle have also sheltered several kids. When Arlene asked these kids about the difference between their families and hers, their answer was unanimous: "You sit down at a table and eat meals together." This was something these kids had never done, and it meant a lot to them.

In the end, Arlene and the rest of this multigenerational family with big hearts just thank the Lord every single day from sunup to sundown for the chance to carve their own lives into the rolling hills under His big, blue sky. •

*Richard Dower, GLEANER editor, writes from Vancouver, Washington.*



**Keith says that everything he learned for his degree in industrial arts he uses on the ranch, including how to use a metal lathe.**

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BY RENÉ DRUMM

“H e was the sweetest man when we were dating,” Sally confided as she looked back on her 10-year marriage to Bob. “Bob seemed to change, starting on the honeymoon. But I didn’t really notice, I was so naïve and in love. Now, understanding more about abusive relationships, that first incident on the honeymoon I can see set the tone for what was to come.

“It was the second night we were married, and we went out to this great restaurant to eat. I put on a special new dress that my friends went together to buy for me. I loved it, and my friends said I looked great in it. When I put it on, Bob wasn’t as happy as I’d hoped. Then, that evening as we were eating, Bob became more and more sullen. I couldn’t figure out what was going on. Then Bob said, ‘That guy over there is looking at you. Do you know him?’ We were a thousand miles from home. I knew no one.

“No, of course not,” I answered. “What’s wrong?” Bob replied, ‘It’s just that dress makes you look so good. All the men are staring at you.’ We ate most of the meal in silence as Bob continued brooding.

“When we got to the room,

I wanted to talk things out and reassure Bob that I loved only him, but it was not to be. Bob started talking in an angry but controlled tone of voice that I hadn’t heard before about how we’ve only been married one day and I’m already after other men. Bob began getting louder and more out of control about what a bad person I was and how my friends who helped me get the dress just wanted to break us up.

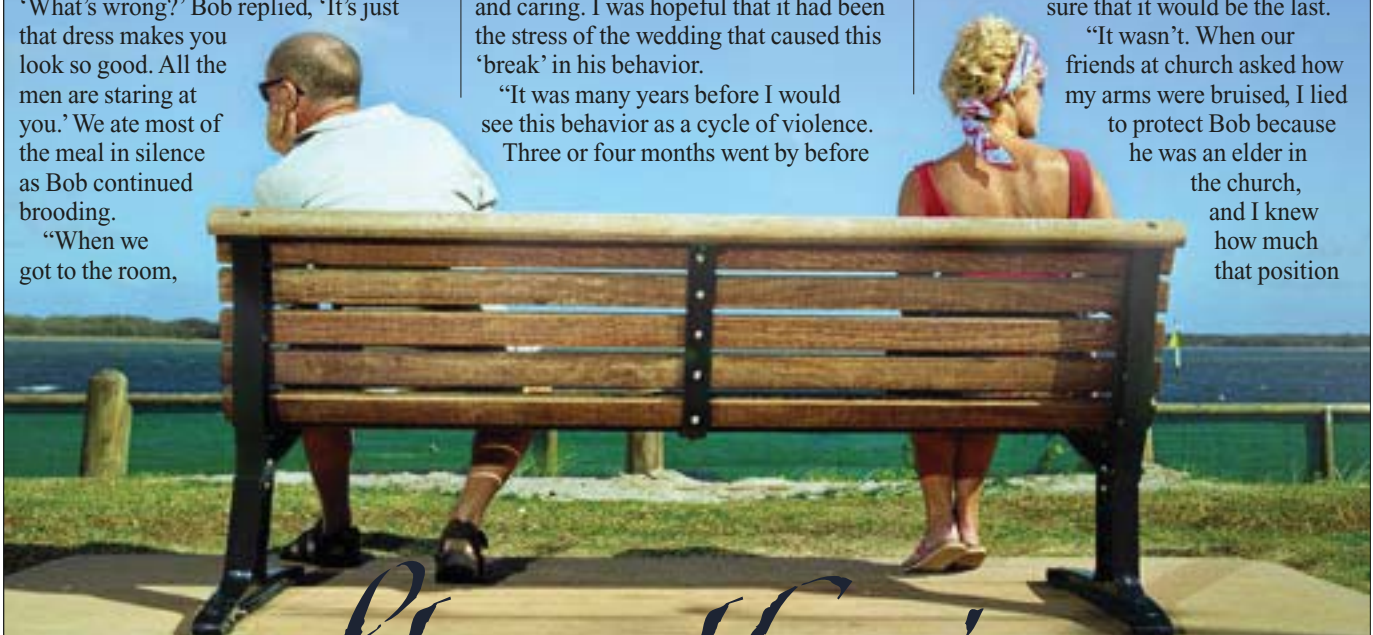
“I remember feeling terrified and confused. I did not know what to do. I prayed silently, of course, but beyond that, I had no clue about what was happening. When Bob’s anger grew to yelling, he stood up and grabbed my arms and squeezed them so tight I cried out. Holding me with one hand, Bob grabbed the dress and ripped it off from me. He said, ‘There, now we won’t have to worry about you flaunting yourself anymore.’ I started to cry, and Bob comforted me. He suddenly became like his old self—loving and caring. I was hopeful that it had been the stress of the wedding that caused this ‘break’ in his behavior.

“It was many years before I would see this behavior as a cycle of violence. Three or four months went by before

Bob blew up again, but this time he threw a plate of food at me. He said I was a horrible cook and that he wasn’t going to eat ‘slop.’

“Close to a year after we were married, the first physical incident happened. We went to another couple’s house for their child’s birthday celebration, and the women retreated to the kitchen after the meal to clean up. We finished cleaning up and I could see Bob was brewing, but I had no idea what could possibly be going on. I thought we were having a good time, and I went out of my way to stay as far away from other men as possible. When we reached home, Bob became enraged. He said that I had ignored him and purposely snubbed him at the party and for that I needed to be punished. He slapped my face so hard I was stunned. Bob punched me in the chest and stomach, and I fell down, pleading for him to stop. This time, Bob cried with me in the aftermath of the beating, and I was sure that it would be the last.

“It wasn’t. When our friends at church asked how my arms were bruised, I lied to protect Bob because he was an elder in the church, and I knew how much that position



# Strengthening ADVENTIST Families

*A Needs Assessment on Abusive Relationships*

# Resources for Victims

## NATIONAL RESOURCES

### Domestic Violence Hotlines:

(800) 799-SAFE, (800) 787-3224, (800) 656-HOPE

### Helpful Web Sites

www.womenindistress.com/shelters.html: General information about intimate partner violence

www.ndvh.org: The National Domestic Violence Hotline Web site

www.vawnet.org: National Electronic Network on Violence Against Women

www.aardvarc.org: An Abuse, Rape, Domestic Violence Aid and Resource Collection

www.4woman.gov/violence/state.cfm: National Women's Health Information Center

www.safe4all.org: Web site for those who typically fall between the cracks of domestic violence services

www.batteredmenshelpline.org: Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men

## STATE RESOURCES FOR VICTIMS

### Alaska

Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, 130 Seward St., Room 501 Juneau, AK 99801

Phone: (907) 586-3650  
FAX: (907) 463-4493  
Hotline: (907) 272-0100

www.andvsa.org

### Idaho

The Idaho Coalition Against Sexual/Domestic Violence, 200 North Fourth St., Suite 10-K Boise, ID 83702

Phone: (208) 384-0419  
FAX: (208) 331-0687  
(888) 293-6118

### Montana

Montana Coalition Against Domestic Violence P.O. Box 752, Bozeman, MT 59715

(406) 586-7689  
(888) 404-7794  
(800) 655-7867

www.mcadv.com

### Oregon

Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Portland, Oregon 97209

(503) 223-7411  
(888) 235-5333

www.ocadv.com

### Washington

Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Tumwater, WA 98501

(206) 352-4029  
Hotline: (800) 562-6025

www.wscadv.org

meant to him. Soon after that first physical incident, I became pregnant, and Bob said that now we were forever tied by a bloodline, that we would be together forever. The veiled threat was always present. I should not leave him, 'or else.' Just what 'or else' meant, I didn't know, but I was scared to find out. I stayed with him until he began abusing our son. Then, I knew I had to leave."

**Table 1. Negative Actions Between Marital Partners—Top Five Actions**

Has this EVER happened to you in an adult intimate relationship?	Percent of Respondents
Told you what to do and expected obedience	44%
Insulted, swore at you, or called you names	40%
Ignored or discounted your accomplishments or activities	33%
Made big family and household decisions without consulting you	28%
Limited your involvement with others	28%

### The Northwest Abuse Study

This heartbreaking story leaves us questioning what can be done to help women and men in abusive situations. What can the church do to minister to its hurting members? The North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) and the Upper Columbia Conference (UCC), in groundbreaking efforts to combat abuse and strengthen Adventist families, have undertaken two significant steps to address these issues.

Through a grant from the Steven's Foundation, the NPUC leadership authorized a union-wide study conducted by the Institute for the Prevention of Addiction housed on the Andrews University campus. At the conclusion of the study, UCC

**Table 2. Help-seeking Behaviors**

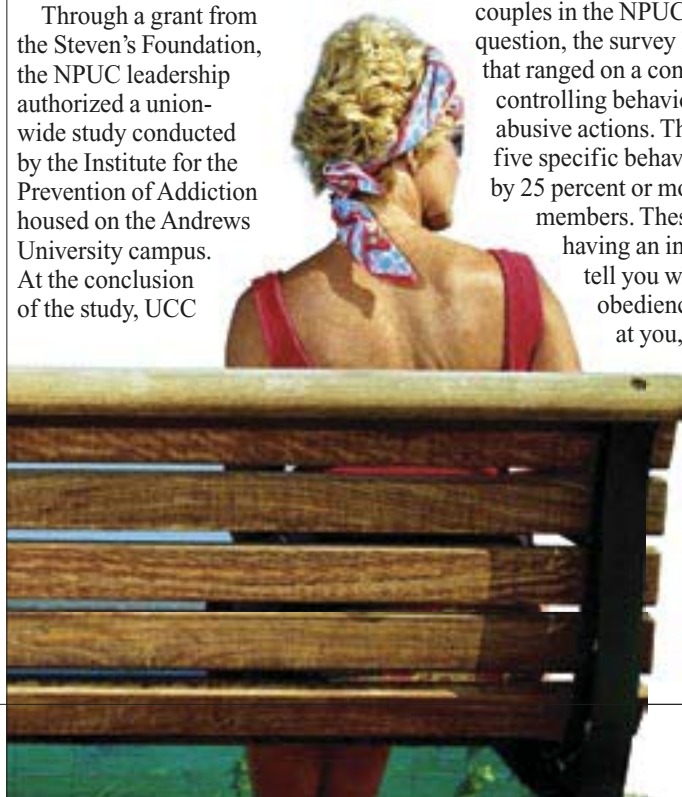
In difficult times, what have you done to help yourself?	Actions that people tried most often
Prayed about it	97%
Talked the situation over with the person	81%
Talked it over with a friend	76%
Talked it over with a relative	64%
Talked it over with a church member	59%
Went to see the pastor	44%
Went to a professional counselor	43%
Bought a self-help book about it	42%

has responded by providing office space for an exciting new ministry to coordinate all efforts for abused church members. This new ministry, Polly's Place Network is led by executive director Mable Dunbar, who also serves as the UCC women's ministries coordinator.

As promised in the November 2003 issue of the GLEANER, this article reports findings from the Strengthening Adventist Families study. The following results are based on 1,431 responses from church members. Because of the comprehensive nature of the survey, only highlights of the findings will be presented here, but a full report will be available in December by contacting Rene Drumm, project director<sup>1</sup>.

While many denominations hesitate to examine domestic violence among their members, the leadership of the NPUC made the bold decision to bring these issues out of secrecy and deal with whatever the results revealed. The first research question the survey addressed was, "What is the prevalence of abusive behaviors that happen between Adventist couples in the NPUC?" To answer this question, the survey listed 30 behaviors that ranged on a continuum from controlling behaviors to physically abusive actions. The results revealed five specific behaviors experienced by 25 percent or more of the church members. These behaviors included having an intimate partner: (1) tell you what to do and expect obedience; (2) insult, swear at you, or call you names;

(3) ignore or discount your accomplishments or activities; (4) make big family and household decisions without consulting you; and (5) limit your involvement with others.



In looking at these five most common negative behaviors, we can see that they primarily represent controlling and emotionally abusive actions. These types of controlling and emotionally abusive actions are often precursors for more violent and unhealthy behaviors<sup>2</sup>. While the greatest percentage of negative behaviors between intimate partners is not physically abusive, it implies that Adventist church members experience hurtful relationship dynamics. These unhealthy dynamics need to be addressed to prevent the escalation of negative actions and promote healthier families.

Examining physical abuse, the overall rate of lifetime victimization is 19 percent for women and nine percent for men. This compares to a national rate of 22 percent for women and seven percent for men<sup>3</sup>. This rate makes sense in light of other research findings that examine perpetration of violence. These findings indicate that among women, more conservative religious views are associated with higher rates of committing violence<sup>4</sup>.

**Table 3. Actions that Helped Most in Solving the Problem**

Help-seeking Behaviors	Percent that reported the actions making a significant difference or solving the problem
Prayed about it	75%
Talked it over with a friend	49%
Went to a professional counselor	46%
Talked the situation over with the person	45%
Talked it over with a relative	43%
Talked about it with a church member	41%

While victimization is as prevalent in our church as in the world, the study participants did some things to help themselves that people without a church family were perhaps not able to do. The survey asked a series of questions about past actions that people took in times of distress. The number-one, most common action people took to help themselves in difficult times was prayer. It is reassuring to know that in times of distress, our church members seek divine help as a

first resort. Other things that at least 40 percent of the respondents said that they did in difficult times included talking the situation over with the person, talking it over with a friend, talking it over with a relative, talking it over with a church member, going to see the pastor, going to a professional counselor, and buying a self-help book about it.

Knowing what kinds of things people did to help themselves is useful because the primary predictor of future behavior is past behavior. Understanding the pathways people were already taking to help themselves offers insight into how to best fashion new initiatives that will be a natural fit.

Besides knowing the actions that people took to help themselves in times of difficulty, the study sought to understand just how helpful those actions were. The study found that not all of the most-used actions that people took proved to be the most helpful. Here we see that praying was the most relied-on action and that was also the most helpful in solving the problem. Talking the situation over directly with the person was much less helpful than people hoped, while talking the situation over with a friend and going to a professional counselor offered greater assistance.

While it is important to know what actions people have taken to help themselves and how helpful those actions are, it is also important to open up new possibilities for handling difficulties and for healing. The survey asked what respondents might do or recommend for themselves or a close friend in an abusive situation if the option was available. The most agreed-on activity was to encourage children to participate in abuse prevention programs. More than half of the respondents said they “would definitely” support such a program.

Other activities that more than 40 percent of the survey participants said they would definitely try included attending a church-sponsored workshop in strengthening relationships, talking to the pastor about the problem if he or

she has specialized training in abusive issues, and reading books about violence supplied by the church.

The initial step available to church members in need is to call toll-free (877) 2POLLYS ((887) 276-5597) or visit [www.pollysplacenet.com](http://www.pollysplacenet.com). Church leaders wanted to have a professional resource in place as this report was released. In establishing Polly’s Place Network, it is now possible for individuals to have the immediate professional response to guide them in strengthening their Adventist families. •

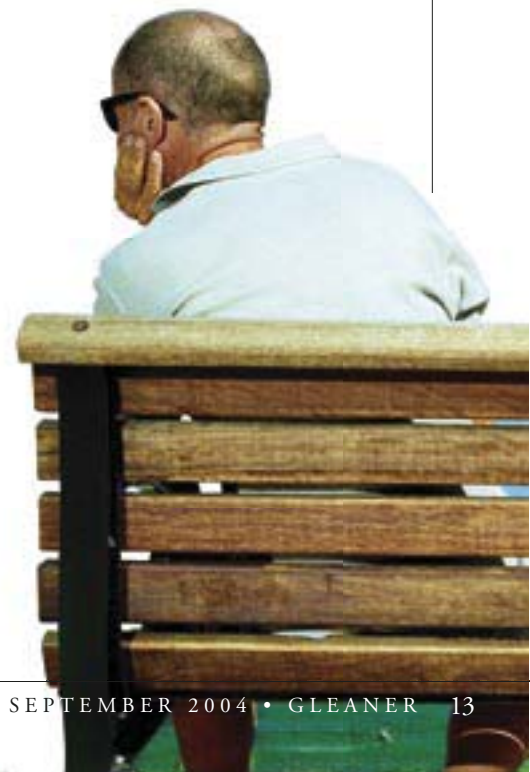
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*René Drumm, the principal investigator for this study, writes from Collegedale, Tennessee.*



**Table 4. Activities for Program Planning**

If the church offered these programs, in which ones would you most likely participate?	Would Definitely	Might Use	Would Not Use
Encourage children to participate in abuse prevention programs	58%	36%	6%
Attend a church-sponsored workshop in strengthening relationships	49%	43%	8%
Talk to the pastor about the problem if he/she has specialized training in abusive issues	47%	43%	10%
Read books about violence supplied by the church	41%	47%	12%

# Fresh Start

## Gold Medal Faith

**A**mid all the hoopla surrounding the Olympics, my mind drifts back to the last summer games. That's when we witnessed what has been dubbed the single greatest upset in Olympic history. On September 27, 2000, 29-year-old Rulon Gardner, who grew up on a Wyoming dairy farm, walked into the Exhibition Hall in Sydney, Australia. That's when the "Miracle on the Mat" happened—he pocketed a gold medal after defeating the world's greatest wrestler of all time, Russian Alexander Karelin.

Mind you, this Russian had never lost in international competition. He'd never even been scored on in 10 years! He pummeled opponents despite broken ribs, torn muscles and opposing coaches who spent years strategizing just to beat him. Alexander was considered the most intimidating athlete in Olympic history, so feared by opponents that two prior finalists essentially quit on the mat rather than absorb the pounding. And, according to legend, the Russian once carried a refrigerator home from the store and up seven flights of stairs.

So no one expected the American to win. In fact, the International Olympic Committee chairman even showed up at the match in order to present the Russian his fourth gold medal—a medal he wouldn't get.

After the historic match, reporters swarmed around Rulon. "When did you think

you could beat him?" they asked.

"When did I think I could beat him? About 10 minutes ago," he replied. "I kept saying, 'I think I can. I think I can.' But it wasn't until it was over that I knew I could."

Turns out that Rulon used a simple strategy to counter Alexander's dreaded lifts and relentless pressure. He approached the match with only two things on his mind: stay focused and hang on. And for nine excruciating minutes, that's exactly what he did. Now Rulon is a legendary hero.

When you think about it, Rulon's strategy is one that extends beyond the wrestling mat. After all, it's easy to lose our focus in the spiritual battle that we all must fight. In the end, "staying focused" and "hanging on" is the stuff of which spiritual legends are made.

One spiritual hero, Abraham, comes to mind. Scripture records this about him: "By faith Abraham...

made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God" (Hebrews 11:8–10, NIV).

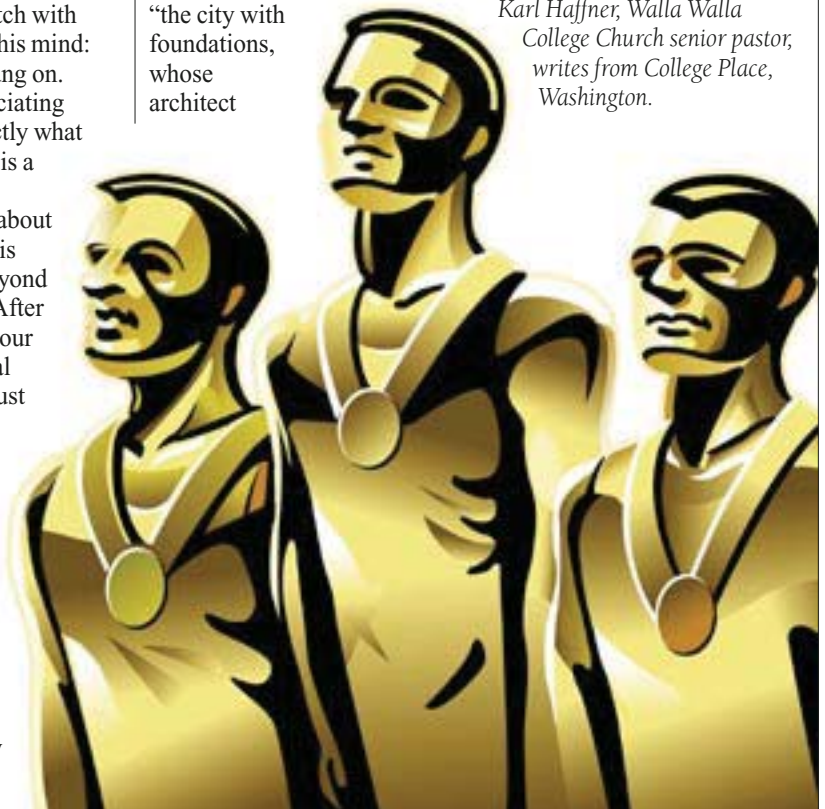
Notice what Abraham focused on: "the city with foundations, whose architect

and builder is God." That's a good thing to remember the next time you get beat up in life. When Mom grounds you without really listening to your story, when your friend leaks a nasty secret about you in church, when cancer claims your father—don't despair.

Stay focused. Hang on. The day is coming when the brutal battle will be over. Jesus will explode in the eastern sky, and He will wipe away every tear from your eye. He will put an end to death, crying and pain (see Revelation 21). And we will ascend to heaven—victorious in Christ Jesus!

Even so, come, Lord Jesus! •

*Karl Haffner, Walla Walla College Church senior pastor, writes from College Place, Washington.*



## How We Came to Be so Far

Linda Jiheng, who grew up as a jungle girl in Borneo and now lives in Alaska would like to share her story.

"I was born an Adventist in an Adventist village/longhouse that was totally separate at the side of the big pagan village from which my parents were kicked out when they converted to Adventism.

*"Even the officer at the U.S. Embassy, couldn't believe it. He said, 'It's like a miracle!'"*

"So I grew up totally in the jungle, no electricity or nothing until I was about 13 years old when I went to a public school in town.

"After getting married my husband became Islamic, and it affected my life and my boys. We got divorced and for 10 years after my divorce I had a hard life—having my boys only on weekends to come with me to church.

"Jim Miller and I met on the Internet.... Jim was the first person I met online. Jim asked me, 'So what's your hobby, what are you like?'"

**Linda Jiheng, while living in Borneo, met her husband, Jim Miller, over the Internet while he lived in Barrow, Alaska.**

"So I said, 'Well, I'm Adventist, I don't smoke. I don't drink.'

"He replied, 'I'm Adventist too!'"

"We dated online and were married at the Sunnyside Adventist Church in Sarawak on the island of Borneo.

"In Borneo, which is part of Malaysia, it is unheard of for a Muslim man to let go of his boys to a non-Muslim. The time came when my boys were about to turn 12 years old and at that time they are required to have identity cards made. Once you are a Muslim in Malaysia, you cannot unconvert—and it shows in your identity card for life.

"Their I.D. cards were destined to have my boys' Muslim names on them, unless a miracle happened. The church members in Barrow prayed about it as did my Adventist friends and relatives in Borneo.

"Next the improbable happened. My ex-husband asked my boys which name they wanted to



**Linda Jiheng grew up as a jungle girl in Borneo and now lives in Barrow, Alaska, with her new husband, Jim Miller, and her sons.**

register, and both requested that their Christian names be used. He said okay.... In just one week's time, they both had visas that would permit them to accompany me back to Barrow.

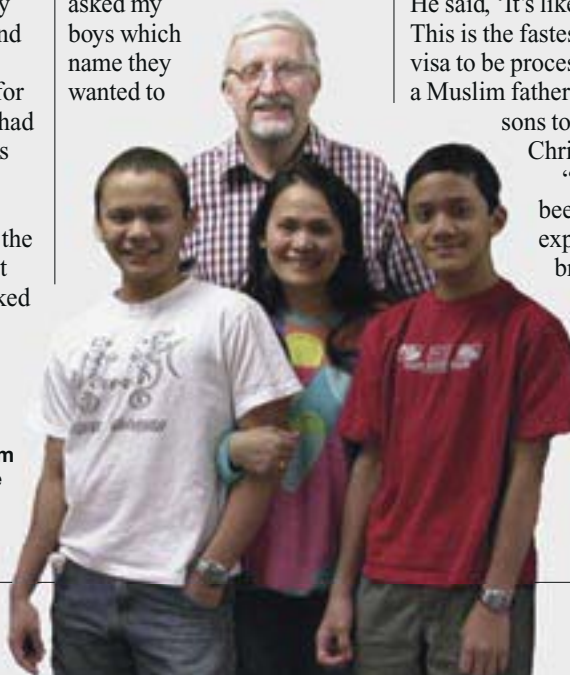
"Even the officer at the U.S. Embassy, couldn't believe it. He said, 'It's like a miracle! This is the fastest and first visa to be processed where a Muslim father allowed his sons to choose to be Christians.'

"It has been quite an experience bringing the boys here to Barrow. It was the first time four months ago for the boys to see

and touch snow! They came from where it's 90 degrees everyday to 65 degrees below zero. They helped build the igloo you saw in the *Northwest Spotlight on Mission* DVD presentation. After watching the locals struggle with ice saws to cut blocks of snow out of a drift, they came in and got their jungle machetes and began chopping blocks. Nobody up here had ever seen knives so big! The community of Barrow has really embraced us. My boys really enjoy being Adventist.

"All these things are possible because of the prayers of the Adventist group in Barrow and Borneo. And that's how we came to be so far." •

*As told to Todd Gessele, NPUC associate communication director and Northwest Spotlight on Mission producer*



## Motocross Riders *Fly High on Life*

Vrooommm! Flying up the dirt course and over the stage, eight motocross riders were greeted with cheers from more than 900 middle- and high-school students gathered at the Malheur County Fairgrounds, which had been transformed into a motocross track. Community Crusade Against Drug Abuse (CCADA), with help from the MX Power Team, several local businesses

“say yes to life and live life drug free!” Students from Gem State Adventist Academy (GSAA) and members of the MX Power Team presented skits demonstrating how drugs and alcohol affect not just your life, but the lives of those around you. One message that came through was that it’s okay to hold your friends accountable and to talk with them about their choices.

Bonson’s passion comes from his own experience as a teenager moving to harder and harder drugs. One night, he had a bad experience with drugs and decided that he needed to quit before he ended up dead. Bonson understands that drug use often starts with small, seemingly harmless habits. Not using drugs is a choice each person has to make regardless of their friends’ influence.

Another member of the MX Power Team, Robert Forbes, a taskforce worker for GSAA outreach ministries last school year, grew up in a Jamaican home with a father who drank, smoked marijuana and physically abused his family. An older brother, through the use of marijuana and crack, fried his brain. Forbes determined not to do drugs and alcohol as he saw firsthand how they destroyed his family.

After the skits and presentations, the motocross riders started up their bikes. They circled the track over and over, flying high over



Craig Bonson, Becky Bonson, David Kamo, Adam Bonson and Teri Bonson pose in front of the drug-prevention education trailer.

the course to the cheers of the students. After their demonstration, they rode onto the stage, introduced themselves and gave their reasons for living a drug-free life. One rider said all his friends were drug-free, which was a major motivating factor for him. Afterward, the riders met with the students to sign autographs and talk.

Several local agencies had booths providing positive information on how to make the right choices and stick with them. One local auto dealer, Gentry Ford, donates the use of a pickup truck to haul CCADA’s trailer, which contains exhibits and information on drugs and

alcohol. Each student was handed a bottle of water provided by the sponsors, which reminded them to “Say Yes to Life!”

Bonson, his family and his motocross riders also shared their message with the Pathfinders at the Faith on Fire Camporee in Oshkosh, Wis., in August.

CCADA involves more than 60 people, including 10 church members. For more information about CCADA and the MX Power Team, visit [www.mxpowerteam.com](http://www.mxpowerteam.com) or call (208) 230-1888. •

*Eve Rusk, Idaho Conference communication department administrative assistant*



Eve Rusk

**Flying high across the stage, a member of the MX Power Team and the Community Crusade Against Drug Abuse entertains the audience with the message of a drug-free life.**

and the Malheur County Commission on Children and Families, arranged for two sessions for local students to learn the benefits of living a drug- and alcohol-free lifestyle. A third evening session was open to the public.

Craig Bonson, CCADA president and Vale, Ore., church member, has a passion for teaching young people to

**GSAA students join Craig Bonson in leading the students in a cheer.**



Eve Rusk



## Mt. Ellis Academy Diversifies

**M**t. Ellis Academy has always welcomed students from various corners of the globe. In recent years a number of students from the Caribbean have chosen to winter in Montana. International students certainly add flavor and new perspectives to a school.



**Korean student Kyung Mu Min participates in varsity basketball.**

This year the academic program will be expanded with the addition of an ESL (English as a Second Language) program to better accommodate our international friends whose beginning English skills make it difficult to be successful in the regular academic program. Faculty member Anita Strawn de Ojeda will be moving into the role of ESL teacher and international student coordinator.

It is anticipated that about 12 students from Korea will be joining the Mt. Ellis family this school year. They will be paired with student mentors and host families from the community.

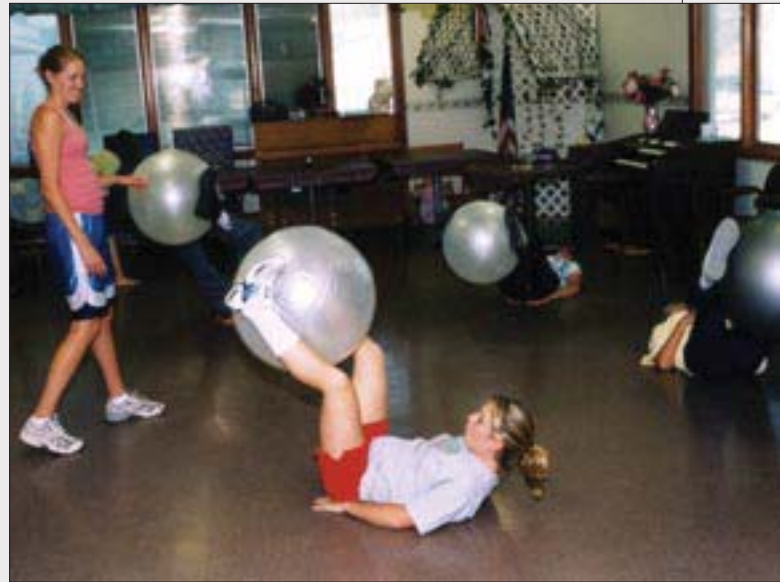
The ESL program promises to offer enriching, cross-cultural friendships for students. It also will help to increase the enrollment and the financial health of the school.

As with every other program of the school, the primary goal is to help kids encounter Jesus—from wherever they come. Last school year nine Mt. Ellis students made decisions for Christ through baptism. •

*Darren Wilkins, MEA principal*



**Caribbean islanders Terrance Peiters and Rolston Engelhart try snow boarding for the first time at the Mt. Ellis ski hill.**



**Kim Unterseher (center, on floor) leads the group using exercise balls during the seminar that she and Jenda Jones (left, standing) presented at the Roundup Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home.**

## Roundup Church Hosts Exercise Seminar

**T**he Roundup (Mont.) Church hosted a two-day exercise seminar at the the Roundup Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home in July.

The class was taught by Kim Unterseher and Jenda Jones. Unterseher holds a bachelor's degree in physical education and health from Walla Walla College (WWC). Jones is a junior physical therapy major at WWC. Both were employed during the summer by the Montana Conference summer youth ministries program.

Jones' presentation during the first evening offered information about the benefits of exercise, how to fit exercise into a busy schedule, and how to design a successful

program. She and Unterseher then demonstrated some exercises.

On the second evening, Unterseher and Jones led participants through a circuit-training regimen that involved the various muscle groups of the body and brought each person to their target heart rate. The regimen included the use of exercise balls and free weights.

The exercise seminar followed two other health-related seminars hosted by the church, including the Eight Weeks to Wellness program and a four-session healthy cooking seminar. •

*Elmer E. Dow, Roundup Church pastor*

## Gladstone Camp Meeting *Impacts People of All Ages*

Gladstone Camp Meeting provides an exciting time for friends and families to come together for fellowship and spiritual rejuvenation every July. This year was no exception.

Featured evening speaker Morris Venden provided insights into God's incredible grace. Ty Gibson, featured morning speaker, presented two three-part seminars that explored the power of God's love and the beauty of His character.

Additionally, the variety of workshops was incredible. From "Life in the Middle of a Stress Sandwich" to "No One Left Behind," there was something for everyone.

Health ministries' featured speaker Gordon Botting, Northern California Conference health ministries director, gave his seminar attendees tools enabling them to take control of their lives and to reduce everyday stress. Many were so impressed with what they learned that they planned to take information back to their churches for community outreach.

Family ministries witnessed lives being changed and broken relationships being mended during the week. "People have no idea of the pain carried on these grounds," said Harvey Corwin, Oregon Conference family ministries director. Harvey and Kathy Corwin and their team spent

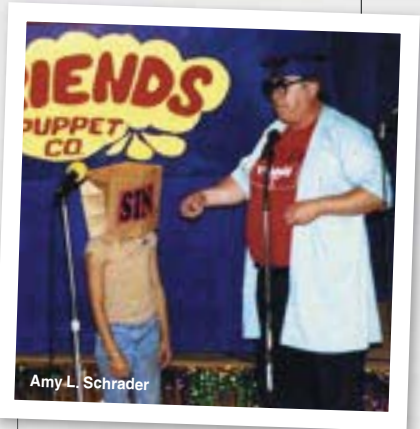
countless hours praying and counseling with hurting families.

During the morning meetings parenting was emphasized. Afternoons and the Sabbath School program focused on anger and depression. "Attendance was very good," Kathy Corwin reported. For each session, 300 handouts had been prepared, and by the end of the sessions, all the handouts were gone.

"We have big plans for next year," says Harvey Corwin. "Kay Kuzma will be here

for the morning meetings. We're still working on the afternoon speakers."

Women's ministries also saw lives touched by God in amazing ways during the week. Inspired by Adly Campos' meetings, three women have chosen to step out in faith and are pursuing avenues to speak for an evangelistic series. One of those women is now scheduled to go to India. At the end of the meetings, a dedication prayer was given with many women going forward.



Amy L. Schrader

The primary department featured many exciting programs.

Sherri Uhrig, Oregon Conference children's ministries director, knows the children's ministries team made a difference in the lives of the approximately 987 children age 10 and younger who participated in Gladstone Camp Meeting this year.

"During the Sabbath evening meeting, children ages 7-10 were given the opportunity to give their hearts to Jesus, and many responded," she said.

For more camp meeting memories, photographs and stories, please visit [www.OregonConference.org](http://www.OregonConference.org).

Amy L. Schrader,  
Oregon Conference  
communication director

Camp meeting is a time to leave cares behind and focus on family, friends and spiritual rejuvenation.



Amy L. Schrader

Auva Spicer and Colby Stites, dressed as blood droplets, encouraged camp meeting attendees to give blood at the annual Red Cross Blood Drive. In total, 85 potential blood donors signed up to participate and 65 units of blood were collected.



Amy L. Schrader

## Suspicious Fire Damages Gresham Church

Charles Downing, Gresham (Ore.) Church head deacon, received a jolting phone call at 1:46 a.m. on July 22. Someone had just broken into the church, and the motion-detector sensors were activated.

Downing quickly roused and headed to the church. However, once there he discovered the “burglar” was the fire department responding to the flames devouring the fellowship hall/gymnasium and causing up to \$250,000 in

damage. Fortunately, no one was injured.

A filled trashcan at the back of the fellowship hall appeared to be the fire’s source. Flames crawled up the side of the building and spread into the attic. “The firefighters had to cut a vent hole in the gable end of the building. Then they filled it with water,” Downing said. He turned off the alarm, and five minutes later the soggy wallboard and insulation from the ceiling collapsed, barely missing firefighters and destroying the church’s new lights, tables, and chairs. “If the fire had gone about another five minutes, we would have lost the entire building,” Downing said.

The building is salvageable, according to Nancy Daily, Oregon Conference human resources and risk management director. “The fire department did cut some holes in the ceiling, but a lot of the damage was caused by the water,” she



Nancy Daily

A fire of suspicious origins damaged the fellowship hall of the Gresham Church in July.



Nancy Daily

Fire and water damaged the Gresham Church fellowship hall.

explained. “We’re cooperating with the authorities investigating the situation.”

Downing’s first thought was that the fire was set purposefully. Police share his suspicions. Two other fires

were started that night in Gresham, but this one was the largest. •

Amy L. Schrader,  
Oregon Conference  
communication director

## Hillsboro Primaries Bring Creation into 3-D

Hillsboro Church primary children thought it would be fun to create a three-dimensional representation of creation, the topic of the lessons for first quarter 2004. Over the course of 13 Sabbaths they decorated a box, with each side depicting a day of creation. Everything was made by the primaries, from painting the box to decorating the sun (which turns on and off). When the creation scene was finished, they presented it in the adult Sabbath School program. •

Debi Hanson



From left: Heidi Beckner, Kanosha Holcomb, Mathew Hanson and Nina Horne decorated a box to depict each day of creation.

## Salem Volunteers Present Public Diabetes Program

Volunteers from four Adventist churches in the Salem, Ore., area recently conducted a Wellspring diabetes program for the public at the Adventist Community Services Center coordinated by Merlin Schreiner, an Adventist layman.

Schreiner and his wife, Lynda, had attended a conference leadership program a year earlier where they saw a presentation for a particular health program, so they became interested in doing one at the church. Their pastor mentioned that he was familiar with the Wellspring diabetes program created by the Lifestyle Center of America (LCA) and urged them to look into it.

As a result, one of the church members who had diabetes purchased the Wellspring program for himself. After this member's health greatly improved, he told Schreiner and the pastor

how well it worked, and arrangements were made for the church to go ahead with the program.

*“People had really good results from following the program.”*

Wellspring is a community-based version of the LCA's 19-day program for people with type-2 diabetes. Wellspring makes it easy for anyone, whether a health care professional or not, to present the program in the community by providing a DVD presentation, a coordinator manual, workbooks and related participant materials.

After seeing publicity about the program in the newspaper and church bulletins, seven people with

diabetes joined. Schreiner, along with Ed Dysinger, who has a public health degree, led the programs, and Jennifer Dysinger led the cooking demonstrations. A nurse was also available to answer specific health questions.

“People had really good results from following the program,” Schreiner said. “However, not everybody was gung-ho from the very first.

“One gentleman was very obese, had high cholesterol and glucose levels, and couldn't exercise because his knees hurt so bad. We talked him into trying to increase his water intake, and almost immediately he felt better and began to exercise. Now he exercises about two hours every day. He also lost 15 pounds and cut his meds in half.”

Another participant had just learned from his doctor that he had diabetes. He saw the ad for the program in his church bulletin and signed up

right away because he did not want to have to start taking medications.

“Some of these folks had tried a lot of different programs,” Schreiner explained. “One came in very skeptical and didn't speak up at first. As he began to improve, he joined in more and at graduation gave an enthusiastic talk.”

Schreiner continued, “The DVD and handbook really made this program easy to do. In fact, we enjoyed the reward of seeing folks get so much better, and with the help of some of the participants, we plan to put on another program beginning Sept. 7.”

Those interested in coordinating a Wellspring diabetes program may contact the Lifestyle Center of America at (800) 596-5480 or visit [www.wellspringsource.org](http://www.wellspringsource.org).

*Skip Joers, Lifestyle Center of America newswriter*



## Woodland Juniors Honor Mothers

The junior class of the Woodland (Wash.) Spanish Company presented the worship service for Mother's Day. After the message “El Amor de las Madres” (“A Mother's Love”), each child presented his or her mother with a celosia plant ready to be planted, to grow and to produce beautiful blooms as a token of their desire to honor their mothers. Each class member also contributed artwork for the design of the church bulletin for the program.

*Gloria Treanton, Woodland Spanish Company secretary*

## Valley View Celebrates Baptisms

JaLynn Cheri Berglund, Noelle Elena Mailand and Taylor Rae Higdon publicly declared their decision to follow their Lord's example by being baptized into the Valley View Church (Medford, Ore.) membership on March 6.

This meaningful occasion was particularly special for Jim Berglund, Valley View pastor, who performed the baptisms, including that of his daughter JaLynn. Mailand's parents, Rick and Victoria Mailand, and Higdon's, Matt and Raylene Higdon, are also Valley View members.

The baptisms came after eight weeks of Bible studies held at Rogue Valley Adventist School by Jim Berglund. •

Jean Gren, Valley View Church communication leader



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## Milo Students Desert Campus to Provide Church Services

Milo Adventist Academy students went to nearly 30 churches last year in small groups to lead entire church services with the guidance

and support of academy staff members.

"I enjoy giving sermons because I get to study my topic and then reflect on why I'm

choosing to talk about it," said Christian Hidalgo, one of the participants.

It's not a problem for this junior to get in front of strangers and share his thoughts, but for others it's not such an easy task. Jonathan Carlson, the assistant boys' dean and coordinator for this program, explained one reason he took on this job. "I'm kind of a shy guy, and it's really helped me to work with the kids side by side," he said. "I've learned to be much more comfortable up front. Now I enjoy helping other teenagers get out of their comfort zones."

Sometimes the group must wake up at extreme hours in order to be at a church more

than 300 miles away in time to provide the service. Sarah Sexton, a sophomore pianist, always leaves the sanctuary with a great blessing and a big smile. "Afterwards, everyone tells me how excited they are to see such young, enthusiastic youth up front serving God," she said, the smile still on her face.

After the services, church members treat the students to a potluck dinner. "The food was so good at Ashland," remembered Lisa Hulse, a junior. Sometimes students stay to visit the shut-ins or distribute literature.

George White, Lakeview Church pastor, said, "The youth came with a terrific spiritual atmosphere around them and a very fine manner. You can send them back to me any time!" •

From left: Nestor Celaya, Rachel Hensler, Natasha Knobloch, Emily Crocker and Matt Robertson led the song service at Cave Junction, Ore., Church.

Natasha Knobloch, MAA sophomore



## RVAS Students Choose Mission Experience as Class Trip

This year the 10th-grade class from Rogue Valley Adventist School (RVAS) chose to go on a mission trip to Fiji rather than to the traditional theme park for their class trip.

Each student raised two-thirds of his or her trip expenses, with the remaining funds coming from sponsors.

Vatuvonu Adventist School, an elementary school serving 80 students in Fiji, needed painting and construction repairs. RVAS students painted and worked on the buildings. They also worked in the medical clinic taking blood pressures, temperatures and respirations of the patients prior to their seeing the doctor.

The students also provided tutoring in the classrooms. Kayla Haugen got to experience firsthand being a substitute teacher. "I found that the students are just as mischievous as here in America," she said.

"You think you're going to bless the Fijians while you are there, and then you come home 10 times as blessed," said Jessica Wold, an RVAS student. "The people have almost nothing, but they are so happy. It really teaches you to be happy for what you have."

Along with working at the school and enjoying the snorkeling opportunities in

Coconuts hanging on a plam tree in front of the school library were harvested and eaten for a treat.



Kristina Cruz worked with the beautiful Fijian children.

the nearby bay, the students enjoyed a wealth of culture-sharing experiences that included singing, a traditional Fijian festival and a special spear-dance program. The Fijians also had handmade souvenirs like woven baskets, mats and shells.

The mission trip ended with a farewell feast at which the

visitors were presented with leis and wrapped in sulus, the traditional Fijian dress. The Fijian hosts circled the outside of the room and sang "We'll Never Say Good-bye Again."

The 10th-graders have taken on the sponsorship of a branch Sabbath School that they visited while in Fiji. They are collecting Bibles, felts for the children's classes, outreach literature and other materials used in Sabbath School. They are also working to raise money for the Sabbath School.

Michael Wilms got more of a gift from the Fijians than just experiencing their love. "Fiji changed my life in several different ways. I was raised in Germany and believed in evolution. When I came to RVAS, I wanted to learn about American culture and improve my English skills," he said. "I started to question my belief system and began to pray. I prayed that God would



Student missionaries Jessica Wold (left) and Shelina Burglund painting the boys' dorm.

send me a sign. In Fiji I met a special person who shared her own experience with me about how special God was to her. I felt this was the sign I needed to show me that God was real and the great impact that He makes on peoples' lives."

We do not always know why God opens the doors He does, but it is important to not let the doors close before we go through them. •

Susan Kergil,  
RVAS GLEANER correspondent



## All Nations Center Hosts Native Camp Meeting

“Really great,” “Awesome!” and “Wow!” were some of the comments from the Native American Gathering held in June at the All Nations Center (Toppenish, Wash.). Guests came from Canada, Idaho, Oregon and Arizona as well as the local Yakama Reservation.

Monte Church, North Pacific Union Conference/Canada Native ministries director, was the featured speaker. Taylor Morris, a Native evangelist, took the pulpit for the final meeting, during which he preached five sermons in one night. He also sang two hymns in Oglala Sioux and made an altar call to accept Jesus Christ. Some came forward to renew their commitment, while some came for the first time.

Church and Morris consecrated the audience with prayer. The “Holy Spirit Revival” theme turned into

reality as guests experienced God’s awesome presence.

Joy Matthews and her giant schnauzers, Zion and Lovely, did a great job presenting her lessons in five words: come, look, wait, give and ready. Visit [www.zionjoysministry.com](http://www.zionjoysministry.com) to learn more about their ministry.

Musicians Arlen Moses and the Reservation Gospel Singers, the Kravig family, Rick Franklin, Bruce Twing, Dave and Ida Harris, and the Reynolds family added to the blessing of the gathering.

While the temperatures continued in the 90s all weekend, the people’s hearts burned even hotter as food, fellowship and God’s grace and mercy attended the event.

A tipi was used for one of the children’s divisions on Sabbath, while Eugene and Junelle Panasuk from Inchelium, Wash., led out in all phases of children’s ministry throughout



Native Americans from several western states and Canada came to the All Nations Center near Toppenish, Wash., for a special spiritual gathering.

the weekend. Rapt attention could be seen on every little face, easily demonstrating why Jesus said we must be like little children.

Food is always a highlight of any gathering and feast at the All Nations Center. Some Natives who were visiting were appreciative of the clean, traditional foods available to sample. So many from the church brought food that the center’s freezer and two refrigerators were overflowing. Some of the Natives were brought to tears as they could feel the peace offered in this safe place.

Gordon Pifher, Upper Columbia Conference secretary, David “Coyote” Mann, a Yakama Native who was a councilman, and Terri Weijohn, an All Nations member, led an afternoon discussion about spiritual, emotional and physical healing. Some of the attendees declared, “They should write a book.” The belief that all three elements of life should be

balanced was made clear to all who came.

Vespers was held both evenings around the newly constructed fire ring. Even though the temperatures were warm, when evening came the campfire lit the faces surrounding it. Songs praising Jesus, kids running and playing, and marshmallows roasting gave a small but cherished glimpse of heaven.

Plans are being made for next year’s gathering, scheduled for June 24–25. Sabbath attendance was nearly 200 this year, and organizers are praying that it will grow to a full house of 350 next time to reach as many souls as possible for God. Often many visitors will continue to attend the All Nations Center because they want a part of a successful program.

Tent and RV reservations for next year are available by calling (509) 877-0960. •

*Peter and Sandra Trzinski, All Nations Center pastoral couple*

**More than 200 people attended the Native American Gathering at the All Nations Center in June.**



## UCA Welcomes New Principal

Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) announced recently that Jeff Bovee has accepted the invitation to serve as principal.

Bovee brings to his position the fresh perspective of one who has spent the last nine years in the classroom, the last four of them at Milo Adventist Academy in Oregon. He loves interacting with students and looks forward to continuing a high level of interaction with them in his new role in Spangle, Wash.

“My primary goal as principal is for Christ to be at the center of absolutely everything that happens on our campus,” said Bovee. “I am also committed to the financial health of the school and to keeping our strong academic program moving forward.” He is well qualified to lead out in all three of those areas.

Spiritual leadership is not new to Bovee. At Milo, he served as head elder for the church under Carl Wilkens,

pastor. Earlier, in Lancaster, Calif., Bovee was one of the primary instigators and organizers of a NET '99 series.

Life on a boarding academy campus is second nature to Bovee after growing up on Milo's campus where his father operated Thunderbird Wood Products for many years and his mother served in the cafeteria. This also gives him some special insight into the critical relationship between an academy and its industries.

His interest in academic excellence has continued to grow through his service on Milo's curriculum committee. One of the courses he taught was advanced-placement English and, at students' request, he designed an innovative course on British literature focusing on the Elizabethan period.

Bovee has a master's degree in curriculum instruction from California State University in Bakersfield and has nearly completed the requirements

for his administrative certificate. He received his bachelor's degree in English from the University of Oregon and his teaching credential from Walla Walla College.

This spring, Bovee received the prestigious Excellence in Teaching Award from the Alumni Awards Association. He has been listed twice in *Who's Who Among American Teachers*.

Bovee learned to love teaching while serving as a student missionary during his college years as an English teacher in Taiwan, where he met his wife, Marianne.

As a graduate of Taiwan Adventist College, Marianne received her bachelor of arts in accounting. At Milo, she served as an accountant and as church treasurer—good preparation for her new role in accounts receivable at UCA.

The Bovees have two children. Kristie is in eighth grade, and Ryan is in fourth.

Jeff Bovee has been on campus since the middle of June, preparing with other staff members for a dynamite new school year. He fills the position left open when four-year principal John Nafie accepted the position of principal at Shenandoah Valley Academy in Virginia.

For updates on other changes in the staffing at UCA, along with photos, visit [www.ucaa.org](http://www.ucaa.org).

Cheri Corder,  
UCA GLEANER correspondent



## Goldendale Celebrates Hawaiian-style Graduation

Elizabeth Fischer (left) celebrated in Hawaiian style as the sole eighth-grade graduate of Goldendale Adventist School. Fischer, her teachers Clinton and Esther Cummings (also pictured), and other guests enjoyed Hawaiian fruit and flowers shipped directly from Hawaii by Fischer's grandparents.

This unique graduation theme was inspired by Fischer's family, who have spent time in Hawaii, where her mother was born and raised. The daughter of Calvin and Faye Fischer of Appleton, Wash., Fischer finished both eighth and ninth grade while taking and giving piano lessons.

Elaine Kubler, Goldendale  
Church communication leader

**UCA welcomes new principal Jeff Bovee with his wife, Marianne, and their children, Kristie and Ryan.**





## Brewster Gets Face-lift Thanks to Spokane Valley Youth

The Brewster (Wash.) Church sparkles with renewal thanks to a mission-minded crew of volunteer teens, pre-teens and several adults from the Spokane Valley Church who descended on Hospital Hill with brushes, rollers and determination one Sunday in June.

*‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.’*

MATTHEW 25:40 [RSV]

For about three years, a group of kids from Spokane Valley Adventist School have been meeting on Monday evenings for Bible study and

brainstorming. Recently they contemplated how they could be of service and dreamed of mission outreach to help build churches for Hispanic congregations.

With encouragement from moms Debbie McConnachie and Rene McCune, youth pastor Brian Reed and retired industrial arts teacher Conrad Thomas and his wife Marilee, ideas gelled. Word filtered in that the Brewster Church really needed a paint job, which was on hold as they finished paying for their recently installed roof.

Excitement grew and grateful Brewsterites, with their pastor, Gordon Smith, arranged sleeping quarters at the school and gym while Kay Hanson rounded up food and helpers to provide a daily main meal (the work crew used the school kitchen for fillers). The locals welcomed wonderingly such a gift of young energy and dedicated leadership.

A number of dads and other helpers joined the group for the Sunday start. Of the 41



Kids from Spokane Valley Adventist School helped to paint the Brewster Church in June.

visiting volunteers, 21 boys and girls hailed from Spokane Valley, 150 miles from Brewster.

High reaches were painted by adults from a rented lift. Courageous mom Lynae Martin and Steve Eilertsen led a crew giving the adjacent community services building a matching coat.

Threatening rain held off as kids rolled, brushed, cleaned, learned, persisted and did a great job.

And it wasn't all work. Monday eve, local folks joined the crew for a picnic supper

and water skiing for those still overflowing with energy. Rumors floated that there was later a pillow fight at the school. Sunday's dinner was "special request Mexican" served by Hispanic cooks.

Weary but determined painters worked a few hours past their anticipated departure time but waved triumphant goodbyes as the last of the crew headed away from the sunset, back to Spokane—mission accomplished. •

*Verona Schnibbee, Brewster Church communication leader*



Courageous mom Lynae Martin hit the high points with youth pastor Brian Reed on a rented lift.

## Ellensburg CHIP Graduates *Healthy by Choice, Not by Chance*

After extensive lifestyle education, 27 individuals graduated from the initial Ellensburg (Wash.) CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Project) seminar on May 23 at the First Lutheran Church. Twenty-three of those participating were not Adventists.

The seminar, sponsored by Ellensburg's Kittitas Echoes of Praise Company, ran two nights a week for a total of eight weeks. The program leaders were delighted to find that the participants' motivation remained strong throughout the entire session.

Excitement ran high as graduates shared changes they had experienced after making simple lifestyle choices. Each participant received recent lab results to compare with his or her beginning values.

J. Randall Sloop, a physician and lifestyle educator from Yakima, Wash., was the keynote speaker. Victoria

Macki, a local physician, validated graduates in their continuing quest for wellness. The class enjoyed preparing and eating foods that incorporated CHIP concepts.



**Happy and healthier CHIP graduates received pins at the end of Ellensburg's first CHIP program.**

CHIP stressed the basics of health and disease, benefits of a simpler lifestyle, eating "foods as grown," and taking individual responsibility for health while staying in touch with one's physician.

Exercise was also a major component of CHIP. The class walked, biked or the

equivalent for a total of 2,874 miles during the eight weeks.

Most CHIP participants showed significant changes in their lifestyle statistics by the end of the program. In addition to lowering their cholesterol and blood pressure, the group lost a combined total of 152 pounds.

"I could barely walk from my car to the house," said one graduate. "Now I walk about two miles a day." Others reported relief from chronic health problems, an increase in energy and a reduction of insulin usage.

"I learned more about the basics of health and disease than I've learned in the past 40 years," said a nurse in the program.

CHIP graduates shared their personal lifestyle testimonies during the June 12 worship service at the Ellensburg Church.

Knowing they have significantly decreased their risk of heart attack and other



**The first Ellensburg CHIP class graduated in May. Another program is tentatively planned for this fall.**

health problems continues to motivate these "chippers" to continue living their motto, "Healthy by Choice, Not by Chance." Monthly alumni meetings will provide continued support and education. Another CHIP seminar is tentatively planned for this fall.

For more information call (509) 968-4068 or visit the international CHIP Web site at [www.chipusa.org](http://www.chipusa.org).

*Robin Lacey, Echoes of Praise Company communication leader*



## Tri-City Students Learn Oral Health *from Country Haven Students*

The fifth- through 10th-grade students at Tri-City Jr. Academy in Pasco, Wash., were given a thought-provoking lesson in October 2003 on oral health by the dental-assisting class of Country Haven Academy (CHA), also in Pasco.

With the aid of their instructor, Sonia Gott, a dental hygienist, the young people

gave talks and demonstrations on various subjects about oral health. Questions on oral health were entertained and toothbrushes were distributed to all students. This experience provided an opportunity for

**Kara Burns, a student dental assistant, talked with students at Tri-City Jr. Academy on the prevention of halitosis, otherwise known as bad breath.**

the Country Haven students to share their knowledge, improve their public speaking skills and benefit the Tri-City students.



The same presentation was given to the CHA students later that month. CHA offers a one-year class to upperclassmen that prepares them to enter the field of dental assisting.

*Sonia C. Gott, CHA instructor, with Janalin Johns and Melissie Hutchins, CHA students.*

## Everson Opens Family Learning Center

The sign in front of the Everson (Wash.) Church welcomes guests and members alike with the words, "The Neighborhood Church That Cares About You."

It's written in English in a largely Hispanic community. The Holy Spirit inspired the small Everson congregation to ask some hard questions about the purpose of the church in that neighborhood. Byron Dulan of Adventist Community Services (ACS) had encouraged the Everson Church to expand its vision to meet the greater needs of the community.

One of the church members who worked for the public school learned there was a need for adult education in this Hispanic community that the school district could not meet. After seeking God's will, the congregation eagerly voted to open the church and

**Students in the Spanish literacy program received library cards from the McBeath Community Library in Everson and took home armloads of materials to read.**



offer classes in these programs as staff and funds became available.

The name of the program came from Isaiah 58:11: "And the Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought... and you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not."

"A Watered Garden" fit the ministry that had already begun in the community through the Children's Ministry Garden, in which the children of the neighborhood had learned about temporal and spiritual seed planting, watering, weeding and fruit bearing for the past four summers.



**For the last four summers, kids in the Everson Church neighborhood worked in the Children's Ministry Garden where they learned about temporal and spiritual seed planting, watering, weeding and fruit bearing.**

Jazmina and Ivan Marin from Canada heard that the Everson Church was exploring the education possibilities for the Hispanic community. Jazmina was excited to share her expertise through Spanish literacy training and English as a second language (ESL) classes. Shortly thereafter, Kathleen O'Connor, a Methodist minister with ESL and Spanish training, also volunteered to help the fledgling program.

Louis and Debra Turner conducted non-profit organization program development training on the business as well as spiritual aspects of community service



**Jazmina Marin from Canada tutors a student in the Spanish literacy classes sponsored by the Everson Church.**

projects. The Mexican Consulate offered their services also.

Later, the church board applied for the Hope for Humanity grant through the Washington Conference and ACS. The grant was soon written with seed money from the Washington Federation of ACS.

The first classes opened on Nov. 16, 2003, with 45 adult students registered. Through the efforts of committed staff and devoted students, class levels were quickly established, friendships were developed, and each student began to find confidence in his or her learning level.

God's most recent miracle was a larger grant from the North American Division and Adventist Development and Relief Agency, which came on April 29. These funds will open doors to larger facilities for even more educational courses. •

*Cheryl Ann Brown,  
A Watered Garden Family  
Learning Center director*

## Celebrating Freedom of Worship

To remind others of the sometimes-forgotten dimension of our freedom—our freedom to worship—the churches of Clallam County, Wash., created an entry celebrating religious freedom for the Port Angeles Fourth of July Parade this year.



American “celebrities” rode the Adventist Church float. The Statue of Liberty (Sarah Petroff), a singing Uncle Sam (Rod Scherencel) and Abe Lincoln (Barry Budd) were instant favorites with the crowd.

Karen Pearson, of the U.S. Navy, led the procession carrying the American flag. Next, Elizabeth Griswold and Dani and Samantha Trowbridge presented the group’s brilliant red and blue sign, which read, “Celebrating 150 Years of Freedom of Worship—Clallam County Seventh-day Adventist Christian Churches.”

Next came members riding on flag-adorned vehicles and a float that was heard before it was seen, as Uncle Sam (Rod Scherencel, Port Angeles Church pastor) sang amplified patriotic favorites. Other American “celebrities” on the float included Abraham Lincoln



Abe Lincoln, Betsy Ross and Uncle Sam were some of the famous Americans riding on the Adventist float for the Port Angeles, Wash., Fourth of July parade.

(Barry Budd), Betsy Ross (Dee Santiago-Perez) and the Statue of Liberty (Sarah Petroff).

Besides the 26 church members in the parade, the preparation for this entry brought together the sister churches and fostered new friendships. God used the

varied gifts of these members to touch the community with a fresh view of our precious liberty of worship—and a fresh view of God’s people who rejoice in and defend this liberty for all. •

*Kathy Nixon, Port Angeles personal ministries leader*

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## Enumclaw Members Take Jesus to Philippines

Enumclaw members with Bob Stephan, their pastor, and Dennis Meidinger, a physician, traveled as missionaries to Card Badien on Cebu Island, Philippines, in April to present multimedia Evangelistic meetings. Youth baptized in a previous mission trip provided music for every meeting.

The Philippines have been referred to as the poor man’s Hawaii, and \$500 will

build a church like the one in which they worshiped, which consisted of a floor, pews and a roof without walls. The conditions are primitive with no bathrooms.

Attendance incentives, such as a bar of soap or a small package of rice, were considered extravagant gifts of great value. People came whatever way they could, some walking 10 miles each way to attend the meetings.

With 19 churches to nurture, local pastor Rueben Arceo is very dependent upon his lay people. Everyone must have a part in growing the churches in their area.

A hike into the mountains provided a challenging opportunity to win approval to build another church in the area. Stephan and Meidinger were heartily welcomed. During their stay, children would pull the men’s hands to

their foreheads for a blessing. When the two visited a man in jail, he hungered to be baptized so much that they filled a 55-gallon drum with water and honored his desire.

Working side by side with Arceo, they witnessed 28 people give their hearts to Jesus through baptism in the ocean. People lined the shores singing praises. •

*Darla Riotta*

WASHINGTON

## Orcas Residents Get May Day Surprises

*Thanks to OCS Outreach*

Knock, knock...“Happy May Day!” As a kid I remember hanging flowers on my friends’ and neighbors’ doors, ringing the doorbell, then running to hide as I watched their reaction.

For several years, Orcas Christian School (OCS) has been carrying on the tradition of giving out May Day flowers, giving out 800 flowers to the Orcas Island community last year alone. Kids hand the flowers to whomever opens the door and say, “Happy May Day!”

This has been such a rewarding experience. One OCS student said, “There are

a lot of lonely people. They may never get something as wonderful as this in their life. It brightens their day and lets them know that people care, and it makes me feel good to make somebody happy.”

The island community is surprised and delighted that OCS takes the time and effort, and for some, it means making their day. One elderly widow said, “May Day is my favorite day! I got up this morning, put my tulip shirt on and thought about picking some flowers in my garden so I could lay them on my doorstep, ring my doorbell, go inside, open the door, look



**Calia Wong carries flowers to the van for the Orcas Christian School’s May Day outreach.**

around, and say, ‘I wonder who put these here? Aren’t they pretty?’” With tears in her eyes, she thanked the OCS kids for caring about her.

There are those who ask, “What are you expecting in return?” Is it for money,

public awareness of the school or to build ourselves up in the eyes of others? No, it is to share the love of God that Jesus taught when He was here on this earth. •

*Diane Wachter,  
OCS administrative assistant*

## Auburn Student Leaders Learn Skills While Serving Peers

There are numerous opportunities for leadership at Auburn Adventist Academy, and the students take their jobs very seriously and dedicate much of their free time to them. The student clubs, class offices and job responsibilities available on campus give students a variety of ways to develop their skills.

Among the leaders on campus are the Associated Student Body (ASB) officers, which, for the 2004–2005 school year,

are Brandon Gratias, Ashley Buderus, Carin Ojanen, Kevin Gang, Holly Cadwallader, Daniel Peterson, Seth Wilde, Lhamo Ma, Wes Sandvik, Ryan Gratias and Kevin Russel.

This group of talented and respected students not only agrees to maintain a high level of academic and social standards but also tackles the task of meeting the ever-challenging academic, social and spiritual needs of their peers.

The ASB officers begin their duties days before the student body arrives. Their first job is to plan a fun series of events to welcome the students and help them get to know each other better while making meaningful memories.

But their creative responsibilities do not end there. Throughout the school year they create valuable outreach activities, a memorable amateur hour, the fall festival and spirit week

along with many other parties and banquets. These students keep their goal of serving their peers and showing Christ in the forefront in their endeavors.

They take full advantage of the opportunities afforded them at AAA. The valuable skills they learn will allow them to reach even bigger goals later in life. •

*Amber Serns,  
AAA GLEANER correspondent*

# A Look Back

For more than a century, Walla Walla College (WWC) students have been making their mark in the world, and they start before they ever leave campus.

Two seniors recently placed first and second in an annual student-paper competition sponsored by the Pacific Northwest region of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature (AAR/SBL). A paper submitted by a WWC student has not won this competition since the first student entered in 1996. **Will Frei**, theology major, won first place and a \$100 award in the biblical studies undergraduate section with his paper

“Deborah’s Song: Active Friends and Passive Enemies.” In his paper, Frei hypothesizes that Deborah’s Song

contrasts those who acted for Yahweh with those who did not and metes out blessings and curses based on that criterion. Frei was also named to *Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* for the 2003–04 school year.

**Janelle Worthington**, history major, won second place and a \$50 award in the same section of the competition with her paper “Judges 10:6–11:11 Parallels and Ironies.” Janelle’s paper

focuses on the parallels and ironies between Israelite interaction with Yahweh and interaction with Jephthah in these biblical passages. This involves looking at Israel’s relationship to prostitution, the Israelites’ inconsistency in relationships, which creates skepticism in both God and Jephthah, and the comparative scenes of repentance and salvation.

Social work graduate student **Sue Anne Imhoff** was surprised during her master’s degree hooding ceremony with the news that her paper, “Standing on the Shoulders of Giants: Toward an Understanding of Loss and Mourning,” had won outstanding clinical paper in a competition sponsored by the Washington State Society for Clinical Social Work. The paper looks at the reality of loss and what constitutes healthy mourning. Imhoff’s paper will be published in the society’s journal.

**Jody Foster**, junior theology major, was named



Jody Foster

an undergraduate fellow by the Fund for Theological Education. Undergraduate fellows receive a \$1,500 award to be used for educational expenses or a special project to explore ministry. A \$500 stipend is also available, which Foster used to purchase a small library of books that she discusses monthly with her mentor, Ruby Stafford, of the College Place (Wash.)

Village Church. Foster has done taskforce work as an assistant/youth pastor at South Hill Church in Spokane, Wash. She has also preached in the Philippines, Russia, Ghana and the Dominican Republic through the Falkenberg Evangelistic Program.

For his senior project, **Matthew Vincent**, biblical languages and theology

major, chose to translate and put into historical context a clay cone describing a temple dedication in ancient Lagash and seven Sumerian tablets. The tablets are from the Ur III Dynasty of ancient Mesopotamia, which dates from 2100–c. 2000 B.C. They are economic in nature, typically describing a transaction of some kind and shedding light on daily life in the ancient world. Vincent will seek to have his translations published professionally.

As WWC’s 113th year begins this month, the entire college family looks forward to aiding each student in discovering new talents, exploring new options and realizing their potential. WWC fosters a nurturing, supportive and spiritual environment, creating a life-changing experience for each individual. •

Tara Jeske,  
WWC GLEANER correspondent



Will Frei



Matthew Vincent

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## Managing Diabetes An Empowering New Approach

It's a balmy Tuesday morning in Portland, Ore., and six people who've never met are about to sit down and talk about something they all have in common: diabetes. As part of a new program offered through Adventist Medical Center (AMC), the patients now have a chance to share their experiences with each other and receive valuable information and medical guidance on how best to manage their condition.

In conjunction with the Oregon Diabetes Collaborative, AMC's Southeast Main Family Practice recently launched a new group-visit program for patients with diabetes. Headed by Imelda Kelly, physician, the program includes all the features of a traditional doctor's visit but gives patients the opportunity to interact and learn from others suffering from the same disease. In addition, the class provides educational material in a setting where it

can be presented by a medical professional and discussed by participants.

Kelly and her team have been working since October 2003 with the Oregon Medical Professional Review Organization (OMPRO) to improve care for patients with diabetes. The group visits are an outgrowth of this work, and AMC hopes that the program will be another way to address the special needs of patients with diabetes.

"After the initial preparation, it was fun to see how it all came together," said Kathy Newcombe, a registered nurse, of the first group visit held on June 15. "We plan to continue the sessions on a quarterly basis and hope that our patients will receive support and resources that will enable them to better manage diabetes."

The group visit program is the second Oregon Diabetes Collaborative in which AMC has participated. The first, in 2001, took place at the Clackamas and Rockwood clinics, where teams piloted changes in electronic medical records

that include a pop-up



Kathy Newcombe talks with a patient at AMC's new diabetes group visit program.

dialog box for the caregiver to track patients' indicators relative to good diabetes care.

"People who learn how to manage their diabetes have a much higher quality of life," said Kelly. "We're committed to helping our patients do this by giving them the necessary tools and resources to better understand this disease."

As part of the current collaborative, patients and their caregivers report monthly on three joint measures important to good diabetes care: hemoglobin A1c levels (blood sugar control over three months), LDL ("bad" cholesterol) levels, and several self-management goals. While self-management goals—which consist of a variety of healthy lifestyle options patients choose to work on—can be difficult to

management of chronic illnesses such as diabetes.

According to Kelly, self-management goals have long been a part of her daily encounters with patients whether it is for diabetes, hypertension or any other disease. "Making patients aware of their conditions and giving them some responsibility in managing their disease is essential and a key part in chronic care."

For more than a century, Adventist health care has looked for innovative ways to promote wellness. AMC's diabetes group visits are a new approach to help patients adopt a healthier lifestyle. For more information about the classes, please contact Joyce Caramella, R.N., quality improvement coordinator for Adventist Health Medical Group, at (503) 251-6266 ext. 7164. •

Joyce Caramella, AMC quality improvement coordinator, and Heather Preston Wheeler, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent

**Adventist Medical Center's diabetes collaborative team includes, from left: (front) Kathy Newcombe, nurse at AMC's Southeast Main Family Practice; Imelda Kelly, physician also at Southeast Main Family Practice; (back) Sarah Konstantin, clinical ASA; David Russell, clinic administrator; and Joyce Caramella, quality improvement coordinator.**





# BIRTHS

**ATKINS**—Bethannie was born April 2, 2004, to Steve and Shannon (Alford) Atkins, Myrtle Creek, Ore.

**BERNAL**—Isaiah O. was born June 26, 2004, to Luis and Marcelina (Ortiz) Bernal, Klamath Falls, Ore.

**CHOI**—Hayden Andrew was born May 7, 2004, to Jong In and Retha (McCrain) Choi, Daejeon, South Korea.

**ESLINGER**—Hannah D. was born July 13, 2004, to Jed and Sandi (Ireland) Eslinger, Milton Freewater, Ore.

**GEIGLE**—Dylan Nathaniel was born June 27, 2004, to Nathan and Heather Calkins Geigle, Gresham, Ore.

**HANDLEY**—Nicholas Lynn was born July 4, 2004, to Dan and Jennifer (Connell) Handley, Milwaukie, Ore.

**JUDD**—Kelsey Joanne was born June 28, 2004, to Lance and Tanya (Smith) Judd, Battle Ground, Wash.

**LYMAN**—Jesse J. was born June 12, 2004, to Scott and Allisha (Alford) Lyman, Myrtle Creek, Ore.

**OTTO**—Gideon Mark was born June 20, 2004, to Marc R. and Miranda (Germain) Otto, Moscow, Idaho.

**PARKS**—Owen Edward was born June 11, 2004, to Edward and Paddie (DeLaO) Parks, Zephyr Cove, Nev.

**PERKINS**—Abigail Ellen was born March 6, 2004, to Ben and Becky (Wagner) Perkins, Colton, Wash.

**PETERS**—Daniel N. was born May 1, 2004, to Tim and Jacinta (Wachera) Peters, Myrtle Creek, Ore.

**TOWNSEND**—Gabrielle Autumn was born March 26, 2004, to Craig and Melissa (Skidmore) Townsend, Spokane, Wash.

**TREES**—Raymond Edward III was born Oct. 29, 2003, to Ray Jr. and Karin (Ruud) Trees, College Place, Wash.

**UNDERHILL**—Bradley P. was born Feb. 21, 2004, to G. Thomas and Amy (Kellogg) Underhill, Bend, Ore.

## GUIDELINES

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**BULGAKOVA-ABEL**—Elena Bulgakova, Lee Abel, Nov. 12, 2003, Myrtle Creek, Ore. They are making their home in Riddle, Ore.

**CAMPBELL-WOOFER**—Allison Campbell, Chad Woofter, Feb. 28, 2004, Salem, Ore. They are making their home in Albuquerque, N.M.

**CONNER-LAW**—Sarah Conner, Brandon Law, May 23, 2004, Moscow, Idaho. They are making their home in Woodbridge, Va.

**EICHELE-CALCAGNO**—Michelle Eichele, Michael Calcagno, July 2, 2004, McMinnville, Ore. They are making their home in Dundee, Ore.

**ESTEVEZ-ESPINOZA**—Madeline Esteves, Pablo F. Espinoza, June 27, 2004, Cohutta, Ga. They are making their home in Apison, Tenn.

**HERSCHER-FLETCHER**—Rori Herscher, Bryan Fletcher, June 27, 2004, Roseburg, Ore. They are making their home in Loma Linda, Calif.

**SAITO-HUEY**—Pamela Saito, Kevin Huey, May 8, 2004, Portland, Ore., where they are making their home.

**TILLEY-SHEWMAKE**—Sabrina Tilley, Thomas Shewmake, May 23, 2004, Roseburg, Ore. They are making their home in El Dorado Hills, Calif.



# AT REST

**BAILEY**—John W., 82; born Feb. 10, 1921, Randall, Okla.; died July 3, 2004, Nehalem, Ore. Surviving: son, John H., Peoria, Ariz.; daughter, Karen, Tillamook, Ore.; sister, Lillie Pell, Pleasanton, Calif.; 2 grandchildren.

**BALTRUSCH**—Elizabeth K. (Wiebe), 89; born Nov. 9, 1914, Oliver County, N.D.; died July 3, 2004, Walla Walla, Wash.

Surviving: son, Roger, College Place, Wash.; daughters, Kathryn Weber, Apache Junction, Ariz., Eleanor Prusia, Walla Walla; half-brothers, Elmer Remboldt, Milton Freewater, Ore., Norman Remboldt, Bowdon, N.D.

**BURDETT**—James B. 91; born Aug. 7, 1912, Gorie, Texas; died May 17, 2004, Nehalem, Ore. Surviving: sons, Benny R., Roach, Mo., Donald R., Macon, Mo.,

James C., Tucson, Ariz.; daughter, Linda Fabian, Nehalem, Ore.

**DANIELS**—Cecile (Bush), 79; born April 21, 1925, Mobile, Ala.; died June 14, 2004, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: stepdaughters, Jacinta Campbell and Jaceta Daniels, both of San Francisco, Calif.; brother, James Bush, Beverly Hills, Calif.; sister, Sybil McLaughlin, Cayman Island, British West Indies.

**DE VINNY**—Doris (Stute), 87; born Jan. 1, 1917, Benkelman, Neb.; died July 1, 2004, Lebanon, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Marilyn Dugger and Barbara Gisler, both of Lebanon, Cheryl Dittmer, Albany, Ore.; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**DODGE**—Patricia (Kyes), 76; born Jan. 30, 1928, Tacoma, Wash.; died May 20, 2004,



*Family*  
**A T R E S T**

Centralia, Wash. Surviving: husband, Morris, Gate, Wash.; son, Gary Dodge, Seattle, Wash.; daughter, Terri Kessack, Renton, Wash.; sisters, Beverly Danner, N.C., Cheryl Sappington, Idaho; 4 grandchildren.

**EVANS**—Phyllis R. (Cain), 77; born Dec. 16, 1926, Portland, Ore.; died June 23, 2004, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, Merrill "Corky"; sons, Dennis, Spokane, Wash., William, Vancouver, Wash.; daughter, Marilyn Rowe, Datil, N.M.; brother, Keith McCoy, White Salmon, Wash.; half-brother, Ron Sandstrom, Everett, Wash.; sister, Kathy Levin, San Jose, Calif.; half-sister, Carol Sandstrom, Everett.

**HEADGEPATH**—Carl D., 86; born July 15, 1917, Mountain View, Mo.; died April 27, 2004, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: wife, June (Oliver) Booth; son, David, LaHabra, Calif.; stepson, Richard Booth, Escondido, Calif.; daughters, Carlletta Campos and Sheila Muckelvane, both of LaHabra, Esther Timms, Spokane, Wash.; stepdaughters, Shirley Hudson, Monroe, Wash., Barby Booth, Auburn, Wash.; sister, Mary Carter, Wichita, Kan.

**HERDMAN**—Gerald G., 74; born Sept. 14, 1929, Erie, Pa.; died June 25, 2004, Tillamook, Ore. Surviving: wife, Barbara (Parker); sons, Douglas and David, both of Dayton, Ohio; sister, Marjorie Cornor, Frederick, Md.; 5 grandchildren.

**HOLMES**—Stanley G., 80; born Oct. 2, 1923, Bucharest, Romania; died June 29, 2004, Marion, Ore. Surviving: wife, Ivas, Salem, Ore.; son, Dennis, Oregon City, Ore.; daughter, Joyce Klein, Valley Center, Calif.; brother, Ivan, Grand Junction, Colo.; 4 grandchildren.

**JOHNSON**—Howard "Barney," 86; born Oct. 11, 1917, Glendale, Calif.; died July 11, 2004, Darrington, Wash. Surviving: wife, Wilberta (Moore); son, Larry, Walla Walla, Wash.; daughter, Linda Foster, Arlington, Wash.; 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**LISKE**—Marjorie M. (Hathaway), 70; born June 24, 1934, Stettler, Alberta, Canada; died July 6, 2004, College Place, Wash. Surviving: daughters, LaDonna Lehman, Burbank, Wash., Judy Saulsbury, Priest River, Idaho; father, Horace Hathaway, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; mother, Helen Hathaway, Oliver, British Columbia, Canada; brothers, Ken Hathaway, Oliver, B.C., Harvey Hathaway, Kelowna, British Columbia; sister, Evelyn Saylor, Oliver, B.C.; 3 grandchildren.

**LUNDE**—Jeane E. (Wells), 65; born April 17, 1939, Glendale, Calif.; died June 8, 2004, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: son, William, Old Lyme, Conn.; daughters, Joline Lunde, Benicia, Calif., Susan Makanski, Redding, Calif.; sister, Patricia Baker, Modesto, Calif.; 6 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

**MANDELL**—Joanne (McKinnis), 89; born Oct. 8, 1914, Medford, Ore.; died March 3, 2004, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: brothers, Ralph McKinnis, Ashland, Ore., Carl McKinnis, Waldport, Ore.; sister, Ethel Niderost, Walla Walla.

**MCALISTER**—Jannice (Rasmussen), 60; born Oct. 6, 1943; Spokane, Wash.; died March 21, 2004, Post Falls, Idaho. Surviving: husband, Mike; sons, Chaun and Bart, both of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; parents, George and Roma Belle (Snyder) Rasmussen, Spangle, Wash.; sister, Jeannie Sue, Spangle; brother, Jack Rasmussen, Rainier, Ore.; 2 grandchildren.

**MEILICKE**—Delilah (Kinzer), 84; born April 26, 1920, Venita, Okla.; died June 13, 2004, Boring, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Merlene Meilicke, Milwaukie, Ore., Billy Jean Sturgeon, Boring, Ore.; brothers, Miles L. Kinzer, College Place, Wash., Joe D. Kinzer, Walla Walla, Wash., Jont Von Kinzer, Camas, Wash.; 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**MORLEY**—Idamae (Dawson), 98; born Nov. 24, 1905, Shelton,

Neb.; died June 10, 2004, Hillsboro, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Helen Fried, Hillsboro, Ore.; sisters, Dorothy Wagner, Fresno, Calif., June Stutsman, Redding, Calif.; 5 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

**NANCE**—Willis A., 83; born Nov. 7, 1920, Grandfield, Okla.; died June 1, 2004, Sutherlin, Ore. Surviving: wife, Marian (Johnson); daughters, Jeannette Winton, Escondido, Calif., Judith Paul, Springville, N.Y.; 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**NEUFELD**—Elizabeth E., 94; born April 5, 1909, Waldheim, Saskatchewan, Canada; died March 21, 2004, Portland, Ore. Surviving: brother, Raymond Neufeld, N.Y.

**ROBINSON**—Donald L., 62; born Jan. 15, 1942, Redding, Calif.; died March 19, 2004, Twin Falls, Idaho. Surviving: mother and step-father, Ethel (Miller) and Leonard Miller, Myrtle Creek, Ore.; sister, Deanna Blazen, Loma Linda, Calif.

**SCHULER**—James D., 91; born June 15, 1912, Hood River, Ore.; died May 14, 2004, Crescent City, Calif. Surviving:

wife, Ruth (Furber), Smith River, Calif.; sons, Randall Schuler, Sunnyside, Wash., Bill Schuler, Lafayette, Colo., David and Dennis Schuler, both of Napa, Calif., Darrell Schuler, Commerce City, Colo.; daughters, JoAnn Vipond and Virginia Smith, both of Brookings, Ore., Judith Balkins, Boise, Idaho; 15 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

**SIEGER**—Betty Lou (Holbrook), 51; born May 15, 1953, Pendleton, Ore.; died July 2, 2004, Pendleton. Surviving: son, Tony Sieger, Pendleton, Ore.; daughter, Cindy Border, Troutdale, Ore.; parents, F.D. and Pearl Holbrook, Pendleton, Ore.; brother, Glenn Holbrook, Pendleton, Ore.; 1 grandchild.

**STEBBEDS**—Hazel I. (McKinstry) Hixson, 90; born Jan. 12, 1914, Canon City, Colo.; died June 29, 2004, Eugene, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Sherleen Head, Eugene, Ore., Carol Panfilio, Vancouver, Wash., Margaret Walton, Oregon City, Ore., Irma Nichols, Creswell, Ore.; brother, James McKinstry, Vancouver; sister, Gladys Fallang, Big Timber, Mont.; 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

**WAGNER**—C. Laurene (Banks), 87; born May 7, 1917, Wilson Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada; died June 24, 2004, Farmington, Wash. Surviving: sons, Jack, Spencerville, Md., Kevin and Leon, both of Farmington; daughters, Karen Petersen, Konnie Geschke and Lynn Wagner, all of Portland, Ore., Janice Stone, Walla Walla, Wash., Anne Miner, Troutdale, Ore., Gretchen Arnott, Yucaipa, Calif.; 20 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

**ZIMMERMAN**—Victoria E. (Johnston) Bunch, 72; born Nov. 16, 1931, Springdale, Ore.; died April 3, 2004, Redlands, Calif. Surviving: husband, Duane; son, Brent Bunch, Chicago, Ill.; stepsons, Carl Zimmerman, Langley, Wash., Mark Zimmerman, Redlands, Calif.; sister, Hazel I. Fitch, Fairfield, Idaho.

**G U I D E L I N E S**

*Information to include: date and location of birth and death; first and last names, including married women's maiden names and previous married names; immediate surviving family members, (children, stepchildren, parents, brothers/sisters, stepbrothers/sisters, half-brothers/sisters, grandparents) along with the city/state of residence for each; number of grandchildren; contact's name and daytime phone number. Corrections will only be made in the GLEANERonline edition listings.*



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

## WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

New students and their parents are invited to attend the President's Welcome Luncheon and orientation as the 2004-05 school year begins at Walla Walla College. The luncheon will take place Sunday, **Sept. 19**, at 12:30 p.m. in the Walla Walla College gym.

Freshman orientation also takes place the week of **Sept. 19-26**, and students are able to register **Sept. 20-26**. Instruction begins on the College Place campus **Sept. 27** for all campus programs. Fall quarter enrollment is projected to exceed last year's record high of 1,918 students.

Parents and students can visit <http://thejourney.wwc.edu> for more information to help with orientation as they begin their journey at Walla Walla College.

## NORTH PACIFIC UNION

### Offerings

**Sept. 4**—Local Church Budget; **Sept. 11**—Fall Mission Appeal; **Sept. 18**—Local Church Budget; **Sept. 25**—Local Conference Advance; 13th Sabbath: Southern Asia Division; **Oct. 2**—Local Church Budget.

### Special Days

**Sept. 4**—Men's Day of Prayer; **Sept. 5-11**—Nurture Periodicals (*Adventist Review, Insight, Guide, Primary Treasure, Little Friend*); **Sept. 12-18**—Family Togetherness Week; **Sept. 19-25**—Hispanic Heritage Week; **Oct. 2**—Children's Sabbath.

## OREGON

### International Sabbath

Everyone is invited to join the Stone Tower Church in

celebrating International Sabbath—South Pacific—on **Sept. 10-11**. The weekend begins Friday at 7 p.m. with a vespers program. Sabbath morning services begin at 9:15, with an international fellowship dinner (bring a food item from your heritage to share with others) after church. Children, youth, parents and the young-at-heart are encouraged to attend an AY meeting—*island style*—at 3 p.m. and a cultural show at 8 p.m. For more information, call (503) 232-6018.

### Horses Need Winter Lodging

Big Lake Youth Camp needs homes for our horses from September through June. We provide tack and transportation; caregivers provide shelter, feed and care. Our horses

## North Pacific Union Conference Association OFFICIAL NOTICE

Official notice is hereby given that a **Regular Membership Meeting of the North Pacific Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists** is called for 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004, at the North Pacific Union Conference office in Vancouver, Wash.

The membership is comprised of the members of the North Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee.

The purpose of this Regular Membership Meeting is to hear reports and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

*Jere D. Patzer, President*

*Robert D. Hastings, Associate Secretary*

specialize in trail rides and beginner lessons. For more information, contact Tammi Palmer, horsemanship director, at (503) 781-7784.

### Making Relationships Work

Sabbath, **Sept. 11**, Harvey and Kathy Corwin, Oregon Conference's Sabbath School and family ministries co-directors, will present "Making Relationships Work." All are invited to attend this seminar on love and intimacy that will begin at 10 a.m. with the topic "Spiritual Intimacy" and continue at the 11 a.m. service with "Love Takes Time." After the free vegetarian lunch at 12:30, the seminar will continue at 2 p.m. with "Three Sides of Love," "The Five Love Languages" and "Sexual Intimacy." Lebanon Adventist Church, 690 S. 10th St., Lebanon, Ore. For more information, call John Knoblock at (541) 451-2762.

### Evangelistic Meetings

Evangelist Lyle Albrecht will present an evangelistic seminar **Sept. 11-Oct. 9**, 7:30 p.m., each Friday, Sabbath, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday night at the University Park Church, 4007 N. Alaska St., Portland, (503) 757-6719. Childcare provided. We would love to have you bring a friend to this very exciting seminar. Pastor Lyle will give his personal testimony on what God has meant to him, and you will *definitely* receive a blessing.

### Retired Workers' Fellowship

All retired denominational workers are invited to attend the **Sept. 14** noon potluck meeting of the Oregon Retired Workers' Fellowship. Enjoy Pastor Weldon Mattison's exciting tales about his trip

to the source of the Ganges River in Northern India and how he discovered the goddess "Mother of the Ganges." This monthly meeting is held in the downstairs multipurpose room of the Oregon Conference office at 13455 SE 97th Ave., Portland, Ore. Bring food and table service. For information, call Frank Gearhart at (503) 665-4777.

### Singles Activities

**Sept. 18**—Potluck at Beaverton Church at 12:30; 3:30 p.m. we will sing at a local facility then enjoy an evening activity. For more details and singles information, visit the Beaverton Church Web site at [www.beavertonsda.com](http://www.beavertonsda.com) and follow the prompts to the singles section. Or call the singles' hotline at (503) 654-6054 opt. 4, visit the OCSM Web site at [www.orsingles.org](http://www.orsingles.org), e-mail us at [info@orsingles.org](mailto:info@orsingles.org) or contact Charlotte at (503) 579-9549.

### The Heralds in Concert

The Heralds Quartet will be in concert at the Rockwood Church, 1910 SE 182nd Ave., Portland, on Sabbath, **Sept. 18**, at 7 p.m. The Heralds Quartet has shared their music and love of God around the world since 1949. Their concerts are fun for the whole family! Freewill offering taken.

### Laurelwood Alumni Weekend

Laurelwood Academy Alumni Weekend will be held **Oct. 1-2**, on the Gaston campus. Classes to be honored include those who graduated in the '04 years. Friday night vespers will be presented by the 30-year class (1974), Sabbath School by the 20-year class (1984) and church by the 50-year class (1954). For more information, contact Hal Lemke at (503) 585-0208 or Penny Messenger at (503) 647-5868.



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## **Laurelwood Academy Class of '55**

We may not have your current address or phone number, or you may have info regarding other classmates that we need. Please contact one of the following soon: Don Bauer (503) 799-3876; Maurice Lefore (503) 842-6343; Gene Settlemeier (360) 253-8260; Anita Dietrich Molstead (360) 694-3687.

## **Northwest Men's Conference**

"From Men—To Husbands—To Fathers," **Oct. 15–16**, Gladstone Park Conference Center. Friday registration at 4:30 p.m.; supper at 5:30 p.m. First session begins Friday, 6:30 p.m. Weekend concludes on Sabbath at 8:00 p.m. Main speaker, Dr. Charles Ballard, is founder and CEO of the Institute for Responsible Fatherhood and Family Revitalization. Special guest Derrick Foxworth, Portland chief of police, plus 20 other speakers. For registration information, go to [www.lovetakestime.com](http://www.lovetakestime.com) or call (503) 654-6054.

## **Improve Your Health and Happiness**

Improve your health with CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Project). Attend one of the programs near you to learn how you can lower your risks or avoid heart disease, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, arthritis and obesity. Contact the nearest director for information session and locations: **Forest Grove, Sept. 19**—Ed, (503) 357-6571, [Enoyes5678@aol.com](mailto:Enoyes5678@aol.com), or Ruby, (503) 359-4068; **Rockwood, Oct. 3**—Karen, (503) 661-4100, [stefonek@saw.net](mailto:stefonek@saw.net); **Vancouver, Oct. 3**—Karen, (360) 896-2866, [karencoppes@comcast.com](mailto:karencoppes@comcast.com).

net; **Grants Pass, Oct. 4**—Marcella, (541) 846-0654, [marcellalynch@vsiisp.net](mailto:marcellalynch@vsiisp.net); **Beaverton, Oct. 10**—Penny, (503) 647-5868, [Penny-Gil@AutoBodyBeautiful.com](mailto:Penny-Gil@AutoBodyBeautiful.com); **Astoria, Feb. 7**—Susan, (503) 861-3586, [kslarms@pacifier.com](mailto:kslarms@pacifier.com).

## **Smoking Cessation Pioneer Coming to Oregon Conference**

Dr. Linda Hyder Ferry, world-renowned author, speaker and pioneer of the use of Zyban for smoking cessation, will be the featured speaker at the annual Oregon Conference Recovery Ministries weekend to be held **November 19–20** at Gladstone Park Conference Center. Dr. Ferry will present the latest research on smoking cessation including the process of recovery from nicotine addiction and the behavioral strategies that work. For more information, call Linda Schrader at (503)652-2225.

## UPPER COLUMBIA

### **Diamond Lake 25th Anniversary**

The Diamond Lake Church will be celebrating their 25th anniversary on **Sept. 19**. We cordially invite present and past members, pastors and guests to join us in this joyful event. We are located at 36002 Hwy. 2, approximately nine miles south of Newport, Wash., and 41 miles north of Spokane. For information, please contact Diamond Lake Church, P.O. Box 99, Newport, WA 99156, (208) 437-2034 or [gretelsmail@yahoo.com](mailto:gretelsmail@yahoo.com).

### **Irrigon Church to Celebrate 30-year Anniversary**

It will be 30 years in October since the church in Irrigon, Ore., re-opened its doors. This important milestone will be

celebrated **Oct. 9** starting with Sabbath School at 9:15 a.m. and church at 10:45 a.m.; dinner at 1 p.m.; program 3 p.m. followed by refreshments and time for visiting. All former pastors, former members and friends are encouraged to attend. For information, contact (541) 922-3392, (541) 922-5056, [jeremiah2911joy@wmconnect.com](mailto:jeremiah2911joy@wmconnect.com) or [jstahl@oregontrail.net](mailto:jstahl@oregontrail.net).

### **Colville Centennial Celebration**

Plan now to attend the Colville Church's Grand Centennial Celebration **Oct. 22–24**. Guest speakers include Dorthea Renschler Amey, Friday evening, and Kenneth and Alcyon Fleck, Sabbath morning. Join us for lots of great memories, music, munchies and more! Relive the past as we watch movies of those wonderful old-time church picnics and campouts. Reunite with your former church family scattered from Hawaii to Florida. Old-time dress encouraged. For more information, contact Rozella Stroud at (509) 468-3284.

## WASHINGTON

### **Bonney Lake 25th Anniversary**

The 25th Anniversary of the Bonney Lake Church will be held **Oct. 8–9**, at the church in Bonney Lake, Wash. All former members are invited to attend. Vespers will start at 6:00 p.m. on Oct. 8. Video of old pictures, food and music will be among





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the activities. Please contact Pastor Ken Parker (253) 862-8620, Barney Shortridge (253) 862-9344, or Marlow Ringering (509) 787-5026 for more information.

## Health Ministries Recovery Retreat

Fort Flagler Recovery Retreat **Oct. 8-10** at Fort Flagler State Park near Port Townsend for Christ-centered 12-steppers begins at 3 p.m. on Friday and ends on Sunday by 11 a.m. The fee includes five meals and two nights' lodging. This is a Washington Conference health ministries event. For information, fee and pre-registration, call Marjie at (425) 481-7171.

## WORLD CHURCH

### HealthSummit/West

If you would like to do health ministries in your church, plan to attend the health ministries training extravaganza at the Gladstone Park Conference Center, Gladstone, Ore. Choose from 10 training seminars taught by experts. First session, **Sept. 22-25**: Plant-based Nutrition Instructor (Part A); Lifelong Weight Management; Stress Management; Community Health Assessments and Follow-up; Forgiving from the Heart. Second session, **Sept. 25-27**: Plant-based Nutrition Instructor (Part B); Eight Weeks to Wellness; Healing Grief; Regeneration; CHIP. For information and registration go to [www.healthsummitwest.com](http://www.healthsummitwest.com) or call DeWitt S. Williams' office at (301) 680-6733.

## Attention AUC Aeolians

The plans for Atlantic Union College's April 2005

Alumni Weekend includes an AUC Aeolian reunion. If you are a former AUC Aeolian, please contact the Alumni Relations Office at (978) 368-2340, [aandrade@atlanticuc.edu](mailto:aandrade@atlanticuc.edu) or [hpires@verizon.net](mailto:hpires@verizon.net) and make sure we have your address and contact information. Notifications will be sent out soon with all the details.

## Rio Lindo Class of 1975 Missing

Rio Lindo Academy Class of 1975 is planning their 30th reunion! We are looking for the following missing classmates: Vivian Cotter, Robert Davis, Bill Enanoria, Patricia (Fishter) Fernandez, Barbara (Julian) Friend, Doug Henry, John Krause, Elva (Rouse) Malone, Craig Marshall, Daryl Mathe, Terrance McCormick, Ernie Miller, Lori (Necker) Rasmussen, Robin (Tobin) Rovetto, Gloria (Williams) Sevey, Joann (Michaelson) Stanger, James Swanson, Nancy (Rong) Van Deventer and Ralph Youker. If you know where any of these classmates live, encourage them to update their information on the Rio Lindo Academy Web site and contact Jackie at [jgodfrey360@msn.com](mailto:jgodfrey360@msn.com).

## Attention Whitecoats

If you served in the U.S. Army's Operation Whitecoats, the Whitecoat Foundation would like to contact you to let you know of reunions, special recognition received and other happenings. There will be a reunion in Portland, Ore., in November. If you served or know someone who did and have not been to a reunion or otherwise contacted, contact Joel Craw, secretary, at (360) 666-2706 or [WhitecoatJBC@aol.com](mailto:WhitecoatJBC@aol.com).

## Sunset Table

Daylight Saving Time	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
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ALASKA CONFERENCE				
Anchorage	8:58	8:36	8:13	7:51
Fairbanks	8:59	8:34	8:08	7:42
Juneau	7:50	7:30	7:10	6:50
Ketchikan	7:33	7:15	6:57	6:39

IDAHO CONFERENCE				
Boise	8:16	8:03	7:50	7:38
La Grande	7:25	7:12	6:58	6:45
Pocatello	8:00	7:48	7:35	7:23

MONTANA CONFERENCE				
Billings	7:48	7:34	7:20	7:07
Havre	7:55	7:41	7:26	7:11
Helena	8:02	7:49	7:35	7:21
Miles City	7:37	7:24	7:10	6:56
Missoula	8:11	7:57	7:43	7:29

OREGON CONFERENCE				
Coos Bay	7:48	7:35	7:22	7:10
Medford	7:41	7:29	7:17	7:04
Portland	7:44	7:30	7:17	7:03

UPPER COLUMBIA				
Pendleton	7:28	7:15	7:01	6:48
Spokane	7:25	7:11	6:57	6:42
Walla Walla	7:27	7:13	7:00	6:46
Wenatchee	7:36	7:22	7:08	6:54
Yakima	7:36	7:23	7:09	6:55

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE				
Bellingham	7:47	7:32	7:17	7:02
Seattle	7:45	7:31	7:16	7:02

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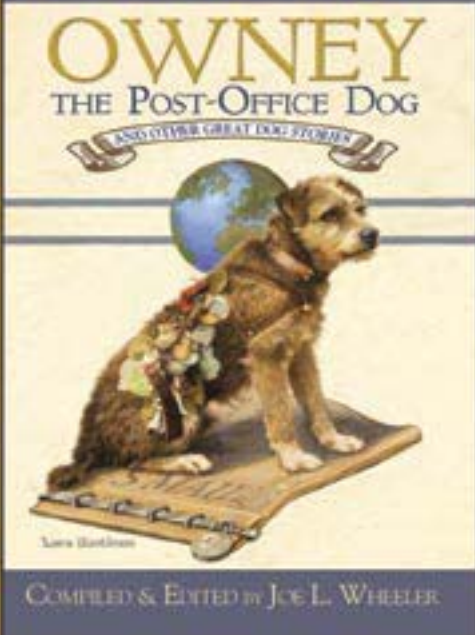
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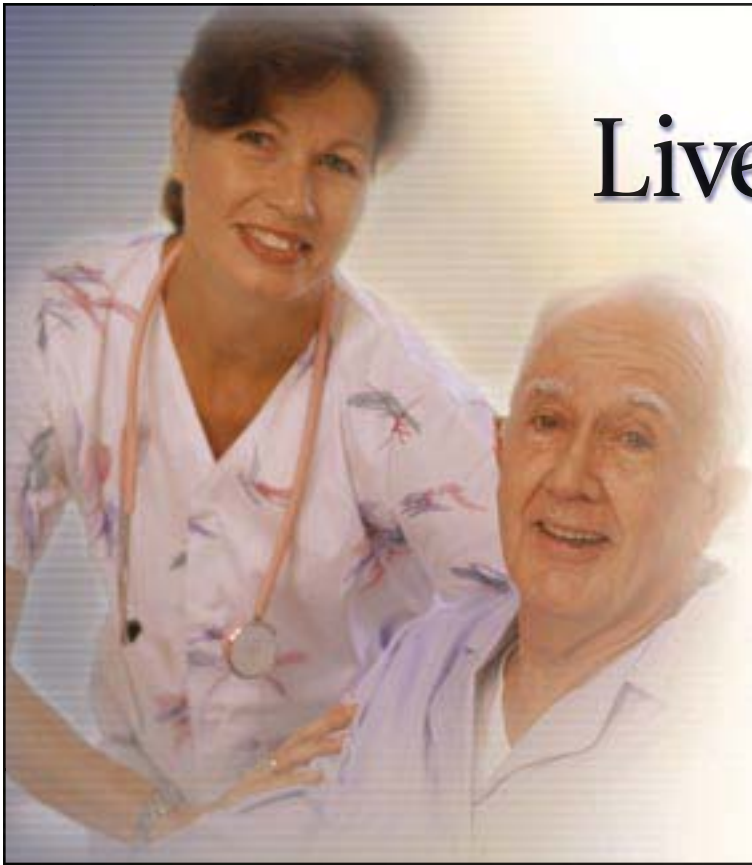
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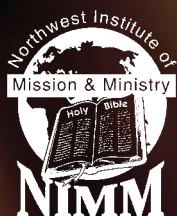
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