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God at Work

I am writing this on an airplane. Don't know how high we are or the speed we are flying. I do know that God is at work just two seats over.

Audrey and I are starting a vacation, flying to our destination. Carol (not her real name) is sitting in the window seat. I am on the aisle, and Audrey is in the middle.

I'm not really eaves-dropping, and I didn't hear the beginning of the conversation because I took a cat-nap as the plane took off. But when I woke up, Audrey and Carol were chatting away. I read my magazine for a while and smiled when I heard Audrey answering Carol's question, "So what is the difference between Seventh-day Adventists and other Christian churches?"

Audrey went to work with precision. Beginning with what we have in common with other Christians, covering the Millerite movement, and then moving carefully through many of the distinctive truths of our denomination, she shared with Carol what Adventists believe. I smiled as she positioned Jesus and her love of Him at the heart of her discussion.

My ears perked up when Audrey told Carol about the Sabbath. "Does it really matter what day we go to church, just as long as we go?" Carol asked. Audrey took her to the Bible and reminded her of the Ten Commandments with the Fourth Commandment at the heart of what God wrote Himself. Then she went back to the account of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Considered a myth to many, the story ultimately comes to Eve's deception at the Tree of Life and Adam's decision to disobey God. The issue wasn't really the size or number of pieces of the fruit our first parents ate. It was whether or not they believed in God's Word to trust and obey Him over what the fallen angel, Lucifer, said about God.

Audrey and Carol talked most of the trip. But it wasn't Audrey by herself. She was operating in tandem with God. The Holy Spirit was depositing truth into Carol's mind through their conversation.

God is at work in every conversation where Jesus is uplifted. We are his "junior partners" in the enterprise of salvation, sharing the truthful good news of God's provision for lost humanity.

Truth is like a seed. Correctly planted in the earth it is nourished by the soil. The warm penetrating rays of the sun stimulate it, the falling of the rain feeds

it, and God's touch brings the seed to life and fruitfulness. God seeks to work through us and with us to reach other people, because as Paul teaches in Philip-

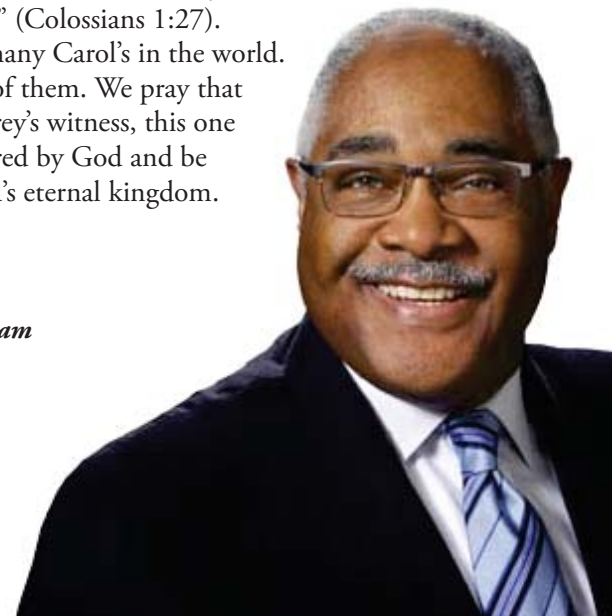
pians 2:13: "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." This incident isn't unique; it probably is duplicated millions of times a day around the world by faithful Christians. God is seeking to bring people to Himself for their salvation, and He wants to use us as His helpers.

To millions of people, this life seems hopeless. But there is hope in Jesus. Not only as our Savior, dying for our sins, but also as Lord, ruling over every aspect of our lives. "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27).

There are many Carol's in the world. We met one of them. We pray that through Audrey's witness, this one will be nurtured by God and be found in God's eternal kingdom.

*To many, life seems hopeless.
But there is hope in Jesus.*

Ricardo Graham
President
Pacific Union





Churches Collaborate with Neighborhood Health Fair

Churches sometimes initiate efforts with local organizations to conduct community-oriented events. A major health fair in the Pico Union District, a Los Angeles neighborhood, on June 6 originated differently: Mark Lee, Pico Union Neighborhood Council president, asked two area Adventist churches to be co-sponsors.

“Our church had been praying for an opportunity to impact the community,” said Joseph Oh, L.A. Central Korean church associate pastor. “This health fair was a perfect match of our resources and the community’s needs.” Both the Central Spanish church and the Korean congregation accepted the district’s invitation, with Lee serving as coordinator.

A large, open-sided tent provided an “auditorium,” shielding the audience from sun and potential rain as they listened to Korean and Hispanic musical groups and officials’ remarks. Adventist young adults greeted people in the audience and handing out leaflets on health and spiritual topics.

White Memorial, St. Vincent and Hollywood Presbyterian

Members of the Spanish Central church prepared 600 lunches for church members to facilitate their attendance at the health fair; and 250 lunches with food donated by many local restaurants for health fair volunteers.



Francisco Palacios

Co-sponsoring L.A. Central Korean church leaders Junie Lee, youth pastor; Joseph Oh and Young Jin Kim, L.A. Central Korean church associate pastors and Jin Yong Park, senior pastor; Mark Lee, president, Pico Union District and health fair coordinator; Steve Hong, M.D., a health fair volunteer coordinator.

medical centers each hosted large booths offering free screenings and information; acupuncture clinics offered free pain-reduction treatments; a Queens Care Clinic booth helped residents sign up for free and low cost health insurance.

Physicians and other health professionals conducted more than two dozen free health screening and consultation services. At one booth offering free reading glasses, people queued up in a continuous line stretching from one side of the venue to the other, hoping for a free pair of glasses.

“We felt very good about the health fair,” said Mike Lee, “because there were more people than expected — approximately 2,000. We also had low-income people who

attended, which made us happy. Working with the local churches, the Korean Press and the city helped in organizing the health fair.”

Scores of Adventist young people and other church members volunteered, directed by Oh and Salvador Garcia, associate pastor, Central Spanish church. “It was an amazing sight to see both Koreans and Hispanics coming together to make this event possible,” said Garcia. “As a result of our participation in this fair, the community is more aware of the Adventist church and what we believe. That is priceless!”

By Betty Cooney



Francisco Palacios

With their awards for participation and leadership in the health fair are, left to right, Manuel Arteaga, a health fair coordinator of volunteers and translation and Spanish Central church associate pastor; Danilo Rey, head elder; and Ever Garcia, Spanish Central senior pastor; Salvador Garcia, a health fair co-coordinator and associate pastor, Spanish Central church.



Pathfinders Pedal to Raise Funds for Oshkosh Camporee

Some 125 energetic SCC Pathfinders, along with supportive family members, participated in a 36-mile bike-a-thon to help raise money for young adult members to attend the International Camporee in Oshkosh, Wis., this summer. The funds helped defray the \$1,000-per-camper costs.

Sunday, May 31, began with parents and other volunteers greeting friends, packing water bottles and unloading bicycles for the riders. Though a busy school week meant that some riders were adjusting the air pressure in their tires at the last minute, others had prepared by eating special “high carb” prep meals and brought vitamin water to drink.

Pathfinder clubs from the Altadena, Berean, Canoga Park, Normandie Avenue, Pasadena, University, Breath of Life, Hawthorne, and Smyrna churches participated in the bike-a-thon.

The ride from Torrance State Beach to the Santa Monica Pier and back provided sun and exercise for everyone. The day’s theme was, “Different Races and Cultures Coming Together for a Common Cause—Fellowship and Serving Community.”

Lois Gordon, an Altadena Navigator Pathfinder, enjoyed the support and encouragement of the participating churches. “It made my day fun and enjoyable,” Gordon said. “It is something I will definitely do again!” “I thought the bike-a-thon was something cool that kids could participate in,” said Anny Galang, a Pathfinder from the Canoga Park Community church. “I made a new friend here from the Pasadena church and was happy to see former friends.”

“It is really nice how everyone is getting together,” noted

Dorothy Delphin, a college graduate and a University church member. “This is true unity among the Pathfinder clubs.”

“So far, our club has had concerts, car washes, food sales and a banquet to raise money for Oshkosh,” Pasadena Pathfinder Nicole Alvarez pointed out. “The diversity today reminds me of the whole world coming together for a banquet!”

“The day was a huge success, raising more than \$5,500 for Pathfinders’ trips to Oshkosh,” one Pathfinder leader reflected, “given that it is the second year and our participation has grown from four clubs to nine clubs. Our club found that staff members of a number of local companies wanted to sponsor our Pathfinders, because they wanted to sponsor what the bike-a-thon stood for.”

By Carlos Williams

Jeffery Lewis





L.A. Interfaith Group Visits General Conference



Annel Oliver

The IRC tour group reflected a diverse snapshot of Los Angeles' wide range of faith groups—by some estimates, one of the most religiously diverse cities in the world. A goal of the interfaith group is to eventually visit the headquarters of its member faith groups for greater understanding.

“We get delegations from various countries and religions around the world,” Cooper said, “but the diversity of this group, all visiting together, is truly unique.”

At the Stevensville church, “Senior Pastor Jerry Lutz fielded numerous questions about the governance of the Adventist

Thirteen members of the Interreligious Council of Southern California traveled to Maryland in the spring of 2009 to learn about Seventh-day Adventist beliefs and practices. During a packed two-and-a-half days, the group heard presentations from Adventist leaders at the General Conference and at the Review & Herald Publishing Association. The tour was coordinated by SCC representatives on the IRC: Betty Cooney, co-chair of the group's communication committee, and Ryan Bell, pastor of the Hollywood church and IRC treasurer, with Carol Rasmussen of the General Conference. The 2009 itinerary included excursions to Washington, D.C., to the GC Office of Legislative Affairs, and a visit to the Spencerville church for a brief organ recital and pastoral remarks.

The visitors queried leaders about their departmental specialties,

church structure and doctrine. Of particular interest was how Adventist leaders deal with questions facing their own groups, particularly in the area of religious liberty. As the tour progressed, questions flowed. “How does a person know when they have been converted?” “What would you say are the leading doctrines of the church?” “Where do you find that in the Bible? I'm going to read this book (*28 Fundamental Beliefs*) for more information on that.”

Adventist leaders were intrigued, too. “We heard one repeated chorus from the Adventist leaders to whom we spoke,” noted Bell. “Wherever we went, people said, ‘We have never had a group like this visit our headquarters.’ My first thought was that this was simply polite hyperbole, but after GC Vice President Lowell Cooper made this statement publicly, I asked him if this literally was true.”

church from the local church perspective,” reported Associate Pastor Patrick Morrison. “It was a joy to interact with these kind and thoughtful folk.”

The tour concluded with an invitation to share in a brief service and lunch at the local Vedanta Society (Hindu) center, which some General Conference leaders also attended.

“I was very impressed with the international scope of the Seventh-day Adventist Church,” commented Judy Gilliland, the IRC president and an LDS member, “not only in your congregations, but also in your leadership. We learned so much about Adventist beliefs. We are grateful for the depth of the presentations.”

By Betty Cooney



NPAA Dedicates Athletic Complex to Late Board Chairman

On May 12, Newbury Park Adventist Academy's new athletic complex was dedicated to the late Bruce A. Pence, D.D.S., who had served as the school's board chair for more than 25 years.

Still feeling the loss of a much loved leader months after his unexpected death, the audience of NPAA staff and others welcomed the opportunity to honor Pence, who had inspired them with his determination for the school to provide the best possible learning environment — and to applaud the completion of a much-needed portion of their campus.

"The board had voted to surprise Dr. Pence by dedicating the athletic complex to him, and had started the process for that to happen in the spring of 2008," said Harold Crook, principal. "Unfortunately, he passed away the following October."

Pence became board chairman in 1982. He also served continuously as chairman of Linda Vista Elementary School and held various other leadership roles. He was instrumental in ensuring the NPAA's stability during a difficult re-development period.

"Dr. Pence was a really strong supporter of doing whatever was best for the students," noted Crook. "If it was the best option for students, he'd say, 'Let's do it. Let's do whatever it takes to make the school a quality place.'"

"Making room for construction of the new elementary school required destruction of NPAA's athletic field. For the past three or four years prior to completion of the athletic complex, we had to travel 30 to 40 miles to play baseball, borrowing other fields when schools weren't using them. The new

complex now provides our students with a larger field for baseball and soccer. NPAA can again be part of the California Interscholastic Federation and its flag-football tournaments with other Adventist leagues.

Pence's widow, Patricia, and their children and grandchildren were present for the dedication. The school's select choir, the Newburians, sang for the service. Crook gave a brief history of Pence's service and support through the years and expressed the deep appreciation of the board and staff for Pence's dedication to Christian education in Ventura County.

By Melissa Borth and Betty Cooney



Gretel Fontana

Principal Harold Crook presents Patricia Pence with a plaque commemorating her late husband's dedication and many years of service to the school. SCC Education Superintendent Richard Carey is on the left.

In addition to a gymnasium and swimming pool, the Bruce Pence Sr. Athletic Complex provides NPAA students with a larger field for baseball and soccer.



Arlington Church Celebrates 50 Years on Magnolia Avenue



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Lyle Bennett, senior pastor, delivers a short homily charging members to bring peace and protection to their community.

More than 600 people packed into the Arlington Seventh-day Adventist Church on May 30 to celebrate the golden anniversary of the church's first worship service at its present location, 8778 Magnolia Avenue in Riverside.

This was more than three times the average attendance. With standing room only, retired Pastor E. Romayne Chinnock welcomed the crowd. For more than five months, Chinnock and steering committee members — Solo Asuega, Samuel Davis, Antoine Do, Chris Grant, Sandra Hartson, Luella Keyes and Tava Toaetolu — had prayed, planned and worked diligently to make this 50th anniversary celebration happen. Arlington church members invited friends and former members to join them in praise to the Lord.

Skip Ho Sr., pastoral adviser of Arlington's Vietnamese ministries, also gave glory to God and welcomed the overflow crowd of "family" members. These included past, present and future members

of the Arlington church, former pastors, civic leaders and other guests. As introductions were given, the former pastors and special guests, along with their spouses, were presented with leis from the Arlington Samoan congregation.

A highlight of the celebration was the diversity of musical presentations throughout the service. The Arlington praise band director Mark Peabody had composed a special song called "Foundations" for the anniversary service.

Soloists included the Vietnamese singer Yen Le, who sang "Above All;" Khin Khin Sein, representing the Burmese congregation, who sang "Mansion Over the Hilltop" in Burmese and English; and Solo Asuega, from the Samoan congregation, singing "It Is No Secret What God Can Do" in Samoan and English.

Arlington Vintage Praise Singers led the congregation in their favorite hymns. The Vietnamese choir, led by Sua Vo and dressed in colorful Vietnamese clothing, sang songs of praise in Vietnamese and English.

A colorful highlight during the church service includes the Vietnamese choir singing in their native tongue.

Although unable to attend the golden anniversary celebration, conference president Gerald Penick Sr. wrote a congratulatory letter to the pastoral staff and members. Read by senior pastor Lyle Bennett, the letter said, in part, "You are admired, as your place for worship is inviting to all who enter your doors. Many will be in the kingdom of heaven because of a kind word, a helping hand or a warm greeting provided by members of this wonderful congregation."

Chinnock introduced Riverside city council member Chris McArthur, who expressed how thankful he was that the Arlington church was in his ward. He mentioned that churches are the keystone of the community, and that the Arlington church is well known for its worship, friendship and community service.

Chinnock also introduced Ron Loveridge, the mayor of Riverside, who congratulated the members of the Arlington church and



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The Arlington praise band leads the church in celebration throughout the day.

Mayor Ron Loveridge thanks Lyle Bennett for Arlington's years of service to the city and the surrounding community.

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thanked them for being part of the strong fabric which held together the city of Riverside. He presented to Bennett and associate pastor Mario Perez a proclamation from the city declaring Saturday, May 30, 2009, as Arlington Seventh-day Adventist Church Day in Riverside.

Four former pastors were present; each one spoke of a salient moment in their ministry at Arlington. Those pastors were Ed Graves, Varner Leggitt, Geof Park and Paul Schmidt. A number of former pastors who could not attend sent pictures and congratulatory messages. These were incorporated into a historical video produced by Sandra Hartson entitled "Building for Eternity."

Current pastors Lyle Bennett and Mario Perez preached the day's sermon. Entitled "Church Rock," the message pointed out that Christ is the Rock. Whatever a person's trial or challenge may be, they said, the cleft of the Rock is a place of peace and protection. Christians can also be a place of peace and protection to others whom they meet on the pathway of life.

After singing the Doxology, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," about 400 members of the congregation moved to the gymnasium for a buffet luncheon, organized by Luella Keyes, Carol Ann Dunn, Charles Keyes, Lou Lewis, and Alice Skaggs.

Church Organized 80 Years Ago

The Arlington church was organized in 1929 with 32 charter members who worshipped in a little church on Myers Street. Through the years the congregation grew until a new church was needed. In 1956, plans were made to acquire property and build the present church complex on Magnolia Avenue. Arlington members, through prayer, self-sacrifice and hard work, began the construction process. The first church service was held in the Magnolia Avenue sanctuary in the spring of 1959.

The Arlington church has notable ethnic and physical diversity. In September 1999, Skip and Julianna Ho began the Vietnamese language worship service with seven members. Today there is a well-organized Vietnamese ministry with 45 to 50 people attending each week. Adult, newcomer, and kindergarten-to-youth Sabbath school classes also are conducted in Vietnamese.

The church family includes Samoan and Burmese worshippers. A Sabbath school class meets each week to study the lesson in Samoan. Weekly church services are conducted in American Sign Language, and the weekly Challengers SonShine Sabbath school

Vietnamese singer Yen Le sings "Above All."



class, for those who are cognitively challenged, is also well attended.

The Arlington church has grown because it has reached out to people of all nations and languages and abilities. The 50th anniversary program is available online at www.arlingtonnsda.org.

E. Romaine Chinnock

Enno Müller





SECC Partners with *Guide* Magazine to Reach 100,000 Kids

A new magazine aimed at introducing children to Jesus will soon make its way into the homes of kids throughout southeastern California — and beyond.

The 32-page, full-color monthly magazine will contain content similar to *Guide*, a familiar weekly magazine for children aged 10 to 14. As well as true stories, games, nature features and fun facts, it will contain a Bible study.

“*Real* is all about showing young people how God wants to be involved in their lives,” comments Randy Fishell, editor of *Guide* and *Real* magazines. “And we want every Adventist, young and old, to be able to share *Real* with the children they care about, regardless of finances.”

With the help of the Southeastern California Conference youth department, that dream is about to become a reality.

“We’re excited about the new partnership between our conference and *Real*,” says SECC children’s ministries director Manny Vitug.

“Now we’re getting the word out about how our local churches can participate, such as Vacation Bible School follow-up, Pathfinders, schools and Sabbath schools, doctors’ and dentists’ waiting room placement, fairs and other ways to

share the magazine,” Vitug says. “Our goal is to provide *Real* with names and addresses for 100,000 unchurched children by Christmas 2009. Of course, we’re also inviting individuals and groups to assist financially if they’d like to do so.”



Fishell explains, “As the names come in, we believe God will provide the means to send the subscriptions.”

Last year, *Real* received a \$75,000 grant from Versacare, a Corona-based philanthropic organization.

“Southeastern California is a densely populated area,” says Fishell, whose early ministry experience included two summers in youth ministry in SECC (Arlington and Paradise Valley churches). “This region presents rich opportunities for local churches to get *Real* into the hands of lots of children — and relatively quickly.

With the expertise, enthusiasm, and commitment shared by Manny and his colleagues, along with the involvement of local church members, I see the Southeastern California Conference becoming the model for other conferences to emulate.”

Real was a topic of discussion on a recent segment of “Christian Connections,” which aired on the Loma Linda Broadcasting Network. Joining Fishell for the one-hour interview program was Loma Linda Academy student Tyler Haase.

“Heart-touching stories sometimes accompany a name or donation,” Fishell comments. “Like the 83-year-old grandmother who wrote to us from South Africa. She enclosed her grandson’s name along with 20 rand (South African currency). The accompanying note said, ‘We are getting old and hope our prayers [for our grandson] will be answered.’”

To submit the names of children to receive *Real* magazine and to learn more about this outreach to children — including bulk shipments — visit www.ShareReal.org. Anyone who would like to contribute financially to the initiative can give online or send a check to SECC,

Real Magazine, P.O. Box 8050, Riverside, CA 92515. Fishell may be reached at 301-393-4030.

By Jocelyn Fay



Randy Fishell



CrossWalk Members Read Through the Bible in 90 Days

Many people have lifetime goals. Some want to sky dive, others want to climb Mount Whitney, still others want to travel the world, or write a book, and the list goes on and on. Crosswalk church took one of these common goals, reading the Bible from cover to cover, and found a way to help their members achieve it.

Jeff Gang, the pastor responsible for spiritual formation, suggested following a program called The Bible in 90 Days, which was founded by Ted Cooper Jr. This program challenges each participant to read 12 pages a day.

On May 1 the CrossWalk church started this challenge church-wide. They ordered 150 copies of the suggested reading Bible and soon ran out. Many more members chose not to purchase that Bible, but have used their own along with the daily reading plan.

“Reading the Bible in 90 days is doable, but nevertheless is hard,” says Gang. To help and support the participants the church encouraged the members to join a support group. The church had several

Jeff Gang, one of the pastors of CrossWalk, shares his vision for spiritual formation within his church.

that met on different days and at different times. Members of these groups gave each other encouragement to keep on reading. During their meetings they talked about the overarching themes that are presented in the biblical book they were reading and throughout the Old and the New Testaments as well as discussed questions that came up during their reading that week.

Members are spending time with the Bible, questioning their beliefs in a healthy way and gaining a better understanding of the work of God throughout history.

Gang says he wishes that the readers “find their place in God’s story. I would be happy if even a few people walk away having read through the entire Bible.” Gang predicts that members who have seriously read through the Bible will experience transformation.

Bible readers gave Gang different feedback, ranging from enthusiastic to skeptical: “Is this an appropriate way to read the Bible?” “I struggled with the God of the Old Testament.” “Reading 12 pages a day was overwhelming.”



Rebecca Joy Barcelo

“My assumptions about common Bible stories were challenged.” “I am so grateful for all the stories I discovered.” “I enjoyed getting together with the support group and made some new friends.”

“CrossWalk’s goal is to make the [Christian] journey real,” says Gang. “Our goal is for members to be able to explain their faith and share their story with others.”

CrossWalk church grew out of the Azure Hills church and was formed in October 2004. The at-that-time young adult group has now grown, and the church has many young families. Nearly 600 members consider CrossWalk their home, but worship attendance is normally around a thousand. For more information about the church, visit www.crosswalkvillage.com.

By Enno Müller

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CrossWalk members socialize after the church service.



Santa Rosa Church Float Wins Awards and Attention



David Morgan

Sabbath morning, May 16, dawned sunny and warm in Santa Rosa, Calif., as more than 40 costumed members of the Santa Rosa church took their places as part of the church's first-ever entry into the city's annual Luther Burbank Rose Parade.

The church float volunteer organizers believed they had seen God's hand leading them ever since they heard the city's announcement of the 2009 theme: "Through the Decades," perfect for proclaiming the church's 140-year anniversary.

Santa Rosa church deacon James Simmons gave a simple scriptural reason for participating in the parade: "Let your light so shine that others may see Jesus in you."

The two-part float consisted of a box van pulling a flatbed trailer. The van displayed large pictures of the church's four locations during its 140-year history in Santa Rosa and proclaimed it

the "first SDA church west of the Rockies." The trailer, decorated with fresh greenery and fresh and artificial flowers, carried guitarists and singers dressed in costumes representing the church's 14 decades of continuous service to the community. Other church members in costume marched alongside, singing and interacting with the enthusiastic watchers who crowded the streets of the parade's half-mile route through downtown.

As the procession began, the first thing parade-goers saw was the floral cross attached above the van's cab, created by baptismal candidate Vicki Stiles. Helium balloons carried the church's motto, "Connect, Grow, Serve," on one side and "Celebrating 140 Years"

on the other. A banner down the float's side issued the invitation to "Come as You Are."

Led by Santa Rosa church Associate Pastor Garrison Chaffee, young people stood on the sidewalk outside the church offering free water and face painting to passersby heading toward the parade. Each water bottle carried a label identifying it as a gift from the church and quoting John 6:35.

"I really enjoyed visiting with our neighbors as they passed by our church," said Chaffee. "It was fun to see their defenses go down as they realized the water and the face painting our youth were offering were truly free, just like the grace of God."

"In the larger picture, it's not whether souls were saved by this one event," noted parade participant Marc Selivanoff, church elder. "It brought attention to the church, and that can lead to souls being saved for the Kingdom."

That attention included recognition by the judges, who awarded the church entry the Thomas P. Keegan Award for best entry using local history, a second-place award for nonprofit float, and a cash prize.

By 1 p.m., the float was back at the church. As she disembarked, Linda Severs, who sang and signed the hymns (in American Sign Language), announced, "I'm up for doing this again next year."

By Kathie Morgan

David Morgan



Sophia, Isabelle and Emily Gast, Dottie Simmons, Carolyn Selivanoff, James Simmons and Michelle Chastain walk with the float on the parade route.

Michelle Chastain

Kathie Morgan and Linda DeWitt wave to the crowd, and Marisa Borg and Peggy Williams sing, as the float passes the judges' stand.





Takako Futatsugi Travels a Long Journey of Faith

This spring, Takako Futatsugi completed the last leg of her spiritual journey back to God when she flew from her home in Sanda, Japan, to be baptized at the Redding church by Warren Ashworth, a former pastor and Pacific Union College professor emeritus of religion.

Ashworth first met Futatsugi, owner of an English language school, in 2007 when he visited Japan at the invitation of one of his former students, Robyn Tsuji, an Adventist. Although he looked forward to touring Japan, he didn't want the excursion to be just a site-seeing trip. He prayed, "Lord, turn this into a mission trip."

His request was answered when Tsuji invited her best friend, Futatsugi, to help guide Ashworth to various tourist sites. "I later learned ... that she had asked me to come along in the hopes that Dr. Ashworth would have an influence on me so that I could be led back to God," said Futatsugi.

Although she was baptized into a Christian church as a child, Futatsugi became disillusioned with Christianity during high school



Kristian Hoff

"My wish of wanting to get baptized by Dr. Ashworth, who led me back to Christ, is about to be fulfilled," said Takako Futatsugi in her testimony before her baptism.

and eventually lost her faith. Then in 2003, she met Tsuji at a conference. Several years later, the two women took several students to a summer camp in Southern Califor-

nia, and Futatsugi was reintroduced to Christianity. But it was her experience with Ashworth that really moved her forward on her faith journey.

"Early on [in the trip] I shared with Takako a little about my faith in Jesus and what a difference He's made in my life," said Ashworth. "I found her to be open when I talked about the Lord, so I took every opportunity I could."

He encouraged her to read the Gospels, along with *Desire of Ages*.

"Dr. Ashworth shattered my impression of Christians as being narrow-minded hypocrites, as he was

so open-minded and lived his faith," said Futatsugi. "Here was someone who embraced Jesus, not religion. Because of that, I was able to let my guard down and listen to what he was saying."

After he returned home, Ashworth kept in contact with Futatsugi through e-mail and sent her more books about Christianity. On Feb. 15, 2009, she wrote Ashworth to report that she now believed in God again and had accepted Jesus as her Savior. "It was truly a miracle of God's grace," said Ashworth.

Futatsugi's son Hiroki, former student Toshiaki Ueno, and Tsuji, all traveled from Japan for Futatsugi's baptism.

"I was just so happy," said Ashworth. "God promises that if we sow, the Holy Spirit will water, and the reaping will come."

By Julie Lorenz



Kristian Hoff

Toshiaki Ueno, Robyn Tsuji and Hiroki Futatsugi traveled from Japan to witness the baptism.



Pittsburg Church Members Reach Out to the El Pueblo Community



Pittsburg church member Tanya Clay, left, discusses the results of a blood pressure measurement with a guest.

Gloria Simms, left, smiles with a resident of the El Pueblo neighborhood.



Photos by Kathy Batchelor

His name is Antonio, and he stands over six feet tall. Antonio has never been to the Pittsburg Adventist church, but he wants to begin Bible studies so that he can get baptized. He's also planning to attend a small group that meets on Monday nights in a church member's home, and he says with a smile on his face, "I'll be at church this coming Saturday."

Antonio was one of more than 60 residents of the El Pueblo community in Pittsburg, Calif., who took advantage of the blood pressure screening and the BBQ lunch sponsored by the Pittsburg church at a local senior center on June 7.

Before neighborhood residents could enjoy lunch, they had to sign in and have their blood pressure taken. Church members registered residents while four nurses from the church took blood pressure readings and provided feedback.

Residents were given tips on reducing stress, lowering their blood

pressure and staying healthy. The church also provided free Bibles and information on having a balanced life, health care services, Bible studies, and counseling and parenting resources. Approximately 27 people signed up for Bible studies.

As they exited the senior center, residents were greeted by church members who served them lunch and fellowshiped with them.

"This is what they trained us to do when I attended the urban ministries workshop at Oakwood a few years ago," said Bessie Mabhena, personal ministries leader for the

church. "They taught us to go out into the community and not wait for the community to come to us."

"We want to have an ongoing presence in the community" said Pittsburg church Pastor Gregory Johnson. "We want to do outreach other than evangelistic meetings." According to Johnson, the plan is to adopt the El Pueblo neighborhood and provide services, seminars, Bible Studies, and children's programs to help meet the people's needs.

The Pittsburg church's slogan is "Reach Up, Reach In and Reach Out." Members of the church are reaching up to God for help through prayer and study. They are reaching in through fellowship with one another in small groups and other church activities. The El Pueblo Community Project is just one example of how the Pittsburg church is reaching out to share the love of Jesus with others.

By Kathy Batchelor



Pastor Gregory Johnson (left) worked with church members Loretta Walker, Gloria Simms, Ronnell Hubbard, Bessie Mabhena, Linda Thompson, Wayne Batchelor, Tanya Clay, Kristen Carter, Kathy Batchelor and others to reach out to the El Pueblo neighborhood.



El Dorado School Teacher Blessed Many Lives

Laurie (Rathbun) Helms loved people, and she enjoyed interacting with them at church, in her community, and at the El Dorado Adventist School where she served as the seventh and eighth grade teacher. The people she touched are now mourning her loss.

Helms passed away on Friday, June 12, at the age of 44. Family and friends celebrated her life at a memorial service on Sabbath, June 20, at the Placerville church.

“Laurie was a gracious friend and teacher. She was thoughtful and generous with her words and actions. She shared her wisdom and talents freely,” said Nancy Schoonover, third and fourth grade teacher at El Dorado Adventist School. “Laurie looked for the best in people, and she usually found it, because she was not content to look on the surface, but searched deeply within.”

“Laurie was so helpful and organized that she would anticipate a need and often have the job done before I could even ask,” said Larry Ballew, principal.

“Laurie was an enthusiastic teacher who was committed to student learning,” said Northern California Conference Education Superintendent Berit von Pohle. “She was always willing to be involved in the extra events, like the conference spelling bee, school evaluations and professional growth activities. Laurie will be greatly missed.”

Helms was also active at church, teaching various Sabbath school classes through the years, from cradle roll to adult. Most recently, she team-taught a creative Sabbath school class at the Placerville church. “She loved literature and out-of-the-box authors,” remembered

Placerville church Associate Pastor Roy Hager. “Her love and devotion to Jesus, her Savior, was unmistakable as seen in her relationships.”

Although she was a member of the Placerville church, she helped the Camino church run its ministry to the homeless, which lasted for three years. “She was one of the pivotal people who made it happen,” said Craig Klatt, Camino church pastor.

“Laurie was one of the volunteers who was always there, really active in friendly interchange with people, making them feel that they had dignity and worth in the open-hearted and honest way that she mixed with them.”

A 1986 graduate of Loma Linda University – La Sierra campus, Helms held teaching credentials for elementary school, high school home economics and high school French. (She spent one of her college years studying in France.)

She and her husband Jeff, a physician, were married in 1988. Their son Christopher was born in 1992, and their daughter Laura in 1994. The family lived on Air Force bases in California, North Dakota and Hawaii before moving to Placerville.

When her son was halfway through his kindergarten school year at El Dorado Adventist School, Helms started teaching his class, bringing her daughter with her. For more than 10 years, Helms taught various grade levels at the school, from kindergarten to secondary.

“I cannot imagine school next year without her,” said Schoonover. “Her loss will be felt deeply at the school and in the community.”

By Julie Lorenz





Four Ordained at Arizona Camp Meetings

One highlight of the Arizona camp meeting is the service of ordination, where pastors are consecrated to the gospel ministry.

Executive Secretary Ed Keyes conducts regular classes with the candidates and prepares them for the ceremony. Four pastors were selected for ordination this year.

“I’ve enjoyed working with all of our unordained pastors who look forward to the day when they will be called to receive this high honor,” says Keyes. “The four men we chose this year are exceptional in so many ways. Dedication and leadership are major strong points for all of them. I truly believe that Benjamin, Nathan, Erik and David are some of the strongest and most able leaders we have had the opportunity to work with. Each is uniquely gifted, and I’m so proud of these men who have dedicated their lives to the gospel ministry. The future of the church is safe with the spiritual leadership these four have demonstrated.”

Benjamin Keith Lundquist

Benjamin Keith Lundquist was born on Feb. 24, 1978, in Hinsdale, Ill. He graduated from Enterprise



Benjamin and Kimberly Lundquist

a year teaching fourth grade on the island of Pohnpei in Micronesia in 2000-2001. He loved sharing Jesus with his students, he says. He then returned to SAU and received a degree in theology in 2004.

After graduation, Lundquist moved to Phoenix to be the youth pastor for the Camelback church. In 2005, he married Kimberly, and they are expecting their first child in October.

Lundquist is working on a master’s degree in youth ministry from Andrews University. “There is no limit to what God can do to reach His people for the kingdom,” says Lundquist. “I long to be a part of that soul-winning journey for the rest of my life.”

Nathan Joel Robinson

Nathan Joel Robinson was born in Odessa, Texas, at the end of the oil boom. With work becoming

Academy in 1997 and went on to Union College. He eventually transferred to Southern Adventist University, plus a semester abroad at Newbold College in England.

Lundquist felt called to the mission field and spent

scarce, his family moved east, first to Ohio and eventually to North Carolina. Robinson graduated from Mount Vernon Academy.

One of Robinson’s first work experiences was working with the student magazine colporteur program, where he eventually became a leader. “There was nothing like canvassing in the heat of Atlanta to teach total trust in God for results and how to pray!” he remembers.

Robinson majored in theology at Southern Adventist University where he met Helen Lee, whom he eventually married. Robinson spent time in Guyana, South America, as a student missionary.

While majoring in theology, Robinson took a special interest in Near Eastern Linguistics and spent a summer studying Hebrew in Israel. After graduation, the Robinsons moved to Andrews University where Helen received an M.A. in English and Nathan earned an M.Div. with dual emphasis in Old and New Testament and Septuagint studies.

Robinson first came to Arizona in 2005 as the associate pastor at the Camelback church.

Nathan and Helen Robinson



They now live in Thatcher, where he pastors the Safford and Wilcox churches. They have two children, Dana and Zane, and have enjoyed transforming their home into a miniature farm, complete with garden, fruit and citrus trees, and three chickens.

Erik Patrick VanDenburgh

Erik Patrick VanDenburgh was born on Oct. 11, 1980, in Walla Walla, Wash. From the time he could point to the sky and say “airplane,” he wanted to be a pilot. Eventually he earned his airframe and power-plant mechanic certificate. He has owned and renovated several airplanes.

At Country Haven Academy, VanDenburgh enjoyed his role as a spiritual leader and began to sell Adventist books and give Bible studies. He worked with the Central California Conference Youth Rush student literature evangelism program.

His first mission experience was in the Philippines. After that, he went to Venezuela to do mission aviation as an airplane mechanic and co-pilot.



Erik and Jana VanDenburgh

In 2004, he married Jana Faber, a graduate of the Souls West school of evangelism, and accepted the position of literature evangelism director for the Arizona Conference. Shortly thereafter he was asked to be the youth and summer camp director for the conference. He and Jana have a 1-year-old son, Jacob Skyler.

David Alberto Lopez

David Alberto Lopez was born July 6, 1974, in San Juan, Texas. His family pastored in Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico, and Lopez loved working with his parents in ministry. He worked alongside his dad, giving Bible studies, doing visitation, and even attending church board meetings — which David admits that

he still enjoys.

Lopez received his bachelor's degree in theology from Montemorelos University in 1996. While at Montemorelos, he met his wife, Judibeth Alvarez,

who was studying psychology. They were married in 1997 and have two sons, David, 7, and Harim, 5.

Lopez's first work in ministry was in the Potomac Conference. After working in the New York Conference, Lopez attended Andrews University and received his M.Div. Then he worked in East Chicago in the Indiana Conference.

In 2005, Lopez received a call to work for the Arizona Conference as youth pastor for the Spanish Central church in Phoenix. In 2008, he became associate evangelist for the Hispanic work in Arizona.

Lopez is currently pastoring the Northwest and South Park churches in Tucson, as well as the Coolidge and Nogales churches.

By Phil Draper

David and Judibeth Lopez with sons David and Harim



Photos by Phil Draper



Arizona Conference officers speak to the ordination candidates and their wives.



Clovis Teens Offer Youth in the Park Evangelistic Series

For most high school students, the week of final exams is busy and stressful. The teens at the Clovis church chose to add 14 additional tests — the last two weeks of the school year included a two-week evangelistic series.

“It was their idea,” explains Bryan Dawson, youth pastor. “They came to me and said, ‘We want to preach a series.’ So, as a youth group, we began praying about it together.”

May 19 through 30 was selected because it was the only time that fit into everyone’s calendar.

For four months, the teens planned and practiced. “I thought it was going to be a lot of work, but cool,” says 16-year-old Katie Wilson.

“We kinda picked our topics. We had sermons on the computer, then would rewrite it to make it our own,” explains Stuart Prewitt. He preached on the antichrist and the change of the Sabbath. Bible worker Jeff Bentley helped with sermon preparation and practice.

Advertizing was by personal invitations. Teens distributed postcards at local high schools, colleges, neighborhoods, and to their friends. An interview on a local Christian radio station drew more than a dozen guests.

The first Youth in the Park met under a parachute hung from trees on church property. It took 15 teens each evening to staff the meeting — greeters, ushers, music, a five-minute health nugget and sermon. “The retirees helped with

refreshments after each meeting,” says Dawson. Church members were part of the 60-plus attendance each evening.

“I am just ecstatic. This is awesome!” says Dawson.

“We’ve already had an invitation from another Adventist church. I dreamed about this when I first got here and God made it happen.” The group is already planning more meetings for the fall.

C Is for Clovis

Their commission is 1 Timothy 4:12: “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity.” Thus, their name C-4:12; the “C” is for Clovis.

“We feel a call to be the example of the believers,” explains Tim Prewitt. “We shouldn’t be sitting around waiting for others to serve us.”

There can be challenges to serving Jesus. “Sometimes there are no other options but to pray — unceasingly — like when I have no one else to talk to or I’m bored in class,” shares Ashley Gillaspie, “I’ll ask ‘Lord, how is it going up there?’ and tell Him what’s going on inside me.”

With Tuesday night Bible study and Friday night vespers, the teens are a close-knit group. They



Caron Oswald

The evangelism team for the Youth in the Park two-week public series gather on closing night for a group picture. At least 15 teens were present each evening to make the public outreach happen.

spend all day Sabbath together at the church. “We love it! We hang out with each other, we worship together and have our own vespers,” Wilson explains. “We all interact with each other, share different ideas, learn from each other.”

Often they join the weekly Sabbath afternoon literature distribution or prayer groups. (A lot of the adults spend Sabbath afternoon at church, too.) There are also Saturday night socials and Sunday outings.

The teens say they’ve learned a lot about outreach. To rely more on God. To abide in Christ. To manage time better. That God makes all things possible, especially the things that seem impossible.

“When I was a kid, I wanted to be a hero and go out and save people. And that is really what I am — not only soul-saving, but life-saving,” says Stuart Prewitt. “It was hard, but definitely worth it,” adds brother Tim. “There is no replacement for the faith we have in Jesus.”

By Caron Oswald



Years of Dedicated Prison Ministry Leads to Baptisms

It was 12 years ago that Fresno Fil-Am church member Vladimir Tuazon, an employee of the California State Women's Correctional Facility in Chowchilla, Calif., suggested that his church start a prison ministry. Since then, quarterly Adventist worship services have been available to the women. Unfortunately, the prison's worship schedule is full, so the services can't be held more often.

In time, a Bible study correspondence school, using the Amazing Facts lessons, was added. Now it is

a significant part of the outreach and has more than 1,000 graduates.

In the past few months, church members are seeing the results of their dedication. Eight women have decided to be baptized. And during two June worship services, with approximately 200 women attending each service, 132 new students enrolled for Bible studies.

Prison officials recently approved GLOW (Go Light Our World) literature for distribution. "The inmates just grabbed it up," reports Abel Pangan, retired pastor and

church member. "Seven Secrets for Happy Wives" and "Health" are the two most popular pieces.

"They see their need and, as a result, they are so open and ready to listen and respond," says Taj Pacleb, conference evangelist. "God's church doesn't have walls. The gospel needs to go to all places."

Because of the economic downturn, 600 inmates will be paroled in the next few months. Many of the women have said they plan to look up Adventist churches when they return to their homes.

By Caron Oswald

After 12 years of quarterly visits, eight women were baptized into the Fresno Fil-Am Adventist church. Retired Pastor Abel Pangan, left, and Conference Evangelist Taj Pacleb baptize one of eight inmates at the California State Women's Correctional Facility.





Motorcycle Ministry Leads to Baptisms, New Ministry Leaders

A picture of three angels triggered Kevin Simpson's memory at the Street Vibrations Motorcycle Festival in Reno, Nev., last September. He did a double-take — "Sabbath Keepers Motorcycle Ministry, Seventh-day Adventist Church." He and his wife, Kellye, both avid Harley riders, visited with the bikers at the booth and left with several pieces of literature.

"Wow, this is awesome! Maybe the church has changed since I left 20 years ago," Kevin told Kellye. Since marrying in 2003, the couple had felt a need for "something" and had been attending a Baptist church. Yet neither was satisfied, and now both were eager to check out the church Kevin had grown up in.

After returning home to Modesto, the Simpsons began visiting Adventist churches with 4-year-old son Aaron. They settled on the Ceres church and began studies with Bible worker Pamela Carter. It wasn't long before both Kevin and Kellye knew this was where God wanted them to be. They were baptized March 14.

"Our family and life is so complete now," says Kellye, a phlebotomist. "We're all growing so much and learning to let go and let God. I think about Him all the time, and I talk about the Lord all the time at work."

While preparing for baptism, the Simpsons felt God's call to begin a local chapter of the Sabbath Keepers Motorcycle Ministry. They met with SKMM International President Michael Yates, then



Joyce Mulligan

For new members Kellye and Kevin Simpson, motorcycles are the family's favorite mode of transportation. Son Aaron is always along for the ride.

got the new ministry approved at the Ceres church. "I love the sound of a Harley," agreed Pastor Keith Mulligan. "Let's do it!"

The Simpsons launched the Central Valley chapter in May. The group is growing quickly and are already sharing God at local motorcycle events. Initial outreaches include donning their distinctive SKMM biker vests and passing out GLOW literature at the Patterson Apricot Fiesta and the Sierra Hope Ride (which benefits the Muscular Dystrophy Association).

"It's the least I can do," says Kevin, an electrician. "I want to get out there and share God with those who really need Him.

As [our associate pastor] Anil Kanda says, 'God is coming back soon, and when He comes I want Him to catch me working.'"

"It's really rewarding to see," says Yates of the Simpson's story. Members of the ministry's nine chapters don't often see baptisms as a result of their outreaches, though they regularly experience divine appointments while distributing literature at biker events. "I'm just praising the Lord up and down for the Simpsons. They are so dedicated to the Lord, and they're already doing great things with their chapter."

By Shenalyn Page



Eighth Grade Graduation Ends with Four Baptisms

Amber Schmitz's eighth grade graduation was rapidly approaching. It had been two years since she and her sister enrolled at Los Banos Adventist School. Though basically unchurched, her parents were looking for something better than the local junior high school. Of the two options — Catholic and Adventist — they chose the latter.

Schmitz shared something with her teachers, Mark and Marilee Dalton. (Mark teaches seventh and eighth grades. Marilee is the principal and teaches grades five and six. They share math and language arts.) "While attending this school, I've really come to know God better than I ever did before," said Schmitz. "I'd like to be baptized."

"Well, how about at graduation?" Marilee asked.

"I would love that!" replied Schmitz.

"This year we studied Romans for the first semester and Revelation for the second one. Romans is all about the gospel. In Revelation, you get the picture of what Jesus is doing now and what He is going to do," explains Mark.

"Basically, they go through the doctrines all year," adds Marilee. The seventh and eighth grade students also preach a one-week Bible series each spring.

Of the school's 50 students, only one-quarter were Adventist. Just five of Mark's 22 students were from Adventist families. Los Banos has grown into a "bedroom"

community, with residents commuting to the Bay Area for work.

Participating in the community is an integral part of school. This past year, the students participated in the National Day of Prayer. Their spring break mission trip included three projects in Los Banos. At a televised city council meeting, the mayor personally thanked each student. The city manager said, "We love your school. We love what you've done for our community."

A couple of weeks later, Schmitz, in her role as class president, shared her decision with her classmates. "I'm going to be baptized at graduation. Does anyone want to join me?" Immediately, three hands shot up — two Adventist kids and one Methodist. All parents were contacted and gave their approval.

Schmitz did have one serious concern. "Oh no, my hair is going to look bad for graduation!"

"When you show your friends and relatives your pictures with wet hair and explain why it was wet, that could be a powerful witness to others," Marilee told her. But the program was easily arranged for the baptisms to take place at the end of the ceremony.



AC Digital Photography

Class president Amber Schmidt is baptized by Mark Dalton during her eighth grade graduation service at Los Banos Adventist School. Three of her classmates, Denise Kingsman, Tony Michael Curtis and class vice president Tony Guzman, responded to Amber's invitation to join her and were also baptized.

"God just really worked here with these kids," says Mark. "As a pastor and now a teacher I've been on both sides of the aisle. I've never done more intensive Bible studies, both in quantity and quality. It's like giving 22 Bible studies every day."

The Smiths — he's a realtor and she's a pediatrician — enrolled their two children in pre-k and second grade. "I've never experienced anything like this in my life," John Smith told the Daltons at graduation. "The warm, caring atmosphere in this place is remarkable. There is a very special spirit here. Now I know why this school is so special."

By Caron Oswald



Rally Unites Northern Nevada Youth and Young Adults

As the sun began to set Friday, May 15, youth and young adults from across the Northern Nevada District were singing worship songs at the Sparks church. They had come for a specific purpose — to further solidify their spiritual connection with Jesus Christ.

The event, sponsored by the Northern Nevada Youth and Young Adult Federation, included spiritual development, fellowship with Adventists, and outreach in the community.

Activities and programs, as well as sermons by Philip Baptiste, senior pastor of The Palace of Peace church in Colorado Springs, Colo., challenged youth and young adults to commit their lives to Jesus. The theme for the weekend was “It’s A Love Thing!” Baptiste encouraged attendees to

Pastor Philip Baptiste challenges the young people during a rally sermon.



Young people stop for lunch in the park.

embrace God’s love and, above all, to share it with others.

Sabbath morning, the Sparks downtown amphitheater bustled with youth, young adults, parents and church members. The praise team primed the congregation for a day of spiritual programs. Community members stopped in to see what was going on, and ended up staying for the whole rally. During Baptiste’s appeal, 12 people decided to fully commit their lives to Jesus and be baptized.

After lunch, the youth collaborated with People 1st, a not-for-profit organization in the Reno/Sparks area, for a community service outreach event called “No Sandwich Left Behind!” Nearly

50 participants distributed 200 sandwiches in areas of greatest need and offered to pray with recipients. “I felt able to do something practical firsthand for a change,” said Dwayne Bullock.

Next, the group convened for the closing programs at the Reno church. An audiovisual production workshop preceded dinner. Once physical hunger was gone, Baptiste again offered spiritual food. “He sparked our interest,” said Ivan Daphnis. “I was always excited to hear what he had to say, because it was delivered energetically.”

After vespers, regional high school and college graduates who weren’t able to participate in their own school commencements



Ed Johnson, president of the Northern Nevada Youth/Young Adult Federation, addresses the crowd.



United in Christ sings praises to God.

because of Sabbath conflicts marched in a graduation ceremony at the rally. Sparks Pastor Kingsley Palmer gave the charge to the graduates and congratulated them on their accomplishments.

The rally concluded with game night in the gym, hosted by Reno/Truckee/Heavenly Valley Pastor Gary Gryte and Carson City Pastor Ron Torkelsen.

The Federation hopes to plan annual rallies, as well as mini-rallies at the local church level. "I just want to thank all of the



Pastor Kingsley Palmer prepares to meet with individuals who responded to his appeal.

Federation officers, local pastors, and Pastor David Velazquez for all of their hard work, time and support to make this event possible," said Pastor David Hall. "It was extraordinary! We look forward to what God has in store for this Federation in the future."

By Ed Johnson

Rally attendees pause mid-day for a photo.



Hospital Brings Burn Care Services to Kern County

In just a few moments, Beth Anderson's* life changed forever. At first a pleasant event, the family barbecue turned devastating when the grill flared up. Embers landed in Anderson's hair, but she didn't realize it until minutes later when her entire head was engulfed in flames.

Since then, Anderson has lived through 22 surgeries and myriad outpatient treatments, none of them close to home. As with all Bakersfield area burn victims, her treatments have taken place hours away, either in Fresno or Los Angeles. Until now, that is.

Thanks to a new partnership between San Joaquin Community Hospital and the world-renowned Grossman Burn Centers, Kern County residents can now receive burn treatment in their own backyard.

Along with the Los Angeles-based GBC team, SJCH celebrated the opening of Kern County's first full-treatment burn care center in June. Specifically honoring the outpatient facility, The Aera Clinic, celebrations included entertainment, refreshments and tours of the new facility. In addition to outpatient care, inpatient care has started in one of the hospital's current ICUs while plans continue for a dedicated inpatient center in the hospital's South Tower where patients will come for surgeries and overnight stays.

Dignitaries from SJCH, Grossman Burn Centers and the local Bakersfield community gathered to celebrate the opening of The Aera Clinic.



SJCH president and CEO Bob Beehler cuts the ribbon at the opening of The Aera Clinic, a Grossman Burn Center.

Thinking of Anderson's story, SJCH president and CEO Bob Beehler, recalled speaking with the grateful woman. "She was crying," he said. "She asked me, 'Why did you do this? Why did you build this here?'"

"I said, 'We built this for you. For people who have to travel for treatment and can't be near their home and families,'" said Beehler. "Our community deserves it. It's our mission and our duty to provide services our community needs."

And GBC's innovative care definitely fits with SJCH's mission. The national mortality rate for burn patients cared for at a GBC facility is nearly half when compared to those admitted in other burn centers. Additionally, GBC boasts thinner grafts, less patient discomfort and better rates of healing.

Indicating that burn care isn't a profit center for a hospital, Beehler

said, "This is just another example of SJCH working to fulfill our mission by assessing the needs of our community and working to meet those needs."

"Since burns are as much an emotional trauma as they are a physical trauma, we feel it's important to provide psychologists and group therapy to treat the whole person, not just the skin," explains Dr. Peter Grossman, president of GBC. "We're excited to bring a Grossman Burn Center to Bakersfield, and we are sure that it will be a success for us, San Joaquin Community Hospital and most importantly, the community."

To learn more about the Grossman Burn Center or other services at SJCH, visit www.sjch.us or call 661-395-3000.

By Shawna Malvini

*Beth Anderson is a pseudonym.

PUC Announces the 2009 Maxwell Scholars

Five high school students have been selected to receive \$10,000 in renewable scholarship money from Pacific Union College as the 2009 Malcolm and Eileen Maxwell Scholars. The program honors high school seniors who have demonstrated high academic achievement, a commitment to Christian service, and outstanding leadership skills.

The scholars, selected from nearly 50 applicants, came from all over the United States. Samantha Angeles, from Loma Linda Academy in California, is an aspiring attorney who won the title of Best Defense Attorney in the mock trial competitions in San Bernardino. Kaitlyn Min, from

holds the distinction of winning first place in a state scriptwriting contest. Dana Yoon, from Portland Adventist Academy in Oregon, was a standout in her commitment to service at school, community and

not only be outstanding students, but also make a positive impact at PUC by using their God-given talents for leadership and service," said Nancy Lecourt, academic dean and chair of the selection committee.



Image by Cliff Rusch

church. Each scholar maintained top grades in school, scored high on standardized tests, and is, overall, extraordinarily well-rounded.

A selection committee using a double blind process reviewed all the applications. Students applying for the Maxwell Scholar Program

Angeles, Min, Phelps, Uechi and Yoon are the first five individuals to receive these awards through the Maxwell Scholar Program, which was unveiled just this year. The program, which will continue to recognize up to five outstanding high school seniors each year, honors Dr. Malcolm Maxwell and his wife, Eileen, and their commitment to Adventist education. Dr. Maxwell was the first alumnus to serve as president of PUC, and he had the longest tenure at 18 years. Both Dr. Maxwell and Eileen passed away in 2007.

For more information about the Maxwell Scholar program or other scholarship opportunities, or to use the online scholarship calculator, go to www.puc.edu/scholarships.

By Julie Z. Lee

These five students just completed high school with outstanding academic achievement, Christian service and leadership skills.

Madison Academy in Tennessee, started a service club at her academy called [REVO]lution. Matthew Phelps, from Lodi Adventist Academy in California, is an all-around star student, winning numerous city and school awards for academics, sports and music. Colleen Uechi, from Hawai'i Mission Academy,

had to have been accepted to PUC and also meet GPA and test-score requirements. Each submission score was based on résumés, an essay and letters of recommendation. "It was a difficult process. There were so many qualified applicants. Ultimately we tried to select students who we felt would

iPhone Technology Comes to La Sierra Students' Hands

Incredible growth in technology has transformed education in recent years. This fall, as part of its drive to remain on technology's cutting edge, La Sierra University will launch an initiative using a state-of-the-art smart phone to enhance first-year students' experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

Freshmen students registering for 2009's fall quarter will receive, free, their choice of a new Apple iPhone or iPod Touch. These devices will come preloaded with applications that will be important tools for students. La Sierra is just the fourth higher education institution

in the country providing these tools to their students, joining Stanford, Duke, and Abilene Christian University.

The built-in capabilities of the iPhone will give students a simple, effective tool to take on challenging nontraditional assignments. "For example, a student might file a video report on an event direct to a class-specific website, including a GPS-based map link. All that could be done on an iPhone.

Or they could create an audio podcast using only their iPhone and post it to the web," says Dan Tinianow, associate professor of English and communication.

Teachers can use iPhones to electronically take attendance, record grades, and other time consuming tasks that take away from instructional sessions.

And while the educational opportunities are impressive, iPhones/iPod Touches will enhance a student's life outside the classroom, as well. Applications are already under development that will make dynamic communication on campus a reality. La Sierra students will be served by:

- A messaging tool that allows multiple communication modes: individual, general and targeted (to specific classes, residence halls, clubs, groups, etc.)
- Continually updated university social, academic and athletic calendars, including real-time sports scores from La Sierra's NCAA Division III teams
- A campus map with real-time location reporting and directions

- A searchable directory of campus personnel and contact information, and many others

Students will find the iPhone/iPod Touch program enhancing many of their interactions with the campus administrative areas, too. Applications under development include:

- An automated text messenger and voice broadcaster for emergency information and status
- An e911 program that ties together campus and local police and medical personnel

Later plans call for development of:

- A "business office" extension that enables wireless transactions for bill-paying, bookstore purchases, food orders, and financial account management
- A "registrar's office" extension that facilitates course enrollment, interaction with academic records, and dynamic grading access, and more

Complete information on the program will be shared with each incoming first-year student at the 10 summer orientation sessions in July, August and September. Additional information can be found on the university website at www.lasierra.edu/iphone.

By Larry Becker



First-year LSU students will receive a free iPhone from the university, made possible by gifts from the university's board of trustees.

Nelien Vigna

15th Anniversary of Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital Showcases Loma Linda University Connection to Health Care in China

Leaders and employees of Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital celebrated their institution's 15th anniversary with ceremonies designed to commemorate accomplishments and outline strategies for meeting the future health care needs of China's burgeoning urban populations.

The April 28 and 29 events in Hangzhou, China, underscored Loma Linda University's vital contributions to health care in China.

According to He Chao, M.D., president of SRRSH, the hospital could not have attained its favored status among Chinese hospitals without the help of LLU.

"We have a Chinese saying," notes Chao. "'When you drink water, think of its source.' I think our hospital's achievements could not have happened without the support of Loma Linda University."

Chao points with pride to the fact that SRRSH is the first Chinese public hospital to receive accreditation from Joint Commission International, the not-for-profit entity that focuses on improving the safety of patient care for health care organizations throughout the world.

On April 28, Chao; the Honorable Pan Guoqiang, secretary of the Communist Party for SRRSH; and other members of the SRRSH leadership group hosted the hospital's international partners on a tour of the 1,200-bed Hangzhou Xiasha Hospital, currently under construction. When completed, Xiasha Hospital will benefit from sharing

resources, personnel, and expertise with SRRSH.

The Honorable Zhang Xi, Communist Party secretary for Zhejiang University, spoke appreciatively of the help the hospital has received from Loma Linda University. "We have learned much from the advanced leadership model of this American counterpart," he noted, citing LLU's role in helping SRRSH achieve "tremendous progress in a very limited period of time." He also said that the success of SRRSH "has set a very good role model for other hospitals in the country."

The Honorable Li Lu, vice director-general for the department of education in Zhejiang Province, also mentioned the groundbreaking collaboration with LLU. "After 15 years of Chinese-American cultural integration, the Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital should become an example for hospitals in China," he said. He also noted that SRRSH has set the standard for Chinese hospitals in terms of performance evaluation, salary distribution, and its refusal to compromise patient care by adding extra beds to patient rooms.

Luo Jianhong, M.D., first deputy dean of the Zhejiang University School of Medicine, also commended SRRSH on its rapid growth and strength. Luo noted that university-affiliated hospitals have an advantage over non-affiliated institutions and expressed his conviction that Chinese health care leaders should follow the example of SRRSH in attaching "great importance to the



He Chao, M.D., right, president of SRRSH, reviews construction plans for the new 1,200-bed Xiasha Hospital with a delegation from LLU.

soft medical services, such as nursing." He noted that "nursing is of scientific importance" and worthy of high regard in both the health care and academic environments."

Pan Guoqiang, secretary of the Communist Party for SRRSH, echoed those sentiments when he said, "At the moment of the SRRSH 15th anniversary celebration, it is my honor to thank Loma Linda University for its long involvement and support. I believe, with the effort of us all, we will continue to strengthen our collaboration and have fruitful results."

In her recollections of the occasion, Jan Zumwalt, associate director of the Global Health Institute at LLU, noted that it was "truly a time to reflect on the first 15 years of the hospital's existence, as well as an opportunity to plan the strategies that will keep SRRSH on the cutting edge of health care in China in the future."

By Jim Ponder



Liberty Lovers Gather in D.C. for Annual Summit



A local news station interviews Dr. Bert B. Beach, the retired former director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty of the General Conference.

The General Conference Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, *Liberty Magazine*, and the North American Religious Liberty Association sponsored the annual Capitol Hill Summit in Washington, D.C., June 17 to 20. This year's summit included visits to legislators, training presentations, a banquet, and Sabbath services, all highlighting religious liberty.

The training presentations for conducting legislative visits kicked off the summit. On the first day, more than 45 church members and denominational religious liberty leaders from local churches, conferences and unions throughout the United States listened to and interacted with presentations and were organized into visitation teams according to the congressional representatives of the

participants' respective states. The Pacific Union had a contingent of more than 15 advocates from California and Arizona, including African-American and Hispanic NARLA-West members.

The next day focused on making scheduled visits with legislators while also making unscheduled "drop off" visits to every congressional office housed among six buildings. Intermittent downpours did not dampen the spirits of those who had to cross back and forth among some of the buildings to accomplish their visitation assignments. Drop off visits delivered to congressional staff an information packet detailing the coalition partners in support of the Workplace Religious Freedom Act, its purpose, and a question/answer format responding to the most common questions about the bill.

The goal of the visits was to alert legislators that the bill is expected to be reintroduced later this year and to maintain a continued awareness about the bill. WRFA is designed to minimize discrimination against religious employees' beliefs and practices, and to strengthen the need for accommodating religious employees in the workplace. Lawrence De-Fuhr, NARLA-West board member and local attorney in Sacramento, experienced an unprecedented 30 minute drop off visit with an experienced staff member who supports passage of the WRFA bill.





Dr. Denton Lotz, secretary general emeritus, Baptist World Alliance, left, receives the International Religious Liberty Award from Dr. John Graz, secretary general of the International Religious Liberty Association.

The premier event of the summit was the reception and banquet where summit participants conversed with legislators, their staffs, diplomats, federal officials, denominational leaders, and many members of non-governmental institutions advocating on behalf of human rights and religious freedom both nationally and internationally.

Some 270 guests ate while listening to the Bella Voce Trio of the Columbia Collegiate Choral and Pro Musica at Washington Adventist University and the speeches of award recipients and guest speakers. Three awards recognizing personal efforts on behalf of religious freedom were presented. The International Award was presented to Denton Lotz, general

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secretary, emeritus, Baptist World Alliance. The National Award went to Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. Lotz and Saperstein received the awards for their respective international and national advocacy on behalf of religious rights. The A.T. Jones Medal, recognizing Adventist members, went to Alan Reinach, director of the Church State Council and Public Affairs and Religious Liberty in the Pacific Union.

The Honorable Emanuel Cleaver, II, congressman and co-chair of the International Religious Freedom Caucus, was the keynote speaker. He shared his experience and insights on the importance of religious freedom for those in a nation that serves as the exemplar of freedom to the world.

Kaveh Khansari Nejad, an Iranian who converted to Christianity, fled to the United States, and later became a Seventh-day Adventist also spoke. As a Christian in Iran, he faced religious hostility, and as

an Adventist Iranian in the United States, he has faced religious and ethnic discrimination in seeking employment. His family faces loss of their home and serious financial difficulty. Freedom from religious and ethnic discrimination, even in the U.S., is still a struggle for many.

The Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church hosted the training events and the Sabbath services. For Sabbath school, a panel discussed persecuted Bible characters and the role of Adventists in dealing with persecution throughout the world. Dr. John Graz, secretary general of the International Religious Liberty Association emphasized the importance of expressing public thanks to governments for respecting religious freedom.

Summit participants were able to see that their individual efforts on behalf of religious liberty are part of a worldwide network of organizations that are working to advance the cause of religious freedom.

By Matthew McMearty

The Honorable Emmanuel Cleaver II, United States congressman and keynote speaker, receives an award from Lincoln E. Steed, editor, *Liberty Magazine* and Dr. John Graz, secretary general of the International Religious Liberty Association.





CALENDARS

Arizona

ASI CONVENTION (Aug. 5-8) Phoenix Convention Center, 100 North 3rd St., Phoenix. Info: Fax 301-622-5017.

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR THUNDERBIRD ADVENTIST ACADEMY (Aug. 6) 5-8 p.m. Info: 480-948-3300.

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LIVING FREE SEMINAR AND CHIP ALUMNI MEAL (Aug. 10) 6 p.m. Info: 602-971-6010.

THUNDERBIRD ADVENTIST ACADEMY REGISTRATION (Aug. 16) 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Info: 480-948-3300.

THREE ANGELS PRISON MINISTRY (Aug. 22) Community Service Center, 1320 N 15th St., Phoenix. Info: Florence, 480-991-6777.

Central California

YOSEMITE SABBATH SERVICES (Through Sept. 5, except July 18) Lower River Amphitheater. Sponsored by the Central California Conference. Info: Edie and Ray DeFehr, 209-586-4325 or rayandedie@mlode.com.

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JESUS-OUR MODEL FOR MINISTRY (Aug 14-16) Bakersfield Central Church. Guest speaker Bill Liversidge. Info: John Dunbar, 661-397-0507.

HISPANIC YOUTH RETREAT (Sept. 4-6) Camp Wawona. Info: Florina Morales, 559-347-3150 or fmorales@cccsda.org.

Nevada-Utah

RENO AREA PATHFINDER FAIR (Aug. 2) Silver State Adventist School. Info: Fanga Finau, 775-322-6929 or hfinau@nevadautah.org.

LAKE TAHOE CAMP MEETING/RENO AREA CONVOCATION (Aug. 3-8) Lee Venden, speaker. Camp Richardson. Info: Virginia Rose, 916-967-5932 or tahoeecampmeeting.org.

UTAH AREA PATHFINDER FAIR (Aug. 23) West Jordan Church. Info: Fanga Finau, 775-322-6929 or hfinau@nevadautah.org.

UTAH AREA CONVOCATION (Aug. 29) Dr. Carlton Byrd, speaker. Davis Conference Center, 1651 N 700 W, Layton. Info: 775-322-6929 or www.nevadautah.org/camp-meeting.

REGIONAL CONVOCATION (Sept. 4-6) "Countdown to Eternity," Sparks,

NV. Info: Ed Johnson, 775-322-6929 or ejohnson@nevadautah.org.

Northern California

26TH ANNUAL WESTERN KOREAN CONFERENCE (Aug. 2-8) Pacific Union College. Info: 925-685-4300 ext. 1293 or varreola@ncc.adventist.org.

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YOUTH RALLY (Aug. 28-29) Rocklin-Sunset Oaks church, 3500 Sunset Blvd., Rocklin. Info: 925-685-4300 ext. 1280.

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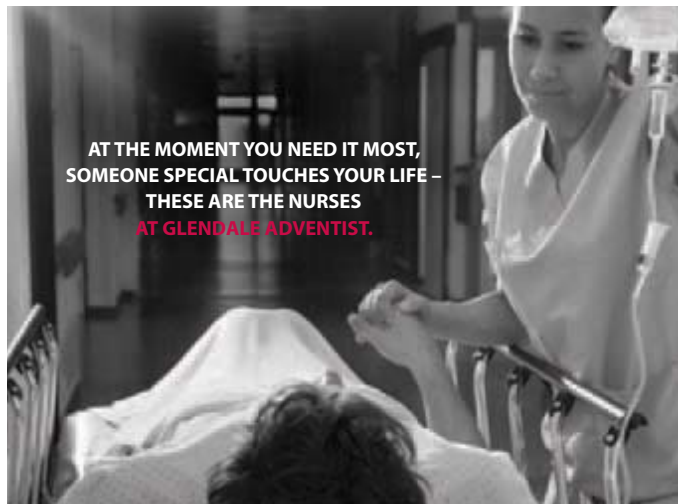
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Southern California

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BARUCH, MARY JANE - b. June 27, 1923, Berkeley, Calif.; d. Oct. 25, 2008, Alhambra, Calif. Survivors: son, Kenneth; daughters, Kathleen Roosma, Gloria McKelvey; two grandchildren.

BULLOCK, JOAN LYNELL WATTS - b. Nov. 27, 1952, Scotia, Calif.; d. May 28, 2009, Reno, Nev. Survivors: husband, Dwayne; daughters, Lynell, Lonna; parents, Bob, Audrey; brother, Gary; two grandchildren.

DAVENPORT, BONNIE COZAD - b. Dec. 20, 1920, Pierce, Colo.; d. May 29, 2009, Calimesa, Calif. Survivors: husband, Glenn; daughter, Veryl Kelley; sister, LaVonne Hilliard.

ERICKSEN, JOANN (JOY) - b. Feb. 17, 1922, Modesto, Calif.; d. May 9, 2009, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: husband, Donald; son, Richard Bowers; daughters, Patricia Russell, Judy Morton. Served as the elementary secretary at Orange-wood Academy, Garden Grove, before retirement.

EVANS, BRAXTON C. - b. Oct. 31, 1926, Detroit, Mich.; d. May 16, 2009, El Dorado, Calif. Survivors: wife, Mary; sons, Ron, Bruce; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

HARDT, WILLIAM - b. Nov. 20, 1954, La Porte, Ind.; d. June 13, 2009,

Redlands, Calif. Survivors: wife, Maria; sons, Michael, Chris; daughter, Brenna.

HARGISS, LAVINIA PEARL - b. Nov. 23, 1921, Oakland, Calif.; d. April 10, 2009, Pleasanton, Calif. Survivors: sons, Gerald, Gary; daughter, Nancy Deanne; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

HENDERSON SR., ROBERT L. - b. April 18, 1928, Mobile, Ala.; d. June 1, 2009, Vallejo, Calif. Survivors: wife, Anna; sons, Robert, Kenneth, Gregory; daughters, Gail, Greta; four grandchildren.

HIRSCH, HELEN (MARGARET) - b. March 16, 1921, Los Angeles, Calif.; d. May 4, 2009, Sonora, Calif. Survivors: daughters, Diane Anderson, Vicki Sawzak; three grandchildren.

HOAG, JEAN MARIE - b. April 20, 1916, Lincoln, Neb.; d. May 20, 2009, Redlands, Calif. Survivors: sons, Joel, Patrick, James, Bruce; daughters, Elizabeth Bossingham, Marynell Meyer; 16 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

HORST, EMMA (BAUMBACH) - b. April 27, 1913, Beisiker, Alberta, Canada; d. May 4, 2008, Bakersfield, Calif. Survivors: daughters, June Pitts, Jackie Fenderson, Norine Harlan, Barbara Reinholtz; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren. Served as a periodical

clerk for Central California Conference and in the Adventist Book Center at San Jose, Calif.

HULL, EUGENE - b. March 24, 1929, Ann Arbor, Mich.; d. May 25, 2009, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Jacqueline; son, Randall; daughter, Marilyn Prior; five grandchildren. Worked 47 years as a financial officer at Washington Adventist Hospital, Takoma Park, Md.

KURTS, PHYLLIS E. - b. Aug. 13, 1928, Glendale, Calif.; d. June 15, 2009, Glendale, Ariz. Survivors: son, Bruce; daughter, Loralee Bicknell; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

LAVOIE, VERNON JOSEPH - b. Sept. 26, 1909, Tower City, N.D.; d. Sept. 20, 2008, Sacramento, Calif. Survivors: daughter, Sally Ann Romo; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

MCWILLIAMS, CARL RAY - b. May 10, 1916, Hemet, Calif.; d. May 11, 2009, Oroville, Calif. Survivors: wife, Doris; stepson, Glenn Tefft; stepdaughters, Deanna Tefft, Sharon Duensing, Twyla Geraci.

MAYER, RUSSEL - b. Jan. 28, 1921, Harvey, N.D.; d. June 16, 2009, Provo, Utah. Survivors: wife, Mary (Olsechlager); sons, Russel Lee, Richard; daughters, Odette Osantowski, Colleen Seabury; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren. Served on the

Nevada-Utah Conference Executive Committee and Monument Valley Mission Hospital Board.

PHILPOTT, CLARENCE MORRIS - b. April 1, 1935, Clarksburg, W.Va.; d. Jan. 7, 2009, Phoenix, Ariz. Survivors: sons, Daniel, Edward; four grandchildren. Served as a pastor; most recently in Springerville, Ariz.

PINNEY, MERLYN - d. July 22, 1917, Moline, Ill.; d. June 9, 2009, Bishop, Calif. Survivors: wife, Halcyon; two grandchildren. Served as a business administrator for Loma Linda University.

ROBERTS, WALTER - b. Jan. 24, 1915, Field, British Columbia, Canada; d. May 28, 2009, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: son, David; daughters, Gayle Widylar, Sharon Richards; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

ROBINS, MYRTLE ARLETA (ROGERS) - b. Nov. 4, 1920, Boise, Idaho; d. May 26, 2009, Glendale, Ariz.; Survivors: husband, Eldon; sons, Lanny, Bodie, Roque, Eddie; daughters, Claudia Harrington, Nancy Robins Ludder; 19 grandchildren, one great-grandchild.

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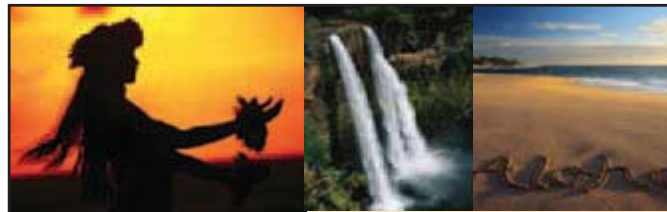




TYM, DORIS PASHNIAK - b. May 15, 1921, Two Hills, Alberta, Canada; d. April 2, 2009, Oregon City, Ore. Survivors: husband, Peter; daughters, Ardythe Price, Sharon Foley, Bonnie Corson, Berna; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

UNDERHILL, RAYMOND ALDEN - b. Jan. 8, 1919, Seattle, Wash.; d. Jan. 10, 2009, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors: wife, Marilyn Daly; son, Gary; stepson, Jerry Daly; daughter, Carole Schwartz; stepdaughter, Peggy Crabtree; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. Served as a teacher at Campion Academy, Southwestern and Walla Walla universities and Sierra College.

WIEDRICK, RONALD - b. March 2, 1944, Napa, Calif.; d. May 22, 2009, Napa, Calif.



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