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(From right to left) Jeanelle Isaacs, Elizabeth Ludlow, Dr Allen Steele and visitors at the Adventist Church's booth at the Christian Resources Expo.



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HOMEBUSH BAY, NEW SOUTH WALES

Around 200 of copies of the first episode of Adventist Media's *The Code* were handed out at this year's Christian Resources Exhibition (CRE) held at the Sydney Olympic Park in Homebush Bay from July 5 to 7.

The five-part docudrama DVD series was produced as part of a media campaign by the Australian Union Conference (AUC) in response to Dan Brown's novel *The Da Vinci Code*.

Around 20,000 Christians attended the expo. Copies of *The Code* were handed out at the AUC's booth, with the remaining four episodes available for purchase.

"All the DVDs we brought along to give out were taken so we're very pleased," says Pastor Roger Govender, director of the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department of the AUC. "We're very proud of the quality of the series."

Other Adventist booths at the CRE included the *Signs of the Times* magazine and Christian Services for the Blind and Hearing Impaired (CSBHI).

Les Relihan, who ran the CSBHI booth, says the booth was very popular this year. "We definitely had more people come through this year than last, which was nice," he says.—*Didier Appave*

SPD president calls for peace in Middle East violence

WAHROONGA, NEW SOUTH WALES

The president of the South Pacific Division (SPD), Pastor Laurie Evans, has expressed concern for all civilians living in Israel and Lebanon in light of the current tension in the Middle East.

"My thoughts are definitely with the innocent who suffer the most during a war," says Pastor Evans. "I am especially concerned for our church members in Israel and Lebanon who are fearing for their safety in their own country."

Pastor Evans is asking church members in the SPD to pray for those in the Middle East who are mourning the loss of their loved ones and currently living in the uncertainty of war. "We need to pray for this war to stop and for peace to become a reality soon," says Pastor Evans. "May God continue to watch over them and give them strength during this time of suffering. May they never lose hope."

Adventist expatriate workers have been evacuated from the area, following advice from consulates and embassies.

In an emergency meeting, Middle East Union church leaders voted July on 17 to postpone the anticipated September relocation of its headquarters to Beirut, Lebanon. The executive committee was called at the current headquarters in Nicosia, Cyprus, where the escalating consequences of the regional conflict were acknowledged.

The situation will be reappraised at the church's year-end executive committee meetings in December to determine whether a move can go ahead early in 2007.

In a written statement, Bertil Wiklander, president of the Trans-European Division, stated, "I share the alarm and

sadness of our church members in Israel and Lebanon, many of whom have had to leave their homes and flee for their lives. We entrust them and all other people who mourn the loss of lives and struggle for their own survival, wherever they may be, into God's hands and pray for their safety and for the war to cease."

Richard Elofer, president of the Israel Field, reported, "The situation in northern Israel continues to be difficult. Many Adventists and Jews celebrated this Sabbath in bomb shelters with frequent interruptions by blaring sirens and explosions of fired rockets."

On July 21 one of these rockets fell on Herzl Street in downtown Haifa, close to three Adventist churches.

"We thank God that none of these churches were damaged and our Adventist families were not struck by human losses," says Pastor Elofer.

As the north of Israel continued to be evacuated, many Adventists and non-Adventists found shelter in buildings owned by the Seventh-day Adventist Church and in church members' homes.

The administration of the church decided to open the Jerusalem Adventist Study Centre for 25 to 30 non-Adventist refugees. Pastor Elofer said, "Even though the church facilities are not equipped to accommodate refugees, we will do our best to provide what these people need."

In closing his report, Pastor Elofer said, "We hope this difficult situation will not last for a long time and that wisdom and responsibilities will prevail among the leaders of the different parties." He also sent thanks to those who remember them with prayers and support.—*Melody Tan/ANN/Adventist Review*

Veteran church leaders take a hike

LAND'S END, ENGLAND

Walking 85 kilometres in five days doesn't sound much of an accomplishment if you are young, and if you are hiking along a flat path. But for four "brethren" with almost 170 years of full-time denominational employment tucked under their belts, and a rugged coastal path that crossed streams and contained numerous 50 per cent inclines, some might say, "Didn't the old men do well!"

This adventure was the brainchild of Englishman Dr Bryan Ball, former president of both Avondale College and the South Pacific Division. His goal is to complete the whole of the 1000-kilometre South-West Coastal Path, which runs from Minehead to Poole, over an eight-year period at approximately 120 kilometres each summer.

For the latest stretch from Perranporth to Land's End he was aided and abetted by retired Pastors Bob Rodd, Jim Huzzey and John Arthur—all of whom are considerably less experienced in long-distance walking.

The travellers were encouraged by three wives—Moyra, Gill and Ruth—who drove the men to their starting point each day, and then drove to the next cove to join the weary walkers for drinks three or four times each day, and the occasional Cornish cream tea!—*John Arthur*



The weary walkers reach their destination—Land's End.



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and share
our hope in Jesus Christ!

London Live reaches out to secular community

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

With a population of between 12 and 14 million people and more than 250 languages spoken, London is a city that is as busy as it is diverse.

London Live is a community of young adults passionately seeking God's purpose and challenging their faith to make a real difference in central London. It is currently being led by a team of five people from, or affiliated with, Australia and New Zealand; Murray and Davina Harvey, Nick and Melissa Thomson, and Ndaba Mazibuko.

"London Live Friday Night Praise and Worship" meets monthly in Oxford Street—the busiest shopping street in Europe and a hub for young adults. The event has contemporary worship, drama, a challenging speaker and a cafe before and after. Australian minister Pastor Grenville Kent was a speaker at a recent worship event. A welcome team invites people in from the street.

"London Live groups" are small groups who meet regularly all around London to learn more about God, the Bible and each



London Live Friday Night Praise and Worship.

other. They are a great way to build friendships while developing a closer relationship with God.

"London Live careers" is a team of people who have industry experience in career guidance, designated to help people find a suitable career and provide support.

"London Live sports" meets in Hyde Park on Sundays to play sport and sponsor teams that play in different leagues during the week like touch football.

"London Live creative" is a ministry for the creative arts. It comprises a separate drama team, a multimedia team that works on short video clips, and a writers group that meets monthly as well as people interested in art and photography.—*Murray Harvey*

Sydney youth get worship challenge

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

On May 27, about 700 young people converged on the Sydney Adventist College auditorium to enjoy singing, poems, Scripture reading and youth testimonies.

The theme "Worship" examined the questions, "Why do we worship God?" and "What is worship?"

Some of the presenters included the Central Sydney Samoan Youth Choir, Avondale Contemporary Choir, a quartet of teens called The Essence, Auburn Youth and a duet. A drama to music was a reminder of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice.

Two young people—Shona Clarke and Brad Geelan—gave their testimonies about why they worship God. Young people also learned God is the audience and were challenged to think of worship as being a lifestyle, not restricted to Sabbath mornings.

Some of the positive comments included: "The time went fast and we didn't even notice it" and "It was good to attend a worship service where you did not know the format and it was not predictable."

We can thank God this youth rally was one of the biggest youth rallies we have had over the past four years.—*Cheoneth Strickland*



◆ At 6 am on Easter Sunday, the members of **Henderson church**, NZ, met at the site of their proposed new church building. After a sunrise devotional and breakfast, a do-it-yourself **ground-breaking ceremony** was held. Armed with digging implements of all shapes and sizes—from a spoon to a Tongan digging hoe—all the attending congregation took part. Construction has now

begun and should be completed by Christmas.—*Ailsa Ure*

◆ Three **Carmel Adventist College students**, WA, dominated the art show at this year's Bickley Harvest Festival. **Khia McDowall** (pictured, left) was awarded first place, **Lucinda Watt** (centre) second and **Sarah Ryan** (right) won the "people's choice" award. Carmel art students have placed



highly for a number of years. Last year **April Bunter** took first place and had her work used to promote this year's Festival. **Khia's** art will be used to advertise the 2007 celebrations.—*Kerrie Long*

◆ On July 16, **81-year-old** bachelor **Stan Dau** and **72-year-old** widow **Phillis Cox** were married

at the **Harrisville church**, Qld, before more than 120 family and friends. Stan and Phillis met at the Harrisville church in February, and agreed on a short engagement. This is only the **second wedding in the church** in the past 15 years.—*Gavin Uprichard*



DAYS AND OFFERINGS: ◆ AUGUST 26—ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY

Higher WM profile welcome

MICHELE ROBERTSON, NSW

I was surprised at the strong comments made by the unnamed writer about women's ministries ("An exasperated woman," Letters, July 8). Working for a major Australian company, my talents were needed, recognised and utilised. In the church, this was never the case. The church has a vast resource in its women that it has barely used, so I am very supportive of women's ministries and welcome its higher profile.

When I first became an Adventist at 17, I looked forward to helping out in running church programs. I collected interesting articles for future use and stored them away. I threw them all out when I was in my 40s, because I was rarely asked to do anything (twice in 30 years). But in my late 40s, I became a member in a very small church and my input was desperately needed—and appreciated. I was asked to help run the adult Sabbath school and teach the lesson—and I found that I was more than capable and I feel very blessed having, for the first time, been able to help in the running and survival of this little church.

My goal is to get as many people involved in running our church—male and female, young and old, the "stars" and the "ordinary" church members. Only by using our gifts can we grow and then be used to bless others.

Fast/slow Sabbath thoughts

COLIN CHUANG, NSW

Awesome article about the "fast-food" Sabbath ("Slow Sabbath," Editorial, July 22). It's something we all need to look at more. Too often what we do during the week overtakes what we do and how we think on Sabbath. We forget the significance of the Sabbath, and how important it really is to take a break—and not just any break, but one with God.

Introspection needed

JEANETTE SCHOLES

Thinking on "Less introspection" (Letters, July 1), I agree that Jesus said the Holy Spirit would not speak of Himself (see John 16:13, 14). But before Jesus said this, He outlined the work the Spirit will do: "convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment" (John 16:8, NIV).


This being the work of the Spirit, one can expect in a study on the Holy Spirit that a large number of questions would be introspective. Only as we see our need can we be filled with the Spirit.

"Wherever the need of the Holy Spirit is a matter little thought of, there is seen spiritual drought, spiritual darkness, spiritual declension and death" (*Acts of the Apostles*, page 50).


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Kids corner



Hi Kids,
 God wants us to trust
 in Him. He cares and provides
 for all Creation.
 Read about his love for
 us in Matthew 6:26
 then do the puzzle.

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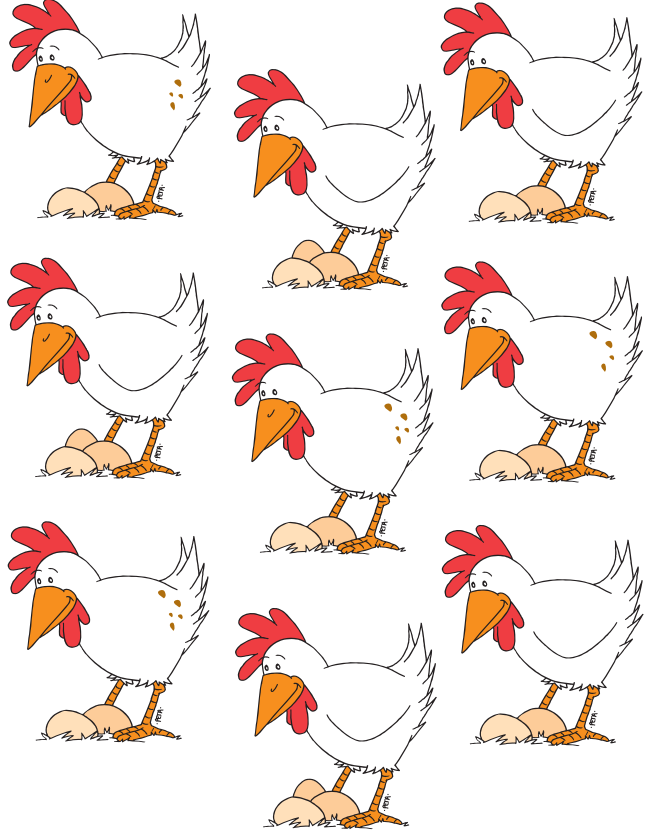
Fill in the Blanks

"Look at the _____ of the _____, for they neither _____ nor _____ nor gather into _____; yet your heavenly _____ feeds them. Are you not of more _____ than they?"

Matthew 6:26 NKJV

Spot Two the Same

Can you find two chooks that are exactly the same?



Answer: the fourth and eighth chooks are the same

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Weddings

Bowden—Smith. Bradly John Bowden and Diane Shirley Smith were married on 16.7.06 at Narre Warren North, Vic.

Desmond Potts, Moe Ioane

Burrett—Stojanovic. Kenneth Burrett, son of Ronald and Marilyn Burrett (Tweed Heads, NSW), and Melissa Stojanovic, daughter of Pastor Peter and Mary Stojanovic (Coolangubah), were married on 25.06.06 at the Murwillumbah Adventist church.

Peter Stojanovic, Brendan Pratt

Hankinson—Prior. Luke Denis Hankinson, son of Pastor Denis and Bev Hankinson (Melbourne, Vic), and Rebecca Prior, daughter of Gary and Kerry Prior (Melbourne), were married on 20.4.06 in the chapel at Bramleigh Reception Centre, Croydon.

Denis Hankinson

Savage—Stacey. Jonathan Lee Savage, son of Walter and Karen Savage (Riverside, California, USA), and Aleta Fae Stacey, daughter of Pastor Graham and Rosanne Stacey (Carey Bay, NSW), were married on 9.7.06 at Thatcher Manor, Riverside, California, USA.

Graham Stacey, Jerry Witbro

Sheridan—Souto. Michael John Sheridan, son of Robin and Pam Sheridan (Wilmot, Tas), and Raquel Andrade Lapenda Souto, daughter of Emerson and Jurema Souto (Recife, Brazil), were married on 16.7.06 at Mount Mee Community Uniting church, Mount Mee, Qld.

Nelson Palmer, Bob Possingham

Talanoa—Garrido. Hala Talanoa, son of Aisake and Sivlangi Talanoa (Sydney, NSW), and Gabriela Garrido, daughter of Antonia and Myriam Garrido (Sydney), were married on 16.7.06 in the Wetherill Park (Spanish) Adventist church, Sydney.

Gary Kent

Obituaries

Fair, Mary Alison (nee Bell), born 21.5.1926 in Auckland, NZ; died 22.6.06 in Auckland. On 24.8.48 she married Archibald, who predeceased her on 1.6.74. She was also predeceased by her brother, Douglas, in 1971; and her grandson, Shayne, in 1981. She is survived by her son, Geoffrey; her son and daughter-in-law, Colin and Leanne; and her grandchildren, Jonathan, Rachele and Genevieve. Mary will be greatly missed for her hospitality and commitment to the Royal Oak church. 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18.

Craig Young

Grant, Kathleen Margaret Elizabeth, born 13.6.1918 at Euroa, Vic; died 22.6.06 at Kyabram. On 19.10.40 she married Mac, who predeceased her in 2000. She was also predeceased by her son, Richard, in 1966. She is survived by her children, Joy Grieve (Newcastle, NSW), Allen (Bundarra) and Gwenda Hall (Stanhope, Vic). Kath was an old identity of the Shepparton church, and later Echuca. She was a much loved lady (with great emphasis on the "lady") as evidenced by the number of community and church people who attended her mid-Sunday-morning funeral.

Mervyn Sparrowhawk, Russell Bryan

Hinchcliff, Adelaide Marjorie, born 26.6.1920 at Ilkley, Qld; died peacefully 21.6.06 at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Stan Warne, and their son, Douglas, at Murrumba Downs. She is also survived by her two other daughters, Gloria and Lynette. She is sadly missed by her family and friends, who look forward to seeing her again at the coming of Jesus.

Henry Miller

Paton, Thelma Hollis, born 18.7.1926 at Wagga Wagga, NSW; died peacefully 18.6.06 in Westmead Hospital, one month before her 80th birthday. She was prede-

ceased by her husband, Ian, in 1999. "Mid," as she was affectionately known, was the middle child of 11. She is survived by her sister, Clarice; her brother, Donald (both of Wagga Wagga); her children, Jan and Brian; and her seven grandchildren. For many years she was a member of the Paramatta SDA church and later a member of the Castle Hill SDA church.

Kery Hortop

Pratt, Edith Olive, born 23.4.1916 at Wee Waa, NSW; died 4.6.06 in Wyong Hospital. On 23.12.36 she married Percy, who predeceased her in 1987. She was also predeceased by her son, Ralph, in 1965. She is survived by her children, Fran Newman (Morisset), Ray (Snow, Northampton, WA), and Lorraine (Tas). Edith was a loyal member of the Avondale Memorial church. She loved her family and her prize-winning garden. We eagerly await the resurrection morning when we will meet her again.

Daron Pratt

Tomlinson, Lurline Dorothy (nee Jensen), born 16.4.1937 at Gympie, Qld; died 15.6.06 in Sydney Adventist Hospital, Wahroonga, NSW. She is survived by her husband, John; her children, Ian, Gavin, Kelvin, Edwin and Kathryn; and her grandchildren, Sarah, Lauren, Joshua, Benjamin, Jared and Jake. Lurline's life was filled with travel and work as she supported John's work with the Sanitarium Health Food Company. Her strong faith in Jesus and her commitment to the church brought blessings to many. A wonderful loving and caring mother and grandmother, Lurline was buried at the Avondale Cemetery, where family and many friends placed their faith in the soon coming of the Lord.

Eric Winter

Frank Tassone, Clifton Glasgow

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happiness from life and
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