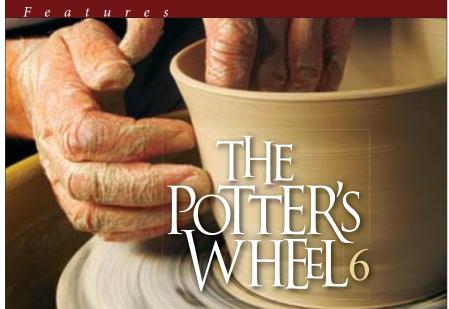




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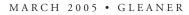
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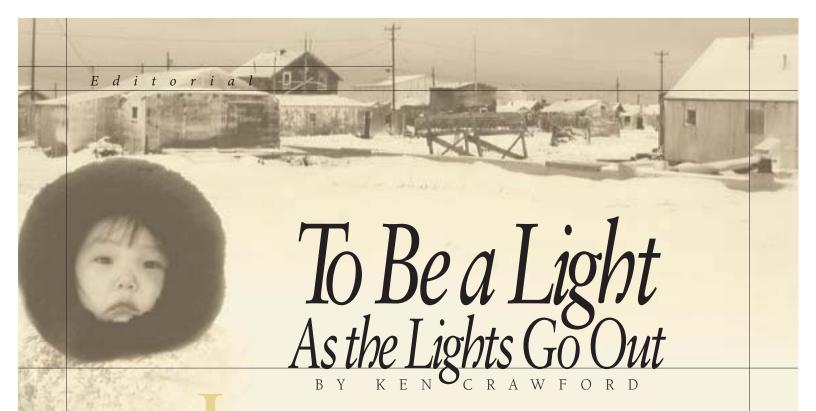
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It is early morning, and I am sitting at the kitchen table in the parsonage in Savoonga. This little Eskimo village of 300 lies at the east end of St. Lawrence Island in the Bering Sea about 35 miles off the coast of Siberia.

It is still many hours before the sun will rise, and the village is finally quiet. This visit has reminded me why I love these Eskimo people, for they are a remarkably intelligent race, so gentle spirited, kind and generous, always ready for a laugh.

This village hangs suspended between two cultures, caught in a vicious generational time warp. The old subsistence way of life is dying, and the island has nothing to offer the younger generation but twisted visions of a Hollywood society and video game entertainment. They graduate from high school with no prospects of a future, no anticipation of a career, or even a hope of returning to the old ways.

Yesterday morning as the sun arose about 11 o'clock, the village was astir. It was a rare and beautiful day, and walrus had been spotted many miles south of the village. The hunters left in anticipation of some additional food for the winter, and some of the young men left with them for the joy of the hunt. For the rest of the four hours of light, the village is alive with families and children.

But later as midnight draws close, the quiet, unhurried climate of the village begins to change. Many of the younger generation spent the day asleep, and now while many of the people in the village are preparing for bed, the young people are ready to party. All night the village is a constant roar of snow machines, four-wheelers, and the sounds of revelry. The village elders are watching the destruction of their future but have no tools to deal with the terrible problems.

Suicide is rampant, especially among the teenagers. Murders and drunken fights are common.

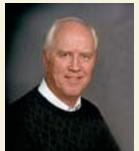
Every family here has been touched by the devastation of alcohol and drugs. The government has abdicated it's responsibility to help shape the culture and only offers temporary fixes that do little good.

As the village slowly and imperceptibly disintegrates into anarchy, the integrity of a few Christian families stands as a beacon of light on a dark stormy night. That light in this village is made up of faithful Adventist families who stand true to principle. Yet without local church leadership, even these families are succumbing to the pressures of the society they live in.

In Alaska, we need spiritual leadership. This is as much a mission field as the darkest corner of the world. Here is where you—dedicated, missionary-minded church members—can step in and make a difference.

In a number of Alaskan villages, we have nice churches with a few faithful native church members trying to keep the churches alive. Each church was built with a parsonage beside it that now stands empty, perhaps waiting for you. We need the young and the old, willing spiritual leaders that will give a year or two of their time and energy to make a difference. Are you that person?

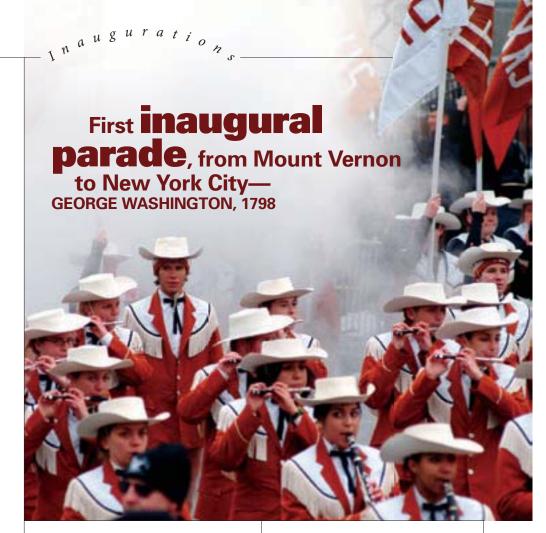
Perhaps you are a graduating teacher that would be willing to teach in a village public school, or a retired person willing to pastor the local church. That great pioneer of personal sacrifice, Stephen Haskell, once said, "It is when sacrifices that cost something are called for that the heart is tested." Why not ask God what He would like you to do. Call me at (907) 346-1004. Let's talk about how you can help. •



Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president, writes from Anchorage, Alaska.



- First president to be inaugurated at the capitol in Washington D.C. -Thomas Jefferson, 1801
- First use of floats in an inaugural parade — Martin Van Buren, 1837
- First official planning of a parade to follow the inauguration at the capitol — William H. Harrison, 1841
- First time that African-Americans participated in the inaugural parade — Abraham Lincoln, 1865
- First food fight at an inaugural ball — Ulysses S. Grant, 1877
- First president to review from a stand in front of the White House — James Garfield, 1881
- First time that a president's wife, Helen, rode with her husband in the procession from the Capitol to the White House — William H. Taft, 1909
- First time that women participated in the inaugural parade — Woodrow Wilson, 1917
- First president to ride to and from his inaugural in an automobile — Wärren G. Harding, 1921



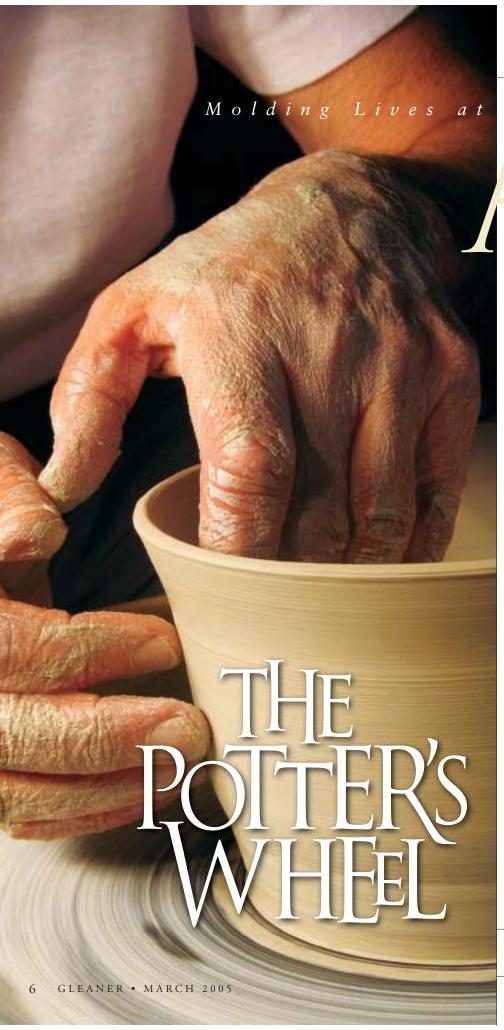
- First president to be inaugurated on the January 20th date, a change made by the 20th amendment to the Constitution — Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1937
- The largest inaugural parade with 73 bands, 59 floats,

horses, elephants, and civilian and and 32 minutes - Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1953

- First time that the parade was televised in color (NBC) — John F. Kennedy, 1961
- First use of a bullet-proof, closed limousine — Lyndon B. Johnson, 1965
- Warmest Jan. 20 inauguration day with a noon temperature of 55 degrees — Ronald Regan, 1981
- Coldest inauguration day on record, with a noon temperature of 7 degrees - Ronald Reagan, 1985
- Inaugural parade route is about 1.7 miles from the U.S. Capitol to the White House
- For the 55th inaugural parade, there were 79 organizations invited to participate — George W. Bush, 2005
- Approximately 11,000 people, floats, vehicles and horses marched, played, and rode in the 55th inaugural parade - George W. Bush, 2005



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M i l o

As the potter's wheel spins, the potter gently begins to mold the shapeless lump of clay into a masterpiece. While the wheel turns, the clay glides beneath the potter's hands, smoothing into a recognizable form. With just a pinch here and a touch there, the potter adds character to the developing piece. The rough edges disappear, and, almost magically, the clay object grows tall and becomes more distinctive. As this piece of art begins to dry, the potter uses special tools to carve a design into the sides of the vase. Later, color is applied, and soon the masterpiece is completed. The vase is unique, beautiful, ready to serve its purpose, full of character and promise.

Like the clay in the potter's hands, children are shaped by the Master Potter. One of the Potter's studios is the Christian school. There He can use caring pastors, teachers and a prayer-filled, mission-driven atmosphere to gently mold children's characters.

Oregon youth have been especially blessed with several Christian education options. Day academies, home schools, and boarding academies have provided Christian secondary education. The Oregon Conference and North Pacific Union education departments have taken their mission seriously by hiring educators who have both the right credentials and a passion for letting God lead them in guiding young people.

One of the Master Potter's studios is Milo Adventist Academy (MAA). For the past 50 years, students at MAA have been given the opportunity to develop Christ-like characters in this resort-like setting.

Why have students through the years chosen Milo? Alumni and current students point to the friendly spiritual atmosphere as the most outstanding reason, followed closely by MAA's picturesque setting and high academic standards. Milo's family atmosphere creates a sense of community that nurtures emotional and spiritual growth among students.

The potter shapes each raw piece of clay to reach its own highest beauty and

BY KAY DICKEY

As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand. JEREMIAH 18:6 [AMP]

function. So the Master Potter guides the Christian school staff to help each student achieve his or her individual best. At MAA that means providing advanced placement courses for the academically gifted, high quality classes for everyone, and individual tailoring of the educational experience for those who struggle with academics. MAA also offers a variety of hands-on technology courses.

The academy began in the late 1940's when the Oregon Conference recognized the need for another academy to provide secondary education for Oregon Adventist youth. Of the sites they investigated, the one that best filled the high expectations of the leaders and the counsel of the Spirit of Prophecy was the Bar Lazy Eight Ranch (also known as the Corwin Ranch).

Church leaders met in an old prunedrying shed on November 28, 1950, where they voted to purchase the ranch and its equipment. Soon after the Oregon Conference purchased the land, modern dairy buildings were erected, and in 1953, other major buildings were started.

The 448 acres of fertile land and green forested hills along the mighty South Umpqua River would provide a beautiful setting, a place away from the city. Here students would have the opportunity to develop strong bodies, a healthy work ethic, and time-management skills while working and attending classes. In this place close to nature, students could grow spiritually, with a minimum of distractions.

This year one Milo senior is a thirdgeneration graduate. Fifty years ago, Darlene Garvin Schornstein was in the first graduating class of 1956. Her daughter, Tamera Schornstein Boes, graduated in 1978, and now Tamera's daughter Kelli Giles (seventh from left) is a member of the 50th graduating class... the class of 2005. Parents who are Milo alumni are pictured with their senior students at the recent Senior Recognition weekend. The miracles were many as dedicated workers built the school. More than half a million board feet of lumber was donated by various mills in the Roseburg and Medford areas. Lester Margart, one of the men who worked on the construction of the boys' dormitory, tells of one occasion when there was not enough lumber to finish the day's work, and there was no money to buy more lumber.

Joe Apigian left for town with a large trailer, saying he would be back with lumber for the crew. Not even knowing which direction to go, Joe prayed for guidance and soon arrived at one of the lumber mills. He went in to the office and said he had come for a load of lumber for Milo Academy. They were quick to tell him they did not have any order for him, and they were very busy. "The crew doesn't have enough lumber to finish the day, and I was sent here for your help," he told them.

After talking with them for a few minutes, he told them he would be willing to wait. That afternoon as the last piece of lumber at Milo was used, the crew could hear a horn honking all the way from the bridge. It was Joe Apigian with a full load of lumber donated by that mill.

Milo Academy opened its doors in the fall of 1955. L.E. Russell, the first principal, along with 17 staff members, welcomed the 191 students who enrolled that first year. Milo was a school still under construction. The cafeteria's cooking equipment didn't arrive until a couple of days before school started, and when the stoves were hooked up, the staff were dismayed to discover that one of them didn't work. The school's heating plant was not fully hooked up and working to capacity until at least a month after school started. And when the rains began ... there was the mud to contend with.

Milo's icon, the historical covered bridge also known as the "Bridge to Your Future," makes a beautiful backdrop for swimming and baptisms. The original bridge was built in 1920. Its main stringer timbers



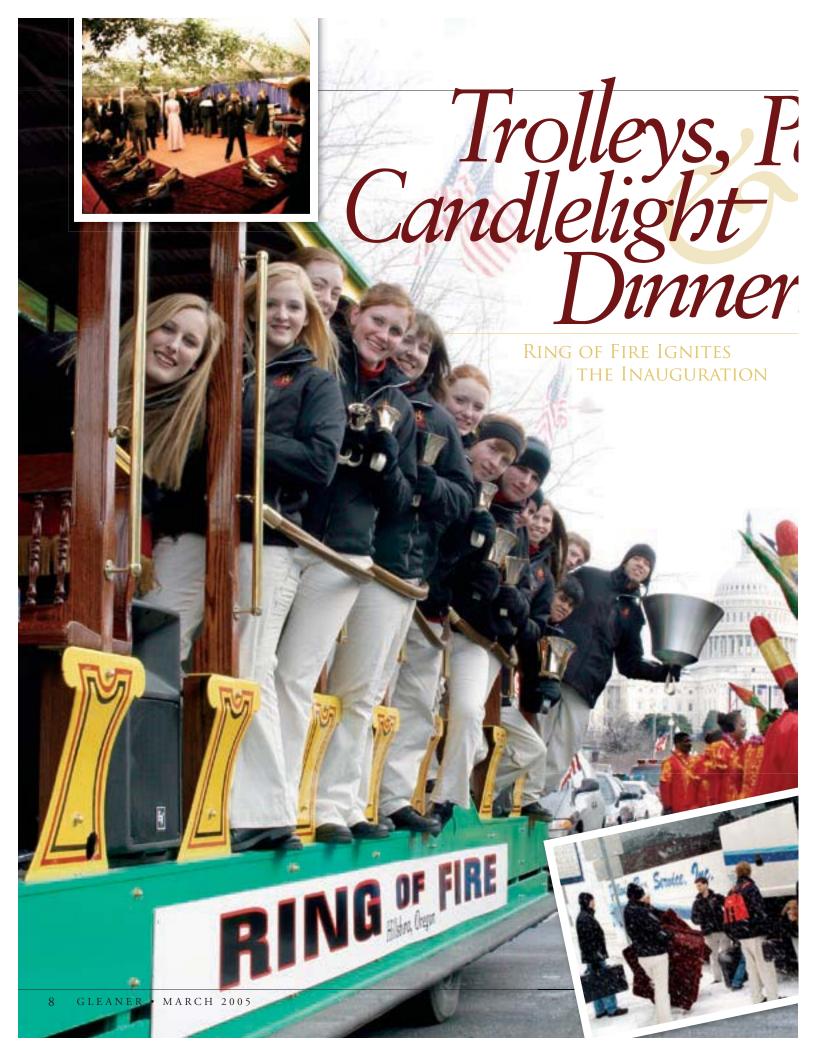
The covered bridge of the Bar Lazy Eight Ranch was built in 1920 and is Milo's icon. It is also known as the "Bridge to Your Future," and makes a beautiful backdrop for swimming and baptisms.

were hand felled and hewn from trees up on the ridge behind the farm buildings and dragged down the hill to the river by a team of horses. In the early 1960s, Ed Stelzmiller, maintenance director, worked with students to replace the wooden bridge with a steel frame that would withstand the yearly floods and allow large trucks to access the campus.

Despite the hardships that first year and the growing pains that followed, staff and student morale remained high. Today MAA alumni are scattered throughout the world, each a one-of-a-kind masterpiece. And the Master Potter is still at work on campus, molding, guiding, shaping unique and beautiful works of art. •

Kay Dickey, Milo alumni/development director, writes from Grants Pass, Oregon.





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BY RICHARD DOWER

Ring of Fire, a handbell choir based in Hillsboro, Oregon, and composed of academy-aged youth, traveled to the nation's capitol to play for three official events during the 55th presidential inauguration on Thursday, January 20, 2005. Their second inaugural trip—Ring of Fire played for the first inauguration of George W. Bush—Ring of Fire was the only organization to represent the states of Oregon and Washington at the inauguration.

Three candlelight dinners given for major political donors were scheduled the night before the inauguration, and each had a handbell choir to welcome the guests. Of the three handbell choirs, two of them were made up of Adventist young people. In preparation for their performance at the candlelight dinner at the National Building Museum, Ring of Fire practiced for several hours at Columbia Union College where they were housed during their stay in the Washington, D.C., area.

They left the college early Wednesday afternoon to make it through the first of many security checks. Then as the guests

arrived, they entertained them, performing their fiery brand of handbell ringing. "During a performance the kids have their eyes on me," says Jason Wells, Ring of Fire director, "but with 2,500 celebrities going by—men in tuxedos and women in their ball gowns—it was hard for them not to watch the people."

They were playing *Tempest* by Kevin McChesney when Rudy Gulianni, former mayor of New York City, paused to listen. Tommy Lasorda, former Los Angeles Dodgers manager, also came by, and Jo Ann Davidson, co-chair of the Republican National Committee, introduced herself.

Thursday, inauguration day, dawned sunny but cold. After a light breakfast, Ring of Fire members were bussed to the Pentagon for another lengthy series of security checks, and then were taken by a secure route to the parade staging area near the Capitol.

Finally, almost an hour late, the parade began. It took about an hour for the Ring of Fire members to travel the 1.7-mile route along Virginia and Pennsylvania Avenues from the Capitol to the White House. On

the north side of the White House was the reviewing stand where the president and his party viewed the parade.

The Ring of Fire was playing *Capriccio* as they approached the reviewing stand, and the president gave them a "thumbs up." Joel Brown, a sophomore from Portland Adventist Academy, smiled and nodded his head at President Bush, and the president acknowledged the greeting and returned it. "Then he kind of danced, keeping time with the music," Joel said. "It was cool having the president notice me."

As soon as the Ring of Fire completed the parade route, they rushed to their bus with their bells to make their next appointment to play for the Constitution Ball at the Washington Hilton. Not having much time, they all changed from their warm parade clothes to their formal wear as the bus was in transit. Then struggling once again to clear security with all their boxes of bells, they finally got to the ballroom lobby where they played for about 45



The handbells, which belong to the Salem Central Church, are carefully polished by Ring of Fire members before their first inauguration performance.

minutes. They were able to take a break, get a little food, and see President Bush, his wife Laura and their daughters.

Despite the hardships of seemingly endless waiting, strict security, little to eat or drink for almost 12 hours, and the cold, they did not complain. "I was very proud of them," Jason said, "they went out and played like pros."

For seven years the Ring of Fire was based at Tualatin Valley Junior Academy (TVJA) where their director and founder, Jason Wells, taught. They played their way to the top of the handbell world, and through the years 40 students have cycled through the group.

This current group of 13 ringers are attending schools throughout the Northwest, including Auburn Adventist Academy; Century High School in Hillsboro, Oregon; Portland Adventist Academy, where Jason now teaches English; Upper Columbia Academy; and TVJA.

"Ring of Fire is not about fame and glory," Jason says, "its about how we can brighten someone's day and how we can make a difference. My goal now is to provide a way for these kids to stay connected, to come together to ring and touch people with what they do, whether it is 50 people or 5,000. Yet ultimately, it will be one day in Heaven, where we finally finish the adventure that we started here on Earth." •

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





Playing in the lobby of the Washington Hilton for the guests as they arrive for the Constitution Ball is the last official inaugural appointment for the Ring of Fire members.

Snow and cold temperatures are minor inconveniences as the Ring of Fire loads the bus for their appointment to play at the candlelight dinner.



Young Adults

WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE SEEK, AND HOW TO REACH US

BY CERI MYERS

We are young, and we used to be Adventist. Some of us went or still go to college or graduate school; most of us work. Some of us are pierced and tattooed, and many of us carry cell phones and use the Internet daily for information, communication, and community. Some of us are married, some of us have children, and some of us prefer to remain single. Each of us used to be involved with the Adventist Church.

For various reasons—time constraints, disenchantment, or specific negative experiences—we no longer find ourselves at church on a regular basis. It doesn't mean we're necessarily opposed to returning. There are just some things we'd like to see.

What we're looking for

It's not the building, the music, or the technology that draws us or keeps us returning to a church as much as it is these four things:

- 1. **Authenticity**. In our Hollywood culture, we're surrounded by the untrue. We want church to be a place to escape the falsity and dis-ingenuousness of society, not just another show. We don't want to be patronized or coddled. We want truth and the sense that the members of a congregation are honest, straightforward fellow sinners and seekers.
- 2. **Substance**. If we just wanted to sit with a crowd and be entertained, we'd go to the movies. When we go to church on Sabbath, we're not looking for good music and a good time as much as for the opportunity to meet God and to worship. We want truth that we can take away with us, and intellectual and spiritual stimulation.
- 3. **Relevance/practicality**. We want our church experience to be applicable to our everyday lives and struggles, not just something heard on Sabbath and forgotten. We want the sense that our pastor is in touch with the world today and can help us

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understand and apply Scripture to our dayto-day lives. If Christianity is going to be real for us, we're going to have to be able to take it out of the church.

4. Community/acceptance. In some churches, Christianity feels like an exclusive club. We want to be genuinely accepted regardless of how we look or dress. Most of us don't look to the church to satisfy all our social needs, but a feeling of community is important. Many of us would also consider positions of leadership or other involvement in the congregation; we just need an invitation.

How to reach us

Leadership is important. A pastor doesn't need to be young to reach us, but he or she does need a youthful mindset. We are turned off by sermons and attitudes that focus overly on doctrine and not on the practical details of deepening and living our faith.

Social activities are an added benefit. Ones that we can bring non-member friends to are even better. Since we're all different, variety is important, but in general, we prefer an environment where the pressure is low to "sign up" for either the church or an Adventist life partner.

Many of us have left, but not all of us have. Some of us are still at church, or back after a time away, and would gladly invite our friends back with us if we were certain it would be to a loving, accepting environment and meaningful spiritual experience.

Will your church be one that helps welcome us home? •

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YOUNG ADULT PROFILE

Name: Jamie Clark

Age: 33

Occupation: Planner—Landscape

Architect

Home Church: Meadow Glade Church, Battle Ground, Washington.

What do you look for in a church?

"Friendly vibrant people."

How did you know you had found your home church?

"I went to school at Columbia Adventist Academy. After spending several years in college and working out of the area, I moved back to the Vancouver, Washington, area. The Meadow Glade Church had an active young-adult group and most were my classmates from academy and college. I felt right at home and have been here ever since. Even though our group doesn't meet every week like it used to, now that most of us are raising families, we are all still very close."

How are you involved in your local church?

"I coordinate hikes for my church, other churches, and anyone else in the community. I enjoy getting out in nature and hiking on Sabbath afternoons. The mountains, trees, water, and sunshine are a stronger pull in my blood than the dinner table and the couch. So I started an e-mail list and started organizing hikes. If anyone would like to join us, send me a message at: clark98604@yahoo.com and put "add to hiking e-mail list" in the subject line.

"I am also a member of a men's praise team at church. And I'm involved in health ministry and will occasionally give talks promoting the benefits of healthy diet, exercise, and the other eight laws of health."

How did you get involved in your church?

"I volunteered for the hiking group and was asked to be a part of the praise group and to give the health talks."



Why is it important for young adults to be active in the local church?

"We are now the adults of the church. We are of age, so to speak. Our church can't afford for us to weasel out of our duties as many of us have done in the past. Many of us are now parents. We are the deacons, we are the elders, and some of us are even the pastors. We will become the older adults and seniors sooner than we like to think. The mantle is not going to be passed, it has been passed. We are the rock upon which the church will continue to be built just as our parents and grandparents were before us. Without young adults, the church is in decline. With lots of young adults our church will continue to grow and thrive.

"We and our fellow church members are part of a family. It is the responsibility of each of us to contribute our talents to the family, no matter what age we are. We all have unique talents to share, something that we do well and have a passion for. I believe our real contribution blossoms when we give of our strengths and talents with a cheerful heart." •

For profiles of more young adults, go to: gleaneronline.org and click on the Oregon Conference section.

Don't Chang

ey, I know what we can do for the July 4 weekend," my brother Paul spoke with the intensity of the boss on *The Apprentice*. "Let's cruise to Knoxville. What do ya say?"

"Oh, I don't know," I whined. "It's such a long drive."

"I know, but there's nothing like a party at Cheryl's house."

I couldn't argue that one. No one does a holiday bash like our sister. "Okay," I agreed. "If we leave here Thursday night we'll arrive around eight on the Channe

Friday. We'll stay until

feasting, tennis and gory

Monday."

The weekend turned out to be a smorgasbord of pleasure—biking, eating, swimming,

Contribute to the tsunami relief fund through ADRA. Sponsor a child through **International** Children's Care. Volunteer at a soup kitchen or shelter in your area. Collect cans and give the proceeds to Operation Smile.

feasting, tennis and gorging. Did I mention eating? We consumed more food than an army of Sumo wrestlers.

After the fireworks on Saturday night, we returned to Cheryl's house for yet another meal of chips, tacos, burritos, and ice cream.

My burrito was steaming hot, slathered in a mountain of guacamole. Just as I was ready to plunge into this bean bomb, however, I clicked on the TV. With fork in one hand and remote in the other, I looked up to see an unsettling picture. It was not Saturday Night Live or stand-ups at The Improv or any other of the usual brain candy that floods the weekend airwaves. Instead, images of starving children appeared. I glanced at a grossly, malnourished kid sporting a scarf of flies. My fork dropped to the plate. The juxtaposition between the ghastly creatures on the screen and my own gluttony created indigestion in my heart.

Fifteen years later, I can still remember my instinctive reaction to that image—*Change the channel*. Who wants to see the famished while feasting? Not me. It's easier to change the channel.

But I could not change the channel. We stared at the child, no one daring to eat.

"Ouch," Cheryl finally managed to break the silence. "This is not right."

"That's just what I was thinking," Paul added. "We have eaten enough this weekend to feed that whole village for a year."

"What are we supposed to do about it?" I wondered out loud—but in my heart I knew. It smacked of sacrilegious to snuff out the hollow faces and stuff our own faces. Grabbing the phone, I dialed an 800-number flashing on the screen. We passed the phone around until each of us had promised a monthly pledge.

While our contributions through the years have not eliminated hunger—I believe we have made a difference. And you can too.

How? Contribute to the tsunami relief fund through ADRA. Sponsor a child through International Children's Care. Volunteer at a soup kitchen or shelter in your area. Collect cans and give the proceeds to Operation Smile.

Perhaps none of those ideas makes your heart beat faster. That's fine. Do whatever suits you. But whatever you do, change the world—not the channel. •

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

An Affirmation of Creation

As a response to the "An Affirmation of Creation—Report," this document was accepted and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Church Executive Committee at the Annual Council in Silver Spring, Maryland, October 13, 2004.

Whereas belief in a literal, six-day creation is indissolubly linked with the authority of Scripture, and;

Whereas such belief interlocks with other doctrines of Scripture, including the Sabbath and the Atonement, and;

Whereas Seventh-day Adventists understand our mission, as specified in Revelation 14:6, 7, to include a call to the world to worship God as Creator:

We, the members of the General Conference Executive Committee at the 2004 Annual Council, state the following as our response to the document, An Affirmation of Creation, submitted by the International Faith & Science Conferences:

• We strongly endorse the document's

affirmation of our historic, biblical position of belief in a literal, recent, six-day creation.

- We urge that the document, accompanied by this response, be disseminated widely throughout the world Seventh-day Adventist Church, using all available communication channels and in the major languages of world membership.
- We reaffirm the Seventh-day
 Adventist understanding of
 the historicity of Genesis
 1–11: that the seven days of
 the Creation account were
 literal 24-hour days forming
 a week identical in time to
 what we now experience
 as a week; and that the
 flood was global in
 - We call on all boards and

nature.

Then God saw
everything
that He had
made, and
indeed it was
very good. So the
evening and the
morning were the
sixth day.
GENESIS 1:31 [NKJV]

educators at Seventh-day Adventist institutions at all levels to continue upholding and advocating the church's position on origins. We, along with Seventh-day Adventist parents, expect students to receive a thorough, balanced, and scientifically rigorous exposure to and affirmation of our historic belief in a literal, recent six-day creation, even as they are educated to understand and assess competing philosophies of origins that dominate scientific discussion in the contemporary world.

- We urge church leaders throughout the world to seek ways to educate members, especially young people attending non-Seventhday Adventist schools, in the issues involved in the doctrine of creation.
- We call on all members of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist family to proclaim and teach the church's understanding of the biblical doctrine of creation, living in its light, rejoicing in our status as sons and daughters of God, and praising our Lord Jesus Christ—our Creator and Redeemer. •

To read the full statement on creation and other official statements of the Seventhday Adventist Church, go to: www.adventist.org/beliefs/ statements/index.html.

New Bible Course for Native Americans

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living in

Alberta,

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The lessons, printed by

the Pacific Press Publishing

Association, are available from

the Voice of Prophecy (VOP)

either in bulk to churches who

want to start their own Bible

school or to individuals who

artist

A new Bible correspondence course designed to reach the Native American population of the United States and Canada has just been completed. Although many Adventist outreach ministries have their own correspondence courses and Bible schools, none of them have targeted the more than 5.5 million native North Americans, until now.

The Native New Day Bible Correspondence Course has spanned an 11year development period. The editorial committee, a group of five Native Americans representing Canada, the Southwestern United States, and the Pacific Northwest, carefully researched each lesson, making sure nothing would be offensive to any of the North American tribes. The reading level, the artwork, and the stories were carefully chosen so there would be a strong appeal to native people.

Each lesson was carefully illustrated with paintings and photographs, translating traditional evangelistic scenes into illustrations featuring nature and native figures. The artwork was created by A. J. McCoy, an Adventist

There will be a close Native New Day 2 connection between the local pastor and the VOP. When a student completes about half of the lessons, the VOP will send a card to the pastor with information about the student's interest. Monte

Church, project coordinator and director of Native Ministries for the North Pacific Union and Canada, says, "Native people love correspondence courses, and as such, the lessons have no boundaries because they can be sent through the

postal system no matter how remote the area is." •

Richard Dower, GLEANER editor



Walt Blehm Remembered

Vany Northwest members were positively impacted by the life and work of Walt Blehm, who passed to his rest Oct. 5, 2004, in Portland, Ore.

Born Oct. 13, 1923, in Hitchcock, Okla., he was the youngest of 10 children, nine boys and one girl. In 1934, his family moved to Scappoose, Ore. Blehm graduated from Portland Union Academy in 1943, and from Walla Walla College in 1946. On June 30, 1946, he married Shirley Ruud, and in that same year, began pastoral ministry in Oregon.

During 40 official years of ministry, Blehm served the Oregon, Southeastern California, and Pacific Union conferences as youth director and president. Blehm officially retired in 1986 and returned home to Oregon where he continued to serve in various capacities.

Besides his long service in conference leadership, he is especially remembered for his corporate vision for the development of Adventist Health, volunteer service within his church, and guidance for local organizations such as Portland Adventist Community Services. •

Steven Vistaunet, NPUC communication director



Christmas at Kids' Kitchen

Elgin Jones, a man with a burden for hungry children, feeds homeless and underprivileged kids every night of the week in Anchorage. He has big dreams and some generous donors, but few people helping him.

This past Christmas, The Second Mile, a new church plant, teamed up with Jones and his Kid's Kitchen to offer these children a Christmas experience they might otherwise not have had. In a program entitled, "A Happy Birthday Tribute to Jesus," members of The Second Mile transformed a restaurant/club into a decorated fellowship hall, wrapped more than 100

gifts, sang Christmas carols, and served food prepared by Jones and his team. More than 50 children were served a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, and each received several presents.

An appeal was made to those present to give their lives as gifts to Jesus this year. One lady commented, as she was leaving with her three children, "Thank you, we wouldn't have had Christmas without you."

Just as valuable was the satisfaction experienced by the church members and their friends who served. They sacrificed their own Christmas celebrations to



During a Christmas Day program provided by Anchorage's newest Adventist group, The Second Mile, Lynda Cazort and Kristin Eastman give gifts to the kids who came to Kids' Kitchen, a mission for homeless and underprivileged children in Anchorage.

follow Jesus' advice in Luke 14:13–14: "But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot

repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." •

Brant Berglin, The Second Mile

Alaska Students Respond to Tsunami Victims

Alaskan Adventist school students have joined children across America by opening

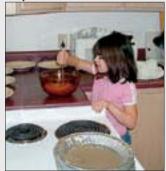
Cindy Patten's students in Sitka, Alaska, baked and sold more than 30 pies so they could send approximately \$400 to ADRA's Asia tsunami relief fund.



their hearts and piggy banks in response to the news stories and photos of the devastation

> from the tsunami in Asia. In Sitka, Cindy Patten and her 11 students chose to respond by selling studentbaked pies.

An order form was circulated, offering pumpkin or pecan pies for \$12 each. Most of one day was devoted to the hands-on baking Cindy Patte



Savannah, a first-grader at Sitka Adventist School, stirs the ingredients for one of the 32 pies baked by the students to earn money for ADRA's tsunami relief fund. lab. As a result, 20 pumpkin and 12 pecan pies were sold.

"It was fun to be having fun and helping people at the same time," stated Karli, one of the students. Derek said that his friends and his family ordered pies. He added, "Even though we thought we might have forgotten to put salt in one batch, everyone said the pies were really good."

Approximately \$400 was sent to ADRA's Asia tsunami relief fund.

John Kriegelstein, Alaska Conference education director

Gem State Academy Students Help Make the Community a Better Place

Jem State Adventist Academy (GSAA) students left the classroom last fall to help the city of Boise with several projects. Some of these included: building a trail in the foothills, assisting at

Zoo Boise, beautifying a park, shrub and tree planting, and helping clean up a low-income neighborhood.

"We believe in putting Christianity into action," said Travis Culver, GSAA guidance director and Bible teacher. "We want to teach our kids how to be Christ's hands and feet. These projects do that."

Bradley Beckner, a junior at Gem State, said, "It's nice to get off campus and take some time to help make the community a better place. It's part of why we exist as a school."

Boise Parks and Recreation

Debra McCarver



Jina Lanto, a senior from Caldwell, Idaho, breaks trail in the Boise foothills.

Debra McCarver

Eun Lim Kim of South Korea and **Bradley Beckner of La Grande** enjoy the ride to their community work project.

welcomed the help and split the more than 150 students into groups that worked on different projects all over the city. A large group worked at the zoo putting together

art projects for fall. Another group helped connect two hiking trails in the foothills, building more than 1,000 feet of trail. Many others planted shrubs and trees around the city, while still others cleaned up a low-income neighborhood.

"Service Day is a time to give back to our community in a tangible way, and also teach our students the joy of service," said Mike Schwartz, principal. "We're excited to be a part of keeping up the city of Boise."

For more information about Gem State Adventist Academy visit www.gemstate.org or call (208) 459-1627. •

Debra McCarver, GSAA GLEANER correspondent



Friendship Evangelism in Nampa

he Nampa Church is serious about reaching others for Christ through sharing and caring. Following are some of the practical ways members have reached out to our community.

- Various members open their homes each week to provide a Sabbath meal for guests.
- The Community Services ministry served over 1,200 grateful families with food and clothing. The church also co-sponsors a weekly hot lunch program.
- The choir presented their annual spring and Christmas concerts, which drew large audiences from the community and featured guest musicians from the local Nazarene and Assembly of God fellowships.
- Taking advantage of the interest in the movie, "The Passion of the Christ," the church distributed Passion of the Messiah, a booklet based on the crucifixion chapters in The Desire of Ages, to neighbors living near the church.
- In August, the church held its 4th annual "Praise in the Park" church service in a grassy area adjacent to the church. The community was invited and many came to worship and share in a potluck lunch afterwards.
- The Nampa Church hosted an inter-faith Thanksgiving worship service. The service was well attended by members of several denominations.
- More than 30 members sang Christmas carols in

the apartment complexes adjacent to the church. Residents came out of their apartments to enjoy the music and received the SIGNS special issue "Unto Us a Child Is Born" as they listened.

God has blessed our efforts to become a more visible and accessible source of healing and comfort in our community. •

Shirley Maxwell, Nampa Church communication leader

IDAHO

Kuna Church Celebrates 25th Anniversary

The Kuna (Idaho) Church will celebrate its 25th anniversary Apr. 15–16. The celebration will climax a banner year which included construction of a brand-new sanctuary, nine new Sabbath School rooms, and renovation of the original structure.

"We hope many former and present Kuna Church family members will join us for our anniversary celebration," John Kurlinski, church pastor, says. "The Friday evening program will begin at 7:30 and the Sabbath program at 9:30 a.m. Several former Kuna pastors, including Phillip Samaan and Jack Sequeira, are scheduled to participate.

For many years the Kuna congregation was small, but in the past seven years, the church has experienced explosive growth. Three years ago the tiny original sanctuary could no longer hold the congregation, so they moved—pews and all—into their multi-purpose gymnasium.

"But that was never intended to be a permanent fix," Gary Crawford, head elder at the time of groundbreaking, explains. "With 90 active families and more than 100 children under the age of 18, our Sabbath School rooms were no longer large enough. Also, our kids needed their gym back, so we began fund-raising efforts." The church moved ahead in faith to establish a building committee under the chairmanship of Nick Voth and began to work

with the architect to plan a new facility.

Kuna placed most of its fund-raising efforts in achieving a 100 percent commitment from the congregation to pray daily for the building project. Finance committee chairman Milford Terrell and his wife Grace invited small groups of members to their home to hear about and pray for the building plans and financial needs. Each couple was given time to talk and pray together privately to make a financial commitment to the project and to commit again to daily prayer. No one except the donors and the treasurer knows the exact commitment each was led to make, but at the end of all these meetings, funds were available to enable the church to obtain a building loan to break ground and begin building. Monthly pledges are sufficient to pay back the building loan within seven years.





Matthew Fritz joined the entire Kuna congregation when they broke ground for the new sanctuary in March.



The 25-year-old Kuna congregation has just completed a sanctuary construction and facility remodel.

The new sanctuary and renovation were completed in mid-January. During announcement time on Christmas Day, the building committee and congregation presented a special gift to Pastor John and Barb Kurlinski to thank them for their tireless efforts to see us through construction. Nick Voth reported that Pastor John's building skills probably

saved the church \$35,000 in construction costs. The gift included a certificate to a tool store to replace tools broken during building and a week's vacation, including tickets and lodging.

The total renovation and construction added a 300-seat sanctuary, nine new Sabbath School rooms, and four new bathrooms. The project came in under budget and went only three weeks beyond the targeted completion date.

"Amazing things happen when people pray together," Pastor John reminds us all. "God wants to give us buckets of blessings instead of the tiny thimblefuls we often ask for."

For more information about the anniversary celebration plans, call (208) 922-4686 or e-mail ailsox@pacificpress. com. •

Aileen Andres Sox, Kuna Church communication leader

Miles City Church Grows

Miles City Church recently welcomed four new members into the church family.

Irene Gresens has Adventist family members who encouraged her to take Bible studies to learn what Adventists believe. As a result, she made the decision to be baptized.

Courtney Peaslee has grown up in our church and is excited to be a member and do her part in the church.

Sheri Wiedeman and her mother followed a grandfather's advice and began attending the Miles City Church. They participated in a Bible marking class, Sabbath School, and church. Sheri became a member of a small group and soon joined the church by profession of faith.

Bette Harwood looked up the church address in the phone book and drove by the church. There she found our pastor's name, looked up his phone number, and called to tell him she wanted to be baptized. She had purchased the *Conflict of*



From left: John Delinger, Miles City pastor, welcomes Irene Gresens, Courtney Peaslee, and Sheri Wiedeman into church membership.

the Ages set from a literature evangelist 11 years before. When she finally started to read *The Great Controversy*, she was convicted she needed to become an Adventist. John Delinger, Miles City Church pastor, could hardly give her enough books to read and

studies to complete before she was ready for more. Her first Sabbath in church was the Sabbath that Gresens and Peaslee were baptized. Two months later she was baptized. •

Marilyn Delinger, Miles City Church communication leader



District Camp Meeting Held in Southeastern Montana

For the second year, the Miles City, Custer, and Hardin district in southeastern Montana came together Friday and Sabbath, Sept. 17–18, to hold a district camp meeting in Hysham, Mont., at the Redlands Better Bred Red cattle sale barn.

John Loor, Montana Conference president, was the featured speaker for the Friday evening, Sabbath morning and afternoon meetings. Worshipers enjoyed singing, special music, and a fellowship dinner. Sabbath School activities and crafts were provided for the children.

Plans are underway for this year's camp meeting, Sept. 16–17. All are invited to join with us. •

Marilyn Delinger



Gymnastics at Mt. Ellis

Donnell Ang, from Bozeman, top, is a member of the new gymnastics class Mt. Ellis Academy has added to its curriculum this school year. The instructors, Robyn and Jody Browning, graduates of Mt. Ellis, and Erik Christiansen, assistant boys' dean, teach the twice-weekly sessions. The students are working hard to be ready to perform for a home show in May. •

Juanita Starkebaum, MEA administrative assistant



ONTANA

Q. Why do we have to go to Adventist schools?

A. I spent most of my grade school years in public school, since my town did not have an Adventist school or one near by. I don't know that a student has to go to an Adventist school to get a good secular education. However, even though I was not able to be in a private school during many of my elementary years, my parents would have preferred me to be, if possible. And it did become possible for my high school and college years.

As a youth pastor and as a parent, I believe that a Christian education is one of the most valuable investments a family can make in order to give their children the opportunity to learn about Jesus on a daily basis.

I think many parents strongly encourage Christian education because they want to help their children learn that in addition to the "3 Rs," how to have a lifelong friendship with Jesus is the most important lesson they can learn. •

Youth, e-mail your questions or comments to PJ at info@oc. npuc.org. Only questions selected for this column will be answered. Personal replies cannot be sent.





Senior class officers, from left: (front) Kim Wheeker, music coordinator; Larissa Tetzler, social vicepresident; Daneal Reedy, graphic designer; Ian Handke, spiritual vice-president; Greg Becker, president; (middle) Jordan Personius, senator; Ashlie Chrowl, secretary; Brenda Stebbeds, executive vice-president; (back) Kimmie Coggins, senator; Ashleigh Herscher, sergeant at arms; Nolan Maloney, senator; and Matt Robertson, sports coordinator (not shown).

Seniors Share God and Laughter During Senior Recognition Weekend

Family and friends recently came to celebrate Senior Recognition with the class of 2005 at Milo Adventist Academy. Guest speaker Steve Lemke, East Salem Church pastor and a 1998 Milo graduate, spoke for vespers and the Sabbath church service. The seniors led out in Sabbath School and church. Brenda Stebbeds and her father, Todd, taught the Sabbath School lesson about the end times. For the church offering, every senior put into the plate 105 pennies, representing the class of 2005.

As people walked into the gym for the evening program, they found themselves in a park, complete with large trees, grass, benches, and lampposts. The seniors then served a delicious Mexican dinner. As the dinner was coming to an end, auctioneer and father Tom Harmon got people bidding on auction items. Some of the memorable items sold were a handmade quilt and a basketball signed by all the seniors.

Emcees Dieter Polmueller and Shane Baze then announced that it was time to start "And Then There Was One," a play about 10 strangers who come to a weekend party and then one

by one, start to disappear. Many funny lines and actions caused the audience to laugh hysterically in some parts and just chuckle to themselves in others. In between acts, the emcees entertained with jokes and playing the bagpipes without any instruments, and some seniors entertained with musical talent. Another highlight was senior Mark Oh playing the sound effects and music from the Mario Brothers game on the piano.

Seniors and their families enjoyed a weekend of laughter and reflection on God. •

Daneal Reedy, Milo senior

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Oregon Makes History

with Pastor-Teacher Conference

History was made Jan. 3–5 when all Oregon Conference pastors and educators came together for pastor-teacher meetings held at Holden Convention Center. "To my knowledge," says Don Livesay, conference president, "this is the first time we've done this in the Oregon Conference." Wayne Wentland, associate superintendent of education, adds, "Not only is it the first time, it's about time."

According to Wentland, the meetings provided an opportunity for educators and pastors to discuss, find commonality, and unify on issues affecting both. One of those issues involves the significant funding concerns in Adventist education. "We realize we're in the same ministry of saving kids for Jesus," says Anita Molstead, associate superintendent of

education. "What can we do to help parents realize [Adventist] education is worth the cost?"

Helping to provide an answer to that question was keynote speaker V. Bailey Gillespie, Ph.D., executive director of the John Hancock Center for Youth and Family Ministry at La Sierra University. Gillespie presented information from the Valuegenesis2 study (2000) as compared to the initial study in 1989. During the Valuegenesis2 study, faith and values in the context of family, church, and school were assessed in a population sample of almost 25,000 students in Adventist schools.

The results? "Kids are more spiritual," says Gillespie, "and the Oregon Conference has the highest faith maturity in North America." From



Breakout groups allowed pastors and teachers to discuss information presented during the main sessions.

his research, Gillespie also discovered that the longer kids are in Adventist schools, the more attached to church they become and the lower the instances of at-risk behavior. "The challenge now," says Wentland, "will be to turn the data into positive action." •

Amy L. Schrader, Oregon Conference communication director

CAA Head Start Christmas Party

One of the things that we do at Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) every year is a Christmas party for the kids from the local Head Start program. We get together in groups of 5–7 people, and we sign up for a kid to sponsor. Each group receives a sheet of paper that gives a child's name, age, clothing sizes, and something that they have wanted for Christmas. The group members throw in a few dollars apiece and go out



Kami Rogers and Ana Palaki help their little girl put on her Christmas present.

shopping for the kids who might not get anything for Christmas otherwise.

My group had a little boy named Travis. What Travis really wanted for Christmas was the hungry hippo game and a few other things like clothes. We each donated some money, and then my friends and I went to the store and bought him everything he wanted.

A few weeks before Christmas, the children were brought to CAA for a party, including a visit from Santa, a Christmas story, and gifts for everyone. The kids all wore name tags so that we would know who they were. We all found our kids, and the group of us got in a circle and introduced ourselves to Travis. Travis was happy with all of the presents he got. I like doing this for my kid and can't wait to do this again next year. •

Stephanie Vail, CAA student

Another Victory for Christ

Through 3ABN

A Smith was searching for a church home where he could learn and share. He came from a Presbyterian church in California to the small town of Canyonville, Ore., to be with his mother and step-father. One day he happened upon 3ABN where he listened to Lyle Albrecht. He was fascinated with the message and began to watch other programs. He finally decided to look up the local Seventhday Adventist Church and discovered that there was one just around the corner from his mother's house. He entered the church and sat down in the back row to see what it was all about. Little did he know that the pastor had been praying for someone to come and get involved in the church.

After meeting church members and being greeted warmly, he was compelled to get involved. He then attended the

Southern Oregon camp meeting at Milo. He heard and met Mike Ryan from Global Missions and was invited to attend the Gladstone camp meeting and the Redwood camp meeting in California. He enthusiastically attended all the seminars he could.

When he heard about the Maranatha program from Canyonville's members, he got involved in their projects. His baptism in the Canyonville Church finalized his family membership there. He is thinking about going to India and joining a Maranatha evangelistic group who will establish new churches and instruct new members in the new churches. There will be no stopping Al Smith in his effort to do the Lord's work. •

Martha Chaffin, Canyonville

Church communication leader

Pastor Loren Fenton baptizes Al Smith in the Canyonville Church where he received his inspiration to get involved.





PAA students receive college credit for a business class taught by Monte Knittel, Adventist Medical Center vice president of marketing and business development.

A Taste of the Real World

Business Education at PAA

wenty-three Portland Adventist Academy students had the opportunity of taking an introduction to business class taught by Monte Knittel, Portland's Adventist Medical Center vice president of marketing and business development. The course provided credit from the Walla Walla College business department.

Class requirements included reading and reporting on five articles from Business Week magazine, reviewing accounting theory, discussing managerial techniques, surveying marketing strategies, and managing a stock portfolio.

Managing the stock portfolio required the class to be divided into four groups. Each group was given 100,000 imaginary dollars to purchase the stocks or bonds that they had researched and evaluated. To buy and sell stock each trading group had to e-mail their stock trades to Knittel who recorded the trades. Three times during the semester, the students gave class reports on the progress

of their portfolios. At the last class period, each group had the opportunity of reporting on their gains or losses. Each of the four groups showed a net increase, with one group showing a \$32,000 increase during the three-month class.

Students learned about business first hand from a lawyer, a comptroller, a quality assurance specialist, an information systems specialist, and a commercial real estate developer who spoke to the class.

Knittel stressed the importance of dressing for success, and used dress evaluation as a factor in each student's overall grade. Shirts, ties, suits, and dresses were standard attire for most of the students, in contrast to typical student dress.

The students were enthusiastic about the class, and Knittel says that he would like to teach a similar class next school year. •

Dan Patchin, PAA GLEANER correspondent

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Youth Creates Movies for Children's Stories

A trip to the Jelly Belly factory in Fairfield, Calif., and an interest in computer animation led Craig Church, a 17-year-old member of Hood View Church (Boring, Ore.), to create a special movie for the children's story one Sabbath.



Craig Church told a story about personal worth by creating a movie about jellybeans.

Church, who often volunteers to tell the children's story, has spent three years working on an animation project. "In the process, I've made some short, animated films to pace myself and give myself a break from the same project every once in a while," Church explained. This children's movie became one of those side projects.

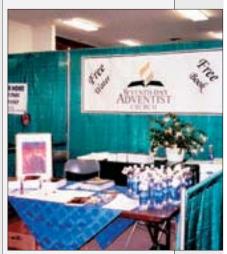
The movie, which Church created using live action video and still images, explains how everyone is special, no matter what outward flaws they possess. The inspiration came to Church when he toured the Jelly Belly factory and

learned about "Belly Flops," the rejected jellybeans that are just as tasty even if they don't have the perfect Jelly Belly shape.

Church followed this liveaction movie in February with an animated short, "The Hermit," in which a lonely hermit learns the value of having one Best Friend no matter what.

Churches interested in getting a copy of these movies to use for their children's story may contact Laurel Rogers at laurelrogers@yahoo.com. •

Laurel Rogers, Hood View Church communication leader



The Brookings Church sponsored a booth at the Curry County Fair.

Chain of Events Ends in Successful Outreach

The Brookings (Ore.)
Church formed an outreach committee after Charles
Schulz, pastor, and local church leaders attended a leadership conference in Grants Pass last spring. The newly formed committee decided as one of its activities to staff a booth at the Curry County Fair held July 22–25. The Gold Beach (Ore.) Church also participated, making it a joint effort.

More than 1,000 free copies of *The Passion of His Love* by Ellen G. White and bottles of water were given to Curry County fairgoers. Story booklets, erasers and stickers were available for children.

People of all ages readily accepted the books as the movie "The Passion of the Christ" was still fresh in their minds. •

Jann Biegel, Brookings Church outreach committee member



Cave Junction Church Assists Adventist Tsunami Victims

Verne and Patty Hyland, pastoring in Cave Junction, Ore., were devastated by the news of the Tsunami wave that left thousands homeless in Sri Lanka, where they served as missionaries for nine years. They contacted friends in Sri Lanka and Sri Lankans in Southern California to find a way they could help.

A Washington family is serving as missionaries there, and the young man has been put in charge of helping our Adventist homeless members, many of whom have lost everything. Some are living in tents in the church yard at Batticalo, on the devastated east



Pastor Verne and Patty Hyland, of Cave Junction, are eager to share how to help Adventist tsunami victims.

coast of the island. Most of the families are living in plastic shelters or tents.

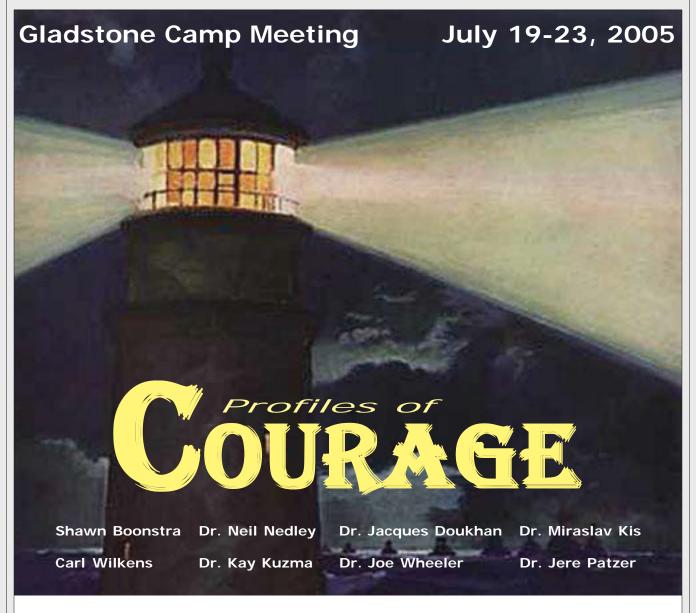
The Cave Junction Church has been assigned a family to

help. A house costs \$500–\$1000, and \$500 will build a boat for a fishing family. The Hylands are willing to visit other churches and encourage them to adopt a family to give emergency aid to this stricken area of southeast Asia. You may contact them at (541) 218-2667. •

Editor's note: ADRA funds must be used to help everyone alike, and cannot be earmarked specifically for Adventist members. This is one way to specifically target Adventist Church members.

Patty Hyland, Cave Junction Church communication leader

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Your 2005 campsite may be reserved for the 2006 camp meeting at check-in Sunday, July 17, through Thursday, July 21. On Friday, July 22, all remaining sites will be reserved on a first come basis. Cash or check payment due at time of reservation. WE CANNOT ACCEPT CREDIT/ DEBIT CARDS.

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UCA's Creation Week

A New Dynamic for Student Week of Prayer

ne power-packed week at Upper Columbia Academy. One brand new tradition combined with an ancient one became one of the most powerful weeks for God in recent campus memory. It was already student week of prayer, which is typically a spiritually high week on campus. But this year there was an additional element that made the week even more exciting. It was also dubbed "Creation Week." All week long, various departments emphasized creation in their classes. A contest was set up in many of the departments, encouraging students to do creation-oriented projects that reflected those disciplines.

The week was kicked off during a Sabbath School special feature with music teacher Jerry Lange and math teacher Marvin Thorman. The two had been working together to explore the concept that Lucifer had sung in eight-part harmony with himself, and that someday we also will.

Thorman had written a computer program that reflects in graphic form the combinations of harmonics or "partials" which sound in an individual note. There are sixteen possible in each one, depending on the instrument. Students took turns playing the musical note "E" (just above middle "C") into the computer's microphone. The resulting wave form was projected on the screen for all to see. The more harmonics in that instrument's note, the



UCA students loved hearing from their peers during student week of prayer. Speakers were, from left: (front) Ryan Billington, Tara Trefz, Brian Belcher, Jessica Swena, Chad Clark, Jenni Kiefiuk; (middle) Montana Conley, Carley Brown, Greta Jarnes; (back) Sam Derting, Joe Jenks, Tommy Poole, Toby Seaton, and Matt Tretheway.

more complex the wave form appeared.

"Students were excited about the presentation and were eager to do a project of their own," observes Lange. "They accepted the Creation Week idea with so much enthusiasm that we are

Canda Lodge's inspiration for

this painting came from learning that God devised the plan of salvation before creating the world, not after Adam and Eve sinned. She was profoundly moved to realize that God's choice to create was also the choice to die, hence the title of her painting, "The Choice."

planning to do it again in an even bigger way next year."

Winners from the various departments were:

• Music: Kiersten Reed wrote and performed a vocal solo,

accompanying herself on the guitar.

- Art: Canda Lodge did an oil painting entitled, "The Choice" (see photo caption).
- Computer Literacy: Marlin Thorman put together a Power Point presentation with Bible texts superimposed over samples of his nature photography.
- English: Elliot LaPlante wrote a poem entitled, "He Who Held the Sky."
- History: Chelsea Moore compared the Greek view of creation with the Christian view, noticing that ours is the one that includes a hope for the future.
- Industrial Technology:
 Using special metal rods,
 the welding class created
 a skeleton of the globe.
 It is six feet in diameter
 with continents, styled and
 cut out using plasma cam
 technology, welded to it.

The climax of the week came when these students presented their projects during the Sabbath School special feature time. It was an engaging, memorable Sabbath School.

The idea for Creation Week came as UCA staff spent time studying and brainstorming about Journey to Excellence, the goals and essential core elements for curriculum in Seventhday Adventist schools. •

Cheri Corder, UCA GLEANER correspondent



Feeding 5,000 in Sandpoint, Idaho

Joe Hurst, missing the fun of running a restaurant, brought a creative ministry idea to the Sandpoint Church board. "Big Joe," his wife Lois Marie and a few volunteers opened the Adventist Community and Youth Center kitchen in Sandpoint for free lunch on Tuesdays.

"We call it The Agape Café. It is all about sharing love—God's love and good food," Hurst states. Just over a year and 5,000 meals later, Big Joe continues to dish out gourmet meals, warm hugs, and cheery conversation with the happy patrons. A number of Adventist members have offered assistance to set up tables, chat with each guest, and help clean up.

Big Joe knows that an average of 75 people come each Tuesday, so he cooks for 90. There are a number of regulars and always a few new



customers. Many are poor or lonely and enjoy the warm food and encouragement. Adventist members who work in town drop by for lunch and to chat with guests. The Community Service Center is open for people to pick up items of clothing, blankets, etc. during lunch.

Matt Lombard, Sandpoint pastor, invited the ministerial

association
pastors to
enjoy a
homemade
meal,
featuring
soup/entrée,

dessert, and water. After lunch they met upstairs to share how God is working and to pray together.

salad, breads,

This ministry has been funded by the Hursts, a few members, and patron tips. Recently, a medical crisis

struck Lois Marie, and the Hursts were faced with decreased income and mounting medical bills. Big Joe prayed and God "opened the windows of heaven." The local food bank had bulk items they could not give to their customers, and the manager offered these to Big Joe. We are praising God for His blessings in Sandpoint and looking forward to

sustaining this ministry. •

Marilyn Fargo, Sandpoint Church communicaiton leader



NAD Honors Gerald Haeger

he North American Division (NAD) ministerial department recently honored Gerald Haeger, Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) ministerial department director, at the Adventist Ministries Convention in Orlando, Fla. David Osborne, NAD ministerial department secretary, along with other leaders presented the excellence award. Max Torkelsen, UCC president, was there for the award presentation and expressed his appreciation for the



Gerald Haeger recently received an excellence award at the Adventist Ministries Convention in Orlando, Fla. From left: Eradio Alonso, NAD associate ministerial secretary; Gayle Haeger; Gerald Haeger, UCC ministerial director; and David Osborne, NAD ministerial secretary. exceptional job that Haeger does as the pastor's pastor.

Haegar is recognized as a truly caring and supportive pastor to the nearly 100 pastoral families in the conference and spends considerable time listening, encouraging and guiding them. He is also passionate about reaching the lost, making evangelism an ongoing process rather than an event, and supporting pastors in creative methods of sharing Jesus. Each year he coordinates about 70

evangelistic series and works with many pastoral interns and Walla Walla College students.

Haeger is married to Gayle, who teaches science classes at Upper Columbia Academy. For more than 20 years they served as a pastoral couple in three conferences in the United States and Canada. Haeger has also worked as a teacher at Inca Union College in Peru. •

Doug R. Johnson, UCC assistant to the president and communication director

Yakima Valley Churches Join Together for the 12th Annual Mini Camp

Meeting at YACS

The "Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts" was the theme for the 12th annual mini camp meeting at the Yakima Adventist Christian School (YACS) Sept. 24–25. Approximately 500 members from Yakima Valley churches were in attendance for the weekend.

Gordon Pifher, Upper Columbia Conference executive secretary, was the speaker Friday night and Sabbath morning. Dave Crockett, Yakima pastor, gave a presentation during Sabbath School on understanding our spiritual gifts, and Andrew Fleming, Fairview and Selah

church pastor, closed the Sabbath with a short talk on using our spiritual gifts. Music for the worship service was provided by the Yakima Brass and Strings, directed by Rick Sloop; YACS Concert Choir, directed by Shirlie White; and a camp meeting choir, directed by Dean Kravig. An added bonus for the weekend was a concert by the Kings Heralds on Sunday night.

Several years ago the Yakima school board chairman came up with the idea of the mini camp meeting as a way to get constituent churches involved more with



A camp meeting choir, directed by Dean Kravig, provides some of the music for the YACS camp meeting.

the school. This year our Hispanic members were able to hear it in their own language as Vicky Kim translated.

One tradition that has grown popular is the haystack lunch

People came from all over the Yakima Valley to attend the mini camp meeting at the Yakima Adventist Christian School.

provided by the home and school following the worship service. The men and women in charge have it down to a fine art, and no one waits in a long line.

Plans are already being made for next year's mini camp meeting to be held Sept. 23-24. •

Nita Hinman, Yakima Church communication leader

Many Hands Make Light Work

The big yellow school bus doors opened, beckoning the waiting people to climb aboard. Thirty people gathered at the Spokane Valley Church parking lot at 6:30 on a Sunday morning to travel to Pasco, Wash., to help the Ephesus Church members put the roof on the church they are building. This small congregation has lofty dreams that they are turning into reality. Valley Church member Conrad Thomas heard about the project and appealed to our members for volunteers to help a sister church.

When the Valley members arrived in Pasco, the Ephesus Church ladies there had breakfast prepared for the hungry crew. After breakfast, the work began in earnest. John and Cinda Cook and Kaycee Kendall erect metal buildings for a living, and their expertise was invaluable in putting on the metal roof. Members of the

Volunteers from Spokane and Wapato assisted the members of the **Ephesus Church** in Pasco to put the roof on their new church.

Wapato All Nations Center worked hard on the project and also came the following weekend. Most of the kids helped by cleaning up the grounds around the building. More of the adults worked on sheeting the exterior walls of



the sanctuary. Our oldest crew member, Ed Kendall, swept up the sawdust and mess that lay about on the floor.

While we were working on the building, the Ephesus Church ladies were working on a hot and hearty lunch. After taming our hunger, we were renewed to finish the job. The last piece of roofing was nailed on as darkness fell. It was a long but satisfying day. The heartfelt thanks from the Ephesus members made the day all worthwhile. •

Lola Lile, Spokane Valley Church communication leader

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Eight Weeks to Wellness

Chewelah Church Raises Health Awareness in Their Community

The Chewelah Church kicked off the fall season in September by taking an active role to increase public awareness about health and lifestyle choices. They sponsored an Eight Weeks to Wellness program in their church.

The first week of the program was presented in person by Don Hall, founder and president of Wellsource, Inc. The last seven weeks Hall made presentations via DVD. The Eight Weeks to Wellness program was established to encourage healthier lifestyle choices, support behavior changes, and reduce disparities in health care.

Shirley Holmes and Judith Homberg, seminar coordinators, were excited about the community participation. More and more people are realizing the importance of healthful living to help prevent illness and high health-care costs. They are looking forward to working with the community to create a proactive approach to health care.

Club 49, the local health club, donated several gym memberships which were presented weekly throughout the program. Healthful cookbooks were also awarded as door prizes.

At the conclusion of the eight-week program, participants were treated to a delicious and "healthy" version of a Thanksgiving feast, and awards were given to those who had perfect attendance. •

Shirley Holmes, Chewelah Church health ministries leader



Pathfinders present the flag to open the Veterans Day program at Tri-City Junior Academy.

TCJA Salutes Our Heroes

ri-City Junior Academy (TCJA) hosted a Veteran's Day breakfast and program in honor of those who served for the freedom of our country. To open the program, Pathfinders, dressed in Class A uniforms, presented the flag. The TCJA choir and band presented patriotic pieces including the "Veteran's Salute," a medley of military songs. Veterans present were asked to stand when the song representing their branch of service was played. TCJA Principal Anthony Oucharek introduced the veterans in the audience as each stood to be recognized for their service.

Karen English, home and school leader, invited a representative of the local community chapter of American Citizens
Encouraging Support (ACES) to attend the program. English and TCJA students presented the representative with items collected for ACES to include in gift boxes for those currently serving our country. Nick Lull gave a testimony about what the ACES gifts and activities in support of veterans meant to him personally during his recent term of service.

The program closed with a prayer of thanks for those who have given of themselves for the freedom and protection of our country and for the protection of those currently serving. •

Anita Lebold, TCJA parent

Revelation Seminar Sparks Growth at Eastgate Church

After a recent Revelation Seminar at the Walla Walla Eastgate Church, nearly 30 people were baptized. Richard Halversen, North Pacific Union evangelist, officiated in the 10-week series.

Rachael, one of the newly baptized members, knew

she was not living the life that she should. She had striven to give up some bad habits, and she also wanted to be a better example to her 5-year-old son. She not only made the decision to commit herself to the Lord, but she also invited her brother Richard to join her in baptism.

Marilyn was also a candidate for baptism. She was a member of another denomination but did not feel comfortable with their interpretation of the Scriptures. She invited her friend George to join her, and both are now finding their role in the Eastgate Church.

Many others shared their stories of God's leading in their lives. •

Shirley Peterson, Eastgate Church communication leader

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Live Nativity at Bonney Lake

The Bonney Lake Church youth group were determined to make a difference in their neighborhood by doing a live nativity. Having done this in the past, this year they worked to make it even better than the year before by including more action on the set. This year the

Doug Bing

Real animals were featured

choir sang as the empty nativity set filled up with the biblical characters. Mary and Joseph had a live donkey, and the stable was complete with goats and a llama.

The first night

the weather in the manger scene during was perfect as the Bonney Lake nativity neighborhood pagent. visitors came by for the two scheduled performances. Spirits were high as the youth planned for the second night.



Playing the parts of Mary and Joseph at the Bonney Lake live nativity pagent were Ethan Hiebert and

However. torrential rains and wind threatened to blow the nativity sets away. The

electricity went out, and the night's program seemed in jeopardy. However, the entire church it seemed jumped in to save the day and the program went on. Once again guests from the community came to see the great story of Jesus, the real reason for the season. •

Shirley Anne Hurley, Bonney *Lake Church youth director*

Students Come Together for Tsunami **Victims**

Puget Sound Adventist Academy (PSAA) and Auburn Academy students took competition to a new level during their annual basketball match. During intermission between the varsity games, Colleen Brundula, PSAA math teacher, challenged two team members from each school to collect an offering from the spectators. Armed with large buckets, the students had one minute to solicit the crowd for donations toward ADRA's tsunami relief fund. The combined total that was collected was more than \$400. •

Jaimie Abbott, PSAA GLEANER correspondent

AAA Organizes Tsunami Relief Effort

The world watched as wave after wave pummeled the coast of Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, India, and surrounding areas. The tsunami that occurred during the last few days of 2004 jarred all who watched the destruction unfold. Many organizations and individuals have donated thousands of dollars toward the relief effort.

As Auburn Adventist Academy (AAA) students watched the tsunami with the rest of the world, they were

determined to be a part of the relief effort. With this decision made, it was not long before the AAA Associated Student Body (ASB) got to thinking of how to help out.

Brandon Gratias, ASB president, and Ashley Buderus, ASB vice-president, led the student body in organizing an effort to

Krysta Moench, junior class president, holds a poster advertising the walk for the tsunami relief effort.

rebuild 10 homes on the island of Rameswaram. Each house will cost \$700, putting the rebuilding costs at \$7,000. Students and faculty have been working hard at making this effort a reality.

> AAA's junior class decided to put together a walk to raise money for the relief effort

in January. Several classes have done individual class fund raisers and added their revenue to the larger pool. It may take a while to raise the money, but the students at AAA are committed to making it happen. At AAA, we are grateful for the blessings we receive, and we hope to be an instrument in sharing God's blessings with the tsunami victims. •

Nelita Davamony, AAA GLEANER correspondent



Learning to Walk Youth Rally 2005

Walking. It's something we do everyday. Whether we're feeling happy, sad, angry or content, most of us walk around each and every day. It's so much a part of the way we live, that we wouldn't dream of not walking.

Doug Bing



Speaker Marlene Ferreras, youth pastor at Campus Hill Church. Loma Linda, Calif., shares her enthusiasm.

Is that how it is with our spiritual walk? Do we just walk one day per week? Are we walking every day, no matter how we feel?

These were the questions asked on Jan. 7 and 8 when Washington Conference hosted its annual youth rally at the campus of Auburn Adventist Academy (AAA). Marlene

Ferreras, Loma Linda (Calif.) Campus Hill Church youth pastor, was the guest speaker for the weekend, and she challenged each person in the audience of more than 1,000 teenagers to be real with God and journey with Him through every part of their lives.

After a terrific lunch, students chose two seminars to attend, from eight different options on a wide range of subjects, from "Finding Faith" to "Dating, Love and Relationships." Forty-five students and youth leaders went to one of World Vision's warehouses to support their relief efforts around the world.

Following the final general session, AAA students and staff provided food booths for visitors to purchase dinner, with proceeds going to support Tsunami survivors. Playground Ministries from Miami, Fla., facilitated the evening's social events.

The Youth Rally was a grand success, and we trust that each person left with a deeper desire to walk with God. •

Tara VinCross, Washington Conference associate youth



From left: Praising God for their family reunion are Gary Ledbetter as Joseph, Barry Budd as Jacob, (in background) Duane Triplett as Pharoah and Roger Petroff as Judah.

"The Jacob and Joseph Story"

More than 40 amateur performers and crew members, composed of Port Angeles and Sequim church members and other local faith community volunteers, performed Dick McCoy's inspiring musical play, "The Jacob and Joseph Story," on Nov. 18, 2004. The premier public performance, presented in the community's Peninsula College Little Theater, retold Joseph's life story of tragedy and triumph "from dungeon to throne," focusing on his choice to trust and serve God in all his circumstances.

The 14-act benefit play performance, directed by composer McCoy, received publicity from local Peninsula Daily News and KONP radio, helping to bring an audience of more than 100 out on a foggy night, despite several other competing community events.

A freewill offering benefited Hospice of Clallam County, a local 26-yearstrong volunteer, non-profit organization serving families

dealing with terminal illnesses. In her introduction, their director, Rose Crumb, who has herself devoted 26 years as a full-time volunteer, warmly thanked the Adventist community for their support and encouragement through this special event.

McCoy's musical career spans 45 years of classroom instruction, symphony performance, and conducting bands and choruses. Though his earlier compositions and arrangements have embraced themes as varied as children's plays, classic stage works, sacred quartet and classical music, he has dedicated the past three years to biblical characters that demonstrate God's working in their lives. And that's just what the cast experienced that night—God working through each of their lives, telling His story of love and strength far beyond any they had to give. •

Kathy Nixon, Port Angeles Church communication assistant

Auburn Adventist Academy's Sylvan Chorale sang during the recent Washington Conference youth rally.



Monroe Church Celebrates Grand Opening

Jan. 15, was the culmination of years of planning, lots of fundraisers, and hours of volunteer labor as the Monroe Church had the grand opening for their new church facility. Monroe members began planning for a new church several years ago. After placing their old church on the market, it was sold rather quickly, requiring a new place to worship.

The local Assembly of God church members graciously let the Adventists use their church rent free. A wonderful location for a new church was found, and plans were drawn up for a new church with a circular design. SAGE volunteers were responsible for the framing, and members gave hours of volunteer

labor, helping the project move forward.

The grand

music and

opening featured

greetings from different Monroe community churches. John Freedman, Washington Conference president, challenged and congratulated the church in the morning sermon. Derik Harris, building committee chairman, shared a slide show, featuring the different building stages and the volunteers of all ages who used their many talents to further the building project.

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A dusting of snow covered the new Monroe Church on the morning of its grand opening.

Mike Maldonado, pastor, asked each of the members to come to the front to place a flower on a cross to dedicate themselves to serving Jesus in their new facility. Already the church has planned an

Worshiping where their new sanctuary would be built, the Monroe congregation anticipated its completion.

evangelistic meeting in April 2005 with Richard Halvorson, North Pacific Union evangelist. This will be a great opportunity for the church to invite the community to their new facility and introduce them to Jesus Christ, their personal Savior.

Doug Bing, Washington Conference vice president



Men Experience Spiritual Renewal at Retreat

Have you ever noticed that when Satan knows there is something powerful about to happen, he does all in his power to stop it? The good news is he was not successful at preventing the Washington Conference Men's Retreat from happening the weekend of Nov. 12–14, 2004. Even though the keynote speaker was hospitalized and could not come, enrollment dropped, and traffic blocked the major

roads leading to Sunset Lake Camp, the retreat still happened, and the blessings flowed.

"This was a powerful weekend that was drawn together by the Holy Spirit," one participant said. Another man commented, "Being here, having my heart softened and letting the message and God's Spirit permeate my soul proved to be the best thing that could have happened to me."

During the weekend, the men focused on the theme of how to become more passionate for Christ and be the spiritual leaders in their homes that God intended them to be. Breakout sessions reminded the men what it meant to be pure in heart, to live a balanced life, to live as a man created in the image of God, and to experience healing from the dysfunctions that clutter their lives.

The weekend event ended with some exciting activities for the men to participate in, the most popular ones being the sea plane tour of the Seattle area and the challenge course at Sunset Lake.

Next year the retreat will feature Ty Gibson. It will take place at Sunset Lake, Nov. 11–13, 2005. •

Greg Reseck, Washington Conference men's ministry board member

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Business Professor Honored

for Commitment to WWC and Community

oAnn Wiggins simply can't keep the fun to herself. Just ask her students. While sitting on the City of College Place Planning Commission, the professor of business became involved in revising the comprehensive plan for College Place. She took the project to several students in Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), a community outreach program at Walla Walla College (WWC), and a plan for downtown College Place was born.

Involvement like this, at WWC and in the community-

at-large, led Bruce Toews, associate professor of business, and Clarence Anderson, School of Business dean, to nominate Wiggins for the 2004 Walla Walla College Community Service Award, which she received at the 122nd Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce annual awards banquet held in November.

"JoAnn has many characteristics that combine for success in community service. First and probably most important, she cares about the college community and the broader community.

Secondly, she plans thoroughly and works hard to excel in what she does," said Anderson.

The annual award honors faculty or staff members who have distinguished themselves through service to their community. Nominations are accepted from faculty and staff members and are voted on by the WWC administrators.

Wiggins has served WWC as the sponsor for both SIFE and the business club, and is currently the chair for both the grievance committee and faculty senate. She has been



JoAnn Wiggins recently received the 2004 WWC Community Service Award.

active as a member of both the Blue Mountain Credit Union board and the City of College Place Planning Commission.

Wiggins began teaching at WWC in 1987. •

Amy Wilkinson, WWC special projects coordinator and contributing writer

Engineering Professor

Awarded Second Fulbright Scholar Grant

Bryce E. Cole, associate professor of engineering at Walla Walla College, will spend six months in Europe this year, thanks to a Fulbright Scholar travel grant. Cole will teach fluid mechanics and groundwater hydrology at the University for Applied Arts and Sciences at Hildesheim, Germany. Cole will also travel

to Russia to collaborate on the implementation of a computer simulation of flood control measures.

"I'm a bit excited about the project. I'm afraid my Russian is limited to what I have read in the *Eloise Goes* to *Moscow* book I read to my kids, though," says Cole.

The computer simulation will be a game that shows how changes in land use, such as putting in dams, can increase or decrease flood damage and repair costs.

Cole earned a bachelor of arts



and a bachelor of science in engineering from WWC in 1987, a master of science in civil engineering from the University of Massachusetts in 1989, and a doctoral degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1996. He was also the recipient of a student Fulbright grant while a doctoral candidate, and spent a year studying in Brunswick, Germany.

Cole has taught at WWC in the Edward F. Cross School of Engineering since 1995.

Bryce Cole will travel to Germany on a Fulbright Scholar travel grant during the 2004–05 academic year. Cole teaches civil engineering classes at the school, which enrolls approximately 200 students in its civil, computer, electrical, mechanical, and bioengineering programs. The research Cole conducts at WWC examines using temperature to relate how groundwater and surface water interact, usually involving how streams lose or gain water through groundwater. He has also conducted research on ways to increase student comprehension and interest, which led to his computer simulation project. •

Tara Jeske, WWC GLEANER correspondent

TCGH Staffers Join Disaster Relief Team

TILLAMOOK—"I'm too crazy to be scared."

Larry Hamilton, the emergency room manager at Tillamook County General Hospital, had just finished listing some of the places he's traveled to on emergency medical teams—Mozambique, Honduras, Zaire, to name a few—last week when a visitor asked how he viewed his upcoming trip to tsunamiravaged Sumatra.

"I haven't been losing any sleep," he said.

Hamilton, a registered nurse, is one of four Tillamook County General Hospital staff members bound for the South Asia disaster region with other members of Portland-based Northwest Medical Teams.

Hamilton, emergency room physician Dr. Mark Bowman and physician's assistant Helen Tennican, left Sunday, Jan. 2, for Sumatra in Indonesia, the hardest-hit area in the Dec. 26 earthquake and tsunami that killed more than 140,000 people in nine countries.

Otto Gonzalez, an emergency room nurse, is scheduled to leave Jan. 8 for Sri Lanka.

"I know what's coming," Hamilton said. "I know how to support a physician under those conditions."

Bowman said this would be his first time on an emergency medical team and he admitted to some nervousness.

"I've lost some sleep over the past few nights," he said. None knew exactly where

they'd be sent or precisely what type of work they'd be doing. And none could predict what psychological effect the enormity of the disasterunprecedented numbers of dead and injured and widespread destructionwould have on them.

"But it helps," Bowman said, "to know we're

not going to be alone in this. Huge numbers of others will also be going in. If I can give a stretch of relief to some overworked Indonesian doctor. it will have been worth it."

Gonzales said he's been overseas before, but never on a mission like this.

He's been to Iraq twice since the outbreak of the war, teaching emergency techniques to Iraqi doctors.

"We've done a lot of drills," Gonzalez said, of the Northwest Medical Teams orientation process.

Gonzalez said he was at the airport in Los Angeles on his way home the day after Christmas when he heard of the disaster.

"I called in from there and volunteered to go," he said.

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In January, three TCGH staff members traveled to southern Asia to aid in the tsunami relief efforts. From left: Otto Gonzalez, Mark Bowman, and Larry Hamilton.

"The only thing was," he said with a laugh, "I told them I couldn't go right then because I didn't have my passport with

The four spent last Thursday (Dec. 30, 2004) in Portland getting the necessary inoculations.

They assume the living and working conditions will be

"They told us to prepare for camp-like conditions—cots, barbed wire," Bowman said.

The teams bring all their own equipment and medical supplies, he noted, adding that he imagines providing security for all that will be a challenge.

Three of the four are expected to be gone for four weeks; Bowman arranged for a three-week stint.

While he's gone, he said, the hospital's four other emergency room doctors will "have to pick up the slack," working more and longer shifts to cover during his absence.

Northwest Medical Teams is a non-profit organization formed in 1979. Since then it has provided relief in several countries, including Cambodia, Mexico, Honduras, Romania, Ethiopia, and Kosovo.

Despite the unknowns they're facing, there's one common denominator, Hamilton said.

"We all believe in God." •

Joe Happ, reprinted with permission of the Headlight-Herald, January 5 edition

A LETTER TO GO

It all started when I was in the second grade. My teacher told us our town, Raymond, Washington, was so small that almost no one even knew where it was. That piece of information troubled me, and I began to worry about both me and my little town. If there were so many people who didn't know about my town or where it was, how could I be sure that God knew?

My mother took us to the Baptist church every Sunday. It was there that I first heard that God knew about each one of us, including where we lived. I felt reassured thinking that God did indeed know about my town and me. But I needed proof.

I decided to write a letter to God! I got a fresh piece of school paper. I looked all over the house for the most special pencil I could find and prepared to write my letter. I slipped quietly to my bedroom and sat alone, very serious, thinking about what I would put in my letter to God. How do I begin? Should I even dare write to God? After all, who am I? It's just me, a kid in the second grade living in a small unimportant town, a town so small no one even knows where it is and no one even cares. But I cared, and I wanted to know if God cared.

Dear God,

You are so special. I hope it's OK if I write to you.

(On the next line I drew a square off to the left margin.)

If you know me, please put a check mark in the square.

I just want to know if you know about me because I live in such a small town. Thank You God. Karen

When I finished my letter, I carefully folded it. I went to the garage to find a jar with a lid. Next, I found an old wooden apple box. I put my letter in the jar, put the lid on, grabbed the box and headed to the vacant lot next to our house. The grass was a bit taller than knee-high, and keeping an eye out for anyone looking, I placed the box on end and put the jar inside. After a quick check for spies, I scampered back to my house.

The next day when I got home from school, I went to get my letter to God. There is no way to explain how excited I was. I took the lid off the jar, took my letter out and slowly unfolded my letter.

The square was blank! I was devastated! How could this be? No, it was my fault! I forgot to leave a pencil. I promptly retrieved the special pencil and

put it in the jar along with my letter. I also left the lid off just to save God some time.

The next day after school, more excited than ever, I went to get my letter to God. When the last fold was undone, I stared in disbelief! The square was still blank! Brokenhearted, I put everything away.

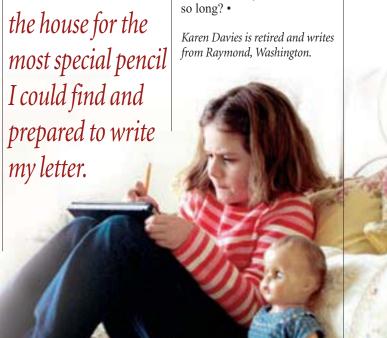
I didn't tell anyone about my letter for many years. In fact

I looked all over

mother, teaching a primary lesson in the Adventist church I had joined, that it hit me! God had finally answered my letter! The fact was God had written me letters long before I was even born, 66 of them. God wrote those letters because he knew that someday there was going to be a person like me that wanted to know more about Him.

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All along God knew exactly who I was and where my little town was. Why did it take me so long? •



Hamily BIRTHS

BLAKE—Timothy Alden was born Nov. 23, 2004, to Maj. Dan and Taffy (Hunter) Blake, Bolling AFB, Del.

CASTLEMAN—Connor W. was born Aug. 23, 2004, to Randy and Jennifer (Dietz) Castleman, College Place, Wash.

CONNELL—Seth R. was born Jan. 14, 2005, to Jeremy and Kristianne (Dodds) Connell, Milwaukie, Ore.

DIETRICH—Emma Noelle was born Jan. 18, 2005, to Shawn E. and Heather R. (Enders) Dietrich, Vancouver, Wash.

DIXSON—George Eli Slim was born Oct. 27, 2004, to Joe and Jenny (Hurley) Dixson, Bozeman, Mont.

DIXSON—Zachary Joel Louis was born Jan. 10, 2003, to Joe and Jenny (Hurley) Dixson, Bozeman, Mont.

HART—Elianna R. was born Dec. 14, 2004, to Josseppi Trombetta-Hart and Elaine (Whitaker) Hart, Biloxi, Miss.

HAUBRY—Jeffrey James was born Dec. 15, 2004, to Jim and Shorna (Thompson) Haubry, Touchet, Wash.

LANG—Celestine Aaraylyn Grace Jia Yue was born Apr. 8, 2003, in Anhui Province China. Adopted in Hefei, China, June 2004 by Liam and Colleen (Raines) Lang, Louisville, Ky.

LARSON—Alivia Rose was born Dec. 26, 2004, to Dan and

Melissa (Day) Larson, Battle Ground, Wash.

MITCHELL—Brent Andrew was born July 19, 2004, to John and Keeni (Webb) Mitchell, Pasco, Wash.

REITZ—Kailey M. was born Dec. 16, 2004, to Steve and Tammy (Teed) Reitz, Spokane, Wash.

RISENHOOVER—Ethan Douglas was born Nov. 19, 2004, to Ronald and Christina (Day) Risenhoover, Yakima, Wash.

STORFJELL—Milan N. was born Oct. 13, 2004, to Timothy Storfjell and Summer Binek, Ashland, Ore.

TILLEY—Bradley Keith was born Dec. 8, 2004, to Nick and

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Jessica (Ringering) Tilley, Walla Walla, Wash.



HAGOOD-BROWN-SCHWARZ—Ida Joan Hagood-Brown and Gus Schwarz were married Jan. 2, 2005, in Walla Walla, Wash.

The Schwarzes are making their home in Hamilton, Mont.

KRIEGER-OJALA—Karen J. Krieger and Gary F. Ojala were married Sept. 26, 2004, in Salem, Ore., with Pastor Gary Parks officiating. Karen is the daughter of Harold and Opal Krieger, and Gary is the son of Melvin and the late Janette Ojala. The Ojalas are making their home in Salem. Ore.

OSGOOD-TILLMAN-

ROLLENHAGEN—Charlotte
Osgood-Tillman and Howard
Rollenhagen were married Aug.
1, 2004, in Walla Walla, Wash.
The Rollenhagens are making
their home in Walla Walla during the winter and Muskegon,
Mich., during the summer.

PIERCE-COFFEEN—Jo Pierce and Willis Coffeen were married Oct. 3, 2004, in Walla Walla, Wash. The Coffeens are making their home in Walla Walla.

SOUTHARD-DOVE—Nicole Southard and Jeff Dove were married Jan. 9, 2005, in Pleasant Valley Church, Boring, Ore. Nicole is the daughter of Karen Southard, and Jeff is the son of Guy and Janis Dove. The Doves are making their home in Gresham, Oregon.

SUCILAN-EDGERLY—Ludyme Sucilan and Ruebon Edgerly were married Nov. 18, 2004, in Walla Walla, Wash. Ludyme is the daughter of Norme and Edilberdo Sucilan, and Ruebon is the son of Eugene and Joyce Edgerly. The Edgerlys are making their home in Dayton, Wash.

VLIET-GREGG—Portia A. Vliet and Jason D. Gregg were married Aug. 4, 2004, in Port Orchard, Wash. Portia is the daughter of Darrel Jr. and Wanda Vliet, and Jason is the son of Jim and Ellen Gregg. The Greggs are making their home in Seattle, Wash.

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ACOSTA—Paul G., 88; born Apr. 12, 1916, Camargo, Chihuahua, Mexico; died Dec. 7, 2004, Days Creek, Ore. Surviving: wife, Barbara (Spradlin); daughters, Bonnie D. Acosta, Shady Cove, Ore., Paulette A. Gladden, Canyonville, Ore.; and a grandchild.

ARTURI—Eleanor (Wynne), 75; born Oct. 23, 1929, Chelsea, Mass.; died Jan. 7, 2005, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: son, Frank, Grants Pass; daughters, Lynn Chiavaro, Washingtonville, N.Y., Diksha E. Arturi, Jamaica, N.Y.; brother, Frederick J. Wynne, New Milford, Conn.; and 2 grandchildren.

CARR—Dalles L., 71; born Feb.1, 1933, College Place, Wash.; died Nov. 29, 2004, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Aileen (Chaney), Hood River, Ore.; sons, Douglas and Duane, both of Mobile, Ala.; daughters, Joyce Beldin, Minneapolis, Minn., Jeanne Humbert, Rainier, Ore.; brother, Dwight, Moses Lake, Wash.; 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

CLARK—Bernadine A. (Luther), 72; born Apr. 6, 1932, Yakima, Wash.; died Nov. 27, 2004, Rogue River, Ore. Surviving: husband, Max A.; son, Martin, Rogue River; daughters, Nancy Odle, Grants Pass, Ore., Jeanie Price, Rogue River; brother, Calvin Luther, Lodi, Calif.; and 7 grandchildren.

CONKLIN—George, 99; born July 21, 1905, Altoona, Kan.; died Dec. 23, 2004, Springfield, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Eunice Webb, Springfield, Sharon Moore, Las Vegas, Nev.; brother, Roland, Sweethome, Ore.; sisters, Lucille Hubard, Salem, Ore., Doris Jones, Highland, Calif., and Lela Clifton, Big Bar, Calif.

DAVIDSON—Daniel D., 61; born Jan. 22, 1943, Portland, Ore.; died Nov. 20, 2004, Idaho Falls, Idaho. Surviving: sons, James, Vancouver, Wash., David, Portland, Daniel Jr., Ontario, Ore.; daughter, Christyn Davidson, Idaho Falls; father, Daniel L., Nampa, Idaho; mother, Leila (Hibbs), Portland; sister, Rosie Bixel, Portland; and 8 grandchildren.

DAVIS—Janie (Howard) Gibson Miller, 68; born Oct. 1, 1936, Yakima, Wash.; died Dec. 27, 2004, Lebanon, Ore. Surviving: husband, Harold; sons, Douglas and David Gibson, both of Lincoln City, Ore.; daughters, Rebecca Robison, Bend, Ore., Candy Woodward and Sandra Miller, both of Gleneden Beach, Ore.; brother, Samuel Howard, Havana, Fla.; sisters, Virginia Gray, Pendleton, Ore., Della Werner, Ephrata, Wash., Joy McKenzie, Prichet, Colo.; 7 grandchildren and 10 greatgrandchildren.

DAVIS—Orval W., 88; born July 18, 1916, Battle Creek, Mich.; died Jan. 2, 2005, Portland, Ore. Surviving: sons, Ron, Castle Rock, Wash., Tom, Portland, Steve, Auburn, Wash.; brothers, Clifford, Niles, Mich., Lee Kramer, Morgan Hill, Calif.; sisters, Betty Garber, Berrien Springs, Mich., Evelyn Davis, Toledo, Ohio; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

DRESSEL—Margaret M. (Dodge), 83; born Feb. 22, 1921, Eau Claire, Wis.; died Dec. 10, 2004, Yakima, Wash. Surviving: husband, Paul; son, Paul Jr., Yakima; daughter, Linda Mollett, Yakima; brothers, LaVerne Dodge, Eau Claire, Wis., Bill Dodge, Rapid City, S.D.; 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

DUNCAN—Kenneth E., 83; born Aug. 3, 1921, Long Lake, Wash.; died Nov. 13, 2004, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: wife, Patricia Pattison, Spokane; sons, David, Newport, Wash.; daughter, Diane Gibson, Spokane; 6 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

DUTT—Rodney R., 51; born Jan. 17, 1953, Twin Falls, Idaho; died, Sept. 15, 2004, Twin Falls. Surviving: mother, Lela Pond; brother, Dale, Jerome, Idaho; sisters, Fay Wilder, Hansen, Idaho, Alice Johnston and Betty Dutt, both of Buhl, Idaho, and Joyce Tverdy, Hazelton, Idaho.

ELIJAH—Berniece L. (Isaacs), 97; born June 24, 1907,

Montezuma, Ind.; died Jan. 11, 2005, Eugene, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Noreen Nelson, Surprise, Ariz., Judy Blackwood, Springfield, Ore.; 3 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, 10 step-great-grandchildren, and 2 step-great-great-grandchildren.

EPPERSON—Sada (Bake), 90; born Jan. 18, 1914, Oswego County, Mont.; died Oct. 28, 2004, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, Earle, Japan; daughter, Lois Terry, Walla Walla; 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

FINKBINER—Leo J., 79; born June 28, 1925, Napoleon, N.D.; died Nov. 24, 2004, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Arline (Rigby); sons, Bob, College Place, Gary, Jacksonville, Ore.; adopted son, Ray Cummings, Moses Lake, Wash.; daughter, Marianne Rowan, Central Point, Ore.; sisters, Erma Evers, College Place, Verna Roberts, Glendive, Mont., Linda Baxter, Moscow, Idaho; and 4 step-grandchildren.

GRAHAM—Lewis C., 81; born May 4, 1923, Briggsdale, Colo.; died Nov. 17, 2004, Soap Lake, Wash. Surviving: wife, Juanita (Akers); sons, Vernon, Yakima, Wash., Mark, Idaho Falls, Idaho; daughter, Brenda Mohr, Beaverton, Ore.; brother, Robert, Greeley, Colo.; 4 grandchildren.

HAIR—LaVene (Hill), 88; born Mar. 28, 1916, Walla Walla, Wash.; died Dec. 5, 2004, Walla Walla. Surviving: son, John, Prescott, Wash.; sister, Freida Shafer, Vancouver, Wash.; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

HOOVER—Ruth L. "Momo" (Britain), 78; born Feb. 15, 1926, Pendleton, Ore.; died Jan. 1, 2005, Hermiston, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Diana Struntz, Hermiston, Carol Boothe, Astoria, Ore.; brothers, Charles Britain, La Grande, Ore., Virgil Britain, Aberdeen, Wash.; sisters, Edna Peterson, Pendleton, Patricia Massey, Hermiston; 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

HORTON—Kent J., 38; born Aug. 3, 1966, Steamboat Springs, Colo.; died Dec. 19, 2004, St. Ignatius, Mont. Surviving: mother, Ruth (Baumfalk), St. Ignatius; sisters, Laneta Penninger, Mt. Vernon, Wash., Glenna Horton, Bremerton, Wash., Beth Krein, St. Ignatius, and Debbie Grussling, Spokane, Wash.

HOWIE—George A., 94; born Feb. 22, 1910, White Owl, S.D.; died Dec. 29, 2004, Yakima, Wash. Surviving: son, David, Boise, Idaho; daughter, Vaughnie Helde, Yakima; brothers, Kelly, Palm Springs, Calif., Raymond, White Owl, Fred, Gardiner, Mont.; sisters, Ida Hacker, Harrison, Ark., Holly Baker, Spearfish, S.D., Ethel Blackwell, Brady, Texas; 7 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

JENNINGS—F. Theora (Persyn), 93; born Sept. 3, 1911, Penrith, Wash.; died Dec. 13, 2004, Salem, Ore. Surviving: sons, L. Don, Arlington, Ore., Forest, Salem, Manford, Eugene, Ore.; daughters, Dawn Roberts, Yakima, Wash., Joy McDougal, Bend, Ore.; brother, Dean Persyn, Newport, Wash.; 19 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

JOERGER—Dawn Louise, 18; born Oct. 12, 1986, Boulder, Colo.; died Dec. 5, 2004, Medford, Ore. Surviving: parents, George and Donnette (Atterberry), Central Point, Ore.; brother, Richard, Central Point; sister, Jessica Joerger, Central Point; grandparents, Donald and Bonnie (St. John) Atterberry, Gold Hill, Ore., Sherry (Joerger) Bean, Medford; and great-grandmother, Audrey L. (Bray) St. John, Medford.

KAPPEL—Patricia Ann (Hallock), 68; born July 20, 1936, Denver, Colo.; died Dec. 7, 2004, Banning, Calif. Surviving: husband, Robert, Banning; daughters, Lori Chinn, Auburn, Wash., Viki Spain, Portola, Calif., Karynn Guiterrez, Grand Terrace, Calif., Janel Freeman, San Bernardino, Calif.; and 8 grandchildren.

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KLEIN—Joyce "Joy" E. (Holmes), 53; born Aug. 20, 1951, Lincoln, Neb.; died Oct. 15, 2004, Salem, Ore. Surviving: sons, Chris Lymperopoulos, Berkeley, Calif., Andrè Lymperopoulos, Redlands, Calif.; mother, Ivas Holmes, Salem, Ore.; and brother Dennis Holmes, Oregon City, Ore.

KUBROCK—Fred, 51; born Nov. 7, 1953, Tripoli, Lebanon; died Dec. 9, 2004, Ritzville, Wash. Surviving: wife, Gayle (Donovan), Walla Walla, Wash.; sons, Adam, Cheney, Wash., Brandon and Cameron, both of Walla Walla; daughter, Danielle Kubrock, Walla Walla; parents, Daniel and Gladys (Robinson) Kubrock, Augwin, Calif.; brothers, Charles, San Diego, Calif., Tim, Las Selva Beach, Calif.; sisters, Martha Natiuk, Paso Robles, Calif., Esther DuBosque, Joshua, Texas, and Edee Torossian, Angwin, Calif.

LEWIS—Norma, J. (Reed), 70; born Nov. 6, 1933, Benson, Minn.; died Sept. 30, 2004, Meridian, Idaho. Surviving: husband, Leonard, New Meadows, Idaho; daughters, Jackie Hoolian, Clearwater, Idaho., Jerri Collver, McMinnville, Ore.; brother, Jim Reed, Lafayette, Ore., Don Reed, McMinnville; and 13 grandchildren.

LOVELACE—Elizabeth (Drury) Wade, 85; born Aug. 18, 1919, Letha, Idaho; died Oct. 31, 2004, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: sons, George Wade, Bellingham, Wash., Cliff and Roger Wade, both of Spokane, Wash.; daughters, Glenna Ryder, South Attleboro, Mass., Maxine Porter, Boise; brothers, Omer Drury, Troy, Idaho, Lee Drury, Lindsey, Mont., Veryl Drury, Susanville, Calif.; sisters, Ruth Hickenlooper, Hammett, Idaho; 5 grandchildren and a greatgrandchild.

MARSH—Vernon G., 83; born Nov. 5, 1921, Luck, Wis.; died Jan. 2, 2005, Hermiston, Ore. Surviving: wife, Betty J. (Shaw); son, Don Marsh, Broomfield, Colo.; stepdaughters, Jan Pfaff, Nezperce, Idaho, Sharon Shoop, Hermiston, Ore.; 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

MATHEWS—Evelyne R. (Hardin) Martin, 77; born Aug. 16, 1927, Dallas, Ore.; died Nov. 21, 2004, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Bob Martin, Bend, Ore., Ed, Randy and Jim Mathews, all of Walla Walla; daughters, Donna Brantley, Vancouver, Wash., Debbie Mathews, Spokane, Wash.; brother, Raleigh Hardin, Brewster, Wash.; 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

OBRIST—Alvin E., 56; born Jan. 21, 1948, Baker, Ore.; died Oct. 16, 2004, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: wife, Barbara (Bahl); brothers, Don, Hermiston, Ore., Mitch, Pendleton; sister, Gloria Holbert, La Grande, Ore.

OLSON—Boyd E., 87; born Nov. 7, 1917, Keota, Colo.; died Dec. 28, 2004, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Elizabeth (Wester); son, Jon E., State College, Pa.; daughters, Judy Aitken, Berrien Springs, Mich., Jane Berry, Angwin, Calif.; 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

REED—Jeanette E. (Hawley), 99; born Dec. 9, 1905, Sioux Falls, S.D.; died Jan. 1, 2005, Roseburg, Ore. Surviving: husband, Earl; sons, Daniel, Albany, Ore., Thomas, Tenino, Wash.; daughter, Janet Anderson, Snohomish, Wash.; 3 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

ROBINSON—Sylvia M. (Conner), 94; born Dec. 11, 1910, Panama; died Jan. 3, 2005, Portland, Ore. Surviving: sons, Wilmer, Pocatello, Idaho, Ronald, Lynden, Wash.; 4 grand-children and 6 great-grandchildren.

ROWE—Genevieve M. (Bovee)
Alden, 86; born Nov. 28, 1918,
Parker, S.D.; died Dec. 9,
2004, Dallas, Ore. Surviving:
sons, David Alden, Reno,
Nev., Curtis Alden, Wichita,
Kan.; daughters, Geraldine
Lingenfelter, Hollister, Calif.,
Valeta Hendershott, Salem, Ore.;
sisters, Evelyn Harmon, Salem,
LaVonne Bechtel, Walla Walla,
Wash., Shirley Brown, Wamic,
Ore.; 7 grandchildren, 13 great-

GUIDELINES

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. Submit online form or print out PDF form at www.GLEANERonline.org > Contributor's Information and mail it. Corrections will only be made in the GLEANERonline edition listings.

grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

SCHRAMMECK—Noma E. (Braatz), 86; born June 23, 1918, Oacoma, S.D.; died Dec. 31, 2004, Meridian, Idaho. Surviving: son Floyd, Brooksville, Fla.; daughter, Joy Moore, Eagle, Idaho; brother, George Braatz, Sweet Home, Ore.; sister, Louise Smith, Portland, Ore.; 4 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren and step-greatgrandchildren.

SERL—Jeanette (Bilderback), 72; born May 27, 1932, Chillicothe, Ohio; died Nov. 22, 2004, Bremerton, Wash. Surviving: sons, Rick, Bellville, Texas, Tom, Bremerton; daughters, Bev Kuhl, Bremerton; brothers, Paul Bilderback, Colfax, Wash., Henry Bilderback, Hoquiam, Wash., Hubert Bilderback, St. Paul, Minn., Howard Bilderback, Bremerton; sisters, Ethel Caduff, St. Paul, Linda Zittle, Port Orchard, Wash.; and 2 grand-children.

STEPHENS—Lucille M. (Peters), 66; born Apr. 1, 1938, Olympia, Wash.; died Sept. 4, 2004, Portland, Ore. Surviving:

husband, Larry, Seaside, Ore.; daughter, Debi Stephens, Portland; brother, Lawrence Peters, Tacoma, Wash.; and sister, Eldores Dougherty, Pendleton, Ore.

STROUD—Elbert "Eb" W., 99; born April 2, 1905, Fordland, MO; died Dec. 29, 2004, Portland, Ore. Surviving: stepson, Charles Beezley, Irrigon, Ore.; daughters, Jeanne Kline and Joyce Gago, both of Portland, Ore.; brother, Charlie, Leaf River, Ill.; sister, Opal Grossman, Long Beach, Calif.; 14 grandchildren, 29 greatgrandchild.

TEAGUE—Larry E., 55; born Aug. 5, 1948, Medford, Ore.; died Mar. 10, 2004, Salem, Ore. Surviving: wife, Marilyn (Phelps), Drake's Crossing, Ore.; sons, Derrick, Keizer, Ore., Jeremy, New Port Ritchey, Fla., Aaron, Oakridge, Ore.; daughters, Julie Kraemer, Vancouver, Wash.; parents, Harold Teague, Cave Junction, Ore. and Louise Teague, Grants Pass, Ore.; brother, Leon, Merced, Calif.; and a grandchild.

TEAL—Eugene Allen, 68; born Oct. 20, 1936, Dallas, Ore.; died May 20, 2004, Florence, Ore. Surviving: wife, Donna (Daily); sons, Derrick, Portland, Ore., Ty, Eugene, Ore.; and 4 grandchildren.

UTT—Colleen J. (Knapp), 76; born July 7, 1928, Vancouver, Wash.; died Dec. 3, 2004, College Place, Wash. Surviving: sons, Rick, Edmunds, Wash., Terrill, Lakewood, Wash., Thomas, College Place; daughters, Kathleen Morgan, Beaverton, Ore., Peni Cockrel, Paducah, Ky.; and 11 grandchildren

WALSH—Inez (Lawton) Huber Nelson, 92; born Jan. 7, 1912, Pagosa Springs, Colo.; died Sept. 9, 2004, Enumclaw, Wash. Surviving: son, Lloyd Huber, Chehalis, Wash.; sisters, Bertha Randol, Morton, Wash., Dorothy Wonhoff, South Bend, Wash., Gladys Wells, Auburn, Wash.; 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. **WHISMAN**—Catherine E. (Erickson), 78; born July 21, 1926, Chico, Calif.; died Oct. 24, 2004, Hillsboro, Ore. Surviving: husband, Miran; daughters, Cathy Loeks, Hillsboro, Marie Hodgkins, Loma Linda, Calif.; brother, Andrew Erickson, Chico; and sister, Dorothy Caviness, Chico, Calif.

WHITE—Patricia R. (White) Stein, 57; born Jan. 21, 1947, Hillsboro, Ore.; died Dec. 18, 2004, Hillsboro, Ore. Surviving: ex-husband, George D. Stein; sons, Eric Stein, Beaverton, Ore., Jonathan Stein, Devore, Calif., Ethan A. Stein, Beaverton, Jesse White, Portland, Ore.; daughter, Shaunna M. (Stein) Williams,

Florissant, Colo.; parents, Bob W. and Patricia R. White, Christmas Valley, Ore.; brothers, Robert White, Portland, Ore. Allen D. White, Aloha, Ore.; sisters, Eva White, Vernonia, Ore. Melisa Knapp, Forest Grove, Ore.; and 7 grandchildren.

WOODWORTH—Carol F. (Barclay), 78; born Sept.

12, 1926, Boise, Idaho; died Nov. 6, 2004, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, Gary, Cresswell, Ore; daughters, Janet Comstock, College Place, Wash., Judy Jones, Ellensburg, Wash.; brother, Elwyn Barclay, Lake Havasu, Ariz.; sister, Glenda Long, Battle Ground, Wash.; and 5 grandchildren.



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Offerings

Mar. 5—Local Church Budget; Mar. 12—World Budget: Adventist World Radio; Mar. 19—Local Church Budget; Mar. **26**—Local Conference Advance; **Apr. 2**—Local Church Budget.

Special Days

Mar. 5—Women's Day of Prayer; Mar. 6–12—Adventist Youth Week of Prayer; Mar. 19-Disabilities Awareness Sabbath; Apr. 2—Missionary Magazines (Signs, Message, El Centinela, La Sentinelle).

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

Calendar of Events

Mar. 3—Festival of One Acts, 8 p.m., Village Hall; Mar. 4–6— Young Writer's Workshop; Mar. 5—Young Artist Night, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center; Festival of One Acts, 8 p.m., Village Hall; Mar. **6**—Festival of One Acts, 8 p.m., Village Hall.

IDAHO

Gem State Homecoming

Gem State Adventist Academy in Caldwell, Idaho, announces its homecoming Apr. 1-2. Besides honoring the classes of '35, '45, '55, '65, '75, '80, '85,

'95, special recognition will be given to alumni who have made a contribution to our world through the visual arts. Contact alumni office for more information. (208) 459-1627 ext. 158 or alumni@gemstate.org.

OREGON

Cedar Creek Church Member Missing

Cedar Creek Church, Woodland, Wash., is trying to locate member David A. Cook. If someone has an address or phone number, please contact Pastor Marty Jackson at 1412 E. 3rd Cir., La Center, Wash., (360) 263-1844, or mc2b@tds.net.

Retired Workers' Fellowship

Teacher Ken Smith and his students from the Rivergate Adventist School will have a variety program for us at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Mar. 1, at the Oregon Conference office multipurpose room. All retired denominational workers are invited to attend. This monthly potluck meeting is held in the downstairs multipurpose room of the Oregon Conference office at 13455 S.E. 97th Ave., Clackamas. Bring food and table service. For information, contact Weldon Mattison, (503) 265-8255.

Sunnyside Activities

Mar. 5, 5:30 p.m.—Handbell Festival Vespers: A group of 8 bell choirs from Washington and Oregon will be led by Jason Wells, Ring of Fire director; Mar. 19, 4 p.m.—His Praise men's chorus: A sacred concert will be presented; Mar. 25–27—Easter services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Good Friday service/Tenebrae; Saturday, 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., crucifixion service; Sunday, 10 a.m., resurrection service.

Milo Chamber Singers and Band Concerts

Mar. 5, 11:20 a.m.—Chamber Singers at Gresham Church service, 223 S.E. Cleveland Ave., (503) 665-2690; 4:30 p.m.—Chamber Singers at McMinnville Church, 1500 Old Sheridan Rd., (503) 472-7841; **Apr. 8**, 11:00 a.m.—Concert Band at Emerald Christian Academy, 35582 Zephyr Way, Pleasant Hill, (541) 746-1708. Call the churches and school for directions, and contact the academy for concert information: (541) 825-3200 ext. 3322, merrill. barnhart@miloacademy.org.

NET '05 Evangelistic Meetings

Mar. 6–26—Coquille Church will be hosting the Doug Bachelor meetings at 1051 N. Cedar Point Rd. If you have family or friends who should be contacted about the meetings, please call (541) 396-7218.

Singles Activity

Mar. 11-13—4th annual Cannon Beach singles retreat. Spend the weekend with fellow singles. Delicious food will be prepared by Yvonne Ferguson. This is a must pre-register event. Please contact Yvonne at (503) 649-4847 or Charlotte (503) 649-9549 to register. For additional details, visit the Beaverton Church Web site at www. beavertonsda.com and follow the prompts to the singles section. Or call the singles' hot line at (503) 654-6054 option 4.

Music Program at Hood View Church

Mar. 12, 4:30 p.m.—Variety sacred music program, "Enter His Courts with Praise," at Hood View Church, Boring, Ore., will feature string quartet, vocal solos and duets, recorder, oboe, guitar, piano, musical saw, and brass ensemble. All are invited to bread and soup potluck following the program.

CHIP at Hood View

Mar. 24, 26 or 29, 7 p.m.—Free informational and registration opportunity sessions for the four-week Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP) April seminar at Hood you desire to be part of the **Spokane Area Theology** View Church in Boring, Ore. leadership team for your **Apr. 3–28**—The CHIP program, four nights per week, each at 7 p.m. at Hood View Church. This Leadership Conference in your is an outstanding educational experience for those who wish to prevent or reverse heart disease, high blood pressure, adult onset diabetes, high cholesterol, obesity, cancer or arthritis. For information, call (503) 658-2329 or (503) 663-5611.

Milo Academy

Mar. 31-Apr. 3—Alumni weekend celebrates our 50th birthday. Guest speakers Charles Dart and Carl Wilkens. Call the alumni and development office for more information, 541-825-3980; e-mail kbsld@earthlink.

Improve Your Health and Happiness with CHIP

(Coronary Health Improvement Project). Attend a program near you. Learn how you can lower or avoid heart disease, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, arthritis, and obesity. The next scheduled programs are as follows. Apr. 3, Hood View, contact Don, (503) 658-8739, glendaschafer@hotmail. com; Apr. 3, Vancouver, contact Karen, (360) 896-2866, Karencoppes@comcast.net; Apr. 4, Sunnyside, contact Becky, (503) UPPER COLUMBIA 804-1863, or Kathleen, (971) 275-2125, sunnysidechip@yahoo.

Please call for FREE information session times and locations, any other questions, or how to sign up. Check out the national Web site at: www. adventistchip.org.

Leadership Conference 2005

church? Ask your pastor or head elder about the upcoming area (April 9, Grants Pass Adventist School; April 16, Gladstone Park Conference Center) sponsored by the Oregon Conference. This year's focus is "People of Purpose: fulfilling the commission." Come to be inspired, equipped, and empowered to "fulfill the commission," our mission. Lunch will be provided for those who register by March 25. For more information, call (503) 652-2225, ext. 461.

Laurelwood Church Centennial

Apr. 16—The Laurelwood Church, Gaston, Ore., will be celebrating their centennial. Former pastors, members, and friends are invited to come and stay for the fellowship dinner. The afternoon program is a review of the history of the church. If you are unable to attend, you may send greetings and memories to be shared. Contact Fred Morris at (503) 985-7384, hmmorris2@juno. com; or Virginia Buchanan at (503) 985-7000.

Upper Columbia 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. Our 50th reunion will be **Apr.** 29-May 1, so please contact one of the following immediately: David Wickward at (208) 459-3085, DWickward@msn.com; Apr. 9 and 16—Are you or Jack Pester at (360) 896a local church leader? Do 1241, jgpester@comcast.net.

Seminar

Mar. 5—Alden Thompson, Walla Walla College theology professor, is presenting a seminar entitled, "Gentle Jesus and His Violent Bible." The sessions will convene Sabbath at 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 2:30 p.m. at the South Hill Church, 5607 S. Freya St., Spokane 99223. All are invited to come, listen, and participate in the presentations and lively discussions about Christ's ministry. This seminar is part of the *Institute of Bible*, Church and Culture, an outreach program of the School of Theology (www.wwc.edu/ibcc). Contact Pastor Solomon at (509) 448-6425; or e-mail the church at: shsda@aimcomm.com.

Spokane Junior Academy Class of 1957

Anticipating a 50-year class reunion at SJA homecoming in 2007, I would like to get in touch with the students in our class who moved through the grades at SJA with us, whether they graduated with us in 1957 or not. If you have contact information for any of our classmates, please get it to Nadine Platner Dower at dickandnadine@comcast. net, (360) 828-7146 or 13000 NW 47th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98685.

WASHINGTON

New Conference Headquarters

Monday, Feb. 2, the Washington Conference was open for business at their new temporary headquarters located just off Hwy 18 at 3450 S. 344th Way, Suite 200, Federal Way, WA 98003, (253) 681-6008. Please make this change in any relevant Outlook files, the Washington by the Kent Players at Kent

Conference Directory, and database files.

Evangelism in Chehalis

Mar. 4-Apr. 9—Pastor Chester and Cindy Schurch will present a series of lectures entitled "The Pathway to Peace" at the Chehalis Church on Sabbath at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, Tuesday, and Friday evenings at 7 p.m. There will be special weekend guest speakers discussing specific topics relevant to the series. The church is located at 120 Chilvers Rd., two miles west of I-5. Take exit 77, go west on Hwy. 6 for two miles. Turn right onto Chilvers. The church is on the right. You may contact the church at (360) 748-4330 or atchehalissda@localaccess. com.

Mar. 11, 7 p.m., and 12, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.—Pastor Darold and Barbara Bigger will speak on "Forgiveness, Grief and Suffering" as they relate the story of their daughter's murder. This seminar is part of the Institute of Bible, Church and Culture, an outreach program of the School of Theology (www.wwc.edu/ibcc).

Mar. 18, 7 p.m., and 19, 9:30 and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.—Dr. Arlene Taylor of Loma Linda will speak on the wonders of the brain, specifically as it relates to habits and addictions.

Apr. 2, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.— Steve and Annie Chapman, nationally known "Ambassadors for the Family" will speak on family and marriage issues. **Apr. 3**, 7 p.m.—The Chapmans will present a vocal concert the whole family can enjoy.

Living Last Supper

Living Last Supper presented

Church, 25213 116th Ave., cost is only \$90 for the whole of '80, worship service by the PVA alumni secretary Charlene S.E., Kent. Wash., Sabbath weekend if you register by Apr. Mar. 26 with 2 showings. 10. For more information or You won't want to miss this to register, contact Barb Smith dramtic reenactment of the at (360) 779-6704, (360) 620-Lord's Supper as seen through the eyes of Leonardo da Vinci. You will have opportunity to meet the disciples and listen to testimony of Jesus' effect on their personal lives. Sabbath breakfast at 9 a.m.; program begins at 10:30 a.m. Second showing begins at 6 p.m. followed by a reception in the fellowship hall. Call the Kent Church at (253) 852-3883 for directions.

Men of Kirkland Concert

Apr. 9, 4 p.m.—Men of Kirkland chorus presents their spring evensong, "Men of Faith and Hope," at the Kirkland Church, 6400 108th Ave. N.E., Kirkland, Wash.

SAGE Whale Watch Cruise

Apr. 24—Washington SAGE seniors over 50, sail on the cruiser "Island Explorer" out of Anacortes. Wheelchair accessible with a heated inside salon. Under the guidance of a professional naturalist, see Orca and Minke whales, seals, sea lions, and bald eagles that make their home in the beautiful San Juan Islands. Wear warm clothes, bring a camera, binoculars, and sack lunch. More information on the Web at www.sage-washington. com. Call (425) 481-7171; fax (425) 486-2310; e-mail Joan. Libby@wc.npuc.org; or mail SAGE at 20015 Bothell Everett Hwy., Bothell, WA 98012.

Western Washington Singles Retreat

2287; bfsmith01@msn.com.

WORLD CHURCH

Valley Grande Academy

Mar. 25-26—Alumni weekend. Registration begins at 6 p.m. Friday. Classes for all years ending in 0 or 5 will be honored. For information, contact Calvin Bickell at cbickell@excite.com; (956) 968-0573 ext.110; or Valley Grande Academy, 1000 S. Bridge St., Weslaco, TX 78596. See ya there!

Spring Valley Academy

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Broadview Academy

May 12–14—Homecoming 2005. The classes ending in 0 and 5 will be honored. Special events include: a campus beautification project on Thursday; traditional trip to Chicago on Friday; Apr. 29–May 1 at Rosario vespers by the class of '95; and Resort near Anacortes. The Sabbath School by the class

class of '55 (with Art Davis, '61, as featured speaker), and an afternoon musical program under the direction of Jim Hanson and Marilyn Jorgensen. For more information or accommodations at Broadview Academy, call (630) 232-7441. More information is available on line at www. broadviewacademy.org.

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AAW Conference

June 26–29—23rd annual conference of the Association of Adventist Women, Adam's Mark Hotel, St. Louis, Mo. The theme of the conference will be "Love Enables Unity in Diversity: Include Me Please." The woman-of-the-year banquet will be held on June 28, and the prayer breakfast on June 29. Early registration and reservations for the hotel are especially important. For more information and to register, go to the AAW Web site: www.aaw.cc.

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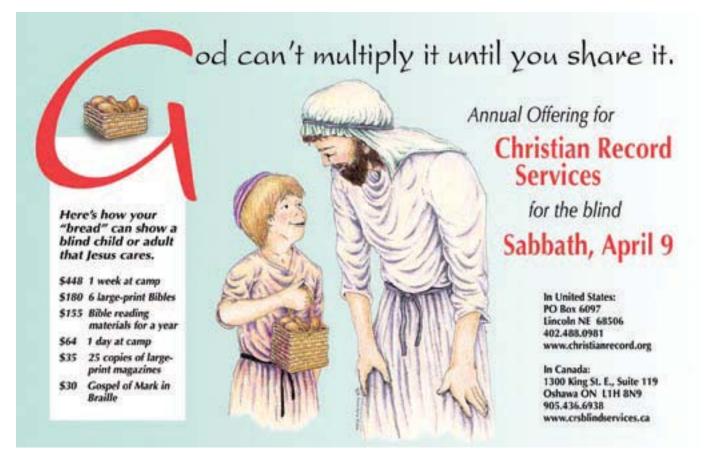


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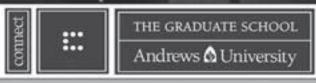
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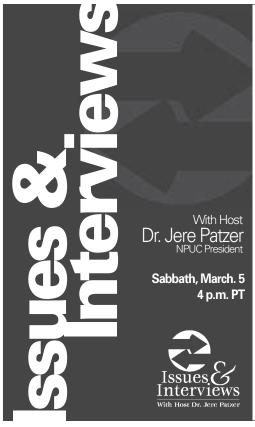
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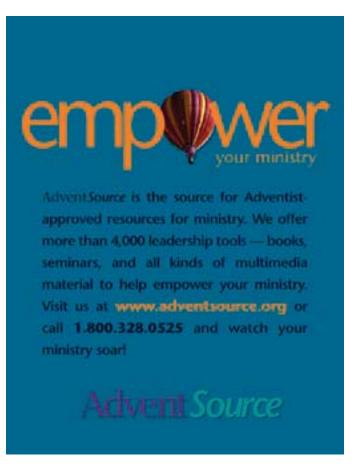
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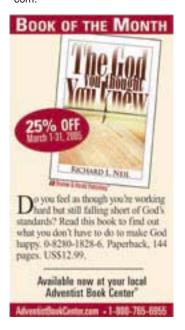
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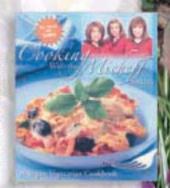
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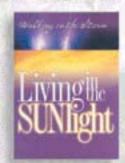
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