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*Better to meet a bear robbed of her cubs than a fool in his folly.*  
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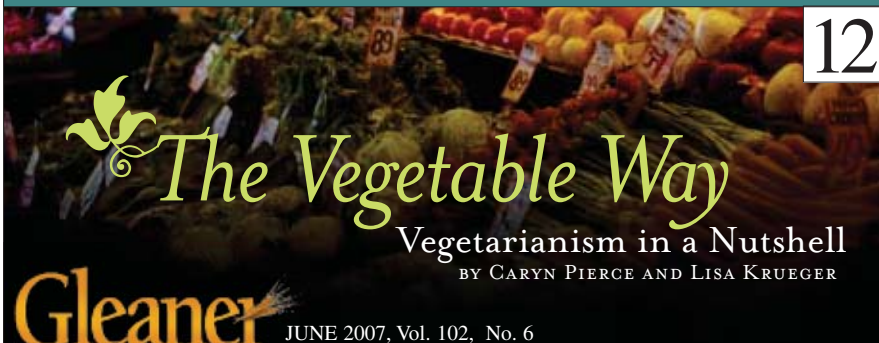
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# Destined for I leaven

BY JOHN FREEDMAN

**I**n the 19th and early 20th century, steam locomotives chugged along miles of track in the United States. The boilerman, or fireman, would feed coal to the fire which heated the water needed to create steam that powered the locomotive. By controlling the amount of steam released, the crew could establish, control and maintain an economical use of the forward momentum.

The locomotive could be prevented from moving forward by strategically placing small wooden blocks under its wheels. However, when the crew let the locomotive start moving forward and built up a full head of steam, the train had the power to blast through a brick wall.

The difference between the at-rest and full-powered locomotive? Momentum!

Too often, the church is like a powerful locomotive at rest. It has potential, but nothing is done with the potential. A few strategically placed obstacles by the enemy of Christ have the ability to hinder all forward progress. When those obstacles are removed, though, the gates of hell cannot stop the church from rescuing souls lost in sin.

I believe that one of those obstacles is a lack of focus on the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Any organization will languish and die without clarity about its mission.

The mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is to communicate to all people the everlasting gospel of Revelation 14:6–12, leading them to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord, preparing them for His soon return and uniting with His remnant church.

I am excited about Washington Conference's involvement with Momentum, the cyclical evangelistic program that is focused on building

relationships and gearing up church members to be actively involved in sharing their faith. This is helping us in western Washington to clarify and focus on our mission.

In the last two years, I've talked many times with churches and pastors about "winning back our baptistries." Too many of our good churches have the mistaken idea that we can just bring in an evangelist once every two years and then baptize 20 to 30 people. The baptism then sits empty and collects dust and cobwebs during the intervening time.

Business coach and author, Jim Collins, when speaking of organizations, says that "good is the enemy of great." I believe the way for our conference—and other conferences in our union—to rise above a mediocre average growth rate of 2 percent over 10 years is for every church to adopt the challenge of "using the baptism once a month." This type of goal will help each local church to clarify and focus on its mission. Each baptism fuels the reminder that there is no power in heaven or earth that can defeat the love of Christ in the heart of one who surrenders and believes.

Since January 2007, when Washington Conference officially launched the first cycle of Momentum, we've seen churches remove their evangelism obstacles and find new vigor, new power, and new potential. No longer is the focus on internal problems; rather, time and energy are devoted to sharing faith with family, friends, and neighbors. We're chugging ahead into the future, powered by the Holy Spirit, and eager to see the destination God has in store for us.

May the Lord continue to bless us as we collaborate to fulfill our mission and continuously fill our baptistries for Him. •



*John Freedman,  
Washington Conference  
president, writes  
from Federal Way,  
Washington.*

# Fruits, Vegetables, Grains and Nuts Word Find

Directions: Find and circle all of the plant-based foods that are hidden in the puzzle. The words may be hidden in any direction.

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# The End is Just the Beginning

by Heidi Martella



Ron Halvorsen Sr. captures the audience's attention and brings clarity to the myths and misconceptions about Jesus Christ.

The first chapter of "Momentum" closed recently in Auburn, Washington, where the end of the story is just the beginning.

Church growth brainstorming sessions last year spilled over into the North Pacific Union Conference-sponsored mission trip to Bolivia in March 2006. Northwest leaders witnessed how Bolivian church leaders and members live and breathe evangelism.

"Where we've focused on the final meetings, in Bolivia, they look at the whole harvest cycle," said Dan Serns, NPUC ministerial director. "They hold three cycles of evangelism per year, and we aren't even used to one cycle per year."

Mission trip participants returned with plans to apply the Bolivian model of evangelism to wake up the evangelism in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska, and the concept of "Momentum" was born.

Serns pitched the Momentum vision to presidents' counsel where everyone said the idea was great but no one immediately volunteered to pioneer the concept.

"Momentum fit well with our vision and mission," said John Freedman, president, "so I volunteered Washington Conference as the first host site. Besides, I thought it might be easier to set the path rather than follow it."

The new approach called for pastors and members to be involved in a five-step pro-

cess: 1) intercessory prayer, 2) missionary partners, 3) small-group ministry, 4) reaping meetings, and 5) Bible study classes.

"This is not a quick campaign, but a five-year process," said Bruce Koch, Washington Conference ministerial director and evangelism coordinator. "The whole plan is designed to be a consistent and continual process of employing *evangelizing* and training people to share their faith. What leads into and what follows the reaping meetings is as important as the meetings."

## Living the Story

Building a team of lifestyle evangelists required an emphasis on training and education. For two months, churches received weekly bulletin inserts explaining the components of Momentum and sharing how members could be involved. At a planning meeting, leaders selected the title, *Snapshots of the Savior*, for the reaping meetings, and determined a "metro Seattle" location in Auburn.

Education continued through a prayer and evangelism rally the first

During the Saturday-to-Saturday series, a total of 592 Adventists and 180 guests registered for *Snapshots of the Savior*.



A team of volunteers, from technical crew to makeup artists to ushers and childcare providers, help *Snapshots of the Savior* run smoothly in Auburn.



weekend of January 2007. Ron Halvorsen Sr., long-time evangelist, agreed to present Washington's reaping meetings, and talked with rallied church members representing nearly a dozen churches about how they could actively prepare for the upcoming series through prayer walking.

Soon after, 107,000 Bible study invitation cards were mailed to residents in the Greater Auburn area. Washington churches in eight major areas joined together for Bible Study rallies where Bible worker/trainer, Gayle Lasher, presented a hospitality workshop and an overview of Bible instruction.

Nearly 150 Bible instructors established contact with 350 new friends, and met weekly with many people to study the Bible. They then returned to the Impact Your World class on Tuesday nights to share successes, questions and opportunities.

Marilyn Thomas, from the Auburn City Church, attended Impact Your World and appreciated the practical advice. "[Through the class] we charged our batteries to go out and ask, 'Would you like a Bible study?'"

In addition, Washington Conference Spanish coordinator, Omar Grieve, provided a School of Evangelism where 150 youth and adults successfully completed training for presenting evangelistic meetings, providing sermons and giving Bible studies. "We are intentionally training workers and sending people out to the fields," Grieve said.

Three weeks before *Snapshots of the Savior* began, 10,000 handbills arrived for church members to share with friends, family, colleagues, neighbors, classmates, and even strangers.

Another 77,000 handbills were slated for direct mail. The Post Offices for the selected zip codes handled the handbills in a sporadic fashion. Individuals surveyed from the zip code regions each reported receiving the handbill on a different day. Where some received the colorful handbill on Monday, others didn't receive it until Friday—the day before the meetings began.

### The End—and the Beginning

The opening day of *Snapshots of the Savior* arrived. White background sails reflected light patterns. The church auditorium filled. Six cameras—two roving, four stationary—powered up. The lights dipped. The music started. The hosts spoke. The musician sang. The speaker began. "Welcome to *Snapshots of the Savior*."

"I watched the screen to see people's reactions," Koch said, "and the best word I can think of to describe what I saw is 'connected.' The audience was resonating and responding to Halvorsen's message. And the connection continued throughout the week."

For the technical crew, the first two nights were pretty rough. During a debriefing session, a cameraman spoke up and said he knew why the first two nights were particularly difficult. The crew had forgotten to pray collectively. For the following six evenings the crew assembled at 5:30 for a prayer session before they set up the cameras and prepared for the evening.

Concurrent with *Snapshots of the Savior*, Diane Halvorsen, a pastor from Apopka, Florida, and the daughter of Ron and Carrol Halvorsen, presented Auburn Adventist Academy's spring week of prayer.

"This school year, there is a real interest in choices and decisions," said academy chaplain, Mark Weir, who went on to explain that student involvement in *Snapshots of the Savior* was voluntary. "Initially, I hoped 30 students would go."

Each night, though, the school provided more and more transportation to accom-

modate all the students—60 by mid-week, all campus residents by week's end.

### The Next Chapter

The story of Momentum is just getting started. Six months into 2007, church members are excited about Bible studies, sharing their faith, and seeing themselves for the first time in an evangelistic role. "God is going to continue to use these people as more members get onboard with Momentum," Koch said. "What we've seen is only a glimpse of what God wants us to do."

As a result of *Snapshots of the Savior*—live in Auburn—newly trained Bible instructors have 190 new contacts. More people are preparing for baptism in their home churches and surrounded by family. Approximately 400 Bible studies are still ongoing. Spanish meetings are continuing strongly with church or small group evangelistic series.

The end is just the beginning as in the next five years each of the 10 metro areas of the North Pacific host a Momentum cycle of reaching people for Jesus. As Serns said the final night of production, "We're ready to roll into the next cycle." •

*Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication intern, writes from Federal Way, Washington.*



Rudy Micelli, from Morning Song Music, provides nightly mini-concerts for *Snapshots of the Savior* and as a special thank you to the "volunteer studio audience."





# Impact Your World

by Richard Dower and Gayle Lasher

Rebecca had not been in an Adventist church for 20 years. Feeling the need to reconnect with the Lord and the church, she began attending the Everett (Washington) Forest Park Church and had been there only a few months when she saw the bulletin insert for an eight-week Bible study training class called Impact Your World. She thought it was about how to better understand the Bible, so she came to the class.

Impact Your World is designed to train church members to reach out to people and begin to study the Bible with

them. It is conducted by Gayle Lasher, Washington Conference Bible worker and trainer. As part of the class, Gayle and Rebecca went to visit some people who had sent in Bible study requests.

After the first unsuccessful attempt to find someone at home, Rebecca continued trying and after seven attempts she finally found a woman at home. She thought she would just leave a lesson there but Adria invited her in, moved the cats off the sofa and asked if they could start the Bible study right away. When they were finished Adria asked what church she attended. Rebecca told her the Seventh-day Adventist church, to which she replied, "I thought so. I'm from Walla Walla, and I grew up in a Seventh-day Adventist home until I was 15 years old."

"It was exciting to watch a former Adventist give Bible studies to a former Adventist and watch them be baptized together in November 2006," Gayle said.

Impact Your World rallies began in January 2007, and eight weekend rallies were held throughout the Washington Conference during the first quarter. As a result there are more than 450 lay people who are actively involved in Bible work or who are receiving training to give Bible studies. In addition, 40 church leaders were trained to conduct Bible study training in their own churches, which prepared

approximately 350 more people to give Bible studies. This training took place in 24 churches and one company. "The revival brought about by the Holy Spirit in these congregations is thrilling to see, and I am humbled to be a part of it," said Gayle.

In Auburn, Washington, more than 125 lay people participated in the training to give Bible studies. The first two class periods were spent on developing a deeper, more personal relationship with Jesus. Then the next six classes gave tips on how to approach someone for Christ and give Bible studies.

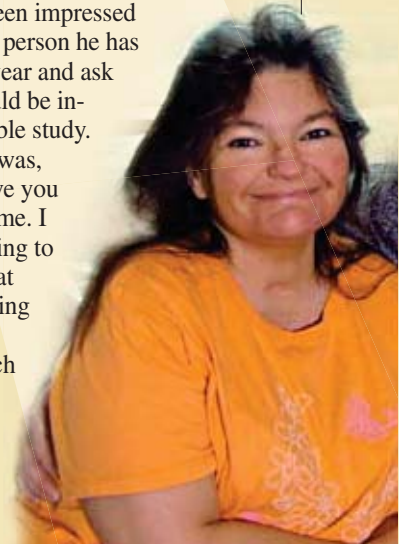
During the third class, a man said he had been impressed to approach a person he has known for a year and ask him if he would be interested in Bible study.

His response was, "I can't believe you finally asked me. I have been trying to figure out what I'm doing sitting in a Sunday-keeping church when I have come to believe in the Seventh-



Heidi Martella

A large part of Impact Your World training involves role playing and sharing experiences to provide hands-on, practical training.



Heidi Martella





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day Sabbath through my study of the Bible, and there you are going to church on the Sabbath and not helping me to understand this. Of course, I would appreciate studying with you.”

One of the keys to successful Bible study with people is the desire and ability to form a relationship with them. This relationship develops trust, enabling the Bible instructor to lead the person into a relationship with Jesus.

Many people who come to the Adventist Church come to find Christ and it is through Bible study that they come to have a relationship with him. The members of the Kent Church are seeing the obligation and responsibility to reach out to those who are searching. They ask each visitor who attends if they would be interested in studying the Bible and as a result they had 14 new Bible studies in the first six weeks of 2007.



Heidi Martella

**For the eight-week Impact Your World class in Auburn, 125 people registered for Bible instructor training while another 30 people unofficially associated with the class assisted with making contacts and giving Bible studies.**

During the classes, Gayle tells participants, “You have many acquaintances who would be willing to do a Bible study with you if you just ask. Tell your friends you are taking a class on how to give Bible studies and need to practice on someone before actually going out,” Gayle says.

Using this principle, following a Friday night presentation of the Impact Your World Rally, a woman went home to her granddaughter and her boyfriend. She told them she was interested in getting back into giving Bible studies, was quite rusty and needed someone to practice on. Would either of them be interested? The boyfriend quickly said, “I would do that.” “God is working in both of their lives,” Gayle says.

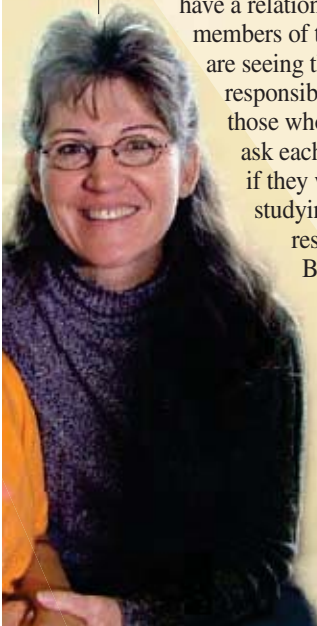
**Bible worker/trainer, Gayle Lasher (left), uses role play during Impact Your World rallies, such as this one in Auburn, to demonstrate principles of sharing faith and leading Bible studies.**

Gayle has also been working with the students at Auburn Adventist Academy. They have made it clear to her that they are changing the campus for Jesus. They are discovering more and more ways to reach their peers for Christ. They come together for times of worship. They pray in the hallways of the dorms and classrooms. They go out into the community to pray for people and leave prayer cards for them to send in. They want to make a difference not only on campus but in the community.

Gayle is passionate about reaching people for the Lord. She says, “God is using anyone who is willing to be a witness to Him. He is raising up a small army to reach our world for Him. Jesus is coming soon, and we have a world to tell. Praise the Lord for those who are answering His call to stand up for Jesus and share Him with those we know. Truly the momentum God is beginning here in the Washington Conference can only go forward until Jesus comes.” •

*Richard Dower, GLEANER editor with stories and experiences by Gayle Lasher, Washington Conference Bible worker and trainer.*

**Marie Carswell (left), of Auburn, Washington, filled out a Bible study request card and soon began studying with Gayle Lasher (right) and Melody McWilliams (not shown).**



# Northwest Spirit



June Ellwanger as a senior at Auburn Academy, class of '49.

## Re·birth

(rē-bərth) *n.* A Revival or Renaissance

**J**une Smith loves to help others and is involved with a number of organizations. For example, she helps with several outreach activities for the military since she grew up in a military family and experienced firsthand the sacrifice that our country's soldiers have made. She is a member of Voices for Veterans, an organization to assist homeless veterans living far from family and society, and takes part in their annual "Stand Down." This event provides clothing, food, sleeping bags, boots, advice on benefits and the impromptu haircut for the 100 or so displaced vets who typically attend. And with each interaction, June gives a warm touch and a smile, seeing her father and brother in each of their faces. She also



At a recent Stand Down event, two Voices for Veterans volunteers and Second World War Marine veterans assist some more recent vets with the registration process so they can receive the assistance they need.

belongs to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

A lifetime member of the American Rifle Association, which supports educating others in gun safety, June is a crack shot who once put a bullet through a penny—without a scope.

June is also an active member of the Sequim Guild for Children's Hospital, attending monthly meetings and volunteering for fundraisers. This organization holds a special place in her heart because when June's young son, David, needed 14 surgeries, and she didn't have health insurance, the guild helped her, charging only 50 cents per visit.

June Ellwanger Smith is also an active member of the Sequim Church and a bright light to all she meets. But for most of her life, she felt as out of step with her church as the vets did with their world.

Raised in the church, June attended Auburn Adventist Academy for three years, graduating in 1949. She met wonderful friends like Dorothy Parrish, Ruthe Ogden, Eleanor Wells



June Smith at church with some of the kids she loves to see participate in church service.

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*“...according to His mercy  
He saved us, by the washing  
of regeneration and  
renewing of the Holy Spirit.”  
Titus 3:5*

and Sarah Heckendorn, but while she connected easily with other students, she couldn't seem to connect with her church.

After academy, June worked in the tailor shop at Whidbey Island's Naval Base. When a handsome young Marine entered the shop one day, it wasn't long before they were dating and then she and Chuck were married. Since her new husband had no interest in religion, she bid the church of her childhood goodbye.

By 1978, June and Chuck were divorced, their four kids grown, and she had moved to Sequim with her new husband, Robert,\* an ordained Anglican-Catholic priest. He and June started St. Anselm's, a church they would nurture for the next 14 years.

In early 2006, June, now a widow, noticed ads in local store windows and the newspaper for It Is Written's Revelation Speaks Peace. She decided to attend.

On the first night of the seminar, she crossed a Seventh-day Adventist Church threshold for the first time in 57 years. She wondered if she'd find warm hearts or cold shoulders once the members knew how long she'd been absent. More importantly, would she find God's presence there?



**June Ellwanger Smith was reborn in June 2006, baptized by Justin Lyons, Sequim Church pastor.**



**June volunteers for the Children's Hospital Guild as a way to pay back the help they gave her and David during his 14 surgeries.**

In the foyer, warm smiles and enthusiastic handshakes calmed her fears. In the sanctuary, sweet, heavenly music touched a chord deep within her soul. In the presentation, Revelation's prophecies and promises were revealed in the light of God's love and mercy. Her mind awakened to an amazing realization—the church of her childhood had been reborn into a church of hope!

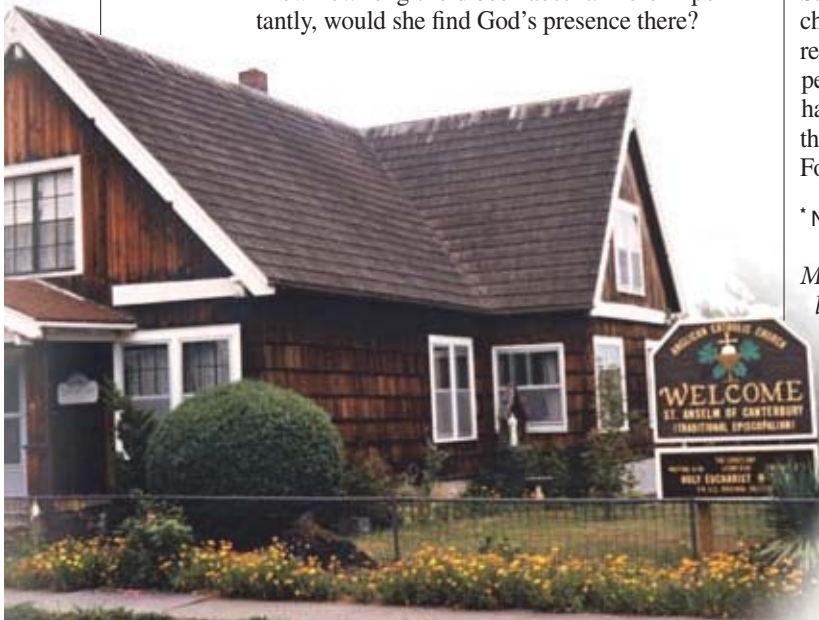
Fittingly, Justin Lyons, pastor, baptized June into the Sequim church family in June 2006. Her longtime friends from Auburn Academy who'd faithfully kept in touch over the decades were there to celebrate her rebirth.

Now when June crosses the church threshold on Sabbath mornings, she knows she belongs. When children are part of the worship service, whether reading, singing, or playing an instrument, she especially feels God's presence. But her greatest joy has been returning to a church that found its focus through a vital relationship with Christ the Savior. For her, the connection is now real. •

\* Not his real name.

*Maureen Dowling, Sequim Church communication leader, writes from Sequim, Washington.*

**The church June and her husband started in Sequim.**





# The Vegetable Way

## Vegetarianism in a Nutshell

BY CARYN PIERCE AND LISA KRUEGER

In recent years, vegetarianism has become increasingly popular in the United States and abroad. In fact, about 6 million U.S. adults follow a vegetarian eating plan as a healthier approach to diet and nutrition, according to the American Dietetic Association (ADA). In response to the growing interest in a vegetarian diet, the ADA for the first time in 2003 created a food guide specific to this group.

### History of Vegetarianism

In the mid-1850s, following the Great Disappointment of 1844, the Millerite believers began to examine what they might have missed concerning the coming of Christ. In addition to their studying of doctrinal matters, they also began to look at health and lifestyle issues.

In 1848, the injurious effects of alcohol, tobacco, coffee, and tea were first brought to the attention of these early Adventists. However, it wasn't until 1863 that Ellen G. White experienced a more comprehensive health vision that included abstention from meat as well. At first she was reluctant to share the information, feeling she lacked the medical language with which to communicate it. In addition, it went "directly across [her] own ideas," and it took her more than a year to put them into practice in her own life, though by August 1864, she had included a section on health in *Spiritual Gifts*, Vol. 4.<sup>1</sup>

People who did not otherwise have access to health information welcomed the simple and practical instructions about sunlight, water, fresh air, exercise, cleanliness, and a vegetarian diet, applying them immediately with good results. The content of the health

vision was eventually discussed with doctors H. S. Lay and then John Harvey Kellogg, who were impressed with the insight and overall coherency of the message and spoke about it at the General Conference in 1897. Kellogg asserted that the principles of health reform had "stood the test of time—a whole generation" and was delighted over the fact that scientific journals had reported discoveries that confirmed what Adventists were teaching.

### Benefits of Being Vegetarian

A vegetarian diet can be beneficial for health. Scientific reports show that a vegetarian diet can reduce the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity and colon cancer.

In research presented to the National Institutes of Health, studies of Seventh-day Adventists showed less heart disease and fewer cases of cancer than the general population. Men had lower cholesterol levels and blood pressure and their overall cancer death rate was about half of the general population. The overall rate of death from cancer was also lower for women. Including more beans and lentils in the diet also appeared to decrease the risk of colon cancer and prostate cancer.

Recent data has shown that vegetarian men under 40 can expect to live more than eight years longer and women more than seven years longer than the general population.

Researchers believe this longevity and quality of health is because the diet is mostly made up of whole grains, fruits and vegetables, and meat, alcohol, coffee and tobacco are avoided.

In addition to the health benefits, people may choose to be vegetarian because of religious reasons, or because they're con-

cerned about the well-being of animals or the environment. For example, a recent United Nations study concluded that raising animals for food produces more greenhouse gases than all the cars, buses, trucks, boats, planes, and trains in the world. Also, worldwide, 130 times more animal waste than human waste is produced each year, much of which winds up in rivers and streams untreated.<sup>2</sup>

For some, being vegetarian reflects their ethical approach to addressing world hunger. They believe vegetarian food choices could help alleviate global hunger by increasing efficiency in food production. Eating plant foods rather than the animals that eat plant foods is more efficient.

### Types of Vegetarians

Being vegetarian in its broadest definition means avoiding foods from animal sources. Plant sources such as grains, legumes, nuts, vegetables and fruits are the core of the diet. However, there are a number of variations. Here are the most common categories:

**Lacto-ovo vegetarians**—those who eat egg and dairy products along with grains, fruits and vegetables, but don't eat meat, poultry and fish. Most vegetarians in the United States are lacto-ovo.

**Lacto-vegetarians**—those who avoid meat, poultry, fish and eggs.

**Vegans**—those who avoid eating all animal products, including eggs, milk and cheese.

For more information about the vegetarian diet, go to [www.sdada.org/position.htm](http://www.sdada.org/position.htm). •

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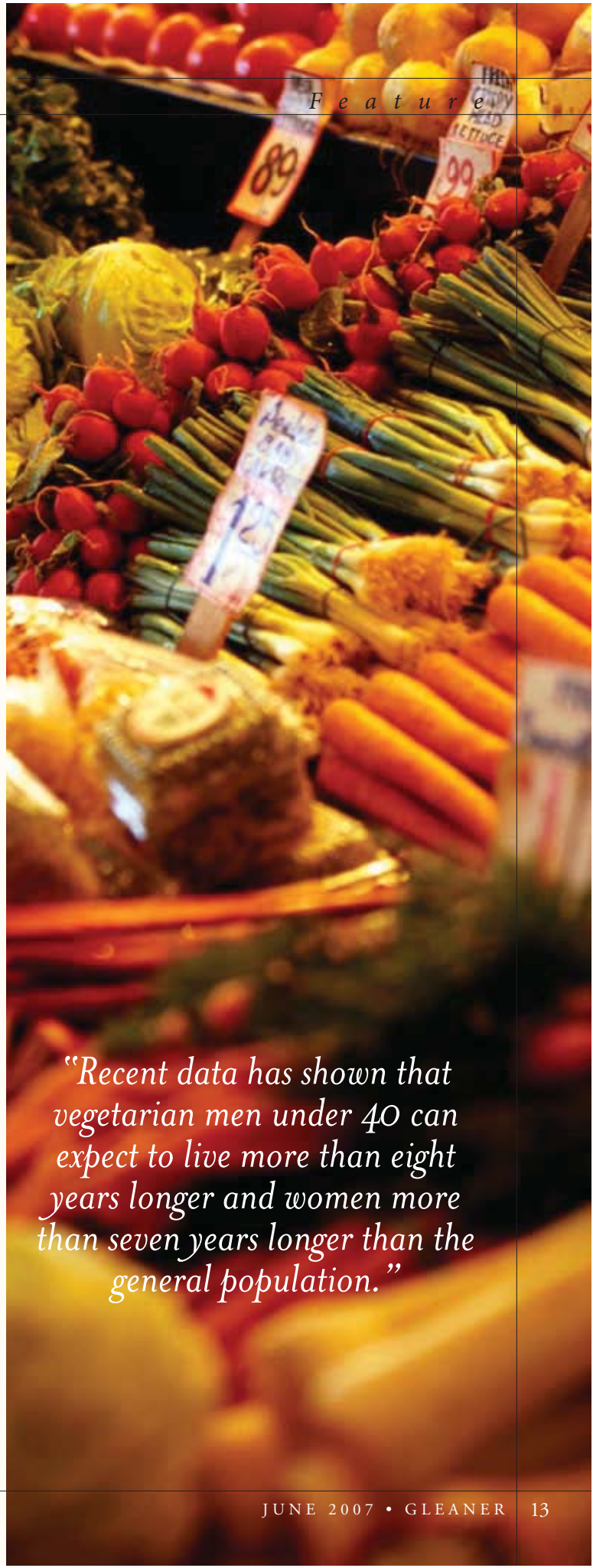
*Caryn Pierce, physical therapist and Vegetarians of Washington volunteer, writes from Vancouver, Washington, with Lisa Krueger, GLEANER copy editor, writing from College Place, Washington.*



### Tips for Starting a Vegetarian Diet

Most dietitians advise starting out slowly by trying just a few new recipes or ingredients a week. Here's a few ideas:

- Browse a vegetarian cookbook and try one new recipe a week.
- Attend a seminar or class featuring vegetarian cooking.
- Visit a health food store and try some of the soy or gluten-based products.
- Invite some vegetarian friends over for a potluck dinner. Ask them to bring their favorite entrée. You can supply the salad and dessert.
- Start by making one or two meals a week meatless. Have a veggie burger instead of a hamburger. Or try spaghetti with tomato sauce instead of meat sauce. Or try a pizza with more veggies and no meat.



*“Recent data has shown that vegetarian men under 40 can expect to live more than eight years longer and women more than seven years longer than the general population.”*

Heidi Martella



Marie says the “Georgia Marie” and the “Washington Marie” are two separate people. “I’m happier now,” she says. “I don’t feel so alone.”

# Picture Perfect

*Marie Carswell Sees a New Picture of Jesus*

It’s her first time to be interviewed. Marie Carswell sits nervously on her couch in her studio apartment, the window open behind her and a slight breeze flowing in and out. The videographers make the final lighting adjustments, power up the cameras and hand Marie a microphone to attach to her clothing. The interview begins, and Marie shares her story.

And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord. Acts 11:21 KJV.

A year ago she moved from Georgia to Washington to care for her mother. When her mother died, Marie just stuck around and began establishing a new life in Auburn.

Marie, who had a Baptist background and wasn’t currently connected with a church, was depressed and without hope when a Bible study invitation came in the mail. She filled it out and sent it in. A few days later, two ladies called on her and set up the first Bible study.

They met every week and studied about Jesus and how He could give Marie hope for the future. “I learned a lot about God that I didn’t know before,” Marie said.

She longed for a network of friends. “I was so lonely,” she recalled. “I didn’t have any friends because I had just moved here.”

Her new friends invited her to a ladies’ night out at a restaurant where Marie met nearly 20 additional friends. Soon after, Marie was invited to attend church and enjoyed meeting even more people, though adjusting to wearing a dress and heels was a bit of a challenge.

Marie, who doesn’t drive, begged her rides to pick her up early each evening so she could attend *Snapshots of the Savior*, where she won a Bible concordance one evening and received a copy of *The Desire of Ages* for attending at least six of eight evenings.

On the final evening of *Snapshots of the Savior*, Marie Carswell gave a public testimony of her commitment to Jesus Christ through baptism. And the best part: “I don’t have to be lonely anymore because Jesus is there for me.” •

*Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication intern*



Victor N. Christ stays close to the new believers, encouraging them to keep their eyes on Jesus and make a habit of spending time with Jesus daily in Bible study and prayer. He is hooked on soul winning. He’s excited that a new harvest cycle is about to begin. Willing Helper is, too.



Luke Warm hears that his church is encouraging every member to make a list of people they would like to pray for, befriend and see join the Adventist movement. “What? Not this again. Why so soon?” he says.

# Fresh Start

## Cross that Bridge

**E**ver wonder if you're good enough to be saved?

Oh, you're working at it all right. You volunteer at the soup kitchen. You go to Sabbath School. You don't drink or swear or chew or date those who do. But in your honest moments maybe you wonder if you'll ever be good enough. Perhaps you have no real assurance of salvation.

In "Gospel Issues in Adventism," Pastor Jack Sequeira writes, "Since we are still struggling with the sin problem, no matter how hard we try, many Adventists question whether their repentance has been genuine. This, in turn, has robbed our people of the assurance of salvation. Hence, most Adventists are very insecure about their salvation. Value Genesis confirmed this fact, when the majority of our youth admitted they had no assurance of salvation because their conduct was not meeting God's high standard." \*

If this describes you, take heart. God does not want you to be fuzzy about being saved. The apostle Paul explains, "just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men" (Romans 5:18, NIV).

In other words, because of what Jesus did on the cross, if you accept Him as your Savior, you are saved. PERIOD.

On the one hand, you will never behave good enough to earn His love. On the other hand, you will never sin bad enough to erase His love. That's grace.

So then, Paul wonders, does it follow that we should "...go on sinning so that grace may increase?" (Romans 6:1, NIV). Paul answers, "By no means!" (Romans 6:2, NIV). Other translations put it this way: "God forbid" (KJV), "Of course not!" (TLB), "No! No!" (NEB), "Oh what a ghastly

thought!" (Phillips Translation).

The point is, in Christ we gain freedom from sin. After all, why would anyone want to muck around in the cesspool of sin? Of course, this is not to suggest that we never mess up. "All have sinned..." the Bible reminds us.

Imagine you're going up in an elevator. In Christ, you are going upward, to heaven. There will be times when you fall, but so long as you're in the elevator, you're still headed the right direction. Remember that

the next time you fall. As long as you are in Christ, you're still heading to heaven.

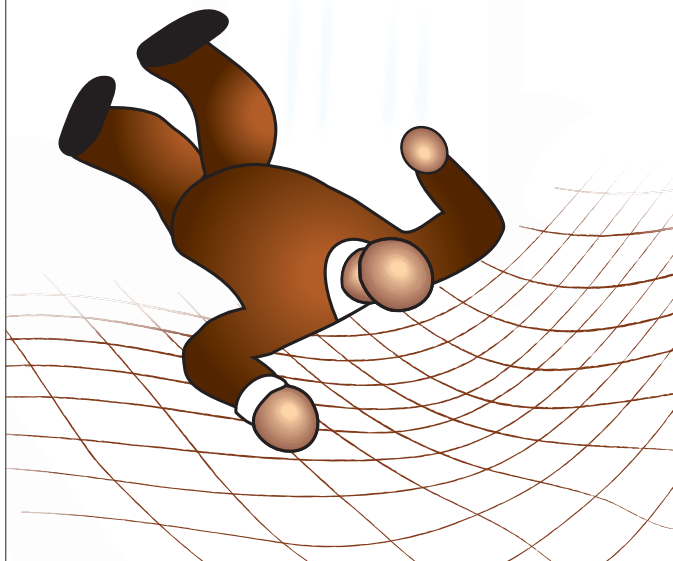
How then do works fit into the equation? Consider this: When the Golden Gate Bridge was constructed, initially there was no safety net constructed under the bridge. During the first phase of the construction, 23 men fell to their death. Finally, some bright engineer suggested that they suspend a net beneath the bridge. For the modest price of only \$100,000, the net was installed.

During the second half of the construction, 10 men fell. All of them were saved in the net. But what's amazing is that production increased 25 percent during the second half! Why? Because once people knew that they could work—and even fall—without fear of death, they were more productive. They did better work.

Your Savior does not want you to live with the fear of falling. He wants you to know that there is a net in the shape of a cross anchored beneath you, securing you in your salvation. And in that assurance you can do better work. So, in the name of Jesus, go work! •

\* As quoted at <http://www.jacksequeira.org/issues02.htm>.

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



## “It’s the Work of the Holy Spirit”

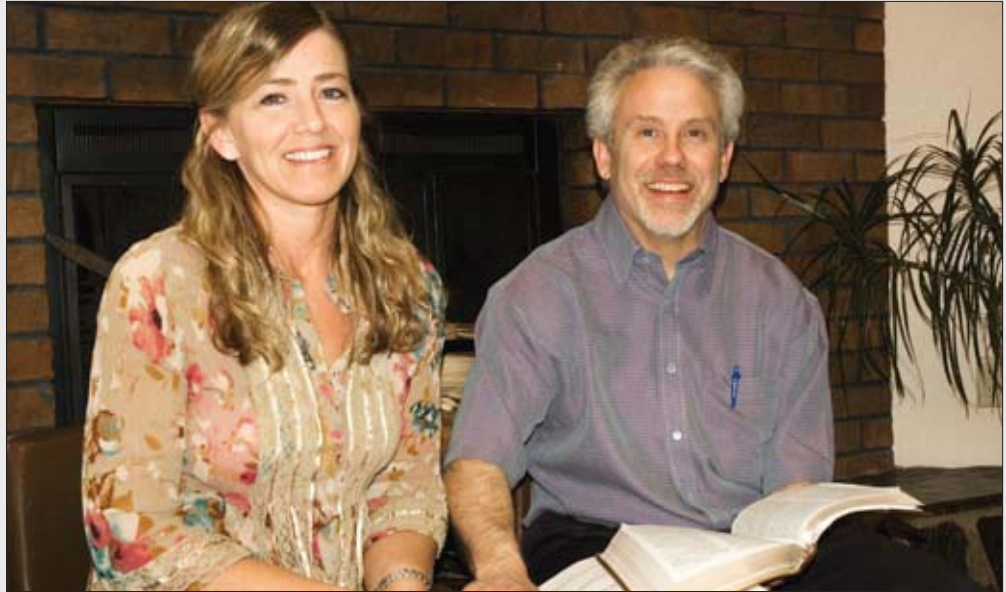
“You are a Christian, right?” Tim asked Stefani at the coffee shop. “Would you like to have Bible studies?”

Tim and Linda Carleton had started going to Hillside Church’s Wednesday prayer meeting because they liked the new pastor. Pastor Donovan Kack was passionate about preparing members for giving Bible studies and took advantage of the prayer meeting time to present a series of Christ-centered studies which any member could use in their own studies with people. Both Tim and Linda agreed that they could do it if the opportunity presented itself.

A couple of weeks later, Tim was visiting with Stefani, and they got onto the topic of forgiveness. That’s when Tim, without thinking, just blurted out the invitation to have Bible studies. “The cool thing about it was that her face just lit up,” exclaimed Tim. She responded that she would love to. “So then I’m thinking, wow. Now what?” That’s when the Bible study guides from prayer meeting came into use. The studies were designed to take 30 or 40 minutes, but none of their studies have been less than two hours.

“We have nothing to do with it. It’s the work of the Holy Spirit,” remarked Linda. “All this has made it clear that God is alive. He’s real in my life. It’s blown me away how powerful He is. I don’t know my Bible like I should. During our Bible studies we’ll go to texts that I don’t know how I knew where they are.”

Tim continued, “One time when we were studying the end



**Tim and Linda Carleton are giving their first Bible study and have realized just how real God is as He works through them.**

times, I quoted the text warning not to go after those claiming to be Christ. Stefani asked where that was found. I kind of broke out in a little sweat. Where was it found? I didn’t know. Linda suddenly said that she thought it was in Matthew 24. That had to be the Holy Spirit’s words in Linda’s mouth.”

When asked what the Bible studies have done for them personally, Tim responded, “It has made me more hungry and thirsty because we’re seeing it come alive.” Linda added, “It’s made me realize that God is real and will work through us if we just give Him the opportunity.” •

*John Kriegelstein, Alaska Conference communication director*

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The Petersburg Church sponsors a community children's choir under the direction of Mark Kubo, Petersburg lay pastor. The choir recently performed for the community Good Friday service. From left: Shelley Kubo, Amy Kubo, Shawnee Cook, and Anna Weaver.

## Petersburg Children's Choir's First Performance

The Petersburg Church has started a community children's choir. Their first performance was on April 3 when they sang for the Southeast Alaska campmeeting program. The choir sang three numbers, including an original composition by the choir set to the words of Psalm 95. On April 6, the choir sang a contemporary arrangement of "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" as part of the community Good Friday service at the Lutheran Church.

"The primary purpose is for the children to learn to love and praise God through music and have fun at the same time," said Mark Kubo, Petersburg Church pastor who organized the choir. Currently the choir consists of four girls: the pastor's two children, and two other girls from the community. However, Pastor Kubo has an eye and ear for the growth of the choir in Petersburg, a small coastal town of 3,000 in Southeast Alaska.

"If a children's choir is one of the ways in which God wants to spread His message of love in Petersburg," added Kubo, "then He will bring more children to the choir. A woman who was at our Lutheran Church performance saw me on the street a few days later, and said she enjoyed it and hoped that the choir would be able to grow." •

Mark Kubo, Petersburg Church lay pastor

## Explosion of New Ministries in Palmer Church

### Ministries Lay Groundwork for Evangelistic Series

Eight new ministries have been added at the Palmer Church in recent months as it starts to lay the groundwork for the *ShareHIM* evangelistic series this spring. Here's a little bit about the different ministries.

The **Serenity Class** supports people with

addictive behaviors, including overeating, computer games, drugs, gambling, alcohol, overspending, pornography and co-dependency. It follows a Bible-based, 12-step format and meets once a week.

The **Depression Recovery Program** is a Bible-based class that features Neil Nedley video presentations, small-group activities and discussion and recently graduated 25 participants. It focuses on the whole person and emphasizes physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health.

The **Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP)**

Rob Carleson and Matt Olson are volunteers for **Craftsmen for Christ**.

started March 26 and offers health lectures, videos and cooking demonstrations to 22 participants. It emphasizes exercise, diet, and lifestyle changes with cardiac lab panels both before and after the 30-day program to assess improvement and document a decreased risk for cardiac disease.

**Craftsmen for Christ** is a crew of Christian construction craftsmen who offer their skills without charge to needy neighbors in the community.

The **Valley Youth Outreach** is a group of young people who want to volunteer their services in the community.

**Prison Ministries** and the **Bible Correspondence Program** both involve Bible

Jeff Burnette presents a lecture for the **CHIP** program.

study by correspondence with lessons that are sent out and graded by church members.

The **Financial Peace University Class** is a 13-week class that teaches financial principles consistent with the Christian lifestyle.

Church members are excited about all of these new projects. "I think these ministries are great," says one member. "It is an exciting time to belong to the Palmer Church. I can hardly wait to see what God can do in our community." •

Bobbie Grimstad, Palmer Church member



Bryan Dale



Bryan Dale

## Cowboy Camp Meeting Fun, Reaches Community

A beautiful, refurbished barn located on the Big Bear Ranch in Donnelly, Idaho, was the setting for the second annual "Cowboy" Camp Meeting, hosted by Kit and Donna Cave and Ron and Linda Crockett. Tents, campers and cabins housed the approximately 75 folks from several states who attended. The dress code was simple: boots, Wranglers and Brush Popper shirts.

Mickey Meyer, retired pastor and rancher, was the main speaker, in addition to local area pastors of various faiths. Skip Meyer of Post Falls, Idaho, served as the master of ceremonies and kept the programming on track.



The barn has been remodeled, has a floor and a stage and after camp meeting, it feels more like a church than a barn.

Frank and Barb Maas of Midvale, Idaho, coordinated a broad spectrum of gospel music with a Western flavor. Nick Hilton, a pastor from Weiser sang, and local ranchers Rusty and Carey Allison treated us with their singing, guitar and bass fiddle. Also,

area musicians and several country gospel bands from several states joined the fun.

The camp meeting has been a wonderful outreach to the people in the area, leading to Bible studies with people from several faiths who have attended.

From the Cowboy Camp Meeting, a new cell group, the Long Valley Christian Fellowship, has started meeting at the Donnelly City Hall on Sabbath mornings. The group is informal and draws people who might not feel comfortable dressing up and going to a church.

"We are here to reach the community and share Jesus with as many folks as we can," says Donna Cave.

The next Cowboy Camp Meeting will be held the first weekend in August 2007. For more information, call Donna at (208) 325-3167. •

*Mickey Meyer, retired pastor and rancher*

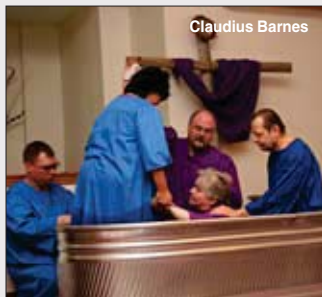
## Baptism in a Stock Tank

For about six years, Rodney and Carol Blake had been attending the Mountain Home (Idaho) Church without formally becoming members. Then in September 2006, they

made their decision for the Lord and began Bible studies with Dan Nelson, Mountain Home pastor.

Carol's physical condition makes it hard for her to navigate steps, and so it was impossible for her to be immersed in the church's baptismal tank. Some of the church members went to the local farm supply store to research the possibility of renting a large oblong stock tank. When the store manager learned what the stock tank was to be used for, he offered the use of the tank at no charge. On Nov. 25, 2006, both Rodney and Carol were baptized. •

*Byron Fesler, Mountain Home Church head elder*



Dan Nelson, Mountain Home Church pastor, prepares to baptize Carol Blake in a stock tank while husband Rodney and Caroline Elias, head deaconess, assist.



## Frank Mosman Joins Eagle

Frank Mosman and his wife Elaine have lived in the Emmett, Idaho, area for many years. Elaine has been a longtime member of the Eagle Church, and Frank has attended many evening meetings and several evangelistic campaigns. Frank, 93, was baptized into the Eagle Church on April 7 by Dennis Parks, retired Eagle Church pastor. •

*Jaunita Pitcher, Eagle Church communication leader*

## Glendive Students Share the Gift of Music

Tears ran down the face of the woman holding the stuffed animal at the adult group home in Glendive, Mont. It was the middle of January and the students at Valley View Christian School had gone to perform songs and short skits from their Christmas program for the residents. It didn't matter that Christmas had come and gone; the message the children had to share still made a difference.

Also, earlier in the season, hectic shoppers purchasing last-minute Christmas presents stopped and listened to a tone chimes performance at local businesses. The students played a round of Christmas songs through several times; many people thanked them for bringing them the real message

of the season.

For a small school with only seven students, tone chimes and music class have been a way for them to witness in the community about God's love. They begin learning how to play just one note in kindergarten as part of the music program and by the time they graduate from 8th grade they might be juggling four notes, playing sharps and flats with complicated timing. The students give and receive a blessing as they perform throughout the school year at churches of various denominations, holiday programs, graduation, and community service events. •

*Pennie Wredberg, Valley View Christian School teacher*



Miranda Wredberg and Jaelyn McKoy are two of the seven students at the Valley View Christian School who are sharing their music with others.



Students from Valley View Christian School, Glendive, Mont., perform a skit for residents at an adult group home.

## Faith In Focus Forum

### *The World Through Son-glasses*

Living in Montana offers many opportunities to view evidences of a worldwide flood as well as dinosaur remains and many other fossils. The Faith In Focus Forum held March 30–31 in the Great Falls Church brought interested people from many miles away.

John Baldwin, Ph.D., Andrews University theology professor, showed how Earth's story has been stolen by the evolutionary theory. He tied the first angel's message in Revelation to the six literal-day creation story. Long time periods for each creation day diminishes other biblical truths—the worldwide flood, redemption at Calvary and the role Jesus serves in salvation and many

**John Baldwin, an Andrews University professor, was the speaker for a Faith In Focus Forum held in Great Falls, Mont.**

other themes. Baldwin is a very personable professor, teaching by story illustration for the kids, and keeping his subject matter worshipful.

"Evidence plus faith equals assurance," said Jere Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference president, as he introduced the speaker. That sums up the subject that was presented.

One attendee said, "Even evidence can be misleading if the wrong interpretation is applied. There is always room for doubt, and doubt is not good evidence."

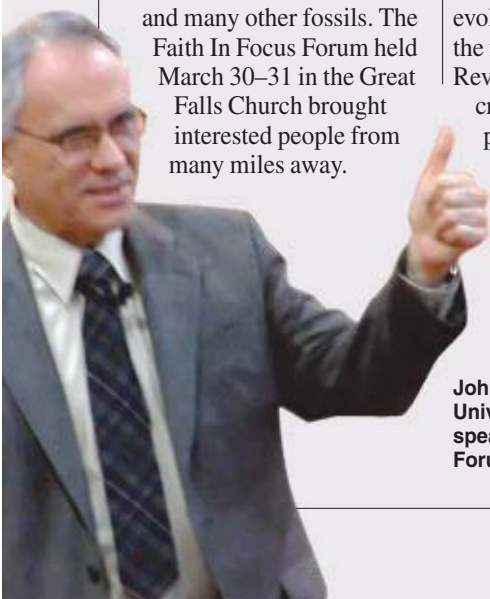
Many appreciated Baldwin's honesty as he made his

presentation. While presenting Biblically sound alternatives to evolution, he was quick to admit, "I don't have all the answers."

As a trained theologian, Baldwin's strongest appeal was to the Bible and to the cross. And rightly so, because when it comes to knowing the reality of God, our hearts see better than our eyes. As Jesus Himself once said, "Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed" John 20:29. •

*Arlene Harris, Choteau Church communication leader*

Archie Harris



## Commission Culture Gains Momentum

Momentum for Commission Culture in the Oregon Conference is building as more and more members are actively engaging in personal witnessing. And many times, engaging in Commission Culture is so deeply ingrained that sharing Christ is a natural result of day-to-day living. Such was the case for Ivonne Allen, a vocational rehabilitation counselor with the Oregon Commission for the Blind who is also a member at the Sunnyside Church.

*“Commission Culture is the constant sharing of joy in Jesus with others.”*

*Don Livesay, Oregon Conference president*

As a rehabilitation counselor, Allen is responsible for finding ways to assist blind people as they enter or re-enter the workforce. Two years ago a client, John Clark, entered her office needing help to find a job. At one point Clark had been a professional chef in Las Vegas; now he found himself legally blind, morbidly obese, hypertensive and depressed, in addition to having high cholesterol, diabetes and congestive heart disease. As Allen looked at this man in

need of work, yet in dire health, she wondered what she could do to assist him in his journey toward employment. Silently she prayed for wisdom and direction.

One Sabbath while in church, Allen heard an announcement for an upcoming CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Project) program, but she didn't pay much attention to it at the time. A few days later while doing a little house cleaning, Allen began thinking about and praying for Clark's situation. What could she do to help him improve his health and become employable? All of a sudden, she came across the CHIP brochure she had received. Could this be the answer? And would it be possible to gain funding from a state agency to send a client to a church-based program? She wasn't sure, but she was willing to find out.

At each step of petitioning for funding, Allen kept receiving positive answers. Finally, she was given clearance to use agency funds to enroll Clark in Sunnyside Church's CHIP program. It would be an "experiment" to monitor the effectiveness of the program.

Week by week Clark faithfully attended the CHIP programs, followed the dietary guidelines, and incorporated walking into his daily routine. By the end of the session, John found that his blood pressure had dropped significantly. Additionally, his cholesterol and glucose levels had decreased as had his need for insulin.

When it came time for Clark to report back to the Commission for the Blind about his progress and results from the CHIP program, the members of the commission's board became so excited that they sent six people to Illinois to receive corporate CHIP training. Among the group was Charlene Cook, a vivacious blind lady who became the CHIP director for the Oregon Commission for the Blind.

This spring the Commission's CHIP program celebrated its fourth graduation. But instead of the festivities taking place at the Commission's Portland office, the event was held at the Sunnyside Church.

Allen is thankful that she was able to assist Clark on his path to better health and eventually employment. She's also thankful for her church's programs that do, indeed, reach into and make a difference in the community. "It feels good



Amy L. Schrader

**Ivonne Allen, a member of the Sunnyside Church, petitioned for state funding for a client to attend her church's CHIP program.**

to see we have something to offer!"

For more information about the Coronary Health Improvement Project, visit <http://www.adventistchip.org/>.

*Amy L. Schrader, Oregon Conference communication director*



Amy L. Schrader

**John Clark experienced significant health improvement by attending the Sunnyside CHIP program. He proudly says, "I am the inspiration behind the inspiration for this class!"**

## Oregon Commission for the Blind Salutes 17 CHIP Graduates in Fellowship Hall Ceremony

Sunnyside Church hosted a graduation on April 4. In the presence of 40 family and friends, 17 people received certificates showing that they had completed another CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Project) program conducted by the Oregon Commission for the Blind.

Two years ago, Ivonne Allen, who is a vocational

rehabilitation counselor with the commission, referred a client, John Clark, to Sunnyside's first run of CHIP. Encouraged by CHIP director Becky Gentry, Clark led the 30-plus-member group. His cholesterol and glucose levels dropped by 26 and 22 points, respectively. His blood pressure readings went from 186/94 down to 148/80 and today is at 120/80, the recommended level. Chest pain? Gone.

When Clark told the members of the commission's board about his progress, they got so excited that they sent a team to Illinois to learn how to lead CHIP programs.

Among the group—and the only blind member—Charlene Cook. Cook became the CHIP director for the Oregon



Amy L. Schrader

Diplomas with name tags in Braille await distribution at the Oregon Commission for the Blind's fourth CHIP graduation.

Commission for the Blind.

Graduation exercises for the first three CHIP programs were held at the commission's Portland office building.

However, due to major remodeling, they couldn't use the office for graduation for the fourth class. Instead of being discouraged by this, Cook phoned Harold Burden, health educator and veteran CHIP professional. His idea for a graduation venue: Sunnyside Church's Fellowship Hall. So it worked out to have the graduation at Sunnyside

Church, whose members are grateful to be able to share the good news about good health and have the joy of making new friends in the community.

The class had great success following the program. For example, one participant saw her cholesterol drop from 301 to 222. Another class member lost 23 pounds. Over eight weeks, group members walked more than 1,000 miles. •

*Richard Fenn with Harold Burden and Ivonne Allen, Sunnyside church members*



Amy L. Schrader

Char Cook (right) presents a CHIP diploma to Karyn Hamilton (left), a member of the Oregon Dragonboat team "Blind Ambition."

## Campestre en Gladstone 2007 Inspiración

Están invitados al Campestre en Gladstone que se llevará a cabo del 17 al 21 de Julio de 2007. El enfoque de este año será Inspiración y como Dios nos comunica a cada uno de nosotros su plan eterno para esta tierra.

Habrà una repetición especial del programa sobre la vida de Elena G. de White presentado en el 2005. Muchos no pudieron atender, debido a que los asientos fueron reservados con seis semanas

de anticipación a la fecha del evento. ¡Sin embargo, habrá suficientes lugares disponibles para usted en el campestre!

Venga y disfrute de las predicaciones poderosas de las Escrituras y oportunidades de aprender como entender mejor la Biblia. También habrá muchos talleres de gran calidad enfocados en como vivir una vida saludable, el ministerio de la mujer, y la vida familiar, al igual que programas dinámicos para los niños y los jóvenes.



Amy L. Schrader

Mi oración es que vengan para ser renovados y refrescados en esta gran fiesta espiritual y encontrar el gozo familiar en nuestro Campestre Anual de la Conferencia de Oregon.

Para más información visítenos en el Internet en

<http://www.oregonconference.org/> en la sección de eventos. Los programas en la noche serán traducidos al español. •

*Don Livesay, Oregon Conference president*

## Thirty-Hour Famine at Milo

### *Students Give up Food to Relate to the Less Fortunate*

Even just the idea of not eating for 30 hours can make a stomach growl. What took place starting on Friday, March 2, at 1 p.m. and ended on Saturday, March 3, at 7 p.m. was a life-changing experience for everyone who participated in the 30-hour famine at Milo Adventist Academy.

Schools, churches and many youth groups around the nation also participated in the famine. Milo students stayed overnight in the student center and were only given water, fruit juice and jello to keep their blood sugar at a healthy level. The fundraiser raised money for World Vision, which takes care of famine areas and Children of War rehabilitation camps in Third World countries.

More than 60 students at Milo participated, and more than 60 lives were changed. The students raised approximately \$2,300. The government contributed three times the amount raised, making the grand total about \$9,200.



**Brian Burnette from Alaska and Drew Miller from Scappoose, Ore., contemplate what Jesus did as they participate in washing each other's feet at the close of the famine.**

Students played games to help them better understand what children go through to survive. Some students had to wear backpacks full of books while others had to wear blindfolds to imitate being blind. Another game was the food drop where balloons had slips of paper that said a food

name and students had to sit on the balloons to pop them to get the slip of paper.

The game that surprised everyone was played at 12:30 a.m. on Saturday. Students were awakened by a blow horn and listened to a story about a little boy and the struggles he went through. After the story was over, the students got into their groups, and they had to answer questions from the story to gain imaginary food for their group.

Saturday morning, students boarded the bus and went to the Manor House in Roseburg to visit and sing to the elderly. Nichole Briones, the student association officer who organized the event, said, "It gave us a chance to grow spiritually, and it was a learning experience for everyone."

At the close of the famine, the students celebrated

communion. They also had the chance to read their favorite verse from the Bible. There was no hesitation in sharing, and students realized why they were really there. The service lasted for about an hour and a half.

To break the fast, students had a hearty feast of pizza and Subway sandwiches. Sarai Avitt-Blackburn, a junior from Toledo, Wash., said, "The thing that really touched me was that to be able to eat, we had to be served by another student, and we had to serve someone else before we could start eating."

Those who had stayed in the dorm noticed right away that those who had participated in the famine were changed. Not only did the fundraiser bring in money, but it also helped the students realize how much people in America take the simplest things for granted. Students who experienced the 30-hour famine now know how truly blessed they are. •

*Brittany Reynolds, Milo junior*



**In a very personal way, Pastor Carl gives the students an opportunity to take part in communion just before the fast is ended.**



**Alia Nelson from Yreka, Calif., and Cristo Jimenez from Metolus, Ore., enjoy pizza after going 30 hours without food.**

## Canvasback Missions Teams

*Provide Orthopedic and Dental Care to Ebeye Islanders*

Two Canvasback Missions teams recently returned from the tiny, but crowded, island of Ebeye in the Marshall Islands of Micronesia. The orthopedic team performed 10 total knee replacements, 20 arthroscopic surgeries and various other orthopedic procedures while the dental team treated 417 dental patients.

Organized by Jacque Spence, co-founder of Canvasback Missions, the 23 team members hailed from Florida, Maryland, Oklahoma, Arizona, California, Idaho and Oregon.

Headed up by Robert Wells, M.D., of Portland, Ore., the orthopedic team performed total knee joint replacements and arthroscopy using donated equipment, which they left at

the hospital in Ebeye.

Some of the patients had not been able to walk for more than 10 years. Wells also trained Ebeye's only orthopedic surgeon, Richard Trinidad, to use the equipment.

The dental team, led by Milford Anholm, D.D.S., of Loma Linda, Calif., helped to relieve a large backlog of patients needing dental services. School children crowded the halls every afternoon to be examined and treated.

"The amount of dental caries and bombed-out teeth was overwhelming," Anholm said. "It's painful to see children suffer with a mouthful of tooth decay." Working with Ebeye dental personnel, the team



Don Noel and Carol Hogue, both from Oregon, work together with orthopedic equipment.

was able to treat more than 50 patients per day.

With more than 12,000 people living on a mere 80 acres, Ebeye is the most populous island of Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands," said Spence. "Putting together this trip was one of the most challenging things we have done. It took a lot of help from many people and corporations to make this trip possible.

"Orthopedic surgery requires very strict sterile conditions, and Wells tried to emulate the conditions that he normally works in by bringing over all the same supplies—the same implants and drapes and screws—which he uses at Portland Adventist Hospital."

In the end, we filled a 20-foot container to the brim. Portland Adventist Hospital donated medical supplies and equipment. Medical and dental companies from all over the United States—such as Smith Nephew and Richards, Cardinal Health, Kerr Dental and Ultradent—helped to make this mission possible.

"This trip went extremely well, and we made a significant impact," Wells reflected. "Our Marshallese patients were



Carlene Richey, from Idaho, and Rusty Nabu, from Ebeye, console a young dental patient.

so warm and trusting and the hospital staff went the extra mile to make this happen."

Trinidad expressed his gratitude, writing, "I feel so blessed to see my patients receive the medical care they need after so many years of waiting. Thanks also for the many and countless donations. We are very much thankful for your kindness and continued support." •

*Jacque Spence, Canvasback Missions co-founder*



Glyn Richey, a dentist from Idaho, works with a young patient.

## PAA Students Offer Hope To Katrina Survivors

Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) brought hope to a struggling community during spring vacation. Gale Crosby, school principal, his wife Sharon, who organized the trip, and Linda Neel, band and choir teacher, took 19 students to Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi. This town is a small, poor community about an hour outside of New Orleans. There they worked alongside His Hands and Feet, a group

of Seventh-day Adventist contractors with a mission to help rebuild communities devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

The group was stationed at a “base-camp” with places for them to sleep, eat, shower and worship together.

The group was divided into teams, and each team worked on new tasks each day. Some helped box up treasured belongings from destroyed homes, others worked to restore damaged homes by drywalling and painting, and there were teams that simply spent hours collecting trash. “There was trash everywhere,” said Neel. “It seemed endless and so depressing because it was stuff like photographs, clothing, dishes—stuff that had blown away from destroyed homes.”

Besides the hard work, the team learned to become good listeners. “Our leaders taught us that it was OK if we didn’t get a job done fast,” said Sharon Crosby. “It was

a priority to talk with the families we were helping.”

One group of girls spent time encouraging a woman whose husband had recently taken his life. “Her name was Cindy,” recalled Cara Butler, a senior at PAA. “We went to visit her about four times—but not to work. She was still too upset because it had happened just weeks before. She just wanted to talk.”

“The continuing high suicide rates are a reminder that so many people there are still feeling hopeless,” said Gale Crosby. “But, you know, as I watched our students interact with the people I realized they were not just there to work. They were there to restore hope.”

Nearly 80 percent of all Katrina disaster relief is being carried out by faith-based organizations like His Hands and Feet. To learn about helping these organizations, visit <http://www.hhfm.org/>.

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent



“Cindy [area resident] didn’t want us to spend our time working on her home. She just wanted to talk about how hard it’s been,” said Sophie Grise, PAA senior.



Although Hurricane Katrina blew through more than a year and a half ago, “it looks like it happened yesterday,” said Katey Humbert, PAA senior.



“There was trash everywhere,” said PAA teacher Linda Neel. “It seemed endless and so depressing because it was stuff like photographs, clothing, dishes—stuff that had blown away from destroyed homes.”

## New Prineville Church Opens

The brand-new Prineville Church building opened its doors to the congregation and guests for the first time March 17. More than doubling the attendance, about 165 adults and 30 children came to worship together and enjoy a hearty fellowship dinner. The beautiful church facility sits on a 5-acre lot at 1600 S. Crooked River Highway and is a gift of love from very generous donors. The approximately 13,000-square-foot meeting rooms, sanctuary and patio will provide adequate space for everyone to grow spiritually. The highlight of the day was the baptism of Brad and Shandia Herman and rebaptism of Wes Hutson. •

Yollie Jahn, Prineville Church communication leader





## “Chief Principal” Honored At Teacher Appreciation Dinner

**D**ennis Shelton, Bonners Ferry School principal, and his wife Pam were surprised and honored at a church dinner in the Ben Shelton Memorial Gymnasium on March 31.

The Sheltons have spent eight years in dedicated service at the Bonners Ferry Church, teaching first in the church basement and then helping to raise the funds to build a beautiful new school. Their vision and faith in God have influenced many to follow Jesus.

“It took a real community effort to pull it off and keep it a secret,” says Victoria Rogers, parent and planner of the event. The schoolchildren met at her



Dave McIntosh adjusts the Indian headdress he handmade for “Chief Principal” Dennis Shelton at the teacher appreciation dinner in the Ben Shelton Memorial Gymnasium March 31.

house to practice their songs and verses. Church members were contacted by telephone about the dinner.

The Sheltons expressed their delight, saying, “We are overwhelmed with the love, appreciation and support.”

As a church, it is our hope that God will continue to be exalted in our community and that the children will come to know Him better through the church’s commitment to ongoing Christian education. •

*Karen Drechsel, Bonners Ferry Church communication leader*

## The Many Faces of Healing Upper Columbia Conference Health Conference

**H**ealing methods are changing. Have you noticed? Are the alternative healing methods a better choice for Seventh-day Adventists? Who is to say one method is OK while another is not? Why all the fuss?

These and many other important questions were addressed during the weekend of April 6–8, when the Upper Columbia Conference Health Ministries Department held a weekend conference titled, “The Many Faces of Healing: Unmasked.”

In spite of it being Easter weekend, the assembly room at the conference office was filled with more than 100 people

attending the Friday evening through Sunday morning sessions.

As the presentations were given it became obvious there is a remarkable amount of confusion among many of our people. There is a dividing line between the healthy lifestyle interventions and unsupported “alternative” practices coming into common use today. These distractions, which range from useless to dangerous, are attaching themselves to the scientifically-sound and Biblically-balanced lifestyle methods that have helped Adventists stand out in their health practices.

Presentations at the conference examined the roots, history and philosophy of many ancient and current treatment modalities, such as muscle/sway testing, yoga, Reike, homeopathy, CST and Hakomi. Panel discussions covered a wide range of topics from dietary supplementation to cleansings, and the use of magnets.

The weekend presenters were Elvin Adams, M.D., from Ft. Worth, Texas, an internist and Tarrant County chief public health officer; Edwin Noyes, M.D., of Forest Grove, Ore., who has studied alternative methods for years; and Fred Hardinge, Dr.P.H., R.D., who

is now *It Is Written* Internet ministries director.

Many attendees expressed their desire to see this and additional health information offered to the church as a whole. Audio recordings of all of the sessions along with all of the handouts and slides are available on the Web at [www.fit4heaven.com/go/faces](http://www.fit4heaven.com/go/faces). DVDs of the meetings will be available in May and can be ordered from Upper Columbia Conference, Health Ministries, P.O. Box 19039, Spokane, WA 99219-9039. •

*Jay Sloop, Upper Columbia Conference health ministries director*

## Pure Royalty

*A Mission Experience Through the Eyes of One UCA Student*



This elderly gentleman from the San Pedro Church gave heartfelt thanks to the UCA group for sharing their love and fulfilling the congregation's dream of a new church.

The man walked unsteadily up to the front of the church. He didn't look like much—his clothes were old and a bit dirty—and his 88 years were taking their toll. But to the listening ear, he had everything he needed because he was a follower of the King.

The man recounted how for the past 10 years he and his fellow church members had been collecting funds and praying for a group who would be willing to come build a church for them. Now with help from Upper Columbia Academy students, their dream of having their own church in San Pedro, Ecuador, had come true.

He spoke for the whole congregation when he said we would take a part of their hearts back with us to the United States. We could all tell that

the appreciation he expressed to us was from somewhere very deep inside, a level of appreciation many of us have not experienced before.

The local Pathfinder club came forward next, singing the Pathfinder song and carrying plastic hearts for us with each of our names on the inside. They put a heart around our necks as most of us cried. The people were so touched by us being their friends and helping them achieve their dream, even though we couldn't understand their language most of the time! Funny thing is we were blessed as much or more than they were. They showed us God's love in a real way—and most of the time, without words.

We have so much here in the United States, and yet we still complain. But the people



Marinna (left) and Kristin Stratte, UCA sophomores from Spangle, Wash., with some of their new, young friends in Ecuador. Marinna and Kristin were two of more than 100 UCA mission trip participants in March.

of San Pedro are just happy for a rough, brick building to worship the God who never fails them. I hope we can learn to have that same kind of lasting happiness and joy they shared with us. They focus on finding God in every circumstance that comes their way, whether good or bad. They may not look rich on the outside, but on the inside they are pure royalty. •

*Marinna Kravig, UCA freshman*

## Yakima Adventist Christian School Hosts Grandparent Gala



The YACS Concert Choir sang for the Grandparent Gala.

In April, Yakima Adventist Christian School (YACS) invited grandmas, grandpas, great-grandmas and great-grandpas to enjoy a special program just for them. About 50 or 60 people attended the Grandparent Gala.

The YACS Concert Choir and Harmony Choir sang. Grades 1 to 4 performed a play "He Knew" about the last days of Jesus' life. The kindergarten class sang and the YACS Jump Rope team performed two routines. The conclusion of

the program was a PowerPoint program and narration by grades 5 to 8 highlighting some of the changes which have occurred during the last century. After a few closing words and prayer, grandparents and students enjoyed cookies and juice as well as time to visit. YACS was happy to do something special to show these important people how much we appreciate them. •

*Susan Bailey, YACS GLEANER correspondent*

## Inchelium Youth Help Others *With Shoe Boxes for Children*

As the Inchelium juniors and youth arrive each week for Sabbath School they head for the basket to fill out a special paper. This slip of paper allows them to accumulate points for things done during the week and at Sabbath School.

They earn points by bringing their Bible, their quarterly, being on time, having their own personal devotion each day, studying their lessons and more. If they recite their memory verse word perfect to a teacher, they earn two points.

Each quarter the class has a memory project, which is to memorize a Bible chapter. The students earn five extra points as they memorize and recite sections of the chapter.



The Inchelium junior/youth class is putting together shoe boxes full of special items for children in San Salvador.

Last quarter, instead of receiving prizes for themselves for earning points, the students were able to pick items from the ADRA catalog to help others. They were doubly rewarded: studying their lessons and learning memory verses benefited themselves,

and they were able to help others at the same time. They chose flip flops for a child, a hand pump for a village, school books for a child, a mattress, electrolyte solution for a sick child and more.

The class is working on a similar project this quarter.

Each youth brings a decorated shoe box to leave at class. Each week as they accumulate points, they pick items from a class box to put in their shoe boxes. Items might include small toys, healthy snacks, toothbrushes, combs, hair clips, pencils and other essential items.

The class is coordinating this project with International Children's Care, who will be forwarding their boxes on to their children's village in San Salvador. •

*Joyce Depner, Inchelium Church communication leader, with Jennifer Wood, teacher*

## Teddy Bears in Juvenile Hall?

Members of the Athol (Idaho) Church handed out almost 100 teddy bears to residents of the Martin Hall Juvenile Detention Facility in Medical Lake, Wash., last Christmas.

Here's how it came about: Janet Gage, an Athol (Idaho) Church member, received a Christmas bonus from her employer. Janet could have spent that money to pay bills, buy Christmas gifts for her family, or to put gas in her car. However, she was prompted by the Holy Spirit to purchase the teddy bears and contact George Melikian, executive director of the detention facility, to offer them to the residents there.



In a special outreach, church members from around the conference give teddy bears to the residents of Martin Hall Juvenile Detention Facility.

The bears were given to 35 to 40 residents ranging in age from 11 to 18 years old. On each bear's ear, a fact card "How to Accept Jesus as Your

Personal Savior" was attached. The residents received the bears with eagerness, saying things like: "Can I have a red bear?"

"Can I have two bears, so I will have a Christmas gift for my mom and little sister?"

"Can I have a pink bear for my girlfriend?" another resident asked.

The Athol group also presented a Christmas program, including a personal testimony from member Chad Morse. I believe that Jesus was present during the singing, scripture readings, prayer and testimony.

Jesus walked through those hallways with us as we placed those bears in each cell... sharing His love. •

*Ann Stribling Thomas, Athol Church member*

## Safety, Security and Healing Cookie's Retreat Center Touches Lives

Cookie's Retreat Center is in its fifth year of serving women and children of faith who are victims of abuse. Each month we receive touching letters from our previous clients. I thought I would share just a few with you here:

*A year ago this month I was exploring, through a friend, the possibility of utilizing your facility for myself. It was a scary thought, but the benefits were more than I can adequately say. Several times I've wanted to contribute a small amount in a tangible way, especially when I heard you might have to close for lack of funds. It seemed that the \$5 or \$10 I could come up with wouldn't help you stay open or start up again. However, please find the enclosed check.*



**Mother and children share a special moment together with their new comforters.**

*I know it won't help you staff or run this vital ministry, but you will know I'm one of your*

*"salvaged" graduates. Things are still a little rough at times, but I have more tools for*

*coping, and I have experienced a validation, safety and caring that can never be taken away. I shudder to think where I might have ended up otherwise! Sometimes just remembering being at Cookie's Retreat Center helps me sleep at night. God bless you all!*

—An Adventist pastor's wife

*I was unpacking my boxes as I moved into my apartment this last week, and I came across the quilt I received when I was at Cookie's. I just sat down and wrapped up in it for a few minutes. It felt like a big warm, safe hug. Thank you so much for all you did for me!*

—A 2006 client •

Kim Bryan, Cookies Retreat Center director

UPPER COLUMBIA

## Three Young People Baptized at Kettle Falls

A special "Youth Sabbath" at the Kettle Falls (Wash.) Church on March 31 culminated in the baptism of three of its young people, Steven and Matthew Shaffer, and Hannah Steck. Kent and Belinda Lowry, who had joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church a few years ago by profession of faith, were rebaptized.

The Shaffer family had recently come from Romania, so for Steven, 15, and Matthew, 13, completing a series of Bible lessons in English was a considerable challenge. Lee Roy Holmes, retired pastor, who monitored their progress,

says they did as well as most for whom English is their native language. Because Ken LeBrun, Kettle Falls pastor, had been called away, Holmes baptized the whole group.

Speakers for the worship service were Heather and Melia Chamberlain and Christian Reeves, each presenting one of the Three Angels' Messages. Ryan Wilder, recently returned from a mission trip to Borneo, gave a genuine "personal ministries" report. Superintendent Amanda Chamberlain led out in the Sabbath School program with a number of able assistants.



**From left: Lee Roy Holmes, retired pastor, with Kent and Belinda Lowry, Hannah Steck, and Stephen and Matthew Shaffer, who were baptized on Youth Sabbath in the Kettle Falls Church.**

Youth also served as elders, deacons and greeters.

Of all the blessings God has bestowed on our growing Kettle Falls Church family, we place our dedicated youth near the top. And, of course, that too is due in large part to

the mentoring and modeling by our youth leaders, Gene and Brenda Chamberlain, and Ron and Gwen Reeves. •

Lee Roy Holmes, Kettle Falls Church communication leader

# Adventurers and Pathfinders at Deer Park Church



Aaron Morrill demonstrates to the church members how he preached in Guatemala.

We believe Ellen G. White’s statement at the Deer Park Church. There is an active Adventurers Club of 18 members, ages 4 to 9 under the direction of Candy Minden.

The Deer Park Mountaineers Pathfinder Club is very active with 20 members under the direction of Arlita and Ken Parr. This past year a number of our young people have gone on mission trips in the U.S. and overseas.

Members had a special treat on Pathfinder and Adventurer Sabbath March 17. Aaron Morrill, 11, of our Pathfinder group who goes to Countryside Church, spoke. Morrill went to Guatemala on a mission trip to help dig wells and build churches and

*“With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon coming Savior might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come—the end of suffering and sorrow and sin!” Education, 271.*

reservoirs. In the evenings a series of meetings was held with Morrill speaking through an interpreter. On March 19 he spoke to the church giving the same message with one of our Spanish-speaking members interpreting into Spanish, as had been done in Guatemala. The message was a clear and

beautiful explanation of the plan of salvation, eloquent in its simplicity. What an example for the adults who listened! Many of our young people plan to go again this year on mission trips in the U.S. and abroad. •

Annette M. Ross, Deer Park Church member

UPPER COLUMBIA

# Cle Elum and Ellensburg Churches Host Book Fair to Reach Community

Outreach in a highly diverse community can be a challenge. Ellensburg is a farming community, a college town, and a retirement area, lacking the amenities of other towns of similar size, but having a friendly, small-town atmosphere.

The Cle Elum and Ellensburg churches are blessed to have the “ABC” mobile van come to our area each fall. However, since Ellensburg lost its main community Christian bookstore several months

ago, some church members decided to plan a second “ABC” sale in March that would reach out to the community, as well as showcase the many outreach ministries the two churches offer in Kittitas Valley.

The members got the word out about the event through newspaper and radio announcements, posters, the public library display case, and bulletin inserts to most area churches. An easily accessible location was chosen for the event as well.

Greeters welcomed guests and invited them to look at the large variety of books, as well as listen to some music and sample some vegetarian foods. Valley Christian School set up a colorful display as well as offering a haystack luncheon; Pathfinders were represented with a display booth featuring staff and members in dress uniform to answer questions; a registered nurse was present for blood pressure checks and counseling; and the LifeTalk Christian radio station was on hand with an information table.

Participants could register for door prizes and pick up printed information from health professionals.

Everyone had a good time and community members were pleased, with many indicating that they would appreciate this event again. Even though sales were lower than anticipated, we are thankful for the seeds that were planted and hope to have another sale in the future. •

Waleeta Schwartz, Ellensburg Church communication leader

## “The Best Feeling in the World”

### PSAA Scholars Build a School

When a mother in the Dominican Republic decided to offer her children an Adventist education in her

home, things started to happen. Word spread about the quality of education her children were receiving, and neighbors began to ask her if their children could attend. Soon the number of students far outnumbered the spaces available in her home, and she moved to the church basement and later to an old and inadequate building.

The resolve of this mother, Dulce de Luna, has had a far-reaching effect, and today a Seventh-day Adventist school thrives with more than 100 students. The school, Dulce de Luna, is named in honor of its devoted founder.

To help this school, Puget Sound Adventist Academy (PSAA) students raised \$1,300 each to cover travel expenses, plus another \$30,000 to cover building costs. The group of 57 juniors, seniors and sponsors traveled to the small island to begin work on a new three-level school. The group worked 14 days to complete the first level of the school, which includes four classrooms. Completion of the final levels by other groups will produce a school that will accommodate 300 students.

“All our hard work paid off! To be able to see what God had accomplished through our hands was the best feeling in

the world,” said Albert Smith, a PSAA junior.

The group also conducted a Vacation Bible School for more than 250 children each evening; distributed clothes to one of the poorest areas of the town; and spent time ministering to residents of a drug rehabilitation facility.

“There is a one-of-kind feeling that swells inside you when you give freely, and in turn you feel the appreciation of those you helped,” shared Trevor Donnelly, a PSAA senior. •

*Kathy Fridlund, freelance writer for PSAA*



PSAA students level dirt inside the walls of the Dulce de Luna School in preparation for the concrete floor.

## Washington ABC Part of Vegetarian Food Festival

Washington Adventist Book Center once again participated in VegFest, a large annual vegetarian festival at the Seattle Center.

As VegFest has grown, it has become a tremendous opportunity for witnessing.

Thousands of people from a variety of backgrounds attend, brought together by their interest in healthy living.

Many who stop at the ABC’s display have never heard of Seventh-day Adventists and are excited to see a church

who believes vegetarianism is important. But a surprisingly large number of attendees are acquainted with Adventists in some way. Many people mention that they were raised in the church, or know someone who is an Adventist.

One woman who stopped by the ABC tables fondly recalled Loma Linda Medical Center’s cafeteria food. Others wanted brochures with information regarding how to obtain a variety of vegetarian food. One couple—new to the area—were excited to connect with the ABC and learn where they could find the closest store.

The Adventist Church is the only church who attends VegFest in any capacity, so the ABC, along with other Adventist individuals and groups, has a great opportunity to reach out to the community in an otherwise secular venue. •

*Karen Schwartz, Washington ABC employee*



Heather Reseck, author of *Fix-It-Fast* and a member of the Sequim Church, demonstrates how to make vegan peanut butter cookies at VegFest in Seattle.



Mike and Karen Schwartz, from Washington Adventist Book Center, hand out samples of vegetarian food products at VegFest, an annual vegetarian food festival held at Seattle Center. The ABC was one of approximately 200 vendors providing 500 types of vegetarian and vegan food products.

## AAA Students Commit Their Lives to Christ

Each time a decision is made to follow Jesus, there is great cause for celebration. At Auburn Adventist Academy, many students this year have decided to take a stand and commit their lives to Christ.

Karissa Rogers, a junior from Lake Stevens, Wash., made her decision to be rebaptized after attending the *Snapshots of the Savior* evangelistic meetings. "I wanted to be baptized because the Holy Spirit had been pressing on my heart to take a stand for God and not be afraid

to claim Him as my Savior," she said. She was baptized with senior student Cynthia Neumann of Seattle.

Earlier in the year, Ryan Pool of Nome, Alaska, and Rose Currie of Bothel, Wash., were baptized at the Academy Church. Nicole Bartlett, from Orting, Wash., was baptized while on a mission trip to the Philippines.

"This school year, I've really felt God's presence in my life," said Ashlie Heilbrun, junior student from Fife, Wash. "When the call was made, I felt



Kaleta Creelman

**Karissa Rogers, AAA junior, decided it was time to make a decision for Jesus on her own, without peer pressure influencing her, and asked Mark Weir, AAA chaplain, to rebaptize her.**

an impression on my heart and was compelled to go up front." Heilbrun, who is considering rebaptism, said that being in AAA's gospel choir has really made her feel closer to God.

Part of AAA's mission statement says that "...Through competent, compassionate teaching we endeavor to guide students that they may become of Christ convicted, to

Christ committed, for Christ compelled." As Auburn's mission is being fulfilled by the decisions being made for Christ, Auburn Adventist Academy gives glory to God for the many students who are allowing God to have their hearts and their lives. •

*Jondelle McGhee, AAA GLEANER correspondent*

## Starving to Serve Enumclaw Church Youth Fast 30 Hours

For most of us it's hard to imagine what it's like to feel true, unrelenting hunger, but youth in Enumclaw have a better understanding of what 852 million malnourished people worldwide experience.

In February, 20 young people and eight adults from the Enumclaw Church raised nearly \$4,900 during World Vision's 30-hour famine. Three times a year, this international youth movement specifically focuses on starving out hunger.

In Enumclaw, the "famine" began on Friday, Feb. 23, at noon and ended on Saturday evening in the school gym with a countdown to 6 p.m. and then a pizza dive.

The junior, earliteen and youth Bible study classes



**Enumclaw youth learn more about hunger in the world through World Vision's 30-hour famine.**

signed up to "taste hunger and save lives" after Brett Lains, youth member, shared how he had participated in a similar event in California. Guy LeClaire and Vicky and Jerry Lewis also helped coordinate the event.

Thankfully, those who participated in the 30-hour famine still don't truly know what it's like to be hungry to the point of starvation. However, they now have a compassion for the millions of children around the world



**Youth Brett Lains (left) tells the Enumclaw Church about how to help fight hunger through 30-hour famines. Guy LeClaire (right) assisted with the organization of the event.**

who are starving, and a strong desire to help do something about it. •

*Cathie Everett, Enumclaw Church newsletter editor*

## Adventist Rodders Club Celebrates Milestone, Marks 10th Anniversary

This June will mark the 10th anniversary for the Adventist Rodders Club (ARC), since it was 10 years ago when a handful of couples at Washington Adventist Camp Meeting decided to form a network of car enthusiasts.

Since its start in 1997, the organization has grown to more than 450 families and participates in events in Washington, Oregon, California, Colorado, Nevada, Utah, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, Arkansas, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and soon in Arizona. Members have a special interest in vehicles such as street rods, classic cars, motorcycles or convertibles.

Adventist Rodders Club isn't just a social club—it's a ministry. ARC members share with others about God's love for them by comparing how a car enthusiast recognizes value in a rusty piece of junk and sees the potential as a restored classic of great



Adventist Rodders Club members Brenda Pierce and Mary Little enjoy Mary's '68 Camaro RS at the annual Washington Camp Meeting "Show 'n' Shine."

value. In their travels across North America, members use this analogy to explain how Christ sees our potential and wishes to "restore" each of us into His image. In sharing this message, ARC members also hand out a flyer with information on Adventist beliefs and how to join the club.

The club provides a neutral environment for Christian fellowship and club events often dovetail with a major car show such as NSRA Street Rod Nationals, Goodguys or regional car shows. For national shows covering a weekend, ARC provides an opportunity to step away from the secular activities during

Sabbath. Club members often will visit an area Adventist church and help provide part or all of a worship service.

ARC activities include Sunday afternoon "Show 'n' Shine" shows; cruises; church, school, camp meeting, and alumni weekend car shows; and treasure hunts where participants cruise through the countryside looking for clues to Bible verse riddles. ARC also attends regional and international Pathfinder camporees, and once used a car show as an attention-getter for a convention-style evangelistic series.

To join the "Christ Restores" ministry of the Adventist Rodders Club, sign up for free at <http://www.adventistroddersclub.com/> or e-mail [info@adventistroddersclub.com](mailto:info@adventistroddersclub.com) for more information. •

*Donn Leiske, Adventist Rodders Club co-founder*

## Cracking Open a Promise Ministry Center Distributes Easter Egg Promises

A woman cradled a colorful plastic Easter egg in her hand when she approached a member of 24/Seven Ministry Center in Bellevue, Wash. She had cracked open an Easter egg with a Bible promise, a link to the church Web site, and some chocolates the ministry center had distributed. As she read the promise, something touched her heart and she could barely contain herself. Moved

by the promise, she came back, tears in her eyes, to request an Easter egg for her daughter.

A discipleship class at 24/Seven, The Path 401, developed this Easter egg promise outreach after discussing natural and fun ways to share their faith. Participants in the fourth step of discipleship are challenged to explore ways to reach the community and influence someone's walk with Christ.

To put this lesson into action, the class filled Easter eggs with Bible promises as a practical way of sharing the word of Christ. Group leaders and participants alike agreed that this gesture of kindness proved to be a fun and simple way to share their faith. •

*Rodney Baladad, 24/Seven member*



The discipleship class at the 24/Seven Church in Seattle distributes plastic Easter eggs with a promise tucked inside.



## First International Tour *Steel Drums in Bermuda*

Shortly before midnight on March 14, 15 people boarded a quiet plane. The members of the Walla Walla College (WWC) Steel Drum Band drifted off to sleep or into the world of satellite television as the plane flew 3,700 miles from Seattle to Bermuda.

The WWC Steel Drum Band started in October 2002. When the drums were purchased with the help of a generous donation, the group was a dream come true for Brandon Beck, director of the WWC Steel Drum Band.

Steel drums are simply glorified 55-gallon oil barrels. The bottoms of the barrels are turned concave and then sections are raised to create bumps. When these bumps are struck with a rubber-tipped stick, a clear note is the result.

As steel drums originated in Trinidad, typical styles of music performed on these unique instruments are reggae, samba, and soca, styles you would expect to hear on the islands. These versatile instruments are, however, capable of playing in any style, including classical!

As the group made plans for Bermuda, delayed passports, too-small planes, luggage

limits, and customs issues all posed real threats to the success of the tour.

“We experienced several miracles that made our trip possible,” says Beck. “God

helped us combat all the roadblocks Satan set up. It was a very reassuring feeling that we were doing God’s will.”

Between March 15 and 22, the group performed seven times on the tiny islands of Bermuda, some days playing multiple concerts. One performance was a joint effort with the steel drum group based at Bermuda Institute, the



After an exciting and successful concert, members of the WWC Steel Band pose with the members of the Bermuda Institute Steel Band.

Seventh-day Adventist school in Bermuda.

In preparation for the joint concert, the WWC group held a workshop for the institute’s steel drum students. For two hours, the two groups worked side by side, hammering out the old spiritual “Shut De Do” line by line.

While at the institute, the WWC group participated in two chapel programs. It was a spiritual experience that left a lasting impression on many in the group.

The WWC group rehearses with members of the Bermuda Institute Steel Band before the concert.

Even though the WWC Steel Band members had a busy performance schedule in Bermuda, they had a little time to relax at a beach between performances.

“I thought it was awesome how the students really worshipped God through their praise service,” says Kevin Ford, freshman engineering major. “It was what I envision true worship to be.”

Although the main purpose of the trip was recruitment, the band had a little time for play as well. They explored caves, beaches, forts, dockyards and city streets. It was a chance to bond, an important element in a performing group.

“I liked how everyone made the newer people feel like we’ve been a part of the group forever,” muses Noel Jabagat, freshman music major. “I think the group blends better musically because we spent so much time together.”

Although the steel band does not travel regularly, they have enjoyed using music as a witnessing and recruiting tool in California, Tennessee, Florida, the San Juan Islands, and all over their home state of Washington. •

Becky Beddoe, WWC GLEANER correspondent



## Changes in California Health Care

*Saying Goodbye to Paradise Valley Hospital*

In 1904 when founders established the sanitarium that would eventually become Paradise Valley Hospital (PVH), life was dramatically different compared to today. The average person's life expectancy was a mere 47.6 years, and after heart disease, he or she would most likely die from tuberculosis, influenza or pneumonia. There were no telephones, no TVs, no radios and no cars.\* The entire landscape of life would be unrecognizable to modern eyes.

It is much the same picture in health care. Though tremendous medical advances have emerged in the last century, health care as an industry has traveled a tenuous path.

In the last 100 years, medical researchers discovered penicillin, invented pacemakers and created vaccines for many deadly childhood diseases. In the last decade, they reduced breast cancer mortality rates, expanded medical imaging capabilities and even transplanted a human face.

In California, however, those advances have met increased hardship, decreased funding and many tough financial situations.



Paradise Valley Hospital's original campus.

### Difficult Decisions

From 1996 to 2006, more than 80 California hospitals closed their doors, according to the California Hospital Association. In order to keep one more door from closing, Adventist Health faced its own tough financial situation head-on and made the decision to sell one of its hospitals.

As of March 1, 2007, ownership of Paradise Valley Hospital, a 301-bed acute care facility in National City, Calif., transferred to Prime Healthcare Service, (PHS) Inc.

"For the past several years, PVH sustained substantial losses," said Robert G. Carmen, Adventist Health president-elect and former board chair of the Southern California facility. "As many industry and market forces impacted our ability to continue our mission, Adventist



Paradise Valley Hospital at the time of its sale in 2007.

Health's board of directors voted to sell this hospital." "Adventist Health has taken the most responsible action available by transferring PVH to a new owner who will continue its operations and invest in its future," added Carmen.

### Continuing the Mission of Health Care

A for-profit health care management company, PHS pledged to maintain all existing patient care services including the Emergency Department and the current levels of charity care at the hospital.

"Prime will continue to operate the hospital under the same long running tradition of community service established by Adventist Health over 100 years ago," said Prem Reddy, M.D., PHS board chair.

The sales agreement, approved by the California Attorney General, included the main physical plant, sitting

on more than 30 acres in San Diego's South Bay, as well as the Bayview Behavioral Health Campus and South Bay Rehabilitation Center.

Adventist Health intends to maintain a presence in the community by continuing to operate home care services in Bonita. In addition, plans will continue with Generations, Inc. for Paradise Village, a senior living community adjacent to the existing campus.

"Adventist Health is incredibly proud of the Paradise Valley Hospital legacy of service," said Donald R. Ammon, Adventist Health president and CEO. "We look forward to continuing that legacy through our home care services and senior living community." •

\*Historical statistics courtesy of the U.S. Census Bureau

*Shawna Malvini, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent*



The sanitarium staff gathered for a photo in about 1910.

ADVENTIST HEALTH

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**Crisp 60th**

John and Malinda Crisp celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on March 25, 2007, with an open house at the Sutherlin Abundant Living Center.



Malinda and John Crisp

John Crisp married Malinda Annetta Schrent on April 2, 1947, in Lodi, Calif. John was a logger and independent trucker. Malinda was a first-grade teacher for nearly 25 years. They lived in Eastern Oregon their first years of marriage and have lived in Sutherlin for 30 years.

The Crisp family includes Jerry and Linda Crisp of Bozeman, Mont.; Nancy Worley of Roseburg, Ore.; Norm and Cheri Crisp of Oakland, Ore.; Wayne and Ruth Crisp of

Sutherlin; 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**Grant 60th**

Ben and Carol Grant's family presented the entire church service on April 17, 2007, in the Redmond (Ore.) Church to celebrate the Grant's 60 years of marriage. Later they celebrated with their family at their home in Crooked River Ranch, Ore.

Ben Grant married Carol Peterson on Jan. 21, 1947, in College Place, Wash., shortly after Ben graduated from the



Ben and Carol Grant

University of Oregon, School of Dentistry. In March 1947, Ben was ordered to active duty at Fort Bragg, N.C., where they lived for 18 months before

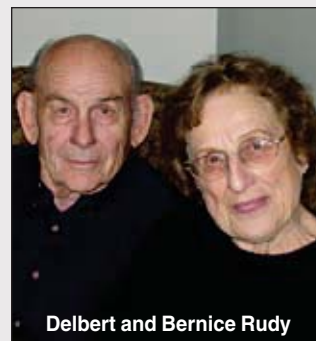
returning to establish a dental practice in Bandon, Ore. In 1972, Ben joined the faculty at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. Carol worked in an ophthalmology office until they both retired in 1990. Upon retirement, they moved to Boise, Idaho, where Ben got involved in the Master Gardener Program. Ten years later, they moved to Crooked River Ranch, north of Redmond, where they currently live.

The Grant family includes Kathi and Gayle Wilson of Dallas, Ore.; Brad and Kelly Grant of Atwater, Calif.; Suzanne and Bill Dassenko of Eugene, Ore.; 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**Rudy 65th**

Delbert and Bernice Rudy celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Nov. 9, 2006, on their children's sailboat, sailing out of San Pedro Harbor. They are members of the Farmington Church.

Delbert Rudy married Bernice Dick Nov. 19, 1941, in Portland, Ore. Delbert grew up in the Colfax, Wash., area. They met at Walla Walla College where Delbert studied history, and



Delbert and Bernice Rudy

Bernice was studying secretarial science and home economics. The farm called them away from college after three years of study. They continued farming wheat and other crops in the Colfax area until retirement in Oakesdale, Wash.

The Rudy family includes Ken and Joan Rudy of Spokane, Wash.; Ginger and James Edwards of Redlands, Calif.; 2 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

B I R T H S

**DE LAO**—Annika B. was born March 6, 2007, to Robert and Alanna (Greenway) De Lao, Ridgefield, Wash.

**FORSYTH**—Emilie R. was born April 6, 2007, to David and Debbie (Kane) Forsyth, College Place, Wash.

**GARRISON**—Kiara Rose was born June 26, 2006, to Jeffrey and Tandy (Age) Garrison, Post Falls, Idaho.

**GREENE**—Felicia L. was born March 31, 2007, to Patrick and Teresa (Spencer) Greene, Camas, Wash.

**KIDWELL**—Alyssa Hope was born March 21, 2007, to Dwayne and Lenora (Saylor) Kidwell, College Place, Wash.

**KOH**—Sophia Grayson was born March 20, 2007, to Leong and Rowena (Manalo) Koh, Portland, Ore.

**MADDUX**—Magnus M. was born March 28, 2007, to Richard Maddux and Vivian Garcia, Medford, Ore.

**MBAJAH**—Mekhi Ajode was born Feb. 11, 2007, to Enos and Mandi (Dillon) Mbajah, Tacoma, Wash.

**SLEETH**—Suzanna Mae was born April 4, 2007, to Jay and Erin (Wiggins) Sleeth, Gresham, Ore.

**WACHTER**—Michael Stephen Alexander was born April 5, 2007, to Glenn and Nevellene (Ball) Wachter, Milwaukie, Ore.

**AGE-GARRISON**—Tandy Ione Age and Jeffrey W.C. Garrison were married Nov. 22, 2004, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They are making their home in Post Falls, Idaho. Tandy is the daughter of Doug and Pansy Age. Jeffrey is the son of Steven and Virginia Garrison.

**BRANSCUM-SPENCER**—Lindsey K. Branscum and Gabe Spencer were married July 8, 2006, in Gold Hill, Ore. They are making their home in Brookings, Ore. Lindsey is the daughter of Gordon and Sharon Westergard. Gabe is the son of Ron and Sandy Spencer.

**FRY-SICKELS**—Suzanne M. Fry and Daniel G. Sickels were married March 21, 2007, in Myrtle Point, Ore., where they are making their home. Suzanne is the daughter of Daniel and Brenda Fry. Daniel is the son of Glenn and Judy Sickels.

**PERKINS-FLICK**—Rhonda K. Perkins and Michael R. Flick were married Dec. 3, 2006, in Sutherlin, Ore., where they are making their home. Rhonda is the daughter of Robert Perkins and Margret Kiser. Michael is the son of Ben and Clair Flick.

**AABY**—Clovis B., 81; born Dec. 19, 1925, Hurley, Mo.; died April 3, 2007, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: wife, Helen (Klaren); daughter, Pam Bowers, Vanclave, Miss.; brothers, Gene, Knoxville, Tenn.; Carlyle, San Bernardino, Calif.; and a grandchild.

**ANDERSON**—Mattie V. (Brown) Dotolo, 85; born April 26, 1921, Anoka, Minn.; died March 10, 2007, Milton-Freewater, Ore. Surviving: son, Eugene Dotolo, College Place, Wash.; brother, Arnold Brown, Akeley, Minn.; sisters, Bonnie Posterick, Salem, Ore.; Dixie Benson, Albany, Ore.; Donna Stucky, Potlatch, Idaho; Joyce Hollinder, Minneapolis, Minn.; Judy Disselbrett, of Delaware; Marlene Hollinder, Clear Lake, Minn.; 4 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**ARNOLD**—Wayne R., 43; born Feb. 9, 1963, Lancaster, Calif.; died Feb. 26, 2006, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: wife, Melanie (Graham), Woodland, Wash.; sons, Jason and Doug, both of Woodland; daughter, Mary Arnold, Woodland; Callie Arnold, Bakersfield, Calif.; father, Wayne Arnold, Shafter, Calif.; and mother, Joni C. Strawn, Reno, Calif.

**BARTLETT**—Margaret A. (Baswell), 84; born June 22, 1922, Blue Jay, Ark.; died March 17, 2007, Pocatello, Idaho. Surviving: son, Jerry Bartlett, Caldwell, Idaho; daughters, Carolyn "Candy" Dawes, Dingle, Idaho; Joyce Fournier, Caldwell; 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

**BENJAMIN**—Larry D., 64; born July 29, 1942, Eugene, Ore.; died March 5, 2007, Jemison, Ala. Surviving: wife, Dorothy (Barrow); sons, Ronald, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; Douglas, Bellevue, Wash.; brother, Don, Fairbanks, Alaska; sister, Gwen Emmerson, Billings, Mont.; a grandchild, 2 step-grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**BROOKS**—Sarah Ruth (Butterbaugh), 99; born Dec. 31, 1907, Edgemont, S.D.; died March 19, 2007, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Judith McCaskill, Grants Pass.

**BUTENDIECK**—Axel H., 92; born April 25, 1914, Valdivia, Chile; died Nov. 17, 2006, Hameln, Germany. Surviving: wife, Mercedes (Mayr), Walla Walla, Wash.; son, Gert Butendieck, Los Angeles, Chile; daughters, Wally Butendieck, Hameln, Germany; Monique Morris, Walla Walla, Wash.; Ruth Glass, Essen, Germany; sister, Irmgard Wyhmeiter, Los Angeles, Chile; and 4 grandchildren.

**CHURCHILL**—Genevieve C. (Abel) Nichols, 93; born Jan. 8, 1914, Keene, Texas; died March 14, 2007, Helena, Mont. Surviving: stepson, James Churchill, Powell Butte, Ore.; daughters, Jacqueline Lenmark, Helena, Mont.; Kathryn Glenn, Rathdrum, Idaho; Patricia Adams, Spokane, Wash.; Pamela Nichols, Bainbridge Island, Wash.; 5 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and 7 step-great-grandchildren.

**COLLINS**—James D., 59; born April 2, 1947, Olympia, Wash.; died Sept. 25, 2006, Olympia. Surviving: wife, Mary (Wiemerslage); son, Scott, Olympia; daughter, Cindy Martin, Olympia; mother, Lenore Collins, Olympia; brothers, Richard, Lodi, Calif.; Thomas, Olympia; and sister, Gloria Serhan, Boring, Ore.

**DANA**—Gladys L. (Weatherford) Hassing, 94; born Oct. 3, 1912, Roseburg, Ore.; died March 31, 2007, Sutherlin, Ore. Surviving: husband, Howard; son, Craig Weatherford, Portland, Ore.; and stepson, Paul Hassing, Gilbert, Ariz.

**EISEMAN**—Ivy L. (Golledge), 82; born April 22, 1924, Tacoma, Wash.; died March 8, 2007,

Puyallup, Wash. Surviving: husband, G. Fulmer; sons, Ron G. and Lonnie F., Puyallup; daughter, Kathleen McHugh, Puyallup; and 4 grandchildren.

**FARNSWORTH**—Dena W. (Widicker), 95; born June 7, 1911, Bowdon, N.D.; died March 21, 2007, Bozeman, Mont. Surviving: son, John C., Sequim, Wash.; daughter, Judith A. Farnsworth, Boise, Idaho; and a grandchild.

**FARRELL**—Mary L. (Hall), 63; born March 24, 1944, Portland, Ore.; died March 26, 2007, Sandpoint, Idaho. Surviving: son, Jason, Chattanooga, Tenn.; and mother, Berniece (Kincaid) Hall Elliott, Sandpoint.

**FORD**—Henry H., 78; born Dec. 16, 1927, Brainerd, Minn.; died May 29, 2006, Puyallup, Wash. Surviving: son, Warren, Kapowsin, Wash.; daughter, Vicki Yeats, Lake Tapps,

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Wash.; sisters, Deloris Woodill, of California; Vera Small and Thelma Broom, both of Washington; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**FOSTER**—Helen E. (Marble), 85; born July 10, 1921, Yakima, Wash.; died March 19, 2007, Yakima. Surviving: sons, Ron and Brent, both of Yakima; daughter, Julia Foster, Yakima; and 2 grandchildren.

**FOX**—Lillian, 91; born July 3, 1915, Watertown, N.Y.; died March 30, 2007, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: son, Fred, Calistoga, Calif.; daughter, Beverly Hastings, Auburn; 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**HAINLINE**—Norma H. (Holtzinger), 91; born May 4, 1915, Pleasanton, Neb.; died Nov. 24, 2006, Selah, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Patricia Gamet, Yakima, Wash.; brother, Kim Holtzinger, Yakima; 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**HALL**—Anita (Griffin), 75; born June 3, 1931, Ketchikan, Alaska; died Jan. 11, 2007, Pasco, Wash. Surviving: husband, Lester; son, Mark, Pasco; daughter, Leslie Geustler, Snohomish, Wash.; sister, Naomi Cochran, Walla Walla, Wash.; and 6 grandchildren.

**HERINGTON**—Elsie L. (Ward), 96; born Feb. 1, 1911, Escalante Forks, Colo.; died March 10, 2007, Portland, Ore. Surviving: son, Richard Herington, Damascus, Ore.; and 2 grandchildren.

**HOLDERBY**—Helen A. (Verwolf), 87; born Jan. 15, 1920, Amsterdam, Mont.; died April 5, 2007, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Sharon Vance, Walla Walla; 3 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

**HOMANN**—Cynthia P. (Steeves), 107, born Dec. 12, 1899, Brinsmade, N.D.; died Sept. 26, 2006, Clearlake, Calif. Surviving: son, Edwin,

Hillsboro, Ore.; daughters, Carol Perrin, College Place, Wash.; Ramona Jennings, Fort Bragg, Calif.; 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

**HUETHER**—Robert, 68; born Aug. 28, 1938, Rosalia, Wash.; died April 5, 2007, Kent, Wash. Surviving: sons, Craig, Kent; Mark, Redmond, Wash.; daughter, Pamela Reynolds, Sammamish, Wash.; and 6 grandchildren.

**HURST**—Helen L. (Davis), 88; born Nov. 12, 1917, Chehalis, Wash.; died June 28, 2006, Yakima, Wash. Surviving: sons, Randy, Yakima; David, Oakville, Wash.; daughters, Norma Martin, Arlington, Wash.; Gloria Field and Janet Hill, both of Yakima; and 10 grandchildren.

**JOHNSON**—W. Leigh, 97; born March 7, 1909, Burns, Ore.; died Feb. 8, 2007, Haines, Ore. Surviving: wife, Alice A. (Stephens); sons, Bill, Tillamook, Ore.; Dan, Goldendale, Wash.; Bo, Falls City, Ore.; daughter, Carol Johnson, Haines; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

**KIRKPATRICK**—Leona E. (Moore) Hornback Newton, 87; born Aug. 23, 1919, Banks, Idaho; died March 5, 2007, Caldwell, Idaho. Surviving: husband, Glen E.; son, Norman Newton, Boise, Idaho; daughters, Sylvia Hornback, Clackamas, Ore.; Nadine Yarlott, Sandpoint, Idaho; brother, Kenneth Moore, Eagle, Idaho; sisters, Lurena McKenzie, Caldwell; Lora Ingersoll, St. Helena, Calif.; Lavona Edgerly, Lebanon, Ore.; Loween Edgerly, Sweet Home, Ore.; 6 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

**KUGEL**—Arthur I., 91; born May 23, 1915, Gilford, Mont.; died Feb. 18, 2007, Centralia, Wash. Surviving: sons, Arthur, Ukiah, Calif.; Robert, Chehalis, Wash.; daughter, Bonnie Ramos,

Chapman, Kan.; and 3 grandchildren.

**LARSEN**—Gilbert E., 69; born May 21, 1937, Viborg, S.D.; died March 21, 2007, Medford, Ore. Surviving: wife, Betty (Robertson); daughter, Clarissa Larsen, Loma Linda, Calif.; brother, Gerald Larsen, Mentor, Minn.; and sister, Phyllis Jurczewsky, Gillette, Wyo.

**LAY**—Bessie B. (Murdock), 92; born Aug. 8, 1914, Okanogan, Wash.; died March 18, 2007, Bend, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Nancy Capps, Moses Lake, Wash.; Diana Wright, Bend, Ore.; sister, Louella Eckley, Seattle; 6 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

**MARRS**—Clara V. (McGillvery) Chambers, 77; born Aug. 17, 1929, Springfield, Ore.; died Feb. 24, 2007, Springfield. Surviving: husband, Marvin; sons, Tommy, Springfield; Karl, Eugene, Ore.; daughters, Clara Braden, of Arizona; Rose Beal, of Texas; brother, Russell McGillvery, Oregon City, Ore.; 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

**MATSON**—Doris M. (Holden), 77; born Sept. 16, 1929, Tioga, N.D.; died March 20, 2007, Yakima, Wash. Surviving: husband, Merlin L.; daughters, Lorraine Wilson, Newport, Wash.; Carolyn Nelson, Vancouver, Wash.; 2 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**MCWAIN**—Frances E. (Parker) Willeford, 87; born Dec. 7, 1920, Ardmore, Okla.; died March 28, 2007, Salem, Ore. Surviving: son, Raymond Willeford, Salem; daughters, Annette Arnold and Constance Golding, both of Bend, Ore.; 7 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

**MILLER**—Anna M. (Quinn), 88; born April 21, 1918, Buhl, Idaho; died March 13, 2007, Albany, Ore. Surviving: stepson, Chris Young, Albany; daughters,

Arlene Godoy, Lebanon, Ore.; Elsie Smith and Violet Reeves, both of Gaston, Ore.; stepdaughter, Lonnie Fournior, Milton, Wash.; 8 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

**NILSSON**—Thelma O. (Duncan), 88; born Aug. 24, 1918, Canyon City, Colo.; died March 31, 2007, Walla Walla, Wash.

**NYGARD**—Vennen A. (Engman), 92; born April 29, 1914, Vasa, Finland; died March 29, 2007, Centralia, Wash. Surviving: son, Edward, Chehalis, Wash.; brother, Charlie Engman, The Dalles, Ore.; sister, Gladys Vance, Long Beach, Calif.; and 2 grandchildren.

**PARKS**—Matlee (DeGroat), 88; born Oct. 22, 1918, Pineville, Mo.; died April 4, 2007, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Sherrie Riggs, Anchorage, Alaska; Robin Kyle, Phoenix, Ariz.; Donna Parks, Spokane, Wash.; brother, Jim DeGroat, Conroe, Texas; 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

**PETERSEN**—Barbara M. (DeNeal), 75; born Aug. 7, 1931, Harrisburg, Ill.; died March 13, 2007, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Clyde, College Place, Wash.; son, Gary, College Place; daughter, Gail Roberts, Battle Ground, Wash.; sister, Teri Wallace, New Elm, Texas; and 3 grandchildren.

**RICE**—Virginia E. (Reed) Butler, 92; born Feb. 19, 1914, Portland, Ore.; died Nov. 2, 2006, Port Orchard, Wash. Surviving: son, Kenneth Butler, Port Orchard; daughters, Lorayne (Butler) Dick, Port Orchard; Jacqueline (Butler) Thornton, Yakima, Wash.; sister, Norma (Reed) Satterlee, Portland, Ore.; 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**STANLEY**—Lawrence, 92; born Dec. 1, 1914, Garden County, N.D.; died March 18, 2007,

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Nampa, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Fae (Smith) Crew; son, Loyal, Alturas, Calif.; stepsons, Joe Crew, Nampa; Jim Crew, Paradise, Calif.; daughter, Lorrie Lesley, Alturas; stepdaughters, Larie Morgan, Silver Creek, Alaska; Judy McIntosh, Alturas; 8 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

**TAPLEY**—Adna W. (Meeker), 93; born Jan. 9, 1914, Minneapolis, Minn.; died March 18, 2007, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: sons, William Jr. and Robert, both of Pendleton; 7 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

**TOLLERTON**—G. Wendell, 60; born Dec. 19, 1946, Syracuse, N.Y.; died

March 18, 2007, Lincoln City, Ore. Surviving: wife, Joanne Richardson; daughters, Elena Elazier, Sacramento, Calif.; Evelyn Tollerton, Berrien Springs, Mich.; parents, Charles and Grayce (Barrett) Tollerton, Lenexa, Kan.; sisters, Christine Brooks, Martinsburg, W.V.; Kathy Kurtz, Dayton, Ohio; Jacquelyn Tollerton, Lively, Ontario, Canada; and 8 grandchildren.

**TYSON-FLYN**—Arnold, 91; born May 23, 1915, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; died March 15, 2007, Nampa, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Bonnie (Widicker); sons, Bruce, Hollister, Calif.; Ray, Spokane, Wash.; daughter, Carole Black, Glendale, Ariz.; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**ULU**—Maofa T. (Lepulu), 65; born June 16, 1941, Olosega, American Samoa; died March 22, 2007, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Jubilee Ulu;

sons, Michael Ulu, Alameda, Calif.; Toi Michell, Mountain View, Calif.; Nathaniel Keresoma, Carson, Calif.; daughters, Stephanie Ulu, San Francisco, Calif.; Diane Kilionia, Walla Walla; Tracy Ulu, Walla Walla; brothers, Palako Lualemaga, Santa Ana, Calif.; Matafanua Lualemaga, Santa Ana; Arona Lualemaga, San Francisco; Aloalii Lualemaga, San Francisco; Tui Lualemaga, American Samoa; Vaisaili Lualemaga, American Samoa; sisters, Faavila Enesi, The Dalles, Ore.; Rosaline Sitaietasi, Vallejo, Calif.; Lemalie Mitchell, Honolulu, Hawaii; Tai'oopro Ripley and Fualuga Fata, both of Santa Ana.

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**WAYMIRE**—Sharron F. (Skaggs), 60; born Nov. 26, 1946, La Grande, Ore.; died April 1, 2007, Granger, Wash. Surviving: husband, Larry; sons, Andrew and Michael, both of Granger; daughter, Angela Waymire, Granger; brothers, Don Skaggs, La Grande; and Ken Skaggs, Delta, Utah.

**WELLS**—Juanita, 90; born Oct. 9, 1915, Muscatine, Iowa; died Oct. 5, 2006, Yakima, Wash.

**WESSON**—Mary P. (Hollenbach), 87; born Jan. 26, 1920, Portland, Ore.; died March 15, 2007, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: husband, M. Ray Wesson.

**WIGGINS**—Clarmae M. (Worden), 86; born May 29, 1920, Olema, Wash.; died March 7, 2007, Aberdeen, Wash. Surviving: sons, Ronald, Vancouver, Wash.; David, Tenino, Wash.; Stanley and Jimmie, both of Centralia, Wash.; daughters, Nancy Hamilton, Centralia; Cindy Landenglos, Westport, Wash.; 29 grandchildren, 61 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

**WILKES**—Lillian M., 84; born Feb. 3, 1923, Malta, Mont.; died April 7, 2007, Tacoma, Wash.

**WILLIAMS**—Bethel A. (Door), 89; born March 20, 1918, Portland, Ore.; died April 8, 2007, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, David P., Dillingham, Alaska; daughters, Judith A. deChantel, Port Angeles, Wash.; Jilleta L. Bruns, Walla Walla; 8 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.





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

## **NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE**

### **Offerings**

**June 2**—Local Church Budget; **June 9**—World/Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries\*; **June 16**—Local Church Budget; **June 23**—Local Conference Advance; **June 30**—World Mission Budget Offering\*; **June 30**—13th Sabbath Offering Overflow; Trans-European Division  
\*Special Materials Provided

## **WALLA WALLA COLLEGE**

**June 2**—Havdalah Vespers, College Church, 7:30 p.m. **June 2**—wvedrama: Festival of the Actors, Donnie Rigby Stage, 9 p.m. Tickets available at drama.wwc.edu or by calling (509) 527-2832. **June 3**—wvedrama: Festival of the Actors, Donnie Rigby Stage, 8 p.m. **June 8-10**—Graduation Weekend. Friday Vespers—Consecration, 8 p.m.; Sabbath—Baccalaureate, College Church, 11:30 a.m.; Sunday—Commencement, Centennial Green, 8:30 a.m. **June 14**—Organ Improvisation Institute. **June 18**—Summer Session begins.

## **MONTANA**

### **3rd Annual Cowboy Camp Meeting**

**June 21-23**—Catch the spirit of an old-fashioned camp meeting in a warm, friendly, relaxed atmosphere. If you want to grow closer to the Lord and to your brothers and sisters in the Lord you won't want to miss the 3rd Annual Cowboy Camp Meeting beginning at 6 p.m. at Elk Springs Ranch near Florence, Mont., sponsored by Montana Cowboy Crossroad Fellowship and the Stevensville Church.

Keynote speaker will be Bill Kilgore, professor of religion at Southwestern Adventist University. Liberal quantities of music featuring Crystal River Quartet, Blest Trio, Robert McQuire and Driven Quarter, Danny DeLuna, and Jack Spratt among others will help make the weekend memorable.

Good food, cooked outdoors, and a chili cook-off on Friday will be followed by more good food and a watermelon feed on Sabbath. Round up the family. There will be plenty of room for dry camping. Ya'll come, now! For more information, go to [www.cowboycampmeetings.com/Florence.htm](http://www.cowboycampmeetings.com/Florence.htm).

## **OREGON**

### **Retired Workers' Fellowship**

**June 5**—The Oregon Retired Workers' Fellowship potluck begins at noon. Tim Zollbrecht will be sharing about his involvement with PACS (Portland Adventist Community Service). We encourage and welcome all Adventist retirees to bring their food and join us in the cafeteria on the Gladstone Campground, 19800 Oatfield Road, Gladstone, OR. For more information, contact the Jorgensons at (360) 423-1612.

### **Missing Members**

The Bonanza (Ore.) Church is looking for information regarding the following missing members: Carlene Clark, Frank Clark, Jeremy Clark and Gena Davis Henderson. Please contact Jeanette Fry with any information: (541) 533-2210 or fax (541) 533-2509.

### **Memorial at Hood View Church**

**June 9**—A memorial service will be held at the Hood View Church, 26775 S.E. Kelso Rd., Boring, Ore., at 4 p.m. for Dottie McCartney, former employee of the Montana and Oregon Conferences, who passed away April 25 in Portland, Ore. In lieu of flowers please send any remembrance to Portland Adventist Hospice.

### **Adventist Singles Adult Ministry Activity**

**June 15-17**—Camping at Cove Palisades State Park, at Deschutes Campground, B13, southeast of Warm Springs Indian Reservation (see [www.oregonstateparks.org/park\\_32.php](http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park_32.php)). Bring your Bible, food,

camping equipment, swimwear, hat, sunscreen and water toys. We will share food (potluck) if you like. For information, contact Karen Ward at (503) 332-3563, Charlotte at (503) 579-9549, or Tom at (503) 684-7971, [tom.te@verizon.net](mailto:tom.te@verizon.net). Maps are online at <http://www.beavertonsda.com/>, at the Singles Page, and will be made available in the Beaverton Church foyer. Save the date July 13-15 for the Badger Lake Campout.

### **Sunnyside Events**

**June 16**—Heritage Singers concert at 8 p.m. Organized in Portland by Max and Lucy Mace back in 1971, the Heritage Singers come home. But come by 5:30 p.m. for a Sunnyside tradition—Strawberry Vespers. Sunnyside Church, 10501 S.E. Market St., Portland, Ore.

## **UPPER COLUMBIA**

### **9th Annual North Idaho Regional Camp Meeting**

**June 20-23**—Bonners Ferry Camp Meeting, sponsored by the Bonners Ferry and Clark Fork churches with the Upper Columbia Conference. Our main speaker each evening will be Ivor Myers. His topic: "The Art of War." He and his wife Atonte have the Power of the Lamb Ministry. Sally Streib, a master storyteller, author and avid scuba diver, will be the children's speaker and will also be speaking to the adults in the afternoons. Her topic: "Kids Can Know God." For information, contact Tammy Onstott at (208) 267-9110 or Leslie Dudley at (406) 295-5044 or e-mail [lad34@frontiernet.net](mailto:lad34@frontiernet.net).

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### **Annual Luncheon for Red Hatters**

**June 20**—All ladies who belong to a Red Hat group are invited to our "Annual Red Hat Luncheon," sponsored by the Auburn City Church Red Hatters at Auburn Adventist Academy during camp meeting. Also if you are interested in starting a group in your church or would like to join a group, please join us in the AAA cafeteria from 12 to 12:45 p.m. Bring lunch money. Colors of the day: Red and purple or pink and lavender. For more information, contact Rose Reed,

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queen mom of Auburn City Red Hatters at (253) 863-5918, rosemarierreed3@yahoo.com, 744 Butte Ave. S.E., Pacific, WA 98047.

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**June 23**—Sunset Lake Camp in Wilkeson, Wash., invites former staff members to celebrate 50 years of camping excellence beginning with programming at Auburn Adventist Academy and concluding at Sunset Lake. Bring memorabilia to share. Activities are free, and limited overnight accommodations are available for a fee. Details at [www.sunsetlake.org](http://www.sunsetlake.org) or by calling (253) 681-6008.

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**Aug. 19**—Car and bike enthusiasts are invited to the 3rd annual Shelton Valley Christian Show 'n' Shine held on the Shelton Valley Christian School Campus, 201 W. Shelton Valley Road, Shelton, Wash. Awards

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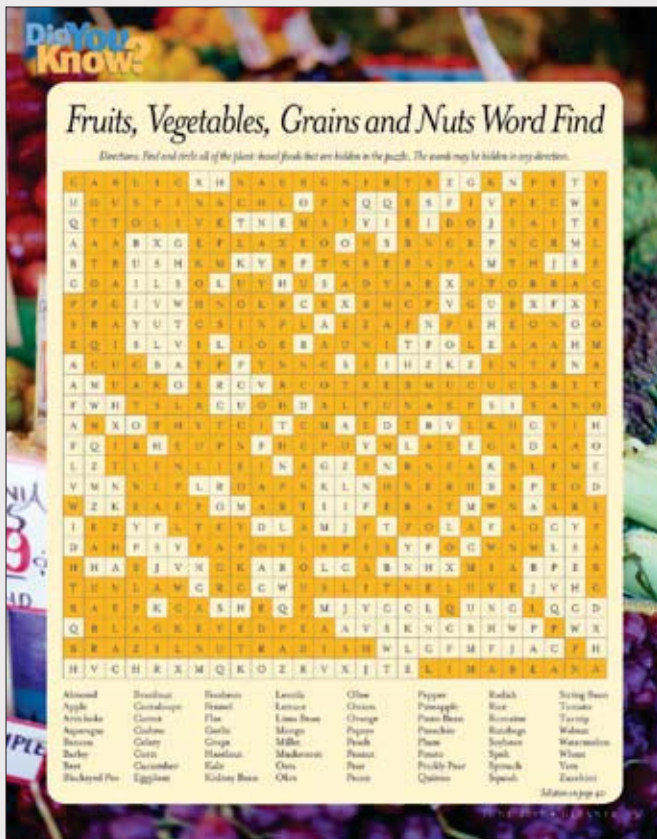
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<b>ALASKA CONFERENCE</b>					
Anchorage	11:20	11:32	11:40	11:42	11:40
Fairbanks	12:07	12:27	12:42	12:47	12:40
Juneau	9:50	9:59	10:05	10:08	10:07
Ketchikan	9:16	9:24	9:30	9:32	9:31
<b>IDAHO CONFERENCE</b>					
Boise	9:19	9:24	9:28	9:30	9:30
La Grande	8:33	8:38	8:42	8:44	8:44
Pocatello	9:02	9:07	9:10	9:12	9:12
<b>MONTANA CONFERENCE</b>					
Billings	8:56	9:02	9:06	9:08	9:08
Havre	9:12	9:18	9:22	9:25	9:25
Helena	9:14	9:18	9:23	9:25	9:25
Miles City	8:48	8:54	8:58	9:00	9:00
Missoula	9:23	9:28	9:32	9:34	9:34
<b>OREGON CONFERENCE</b>					
Coos Bay	8:51	8:56	8:59	9:01	9:01
Medford	8:42	8:46	8:50	8:52	8:52
Portland	8:52	8:57	9:01	9:03	9:03
<b>UPPER COLUMBIA</b>					
Pendleton	8:37	8:43	8:46	8:48	8:49
Spokane	8:40	8:45	8:49	8:51	8:52
Walla Walla	8:37	8:42	8:46	8:48	8:48
Wenatchee	8:50	8:56	9:00	9:02	9:02
Yakima	8:48	8:53	8:57	8:59	8:59
<b>WASHINGTON CONFERENCE</b>					
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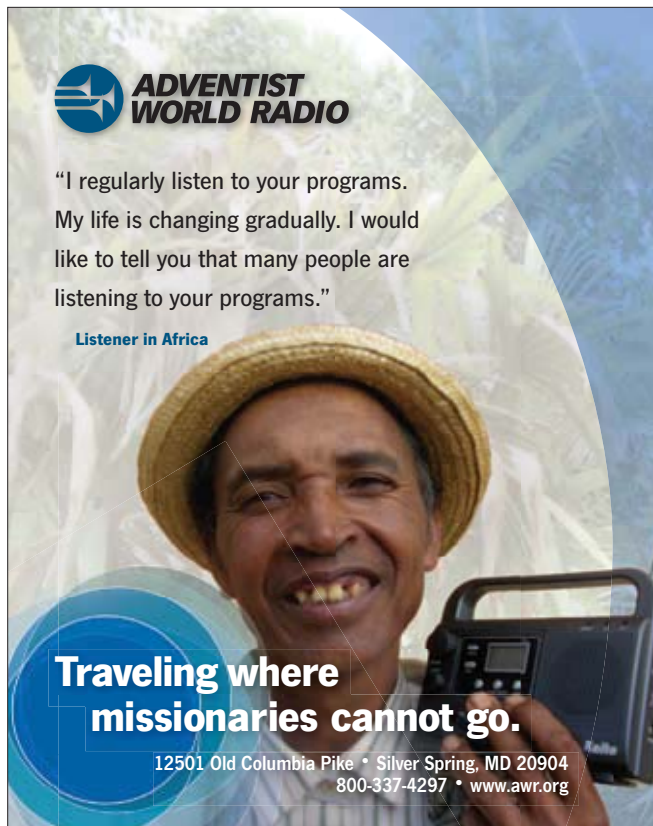
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