Idaho Invites Biloff to be President

Neil Biloff, Dakota Conference president, has been invited to be the next president of the Idaho Conference, pending his acceptance. The action was taken by the conference executive committee, on Feb. 20. Their decision came after reviewing résumés and references for six candidates and after several seasons of prayer. The committee voted unanimously to affirm their decision to invite Biloff, who, if he accepts, will fill the position left open upon Steve McPherson's retirement in December 2010. Biloff has an extensive history in the Northwest, as a business owner and pastor. He and his wife, Jacquie, ministered as a pastoral couple in several districts throughout Alaska before moving to the Dakota Conference in 2005. Biloff hopes to visit with Idaho conference staff within a couple weeks before making a final decision.

Salem Adventist Men’s Chorus Suffers Tragic Loss

Lou Wildman, SAMC conductor, reports the untimely death of chorus member Herb Kroschel, of Salem, Ore. Kroschel was traveling with his family and other chorus members to a concert in La Pine, Ore., on Saturday, Feb. 19, when a light pickup truck struck the Kroschel's vehicle, sending it over a steep embankment. Herb suffered severe injuries and died Monday morning, Feb. 21. His wife, Peggy, and their two children also sustained injuries but are recovering. The Leland Wilson family vehicle was also hit by the truck. The Wilsons were treated and released from a local hospital that evening. Read more from the Bend Bulletin HERE.

Missoulian Recognizes WWU Social Work Program

Alvaro Sauza, Missoula, Mont. pastor, points out an article in this past Monday’s edition of the Missoulian, which includes a brief history of the Montana satellite program of Walla Walla University. It features a large photo of Kevin Grussling, WWU professor (pictured here), as he lectures students in his social work and religion class. Nancy Peters is mentioned as program coordinator. The article goes on to describe the program as fully-accredited and the only such school with a 250-mile radius to offer a master’s in clinical social work. Read the full article HERE.

Adventists respond to New Zealand quake

In the wake of devastation and death spawned by a magnitude 6.3 earthquake striking Christchurch, New Zealand’s city center on Tuesday, Feb. 22, Seventh-day Adventists in the South Pacific are responding with material and spiritual support. Nearly 65 people are known to have been killed, and
another 100 are trapped in collapsed buildings. This temblor struck closer to downtown Christchurch, and in midday, when office workers and shoppers were abundantly present. "We're shocked at what's happening in Christchurch," says Barry Oliver, president of church's South Pacific Division. "We want to assure the people of Christchurch and our church community of our support. I invite everyone to pray for safety and a sense of peace." Read more from the Adventist News Network  HERE.

Women’s Day of Prayer March 5
Will your church be including something special for the annual Women's Day of Prayer, coming March 5? Sermon and PowerPoint resources are available through the North American Division website, as well as a Prayer Walking Activity for Sabbath afternoon. Learn more HERE.

PLR Listeners Discover Bible Studies
Three more individuals have graduated from the Discover Bible School series of lessons they found by listening to Positive Life Radio. Darin Patzer, Spokane's PLR affiliate KEEH manager, says two students graduated from the general course and one from the prophecy series.
In response to the “How did you hear about the course?” question, one student comments: “I found this through Positive Life Radio and I was intrigued … Soon after I started my own Bible Study group at my house and on Facebook and Twitter. We are up to 21 people. I listen to an audio Bible while I am at work and am like a sponge soaking up information.” Read more about PLR HERE.

SONscreen Deadline Extended
The deadline for submissions to this year’s SONscreen event reported in last week's GleanerNOW has been extended from Feb. 28, to March 8. Read about SONscreen HERE.
Man dies following Highway 97 crash

A Salem man died Sunday after he sustained critical injuries in a 3-vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 97 near Sunriver on Saturday.

Herbert Kroschel III, 41, of Salem, died after he was taken to St. Charles Bend Hospital, the Oregon State Police said. Eight other people were taken to St. Charles Bend with non-life-threatening injuries.

Stacy Cordaway, 48, of Shingle Springs, Calif., was driving north in a 2006 Nissan truck when she lost control and slid sideways into the southbound lane, according to the police. Cordaway's truck collided with a 1986 Suzuki sport utility vehicle driven by Kroschel.

The collision caused Kroschel's Suzuki to go over a guardrail and down an embankment, while the Nissan hit a southbound 2006 Suzuki Samurai driven by Leland Wilson, 55, of Tigard.

At the time of the crash, it was snowing and the highway was covered with ice and snow.

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Walla Walla University quietly offers master’s in clinical social work in Missoula

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EAST MISSOULA - It's a place where children used to learn and play, nestled squarely in the center of a quiet neighborhood in East Missoula.

But that was until 2004, when the Missoula County Public Schools district voted to close Mount Jumbo Elementary, emptying the building of its educational purpose.

So fittingly, the first institution to offer a bid to lease it is dedicated to education, though of a much higher order.

Very quietly for 13 years, Walla Walla University has operated in Missoula, its master's degree in clinical social work a draw for nearly 100 students every year. The private, nonprofit school, operated by the Seventh-Day Adventist church, moved into its new home in 2005, and just signed a new five-year lease with MCPS last summer.

"I tell people I'm getting my master's degree at Walla Walla University, and they say 'Oh, so you're doing it online?' " said Christine Nicklay, a Missoula native who got her bachelor's degree at UM. "I say, ‘No, no, they have a satellite right here.' "

Nicklay is one of about 80 students enrolled this year, all of them pursuing the satellite school's only degree program.

While UM offers a master's in social work, the emphases are criminology, social justice or rural and environmental change.

The difference is that clinical social workers focus on individuals and families, addressing mental-health issues, substance abuse or other problems in hospitals, mental health centers, numerous social agencies or in private practice. Emphases other than clinical are more concerned with public policy and administration.

And it's a difference that brought Walla Walla University to Missoula in the first place.

Before 1998, Walla Walla, Wash., was the closest town to Missoula with a school that offered a graduate degree in the clinical side of social work.

So the university began to notice when enough Montanans were making the drive over every week through three states.

"We had students traveling all the way from (Missoula) to get their master's degree," said Nancy Peters, program coordinator at the East Missoula campus. "Even Helena and Billings." (Billings also now has a satellite campus.)

Around 25 students signed up for the program during its first year in Missoula, and the school now regularly attracts over 80.

While owned and run by the Seventh-Day Adventist church, being a believer in or member of that particular denomination is not a requirement. However, spiritual issues are discussed and taught in the classroom, but only in how they relate to social work.

Felicia Kruh, who has degrees in political science and history from UM and is originally from the west African country of Ghana, wants to work with African-American youth and families when he completes her degree.

As part of her practicum, she works with Ronan Middle School as a counselor.

"I think that will help me because I really want to work with youth, and I will have that clinical experience," said Kruh, who plans to move to Minneapolis after she graduates.

Classes take place only one day a week - Monday - so the day is long and exhausting. With a full load of credits, graduating takes either a year or a year and a half, depending on the undergraduate degree the student has already earned.

While not inexpensive, the opportunities and responsibility of having a master's in social work are well worth the cost, said Nicklay.

"I feel like I'll be able to write my ticket anywhere," she said.
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February 22 temblor kills at least 65; Sanitarium grounds are triage area

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The denomination’s Sanitarium Health Food Company in Papanui has been asked by Emergency Services in Christchurch, New Zealand, to provide a triage center for the injured. The Christchurch Hospital, the largest tertiary teaching and research hospital in the South Island, was evacuated due to safety concerns and is now only admitting people with serious injuries.

Pierre van Heerden, general manager for Sanitarium in New Zealand, said the site has been made available.

"We’re blessed to have little damage to our buildings and to serve the wider community in times of devastation. The Christchurch factory in Papanui has a large garden and extra space for people to congregate and use as a triage center. We have a borehole on site that is functioning and that will give us an opportunity to provide fresh drinking water to the Christchurch community." Sanitarium also plans to provide Weet-Bix, milk and bottled water for those in need.

Craig Gillis, president of the church in South New Zealand said, "At this time it is difficult to get much information about what has happened due to communication channels being blocked and overloaded. Our office staff are all fine. Christchurch Adventist School students, teachers and staff are fine, as are the preschools."

At this stage there aren’t any reports on church members.

The earthquake is reported to have lasted approximately a minute with extreme violence -- rocking buildings back and forth. There are reports of absolute devastation in the city center of Christchurch as buildings have collapsed.

There are reports of people trapped in rubble in the central business district and emergency services report there aren’t enough ambulances to serve the injured and fatalities.

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Dear Women's Ministries Leaders:

The importance of prayer in our lives and in Women's Ministries cannot be overstated. It is vital to experiencing peace of mind amid the uncertain times in which we're living, and it's also the key to receiving God's blessings on our ministry in the church and the community.

As you begin planning the program for your church's Women's Day of Prayer, please keep in mind what Ellen G. White has said about the importance of prayer: "Prayer unites us with one another and with God. Prayer brings Jesus to our side, and gives to the fainting, perplexed soul new strength to overcome the world..." (Christ's Object Lessons, 250).

This year, in addition to the sermon and accompanying PowerPoint slides, we have included a Prayer Walking Activity for Sabbath afternoon. We encourage the women of your church to get involved in this purposeful activity to reach out and pray for the families in your community. The prayer walking door hangers were designed by Donna Jackson, wife of our North American Division president, Elder Dan Jackson. Donna found these door hangers to be highly effective when she was women's ministries director of the Ontario Conference.

If your church cannot observe Women's Day of Prayer on the designated day, March 5, please work with your pastor to schedule it on another day.

As you unite in prayer for your church and community, please also pray for our women around the world who are facing challenges that we may not face in the North American Division. Particularly pray for families, single parents, widows, and single women around the world and in your own congregation.

For women's ministries ideas and information, visit our web site at www.nadwm.org or call our office at 301-680-6427.

May God bless you abundantly as you lead the women of your church in service to our God and all His children in your area.

Sincerely,

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