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“If anyone is thirsty, he should come to Me and drink! The one who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, will have streams of living water flow from deep within him.”

JOHN 7:37, 38 (HOLMAN CHRISTIAN STANDARD BIBLE)

This refreshing stream of cool green water meanders through the peaceful surroundings of old growth forest in Glacier National Park. The picture was taken by Heather Graham from East Wenatchee, Wash., in July of 2001. She used a tripod with a Pentax 2XM camera, a Pentax 50 mm lens, and Fuji Velvia film.

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Cover: Adventist camping is a significant factor in the spiritual growth of youth in the Northwest. The photos were provided by the camp directors. Cover design by MCM Design Studio.

IN THE MILITARY AND LONELY

B Y J E R E D . P A T Z E R

I heard something on the news the other day that touched my heart. The reporters were talking to some of our troops who had been deployed to the Middle East. One soldier had letters from his wife, another from his girlfriends but a third hadn't received any. So he was borrowing letters from his buddies, just to have a taste of home, so far from it.

Last evening we were with some Adventist friends and we asked casually, "How was your week?" Fred replied, "Lousy." He went on to say that he has three young adult children—two sons, and a daughter—all three in the military. And He was understandably concerned.

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with distinction.*

As Sue and I talked, we agreed we need to reach out, personally, and as a church, to our brave sons and daughters serving this country. This is not about the rightness or wrongness of this conflict. We all have our opinions. They are doing what they've been trained to do—serve their country with distinction. This is about reaching out to these soldiers. No matter how brave, how strong, how tough, they are very vulnerable. Some may be

close to the Lord and His church, some may have distanced themselves. No matter where they are on their spiritual journey now and in the years to come, what better way to let them know that their church appreciates them than to reach out during this time of uncertainty and loneliness.

Honor Roll

I'd like to suggest that every church in the Northwest have a strategically placed "honor roll" with the names of our young men and women serving in the armed forces. (In fact the names of friends from the community could also be included.) Then, each Sabbath, remember to publicly pray for them and for their families. Secondly, attempt to communicate with them via letter or e-mail. And when they come home, invite them to church. In a special commemorative service, welcome them back, thank them, and show them that we as a church family prayed for them on a regular basis.

NPUC Office Staff

We will hang an honor roll in our office. If you have a son or daughter or family member in the service, send us their name and address. We will pray for them and try to communicate with them as well.

Let's not, at a time of great uncertainty in our world, miss a great opportunity to show that we look forward to a time of everlasting peace while at the same time we are sensitive to the pain and loneliness caused by this current situation. •



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 **servicing soldiers**
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Did You Know?

Camping in the Northwest



Fun Facts

- There are 64 Adventist youth camps in North America. In 2002, 5,136 campers enjoyed the eight camps located in the North Pacific Union.

Source: Association of Adventist Camping Professionals

- In 2001, more than 10 million people benefited from a summer camp experience at more than 12,000 camps throughout the United States.
- Of the more than 2,300 American Camping Association camps, approximately 25% are dedicated to meeting the special needs of campers with physical, emotional, or mental challenges.

Source: American Camping Association



Mosquito bites

are a fact of everyday life for campers. Here are some facts about mosquitoes.

- Mosquitoes are the most dangerous animals in the world, killing an estimated two to three million people per year. In the United States alone, there are 150 different species—each one carrying different types of diseases.
- According to the World Health Organization, malaria infects between 300 and 500 million people every year in Africa, India, Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Oceania, and Central and South America. There are about 1,200 malaria cases reported each year in the U.S., mostly by people who were infected abroad.
- The female mosquito will often consume more than her weight in blood. Male mosquitoes feed on nectar from plants.

Source: MosquitoBuzz.com



New Northwest Events Calendar on the Web!

Something new is always happening at GLEANERONLINE.ORG. Threw away your GLEANER? Can't remember when that special event was happening or where? Check out the Events Calendar on GLEANERONLINE. Select the calendar from the front page and it will take you to the whole lineup

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of possible events. Can't remember when? Type in a keyword search and let it find the event for you.

Want to know what's happening around the Northwest on a certain weekend? Click the date on the calendar and it will tell you everything happening on that day. Want your event listed on GLEANERONLINE? Email us at gleaneronline@nw.npc.org.



It's all about KIDS, CAMPING, Life's Big Decisions

BY RICHARD DOWER

They come to camp arriving by twos and threes and then by the mini-van full. They come to camp not knowing exactly what to expect but full of anticipation for exciting adventures with new friends. The campers fill Camp Paxson, in Montana, Sunset Lake in Washington, Camp Polaris in Alaska, and the five other Northwest Adventist camps, with laughter and endless energy. They play, pray, sing, ski, and eat. They do crafts, take activity classes, and worship.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church invests a tremendous amount of resources and people power into the lives of our young people. Is the money we spend worth it? What is the influence on our kids? Are decisions for Jesus still made on the dusty sawdust trails at camp?

Her first experience at camp was in the summer of 1998 at Idaho's

Campers come from all over Alaska to make new friends at Camp Polaris on Lake Aleknagik.

Camp Ida-Haven. At 11, Larkin attended camp for all of the fun opportunities. When she met Shari, her counselor, the love, acceptance, joy of life, and non-threatening sharing of Shari's faith sparked a hunger for more. Each year Larkin returned to camp to find more examples of a lifestyle she wanted to follow. These staff members would not get "in your face," but lovingly and excitedly turn her eyes toward Jesus.

Then she met Pastor Paul Jenks, the camp pastor for the week. As they talked, he led her into a deeper, more meaningful relationship with Jesus. This only deepened her love for camp and sparked her desire to become one of those awesome people called "staff."

This summer, Larkin gets to be one of "those people." She brings a love for people, a desire to show God in a non-threatening way, and the excitement that results when one of life's goals is met.

Most staff members are young adults and are recruited from the campuses of Adventist colleges and academies. Camp directors look for people who have the ability to work well with children of all ages and interests. The staff believes they have been given front row seats to the greatest show on earth—watching God work in the lives of His kids. These young staff members are Christians with a strong commitment to the Adventist church.

The 2002 Sunset Lake Camp staff gathered at







the camp for a New Year's party. When the celebrating was over, the staff members, in prayer, dedicated themselves to be totally on fire for Christ that year. As a result, 700 campers gave their hearts to Jesus that summer and 26 have been baptized, 13 of them at camp.



Friendships flourish within the unit cabins during the camping season and grow stronger from year to year as campers return to Montana's Camp Paxton.

Ryan visited the camp website and made the decision to come to Sunset Lake Camp last summer. He lived in a state-funded home for troubled kids and had never known Jesus. He was in daily trouble throughout the week and barely missed being sent home. However, on Sabbath evening, he gave his heart to the Lord. This winter he has been volunteering at the camp, doing the dishes or whatever else needs doing. Craig reports that, "He loves the Lord and plans to spend the rest of his life at camp."

Carly came to Camp Polaris, near Dillingham, Alaska, for the first time last summer. She was there because a friend had talked her into coming. From the start she challenged everything. She

Camp is a gift that all children should receive, and multiple generations of campers have been blessed by that gift.

wasn't from a Christian home, so everything seemed strange to her. She carried herself with a bit of an attitude, but mostly just kept everyone and everything at a distance. As far as the staff could tell nothing was really getting through to her.

It wasn't until the Sabbath afternoon adventure that Carly's facade finally cracked. She asked to talk with one of our staff speakers. She shared the

The environment at Big Lake Camp in Oregon encourages personal and spiritual growth for staff members as well as for the campers.



pain of her family and her deep desire to give her heart to God. The staff member prayed with Carly and right there she became a different person. She said she actually felt joy!

Carly's week ended differently than it had begun, but the story doesn't end there. Because of her experience at camp, she enrolled in an Adventist school hoping to learn more about Jesus.

Camp is a gift that all children should receive, and multiple generations of campers have been blessed by that gift. While camps today are quite different from those of the previous generations, many of the experiences are the same. Each generation has witnessed the magic of glowing campfire embers, and watched as the sparks mingled with the stars in the night sky.

Rick Claridge came to Big Lake as a camper in 1964. He liked it so much he came back again—this time as staff. It's a love that seems to run in the family. He spent four summers working at camp, and his wife, Betsy, worked three. Now his sons, Jon and Jeremy, are both Big Lake staff.

Rick is proud of that heritage. As he thinks back on his summer camp experiences, he says, "Camp is a spiritual high. It's where I became certain of my spirituality. It always challenged me to be relevant. . . My wife and I prayed that our boys would have that experience as well. There is nothing more worthwhile than camp. . . It's life."

Victoria Olson, 10, was

Waterfront activities are one of the exciting features of Camp MiVoden on Idaho's Hayden Lake.





an Adventurer camper at Camp MiVoden. She was impressed by the lakeside baptism of John Anderson, a counselor-in-training. When she got home she told her folks that she wanted to be baptized in Hayden Lake. Later, during Family Camp, with her parents David and Laura watching, her wish came true as she was baptized in those same sparkling waters.

There is a spirit at camp that all can feel and that will live forever in one's heart. It's the spirit of fun and friendship that nurtures life as much as the food the campers eat.

Christie Chase and her family had just moved to the

Portland, Oregon, area from Florida. Her daughter, Casey, was 11 years old and wanted to go to camp. Christie learned of Big Lake by word of mouth. She asked about camps all over town and the name "Big Lake" came up over and over again.

Christie was thrilled with her daughter's experience at Big Lake. Casey came back on a spiritual high.

"She had a new outlook on her relationship with Jesus and was filled with the Spirit. She was bubbling over with



excitement," says Christie. "At Big Lake she saw that people have a lot of fun and have strong morals too."

When the next year's promotional brochure came in the mail, Christie wanted to share the

700 campers gave their hearts to Jesus that summer and 26 have been baptized, 13 of them at camp.

opportunity with others. She held a meeting in her home with the parents of 15 of Casey's friends, religious and not, boys and girls. Everyone wanted their children to have the experience. That year Casey took 12 friends to camp.

"This year I'd guess even more will come. It's a chain reaction," she says. "Every one of those kids will tell other people about it. . . I just had another friend call me about Big Lake."

Our Northwest youth camps are not just about recreation and fun. There is more to them than just the teaching of skills like archery, horse back riding, or ceramics. It's nurturing the joy of spiritual discovery in ways that can lead to new knowledge in life-changing ways. At camp, in the quiet and simple teachable moments, there is a Power that builds deep and profound values.

They came. Slowly at first. Nearly a third of all the campers, walking down to the foot of the cross. Not knowing what to expect, but full of anticipation for exciting adventures with their new friend, Jesus, together building a friendship that will last an eternity.

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Fresh Start

Under the Influence

Karl, let's go bungee jumping," some kids from my summer day camp urged.

"Forget it. I'd rather chew on chalk."

"Come on. Why not?"

"Because I don't want you to dig me up in order to bury me."

"Come on, Wimpbreath, take a risk. Nobody's ever had more than one accident."

At first, I wouldn't even consider it. But some of the chanciest choices in my life have come while under the influence of campers who show no fear. The next thing I knew, I was on a crane heading 110 feet above a pool of water that looked no bigger than a glob of spittle.

My most cherished memories are married to my biggest risks.

To make matters worse, the attendant hooking me up looked as greasy as a truck stop skillet.

I leveled with him right up front, "I don't trust you tying that strap around my ankles."

"Why not?"

"Because your shoes are untied."

When we reached the top, he ordered "OK, jump."

"Whoooooaaa there, crazy cowboy," I said, "don't I get a lesson?"

"No need."

"Well, um, ah, do I jump up or down?"

"It don't matter."

"Should I keep my hands tucked or spread?"

"It don't matter."

"Are you on drugs?"

"It don't matter." He paused, and continued. "I used to be on drugs, but I gave them up."

"Oh really, how long ago?"

"What time is it?" he asked with a smirk. "No really, I used to do drugs but I turned over a new leaf."

"Right," I thought, "then he smoked it."

"Listen, fella," he barked, "If you don't jump, I'm pushing you." (He did have a way of being persuasive.)

In that one moment of insanity, I stepped off the platform. And I've gotta tell you. It was the most exhilarating ride of my life.

When my feet landed safely back on earth, I wanted to hug the kids who had put me up to it and shout, "I looooooove you man!"

Under another influence

Rarely have I regretted risks I've taken. In fact, my most cherished memories are married to my biggest risks.

I've discovered a simple truth: The higher the risk, the greater the reward.

Think about your most valued experiences. They probably have a connection to a risk: asking out the most chiseled hunk in school; running for Student Association president; playing a recital for

a large crowd. The reward always follows the risk.

The same principle rings true in the spiritual arena. David writes: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and

do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths" (Proverbs 3:5, 6, NRSV).

David's suggesting a risky plunge. To trust completely in God sets you apart from the crowd. ("Come on, everybody is going to the dance on Friday night.") It exposes you to ridicule. ("Only prudes are virgins these days.") It gives you a buzz to trust recklessly that God will come through. ("You can't pay your school bills—why on earth would you tithe?")

But God says "Jump, I'll catch you." And when you're living under the influence of His Spirit, you leap. And catch your breath—because you're in for the most exhilarating ride of your life! •

Karl Haffner writes from College Place, Wash., where he serves as senior pastor of the Walla Walla College Church.



NAD OFFICERS TOUR ARCTIC CHURCHES

As our twin engine plane slipped down below the dark clouds in our approach to Gambell's airstrip, the bleak treeless snow-covered terrain of St. Lawrence Island came into view. Peering out the window Don Schneider muttered, "I can see that it takes a special breed of cat to make it in this country." This was our North American Division (NAD) president's first visit to Alaska.

Schneider, with his wife Marti, and Manuel Vasquez, NAD vice-president for multilingual ministries, and his wife Nancy, were our guests this year on the beginning of our annual western Alaska camp meeting circuit. The first stop was at Anchorage's North Side Church for a 'multicultural evening' event which featured music groups and choirs from the Korean, Hispanic, Samoan, Filipino, Black, and Native American memberships of the Anchorage area.

Schneider told of the incredible growth of the church world wide. It was thrilling to hear of about twenty million souls worshipping today in Adventist churches.

From Anchorage the group flew to Nome and then out to St. Lawrence Island. Marti remarked that, "though it was exciting to see the moose, walrus, and the mountain tops of Siberia in Russia, the biggest thrill was meeting the people. It's so thrilling to

We are experiencing right at twenty million souls today worshipping in Adventist churches.

experience the closeness we have as brothers and sisters in Christ though there are many differences in our cultures.

To show appreciation for their visit, the Native

membership presented handcrafted arctic fur hats to Schneider and Vasquez, not only to remember the Native people by, but also to keep them warm even though the weather was unseasonably warm at 12 degrees below zero.

Impressed with the quality of our village parsonages that are only used part time, the Schneiders and Vasquezes left with a burden to help find self-supporting or retired lay leadership who would be willing to give two to four years for building up the work in these remote places. There are well-paid teaching and

medical positions available in these places for that "special breed of cat" who loves people, adventure, and can handle isolation. For those who may be interested, contact the Alaska Conference or the Native Ministries department at the North Pacific Union office. You can be sure they would welcome you and you would be kept so busy that you wouldn't get the feeling you were at the end of the world—though you can see it from there. •

Monte Church, North Pacific/Canada Native Ministries director



Don Schneider, NAD president, and Manuel Vasquez, NAD vice president for multilingual ministries, traveled with their wives to the western arctic Native American camp meetings to get a feel for the work there.

NEW STUDY TARGETS DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION

In a bold move designed to address a difficult problem North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) leaders have authorized an unprecedented research project targeting domestic violence within Adventist families. When finished, the project will provide a clearer picture, not only of the challenge, but also of potential strategies for prevention.

The study, funded by an independent Northwest foundation and entitled “Strengthening Adventist Families in the North Pacific Union Conference,” is being conducted by the Institute for the Prevention of Addictions at Andrews University. Rene D. Drumm, PhD, is the project director in conjunction with Duane McBride, PhD, institute research director and chair of the Andrews University Department of Behavioral Science.

Domestic violence awareness is on the rise throughout North America. National research indicates that two to three million women in the general public will be physically assaulted by male partners in any given year. Nearly one third of women admitted to hospitals state they have been abused by a husband or partner.

But statistics are difficult to find for specific populations, such as conservative Christian denominations. Some figures tend to show that conservative beliefs sometimes complicate a violent relationship. And Adventists are not immune.

Informal studies of Adventist families show they experience social problems in about the same proportions as the general population.

The Institute has randomly selected approximately 100 Adventist churches throughout the Northwest to participate in the study. The study targets adults 18 and older and will seek information about their experience with abuse and their opinions on positive intervention strategies. Specific responses will be kept confidential by the research director.

Data collection from Northwest churches will continue through the first half of this year. After careful analysis and report writing, the Institute expects to issue its findings to Northwest church leaders by the end of the year.

Because truth can expose weaknesses, people and even organizations at times find convenient reasons to avoid the truth. But the truth can also provide answers and solutions. “The problem of domestic violence must be proactively addressed,” says Bryce Pascoe, NPUC executive secretary. “We hope our members will support this research as the first step in getting an accurate picture of the challenge so that appropriate prevention and intervention solutions can be designed on behalf of our members.”

Here’s what Northwest leaders are expecting directly from the Institute

once research findings are complete:

- A comprehensive written and oral report to the North Pacific Union Conference answering research questions;
- Specific recommendations about the types of intervention strategies that may be most successful in the Northwest;
- An outline of possible

- short- and long-term goals and how those might be addressed;
- Baseline research findings that can be used to apply for externally funded program development and further research and evaluation. Once the results have been thoroughly digested, a full report will be made available to Northwest members through the GLEANER. •

HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are several things that you can do to help make this project succeed. If you see this study as an important step for the Adventist church, you can help in the following ways:

1. Urge your pastor to accept the invitation to participate in the study on behalf of your congregation if your church is selected as a sample church. Contact your pastor or the project director below to find out if your church is in the sample.
2. If your church is selected as part of the sample, take the time to fill out the survey in its entirety. Whether or not you have ever been in an abusive relationship, your attitudes, opinions, and experiences are valued. While most people do not enjoy completing surveys, this process should take no more than 20 minutes and could make a big difference in someone’s life.
3. Volunteer to help collect the data in a nearby church. The Institute is looking for family life speakers that can provide a church service focused on strengthening our families and effectively recruit church members to fill out the survey. Contact the project director, using the information below for more information about volunteering.
4. Let us know if you support these efforts to lead our church in becoming a more loving sanctuary for hurting people.

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EAGLE RIVER VALLEY

Church Dedication

Members and friends of the Eagle River Valley Church gathered on Sabbath, Feb. 22, to dedicate their church with programs glorifying God who has guided in the growth of this church family. The celebration of dedication is

the result of years of labor in this area.

A group of Adventists first began meeting in a rented church in Chugiak in 1977. The group was dissolved two years later when most of the members moved away.

In May, 1983, a group of Adventist newcomers to the area again started meeting in Chugiak, led by Gary Beck, Hillside-O'Malley Church associate pastor in Anchorage. The company was officially recognized as a church in 1985 with 37 charter members. Later, a church was rented in nearby Eagle River.

Property for the church was purchased in September 1991, and construction began in October. The foundation of an old trailer on the property became the foundation of the church and materials from the trailer were re-used in the construction of the new church. Under the leadership of Neil Biloff, then pastor and church member Paul McDowell, the new church structure was enclosed before the first serious snowfall.

The first church service was held the beginning of 1993. That spring the name



Eagle River Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church

Eagle River Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church was chosen as the official name. "I believe this church is here today because somebody prayed," stated Jim Kincaid, Alaska Conference executive secretary.

The Eagle River Valley Church has conducted several evangelistic meetings and is organizing for a series this fall. Other plans include a booth at the 2003 Alaska State Fair, and starting a pre-school and/or a wellness center. •



Renata Stecz, church treasurer, and Pastor Edson Joseph burn the mortgage.

SHOEBOX MINISTRY IN PALMER

One of Billy Graham's sons, Franklin, started the original Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child on the east coast many years ago. In his program, shoeboxes, filled with items children need, were collected at a site back East, then transported to millions of children all over the world.

Cindy Hartley, participated in this program while she and her family were living in

Texas. But instead of shipping them overseas, they decided to distributed the boxes to the homeless shelters and other helping agencies in their own community

The Hartleys then moved to Alaska and became members of the Palmer Church. Cindy became the Women's Ministry leader and decided it was time to start that same program for the Matanuska Valley.

The first year boxes were

collected at the Palmer church; the goal was to fill 50 boxes. The second year enough material was collected to fill 80 boxes, and in 2002, 100 boxes.

There was a visitor in the congregation when Hartley first announced the program and explained how it worked. Later the visitor called Hartley and told her that she and her six brothers and sisters had spent most of their childhood

in an orphanage. Every Christmas, they would get a box similar to these and she recounted how much it meant to them.

That story is a reminder to Cindy that the boxes do have an impact that touches lives in ways we'll never know. •

Dorothy L. Johnson, Palmer Church communication leader



“The Hillbilly Wedding” a comedy melodrama, concluded Gem State Academy’s senior recognition weekend.

GEM STATE ACADEMY

Seniors Recognized

It’s funny... when you plan big events with creative people, ideas turn into reality. That is exactly what happened for the Senior Recognition weekend at Gem State Academy. Our theme for the weekend was “What Matters?”

The Friday night vespers was very intimate. Alumni that had gone to school with us, and Task Force volunteers that worked here during our time at Gem State, came back from college to speak to us about what matters now, and as we

go to college.

For the church service, faculty members each took a few minutes to call up a senior and charge him or her to live a life for Christ. It was nice to hear how much the faculty desired that we know how important it is to have God in our lives. He’s with us no matter what, and that’s really all that matters for all eternity. •

Mandy Castanon, senior class president

Idaho Conference Camp Meeting 2003
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Weekday Worship: Emil Peeler
Sabbath Services: Juan Prestol

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Messengers' Reunion Concert

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and nightly mini-concerts!

FROM TERROR TO TRUST

For my whole life, I had no clue about God. I grew up with a mother who was straying from the religious path and an abusive, atheistic father.

I was so frightened of God that going to church nearly scared me to death.

In February 2001, my mom was involved in a terrible automobile accident. After the accident she began thinking seriously about her life, and started attending church. She took my sister and me with her. I was so frightened of God that going to church nearly scared me to death.

There was one person in my youth class—Kenneth Erwin, who was the only person my age I knew who was not ashamed of God. His confidence in God helped me feel safe, and I began to grow closer to God.

Then that summer I got into trouble and my mom suggested it might be good for me to go to Gem State Academy. I refused. I was NOT going to a boarding school!

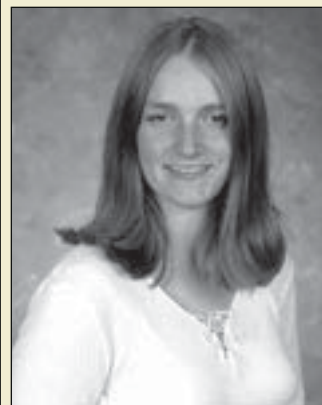
One day Dianne Emslie, our pastor’s wife, was at our house for our weekly Bible study. She and my younger sister began talking about Gem State. I just sat there. When

the study was over, I asked her about the school.

The following week she took us to tour the campus and I warmed up to the idea. But there were still obstacles.

It was two weeks before registration. Could we raise enough money?

We sent letters to my family and friends asking for financial support. It was amazing! By registration day, we had raised enough money that, with my campus job and a worthy student scholarship, I was able to register and move into the dorm.



Trish Perkins was baptized on Jan. 4, at her home church in Pocatello, Idaho.

I am so happy to be at Gem State. I now see that God was working through a lot of people to reach me, including people I don’t even know who care enough to give to the worthy student fund.

I still have more to learn about God. But I now know that He cares about me and I am determined to make the most of this opportunity. •

Trish Perkins

GEM STATE ACADEMY HOSTS

Cool Ringings Handbell and Chimes Festival

What do you do with two music teachers, two and a half days, and 101 elementary students on your hands? Why, you teach them to play bells of course! Just borrow 12 bell and chime sets, enlist the help of 12 high school students, take over both music building and the gymnasium, and watch out! You've got one wild experience on your hands.

It started out as a small idea between Ben Purvis, the music director at Gem State Academy (GSA), and Phyllis Tincher, a fellow bell ringer (and past President of the Northwest Division of the National Handbell Association). On Jan. 23

the fun began. Senior Amy Purvis, and I were assigned to the music building teaching musical games, while Purvis and Tincher were over in the



The elementary students participating in the Handbell and Chimes Festival were able to show off their newly developed skills during a concert on Sabbath afternoon.

gym helping them learn to play. The Gem State bell choir students were split between the two buildings as assistants.

We started out Thursday night with about 30 students at a time. Our job was to introduce them to music so that they could start playing the bells and chimes by the next day. Some of them had never seen music before. But after a lot of fun, and some crazy games designed to teach note values, timing, and rhythm, they began their journey into the world of music. Amazingly enough, these same kids were actually playing songs on the bells and chimes by the end of the



Elementary students around Idaho went to Gem State Academy for the Cool Ringings Handbell and Chimes Festival.

festival with a huge concert for the parents on Sabbath afternoon. Those two days of practice had really paid off!

I'll never forget that weekend. Fun games, good food, free t-shirts, tons of new kids to meet and have fun with, great devotional times, lots of learning, and of course, the music. •

Jacque Giem, GSA senior

BOISE VALLEY STUDENTS

Tell What Freedom Means

What does freedom mean to me? The seventh- and eighth-graders of Boise Valley

Adventist School (BVAS) were recently challenged to answer this thought-provoking

question. Several of them entered their "200-words-or-less" essays into the Boise Elks Lodge contest. The contest was open to all local fifth- through eighth-graders. There were 400 entries.

The eighth graders made a clean sweep with first place going to Jaci Peters, second place to Ruth Sevison, and third place to Renee St.Clair. Bethany Lang took second place for the seventh-grade

From left: Jaci Peters, Renee St. Clair, Ruth Sevison, and Bethany Lang, students from Boise Valley Christian School, wrote winning essays about what freedom means to them.

entries.

Their essays will be forwarded on to the district, state, and national levels if they continue to win. The monetary rewards include both savings bonds and checks. A banquet will also be held in May to honor these students who wrote that they believe freedom helps you to cherish what you have, that you shouldn't take for granted all the little freedoms in a given day, and we should continually give thanks to God for the power of choice. •

Kimberley Mitchell, Boise Valley Adventist School teacher



Heard a Good Story Lately?

Has someone in your church recently been baptized? The GLEANER welcomes stories that contain ideas others can use—stories that inspire others to find ways to lead people to Jesus. Why not get busy and write that story and have your church communication leader send it to us, along with a nice close-up photo of the person who was baptized.

The best way to submit stories is by e-mail to gleaner@nw.npuc.org. If the photo is digital, it may be sent as an e-mail attachment. Be sure it's a high-resolution photo. Or a print may be submitted with the hard copy of the story. That helps guarantee that the photo will be used with the right story. Prints are not returned unless there's a return address label stuck on the back of the photo. Avoid writing on the back of photos, or using paper clips or staples on photos to attach them to the hard copy—all of these damage the photos. Be sure to write a descriptive photo caption at the end of the story for each photo submitted. Mail prints and hard copy to GLEANER Stories, PO Box 871150, Vancouver, WA 98687.



Mountain Home Experiences Baby Boom

Six families dedicated eight children at the Mountain Home Church on Dec. 14, 2002. Dave Shasky, Mountain Home pastor, dedicated Hannah, daughter of Jay and Lori Kissinger, Cameron, son of Stacy and Laura Peterson, Aiden and Devon, sons of Sarah and Kevin (not pictured) Murray, Alexander, son of Jim and Victoria Schmehl, Sean and Chelsea, children of Teresa and Rob (not pictured) Williamson, and Jacob, son of Jon and Janet Dodge.

Lori Kissinger, Mountain Home Church communication leader

PINEWOOD DERBY DAY

The Mountain View Elementary School gym in Missoula was the site for the Montana Conference Pathfinder's seventh annual Pinewood Derby.

Spirits soared on Feb. 2, as 59 Pathfinders and Adventurers prepared their cars for the day's event. Each raced his or her car 15 times. During lunch the judges rated the cars for finish, originality, paint job, and craftsmanship.

Jamin Lowe, from Hamilton, who had been to five derbies, won an award for originality. Madison Wagner from Missoula won the Adventurer class with a speed of 3.085 seconds. The fastest car in any class belonged to Jessica Cardenas from Plains. The workmanship that these kids put into their cars was worth seeing. •

Janice Hanson

The Pathfinder and Adventurer kids displayed their winning Pinewood Derby cars at the end of a day of racing.



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OUR JOURNEY TO KNOW JESUS

My father died when I was ten years old. Four years later my mother and stepfather-to-be began taking Bible studies with some Adventists and enrolled me at Harris Junior Academy in Pendleton, Ore., for the ninth and tenth grade.

During spring break of my ninth-grade year I went with the school on a mission trip to Mexico and decided to be



The loving Tillamook Church family gave Candie and Chris a wedding and reception after they were baptized.

baptized when we got back.

After my junior year at Upper Columbia Academy, I decided to be rebellious and did not go back for my senior year. I made a series of bad decisions and choices for some time after that.

About 12 years later, and now living in Tillamook, I received a telephone call from Dan Cole, my pastor from Pendleton. He asked me when I was coming back to church. I did begin thinking about it, but procrastinated.

A little later, however, I told my boyfriend Chris, that we needed to go to church, and the next Sabbath we went for the worship service. Chris has been a Christian all of his life and had been baptized in two different Protestant churches but never developed a personal relationship with Jesus. He was not impressed with going to church on Saturday and did not go with me the next couple of weeks. I did not like going to church by myself, so I invited him again and this time we went to



Candie and Chris Ely were baptized because a former pastor cared enough to track Candie down and ask her when she was coming back to church.

Sabbath school and attended the Young Adult Class. Evelyn Tollerton was the leader and both Chris and I felt accepted. We continued to attend from then on.

We began Bible studies with Carson Tourville, a Bible worker who was assisting Ralph Neidigh, the

Tillamook pastor, in preparing for evangelistic meetings in the fall with Ty Gibson of Light Bearers Ministry. We continued studying with Jason Ausmus and the pastor, and attended all of the meetings. Soon we had set a date for baptism and marriage.

It was then that we learned what a loving church family we were joining. Gloria Neidigh and Irene Sayler gave us a bridal brunch/shower one Sunday morning before our wedding. I was surprised at how many people came. It was the first party I can ever remember being given for me.

On Jan. 18, 2003, Chris and I were baptized during the church service and later in the afternoon the church family came together and gave us a church wedding and reception.

We have learned that no matter what happens, the Holy Spirit is there to prompt and woo you to Jesus. We feel as though we have come home. •

Candie Anderson Ely as told to Shirley A. Thomas

EMERALD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY STUDENTS

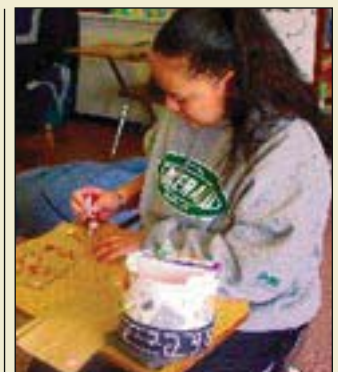
Make their World More Colorful

Expressing their creative skills, ninth-grade students from Emerald Christian Academy, Pleasant Hill, Ore., decorate paper sacks to be used by Meals on Wheels for the Valentine's Day lunches. "It's fun to reach out to the

community," says Whitney Wells.

Willamalane Senior Center prepares nearly 100 Meals on Wheels per day as well as serving about 50 people on site. Many area church members and students' parents

are involved in this program, and the students enjoy taking extra time to make the meals more colorful. "I love getting a chance to use my creativity for a special reason like this," adds Mandy Becker. •



Tuana AhSam uses a glitter pen to write special messages on the lunch sacks.

CONGRESSMAN VISITS

Mid Columbia Adventist School



Oregon's Second District Congressman Greg Walden came to Mid Columbia Adventist School to answer questions the students had prepared.



Walden visited every classroom—even the Kindergarten.

Excitement filled the air at Mid Columbia Adventist School (MCAS), Hood River, Ore., on Jan. 16, with the promise of a special visitor.

Principal Dale Milam had asked Oregon's Second District Congressman Greg Walden if it would be possible to come to the school to discuss government and answer questions the students had prepared for him.

Walden spent about an hour at the school, visiting every classroom and meeting students, including the preschoolers. But the bulk of his time was spent with the ninth and tenth grade where he told about his work and how he got involved in politics.

The students had many questions covering topics such as: The Homeland Security Act, war on Iraq, opportunities to intern at legislative level, the challenges of representing the interest of

rural communities compared to the interest of urban areas, and more.

In response to the question, "How does one get started in politics?" the reply was, "Get an education first, learn to write and communicate well. Have a high level of achievement and good personal skills."

Walden's parting suggestion was that "each of us needs to make sure that we make a positive difference in this world. Impacting the world for good should be our daily goal."

"I think it was a new thought for the students to actually realize that politicians are real people just like you and me," said Milam. "They liked how down-to-earth he was and that he seemed interested in being with us." •

Joyce Gallentine, Hood River Church communication leader

SHARON PATHFINDER COLOR GUARD

Posts Colors for Ceremony

Millions of American citizens around the nation, black and white, young and old, rich and poor, celebrated "The American Dream of Freedom" in a tribute to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 19.

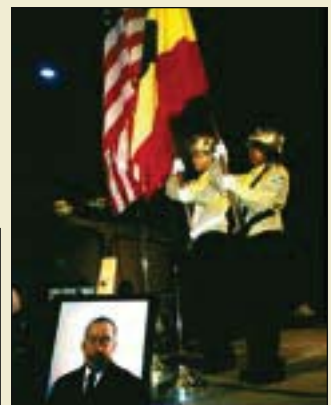
In Portland, Ore., at the University of Portland's Chiles center, a grand tribute entitled

"Keep Living the Dream" was also celebrated. The Sharon Adventist Pathfinder Club was privileged to execute the color guard duties of posting colors at the opening ceremony.

Dignitaries, public officials, ministers, choirs, African and Irish dancers, and bands participated and the youth of our color guard

had an opportunity to shake hands and take pictures with Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski, who was one of the keynote speakers. The Governor was very gracious and our young color guard did an outstanding job. •

Aryonna Waters



Sharon Church Pathfinders from Portland, Ore., posted the colors at a Martin Luther King Day celebration and were able to meet Governor Ted Kulongoski.



Ground is broken in Konidela, India, for the Northwest Adventist Brass Choir chapel.

THE NORTHWEST BRASS

Builds a Chapel and a Congregation in India

Build a church! Provide a spiritual home for hundreds of former idol worshippers in India! Meet them at last on the Sea of Glass! Our Northwest Adventist Brass Choir audience could fund this!” Last November Tom Tavasci, minister of music at the Sunnyside Church in Portland, Ore., had his sleep interrupted by these thoughts.

Tavasci had just come from joining members of the Sunnyside Church board as

they approved retired pastor Tom Stafford and his wife Brooke’s request for support for evangelistic meetings and a new chapel building near Kurnool, India.

Tavasci planned and prayed about his vision as he prepared to direct the Northwest Adventist Brass Choir in concert. Then on the night of the concert he asked the audience to consider how they could fund the construction of a chapel with the offering

that evening. It would cost no more, he noted, than the parking fees for the whole group to attend the symphony in downtown Portland.

Now, four months later, a band of excited, newly-baptized Seventh-day Adventists in the village of Konidela, India, are watching the final touches being put on their “Northwest Adventist Brass Choir” chapel. They are meeting every Sabbath and dreaming of how they can expand the one room building!

The “Northwest Adventist Brass Choir” church and their sister churches, filled with more than 650 new members, will be cared for during the next three years by Gospel Outreach workers Easter Babu and Joseph P. These workers had been visiting and holding meetings tirelessly since the first of December.

Tavasci and all who have joined in this effort to pray and



Tom Tavasci was impressed to help send a Sunnyside group to India for evangelism and church building by using the offering from the Northwest Adventist Brass Choir’s concert.

to give, have reason to praise the Lord as He has indeed expanded their borders and prospered the cause of Christ. •

Tom Stafford



RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Wins eChurch Award for February

The web site of the Riverside Church in Washougal, Wash., received the eChurch Award for February 2003. The Riverside Church web site, www.riversidesda.com, is complete with a picture of the church, location information, and is easy to navigate throughout.

The church's web site was completed in its present form and address in December, 2002. Web master David Buxton said that the web site averaged 60 visitors a day during February and the visitor counter passed 3000 a couple of days later.

"The NAD eChurch award has brought an increase in the volume of quality visitors to our website and a surprising number of those visitors are from far flung



The February eChurch award for web site excellence was presented to David Buxton (second from right), Riverside Church webmaster, by Steven Vistaunet (left), North Pacific Union Conference communication director, and Helen Smith, Oregon Conference communication director. Walter Mancía (right), Riverside pastor, joined in the award ceremony.

places like South Africa, Australia, and the European countries," he said. "We would like to think that eVisitors will be impressed by our congregation as they look through the eWindows of our church. They can be a virtual member of our church even if they live in Australia."

The eChurch award was

established, beginning in January 2003, to encourage web excellence among Adventist churches by the North American Division office of communication, PlusLine and TAGnet (the information desk and web service, respectively, for Adventist churches). Each month a church web site

will be designated as the "Outstanding Web Site of the Month" and will receive special recognition. A yearly finalist will be selected from one of the monthly winners.

"The ingredients of a good church website are an active church with members willing to contribute content and a webmaster to put it all together," Buxton said.

The web site evaluation criteria include items like: Does the web site load in 10 seconds or less? Does the web site truly feature the local church? Is the content up to date? Is the church's contact information available and are the service times listed? Is the design pleasing and is it easy to navigate?

Visit the PlusLine web site at www.PlusLine.org to view additional criteria and to nominate a church web site to be considered for an award. •

Richard Dower

HVJA STUDENT

To go to Colonial Williamsburg on Word Power

Zach Wade's love of reading gave him a broad vocabulary which helped to propel him into the National Championship of the *Reader's Digest* first Annual National Word Power Challenge held in March in Colonial Williamsburg, Va.

Wade, 12 years old and a sixth-grader in Renea Samborski's class at Hood View Junior Academy (HVJA) in Boring, Ore., earned

the privilege of being the Oregon State representative to the contest's National Championship during the statewide competition, held in Eugene, Ore., Jan. 22.

The *Reader's Digest* contest flew Wade and Samborski to Williamsburg for the National competition, Mar. 24-26, which was hosted by Al Roker, of NBC's *Today Show*. Contest first-, second-, and third-place finishers will receive \$25,000,

\$15,000, and \$10,000 respectively, in college scholarships. When asked how he planned to enrich his word power in preparation for the contest, Wade responded, "By reading."

Wade, the son of Dennis and Shelly Wade of Sandy, Ore., has attended Hood View Junior Academy since kindergarten. •

Ronald D. Trautwein



Hood View students, from left: Ryan Robinson, Zach Wade, Ashur Shelton, Tim Carroll, and Michael Tuttle, were part of a group of students representing their public and private schools in Oregon to the *Reader's Digest* Word Power Challenge. Both Tim and Zach placed within the group of top ten finalists in the state championship.

GOLDENDALE DENTISTS AWARDED

Outstanding Young Businesspersons of the Year

David and Brenda Reimche-vu, both dentists, were presented with the Outstanding Young Businesspersons of the Year award, by the Goldendale, Wash., Jaycees. David and Brenda moved to Goldendale five years ago as a replacement dentist for Howard Kubler.

David was born and raised to the age of 11, in Vietnam. David and his aunt left Vietnam as boat

people and eventually landed in Canada. He became a Seventh-day Adventist in Canada and attended Walla Walla College where he and Brenda met. Brenda grew up in a succession of small towns, some in the Columbia River Gorge, because her father, George Fullerton, is an Adventist church school teacher.

After attending dental school and with the Lord's help, they came to

Goldendale. All during this time, David and his aunt always had as their goal to bring the rest of the family out of Vietnam. Their complete family is now here, including David's mother, father, and several siblings.

As professionals, David and Brenda have been great contributors to the Goldendale community, and have recently been featured in an article in the Klickitat County Public Utilities Department



Dentists David and Brenda Reimche-vu were honored as the Outstanding Young Business Persons of the Year by the Goldendale, Wash., Jaycees.

magazine, the *Ruralite*. David is a full-time dentist, while Brenda practices dentistry part time in addition to home-schooling the children and doing the office bookwork. •

Elaine Kubler

UPPER COLUMBIA ACADEMY

Hosts Choir and Gymnastics Clinics

Nine school choirs from across Upper Columbia Conference recently attended the every-other-year choral clinic held at Upper Columbia Academy and hosted by UCA's choral director Curtis Anderson and his choral students. They began rehearsing right after lunch on Thursday and culminated the clinic with a concert Saturday evening.

Before coming to the clinic, each of the school choirs rehearsed the same pieces. Anderson had lined up a wide variety of music, including a brand new John Rutter piece called "Distant Land." While the music they performed included some secular pieces, the focus was on religious music that smaller choirs could perform for their local churches.

On Friday morning, the group divided up by section for workshops. Each addressed vocal and breathing techniques, vocal placement, posture and more.

Because of the length of the clinic, attendees were also able to enjoy special worships, games, and an introduction to life on a boarding academy campus.

UCA hosts a music clinic every year, alternating band

and choral.

Just a few days after the choral clinic, fourteen schools from across Upper Columbia Conference sent students to UCA's second gymnastics clinic. Based on last year's positive response, Coach John Soulé expected about 175 visitors and was amazed when 309 showed up! Workshop leaders, the cafeteria, and other campus personnel simply shifted into a higher gear and the day went very smoothly.

The day began with a general warm-up session, emphasizing the importance that warming up plays in preventing injuries. The

large group then divided up into five smaller groups and rotated through workshop sessions. This way, every participant was able to attend all five of the workshops. The workshops were: beginning gymnastics, balancing, acro, advanced tumbling, and juggling. Members of UCA's gymnastic team assisted in each of the workshops by coaching, spotting, and cheering the younger students on.

A high point of the day was an exciting show put on by UCA's 42-member gymnastic team. This was the same show the team has provided this year at half time for both Spokane Community College and Whitworth College in Spokane. •

Cheri Corder



Upper Columbia Academy gymnastics team member Tori Shelton assists two elementary school students during the one-day gymnastics clinic.



Jennifer LaMountain, Randy Maxwell, and Steve Darmody share what Christmas means to them at a One Night of Your Life event in the Spokane Convention Center.

ONE NIGHT OF YOUR LIFE

Simply Christmas

More than 1,100 people attended a One Night of Your Life evangelism event held at the Spokane Convention Center, Dec. 21, 2002. The event, called Simply Christmas, was a concert by recording artists Steve Darmody and Jennifer LaMountain, as well as a gospel presentation by Randy Maxwell, author of *Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled*, designed to introduce non-Christians to Jesus.

Even though the event was only one night, "it was part of a larger strategy for bringing people to Jesus," says Curtis Rittenour, Spokane Valley Church associate pastor.

"The larger strategy is for church members to conduct friendship evangelism on an ongoing basis with their friends and neighbors. The Simply Christmas event is just one opportunity, among many, members can use to introduce people to Jesus," says Rittenour.

Steve Darmody and Jennifer LaMountain began the event with a Christmas concert. Next, Randy Maxwell joined them on the stage and they

all shared some of their own testimony of what Christ means to them at Christmas. Finally, Maxwell shared a gospel that focused on a very realistic picture of what Jesus' birth was all about as opposed to the typical Nativity scenes we often see.

"When we realize how lowly Christ's birth really was, what the birth really means, and all the glory that Christ actually gave up when he was born as a human, then the Christmas scene doesn't seem so pristine any more," says Maxwell.

At the end of his gospel presentation Maxwell invited all the attendees to fill out a decision card. The card had a place for people to write down prayer requests, have correspondence studies sent to them, or to have someone call or visit them.

Of the 200 response cards received, 30 requested Bible studies. Members of the local Spokane area churches responded to each card the following week. •

Jon Dalrymple

UCA STUDENTS

Give Week of Prayer

The Upper Columbia Academy campus family recently came together for the annual Student Week of Prayer. The week provided an opportunity for students and faculty alike to reflect on their characters and how God could improve them.

The general student body chose twelve students they wanted to hear from. After accepting the invitation to speak, these student speakers went to Camp MiVoden for a couple of days. They spent their time worshipping God and asking Him to impress on them what He wanted the students at UCA to hear. Their sponsors Paul Lundgrin, Fred Riffel, and Tammy McGuire guided in this process and coached the students on how to speak effectively for the Lord. They chose their theme based on the song "Happier than Ever." Each came back from the retreat with a burden on his or her heart and something to share with fellow students.

Every meeting began with songs of praise led by the entire team of speakers. Two speakers were featured each

night and on Sabbath morning. Each topic illustrated that we can be "Happier than Ever" when we're close to God and following Him.

Having the messages delivered by their peers dramatically increased their impact on the students. "Student Week of Prayer was awesome," said senior Mindie Getty, reflecting the general response to the week. "I loved hearing what my friends had to say. And I felt much closer to God than I have in a long time."

The Holy Spirit could be felt throughout the room while students listened to the various issues being addressed.

Following each meeting, students had the opportunity to remain in the sanctuary to pray. Faculty members were lifted up to God in prayer along with the student body and individual needs. The main prayer was for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the school, and that the fire kindled during the Week of Prayer could be kept alive. •

Melissa Wickenberg

Student Week of Prayer speakers this year were, from left: (front row) Amanda Jehle, Danelle Smith, Maranatha Hay; (middle row) Luke Chilson, Danny Lamberton, Phillip Byrd, Brent Davis; (back row) Aaron Vizcarra, Carl Canwell, Phillip Sherwood. Not shown: Cheryl Williams, Melissa Ekvall.



SPOKANE VALLEY CHURCH MEMBERS ACCEPT *The Lordship Challenge*

It all started at the church leadership retreat in January 2002. The leaders felt that the number one concern for our church was stewardship education.

Many of our members have joined since the new church and school were completed in 1996, and there is a North Pacific Union Conference Association revolving fund building loan that needs to be retired. A stewardship committee was formed to look into all options and recommend a plan to the

church board.

In September, the committee knew God was leading when they were shown that stewardship was not about money. Stewardship is a relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. When the relationship is right, then all the other things, such as use of your time, talents, health, influence, and money, will fall into place.

A program called the Lordship Challenge was introduced to the church members. This challenge is



Francoise and Willie Wynne were surprised to be awarded the plaque for being the millionth dollar donors at the Spokane Valley Church.

for each member to make Jesus Lord in every area of their lives. It is a call to revival and complete surrender. It is cementing our relationship with our Creator who supplies all our needs. The program asks every church member, "What does the Lord require of me?" It is a call for 100

To kick off the Lordship Challenge and start afresh on the building program, the stewardship committee planned a party for all the Valley church members to celebrate the millionth dollar donors and others who have given of their time as volunteers to our church. The Spokane Valley members have given a million dollars to the building program beginning in 1992. This is in addition to the quarter million dollars raised to buy the land the church was built on.

On Dec. 14, the Million Dollar Banquet was held, and Willie and Francoise Wynne were surprised as they were called forward to receive a plaque as the "millionth dollar givers." The Valley Church now takes up the challenge to move forward and finish the work God has given us in the Spokane Valley. •

Lola Lile

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the 74th session of the Upper Columbia Conference will convene in the Upper Columbia Academy convocation center at Spangle, Washington, on Sunday, May 18, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and departmental directors for the ensuing term and to transact such other business as may come before the session.

Each organized church in the Conference shall be represented at the session of the Conference by two delegates plus one delegate for each 75 members, or major fraction thereof, each of whom shall be a Seventh-day Adventist member in good and regular standing of the local church which he or she represents.

Max C. Torkelsen II
President

Gordon E. Pifher
Secretary



Gudrun Klim and Allyn Ankerbrand prepare food for the banquet.

percent of the congregation to be faithful in returning a true tithe, offerings, and systematically giving to reduce the church debt.

UNIVERSITIES UNDER SIEGE

Why is the visible presence of the Adventist church so scarce on public campuses?

When the command was given by Jesus to go to every nation, kindred, tongue and people, he said to go to our public universities and community colleges. A public campus contains an incredible diversity of ethnicity, religion, race, language, and thought. What an opportunity! Why then, is the visible presence of the Adventist church so scarce on public campuses?

We are attempting to be a visible presence in the community.

In the Upper Columbia Conference, we are trying to follow this gospel command. The campuses of the University of Idaho (UI) and Washington State University (WSU) have come under siege, through Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) spreading the Gospel. ACF at the UI and WSU campuses has one goal: to show to our collegiate peers that being a committed, Bible-believing Christian can be practical, fun, productive, and rewarding. Some of the activities and functions ACF sponsored during the Fall semester included:

- Weekly Friday night Bible studies, called Thank God It's Friday, where students can enjoy a nutritious meal

and fellowship.

- Weekly cell groups where students and their friends join church members in Bible study groups.
- Sports fellowship of weekly basketball and monthly volleyball games.
- Sabbath afternoon outreach—singing at local nursing homes, and retirement centers, and showing God's love in real ways through service evangelism.
- UI health fair booth where more than 1,100 non-alcoholic drinks were shared with students, faculty, staff, and community members. Through this event we were able to share our health message.
- Promoting ACF at the WSU and UI student involvement fairs.
- Students leading out in the worship services at the Pullman and Troy Adventist churches.
- Outdoor activities like backpacking, hiking, and river rafting.
- Cutting two cords of wood for a family in need.
- Strong arms and backs provided moving assistance for a new family moving to Moscow.
- Fundraising, in the form of 12 cords of wood—cut,

- split, and hauled by students.
- Endless Praise concert, an Adventist music group from Australia, co-sponsored by the Moscow Church.
- Assistance with playground equipment

assembly for Palouse Hills Adventist School. The list could go on. We are attempting to be a visible presence in the community, on the campuses, and in our churches, as public university students who want to make a difference, individuals who care about their environments, and Christians who love God. •

Alina Arnold



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WOMEN'S MINISTRY INVOLVES MANY

Fifty-four women and teens met at the Upper Columbia Conference office on Feb. 9, to share their vision and make plans for women's ministry events for the year. The fifteen teenagers present and their sponsors spent the afternoon making plans for the second annual "Free to Be Me in

Christ" young women's retreat scheduled for Apr. 25-27. Plans were also made for the UCC Women's Retreat, Oct. 24-26, and "Women In Passionate Leadership," Nov. 21-22. •

Jessica Bryan, Spokane South Hill Church



UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

Couples Retreat

Couples found a great way to spend the Valentine weekend by attending the Upper Columbia Conference Couples' Retreat at Camp MiVoden in Hayden Lake, Idaho. The scenery

was breathtaking and the atmosphere of the lakeside retreat was healing and peaceful. We enjoyed great food, made new friends, had lots of fun playing group games, and participating in the

grand march Saturday night.

The guest speakers, Jerry Connell, College View family ministries pastor, with his wife Kathy, gave many tools and resources for making our marriages better.

They led us, as couples, through exercises to improve communication and closeness in our marriages. The personal experiences which they shared were encouraging.

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There was so much enthusiasm and positive feedback from the couples who attended that the Family Life Department has decided to have another Couples' Retreat next year so that this wonderful program can keep on blessing many homes and marriages. •

Jeanne Johnson



Jerry and Kathy Connell from Lincoln, Nebraska, shared many tools and resources for making better marriages.

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DO NOT MAIL IN THIS FORM IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PRE-REGISTERED AND MADE PAYMENT FOR 2003. YOU WILL ONLY NEED TO STOP AT LOCATING AND CHECK IN UPON ARRIVAL. DEPOSITS NONREFUNDABLE AFTER JUNE 12.

ENUMCLAW STUDENTS

Serve their Community

Located in a quiet country setting just 15 minutes from Auburn Adventist Academy, Enumclaw Adventist Elementary School is a small, family-oriented school. It provides a Christian atmosphere that encourages young people to become involved in sharing their faith.

In one program, which was given to honor senior citizens, the children shared a short program and served them lunch.

On the anniversary of 9/11 the students prepared a short patriotic program and visited the local police and fire stations and the post office. They thanked the people

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for their dedication to their work and gave them a letter of appreciation and plates of cookies the upper grade students had made the day before. Following the singing of "This is My Country," a prayer was offered for the safety of each worker.

The students recently participated in a two-hour

Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser for the American Heart Association. Students competed for who could complete the most consecutive jumps with a short rope, long rope, and in doubles and triples; who would jump the most times over a squiggly snake-like rope; who would jump the farthest over a



Kindergarten student Alexi Bailey and Nick Woody, an 8th grader, jump together during a fundraiser for the American Heart Association.

"brook"; and who would last the longest in jumping over a circling rope. They raised almost \$930 for an average of \$27 per student! •



Enumclaw students presented a short program for their local policemen and presented them with a plate of cookies.

STUDENTS RAISE FUNDS

for ADRA

The students of Kirkland Adventist Elementary School and Puget Sound Adventist Academy came together to raise money for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency's (ADRA) Food

Security Project. By digging into his or her own pockets every elementary student donated a minimum of one dollar and generous academy students each donated up to \$20. Money from the

Christmas program offering was added to the total.

The result surpassed everyone's expectations. In a month's time, giving exceeded \$1,000. After applying the 7-1 matching gift for every dollar

given, \$7,000 was actually raised for ADRA. •

*Jaimie Abbott,
Kirkland School teacher*

AUBURN ACADEMY DISCOVERS

History Repeats Itself

Solomon, the wisest man who has ever lived, observed that “nothing is new under the sun.” He discovered in his last days that there was nothing new, only new versions of what has been.

Auburn Adventist Academy, established in 1919, has seen many of the same things repeated in more than 80 years of educating young people. Pictures taken in the 1920s during Auburn’s first decade of operation have recently been rediscovered in the form of old and dusty glass slides. These photographs have been digitally scanned and will be

available in the new Alumni Directory, available during Alumni Days.

What these photographs provide is an opportunity to relive captured moments of the past. Comparing the activities of students eight decades previous to the current students of 2003, it seems that history does indeed repeat itself. We should never forget where we have come from because the past has led us to where we are today. •

Brian Becker, Auburn Academy public relations director

Home Economics class members pose for a picture during the 1923-24 school year.



Today’s students pose for a photograph during their family-and-consumer-science cooking class.



PUYALLUP YOUTH

Pie and Starvation

The Puyallup Church youth leadership was one of many groups represented at the Piece of the Pie youth seminar held in Bothell in January. Steve Case, Piece of the Pie Ministries president, led the youth leaders through a series of topics and activities that focused on young people and how to draw them to Christ. A few of the topics were: Breaking Out of the Comfort Zone, Relational Ministry, and Programs and Resources.

Returning home, the Puyallup youth leadership team then helped their youth group break out of their comfort zone by participating in a 24-hour famine for Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA). Sarah Howell, one of the participants, said, “The 24-hour famine was a totally different experience than what I have ever had. I have never felt this way before. But I knew that God was giving me

the strength to hold on. If Jesus could fast for 40 days, then I could fast for 24 hours.”

The group started their fast after the Friday youth vesper meeting at the church. Sabbath afternoon, the youth went out into the neighborhood soliciting funds, raising \$720 that will be used for the children in Peru next Christmas. This was followed by going to the Tacoma Family Shelter where the students served a meal to, and mingled with, the homeless.

The famine experience gave youth the chance to ponder starvation more deeply. They all agreed that the 24-hour ADRA Famine has helped them experience first hand, if only temporarily, what others deal with daily. It helped develop their compassion for others, and their realization of just how incredibly blessed they are. •

Lori Cockerham

ALUMNI HOMECOMING 2003

The annual Alumni Homecoming Weekend organized by the Walla Walla College Alumni Association is scheduled for April 24–27, 2003. All alumni and friends of the college are cordially invited to attend the event-filled weekend.

Beginning on Thursday with a homecoming banquet featuring radio and TV personality Bert Wells, the weekend will continue through Sunday with lectures, campus tours, musical presentations, and class reunion events.

Friday highlights include the annual Eugene Winter Alumni Golf Classic, an awards chapel followed by a reception for scholarship recipients and the alumni who make these scholarships available, and a vespers “Prism Concert” presented by the Music Department.

On Sabbath, members of the honor classes will present Sabbath school and Joe Galusha, associate vice

president for graduate studies and professor of biology, will deliver the worship service. Honor class photos and reunions for the classes of 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1993, and anyone who attended prior to 1953, will be arranged in the afternoon. Other afternoon activities will include tours of the new facilities of the Communications Department and Positive Life Radio, a seminar on biblical prophecy, Evensong, and department suppers.

Early risers on Sunday morning may participate in the Richard J. Kegley Memorial Fun Run/Walk. Alumni are also invited to bring their pre-1980 vehicles to the 5th Annual Homecoming Car Show later in the morning.

Pre-registration is available online at <http://www.wwc.edu/homecoming/>.

Bradley Nelson

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

Found to Contribute to the Economic Health of the Valley

A recent study found that Walla Walla College’s contribution to the surrounding communities is significant—to the tune of \$103 million a year. The study, “The Economic Impact of Walla Walla College on the Blue Mountain Region,” was conducted by Kevin B. Stokes, a partner in Econ 500, an economic consulting firm, who has conducted similar studies for colleges and universities across the country.

The study specifically looked at the economic impact of the number of dollars spent by the college, its faculty, staff, students, and local alumni. Additional factors included the number of jobs created by the college and/or filled by its current students or alumni.

Walla Walla College, which was recently recognized for the 100th anniversary of its incorporation, is one of the region’s larger employers, and has an annual enrollment of

approximately 1,850 students.

The presence of Walla Walla College has also led to the largest concentration of Seventh-day Adventists in the United States. A study released in 2002, “Religious Congregations and Membership: 2000,” reported that one out of every ten residents in Walla Walla County is a Seventh-day Adventist.

“We are proud of the role our college plays both in the economic vitality of our community as well as in the social and cultural life of region,” says Jon Dybdahl, president of Walla Walla College.

The complete economic impact study is available online at: <http://www.wwc.edu/about-us/economic-impact/>.

Bradley Nelson



“Acappella,” a gospel-singing, a cappella quartet, recently performed a free concert for a “standing room only” audience in the Walla Walla College Church. The Feb. 21 concert was sponsored by the Associated Students of Walla Walla College (ASWWC). The current members of “Acappella,” which first formed in 1982, are (left to right): Gary Evans (bass); Sean Samuel (lead vocals); Matt Nunnally (high tenor); and Nicolas Dunbar (baritone).

“I’M A MISSIONARY, AND I’VE NEVER LEFT HOME.”

How a job became a ministry at Walla Walla General Hospital

Anurse and a missionary. That’s all Lauri Rootvik, RN, ever wanted to be. And for this veteran nurse and recent recipient of Walla Walla General Hospital’s (WWGH) Mission Achievement Award, those dreams are fulfilled with every patient, every day, every time she walks through the hospital doors.

Rootvik’s story goes back—way back—past college and high school to her childhood in Dillingham, Alaska. Rootvik’s physician father operated a medical clinic in the basement of their home,

and by the age of eight she was sweeping the floors for 50 cents a week.

“As I got older, I started assisting with all kinds of accidents and minor surgeries,” she recalled. “We even delivered babies right there at the house.”

When the time came to make a career choice, Rootvik didn’t waver. “I knew this was what I was going to do,” she says.

While the clinical aspects of the nursing profession fascinated her, Rootvik was even more compelled by

“Jesus has given me reason to hope, and every day I get the chance to pass that along to my co-workers and patients.”

the opportunities to make a spiritual difference. “I always wanted to be a missionary nurse somewhere,” she said. “I had in mind that I was going to marry a doctor or pastor and we’d go to some far-off, remote place.”

Instead, after graduating from Loma Linda University, Rootvik and her husband, Dennis, found themselves living and raising four girls in not-so-far-off and only semi-remote Walla Walla, Wash.

She’s been part of WWGH’s family ever since—17 years and counting—and has stayed for one simple reason: the sense of common purpose she shares with all who serve in Seventh-day Adventist health care.

“We have a special mission. We’re not just doing a job,” Rootvik stated. “Jesus has given me reason to hope, and every day I get the chance to pass that along to my co-workers and patients.”

Rootvik sees the mission of her hospital and her church as being inextricably linked. “No, we’re not making alter calls, but we’re helping make people whole,” she said. “Spiritual and physical health go hand in hand.”

Everyday Rootvik walks past a plaque on the hospital’s lobby wall. “Restoring peace. Restoring hope. Restoring health. To do this as Christ did,” reads the hospital’s mission statement, a phrase that echoes her very personal philosophy.

“In a sense, I’m the physical presence of Jesus,” Rootvik said. “If I’m open for his spirit to work through me, I can be His hands.” It’s something she thinks about often, especially while she’s driving to work. “Each morning, I have this prayer in my heart that God will somehow use me to touch a person’s life for him.”

As for receiving the Mission Achievement Award, Rootvik was genuinely moved, maybe even overwhelmed, and she gets a little choked up just talking about it. “Sometimes when you wonder if you’re really making a difference, the Lord has a way of catching your attention,” she said. “It’s tremendously humbling to think about—I’m a missionary, and I’ve never left home.” •

Gary Tetz writes for Walla Walla General Hospital from College Place, Washington.



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Making a Difference



Young Professionals retreats provide a time for fellowship that many young adults miss in their busy professional lives.



Youth from the Tillamook Church helped make the Christmas Sabbath services a special event. Michael Jones, a teacher and Bible worker, presented some great gospel preaching for the Young

“**G**od, please lead the Young Professionals Ministry to the place You would have us hold our Fall 2002 retreat,” I prayed. Little did I know, that a non-Adventist pastor was praying, “Lord, send young adults to reach my community for Jesus.” September 2002 neared and our site on the Oregon coast secured, I made a visit to it a week early. While driving through the little village, I passed the local chapel and discovered an open door and decided to check it out. Greeted by a retired couple, I inquired about using the chapel and was informed the church was closed due to low attendance. However the pastor could be contacted.

Less than a week later, our group of seventeen young adults descended on the village and visited more than 250 homes with a free CD “Real Hope for Real People,” visiting and praying with them and extending an invitation to an evening worship service that Sabbath. Six villagers came, one of them a former member—Mary. Following our evening of music and a gospel message, we handed out two books on health and prayed with each person.

Three months exactly, to the day, we returned to the Oregon coast for a Christmas program in December. We again visited door-to-door with a free gift, “The Gospel of John,” and extended an invitation to the villagers. Twenty-five attended, and at the close of the

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Christmas worship service with their music.

evening, begged us to return.

Two young adults who joined us in September, took their stand that weekend to be re-baptized. Today, the Young Professionals Ministry is thrilled to share that God is opening doors for us to continue to work on the

Oregon coast with this church. And we keep praying for more! In less than two years with an internet presence, the Young Professionals Ministry is reaching more than 71 countries around the world. Our next big project in Canada is at Whistler, May 1-6. Young

adults from across North America will come together to build friendships with God and each other. Jaime Jorge and his wife Emily will join us for evangelism in the community through his music and testimony.

Please join the Young Professionals Ministry in praying for these outreach/ evangelism projects. Share with your churches and tell young adults. Our events are great for young adults who have never been Adventists, and young adults who are taking a break from the church, as attested to by the fact that between a third and half of those attending fit in this category. *And*, they are coming back! Visit our website and subscribe to receive regular updates to

our e-newsletter which has something for *everyone*. Connect today and catch the vision of sharing Christ with the world! www.yp4him.org •

Heidi Domke, Young Professionals Ministry founder



Professionals at Christmastime. Jeanna Stephen, cellist, and Ray Westermeyer, violinist, enhanced the Young Professionals

THE CHURCH IN IRAQ

Undeterred by Threat of War

WORLD CHURCH

Adventists in Iraq continue to carry out the church's mission despite growing concerns about a war against their country, according to Michael Porter, Middle East Union Mission president. They are continuing with plans that will nearly double the size of the current church building in Baghdad by adding new rooms for Sabbath school functions and a fellowship hall.

"Right now our church members are doing their best to carry on and to continue with their worship," Porter said in a recent interview with Adventist NewsLine. The leadership of the church in Iraq is planning for the future, undeterred by rhetoric of war, and "our believers in Iraq will

be praying that somehow God can intervene so that lives will not be lost," Porter said.

Organized in 1923, the Adventist Church in Iraq is one of 13 churches recognized by the government. There are three congregations in the country, including one in the city of Nineveh—famed for its visit by the reluctant prophet, Jonah. Every Sabbath nearly 200 members gather to worship at the Baghdad Church—the largest and regarded as one of the most architecturally striking churches in all of Iraq, according to Porter.

The Baghdad congregation recently concluded a week of spiritual emphasis, which featured Amir Ghali, Middle East Union youth director.

Church members continue to prepare for Vacation Bible School, which is attended by more than 100 participants. Iraqi church officials say that it is through outreach programs such as these that the church has grown by 45 members in the last five years.

"Our Iraqi church members express their concern that the people of the country were the ones to suffer from the war 10 years ago and will suffer again if there is another one," said Porter.

The church in the Middle East Union is preparing contingency plans should war occur, according to Porter. The plans include preparations to evacuate church personnel and to provide humanitarian aid to the victims. A regional office

is being considered in one of the neighboring countries to facilitate distribution of food, tents, and other supplies to refugees. "They're digging wells in their yards so that they'll have a water supply," he stated. "They're preparing for a difficult time without water, without electricity."

"In a world filled with hate and struggle, a world of ideological strife and of military conflicts, Adventists desire to be known as peacemakers and work for worldwide justice and peace under Christ as the head of a new humanity," concluded Wollan. •

Julio C. Munoz, ANN/ANR, Nicosia, Cyprus



I N T E R A C T I O N

Should New Converts Take the Bible Seriously?

I am challenged by Elder Patzer's March editorial which suggests that we have scholars to wrestle with the hard biblical issues. The implication is "church leaders and members" are somehow inept at thinking critically about challenging theological concepts. Conversely, God does not relegate the tough issues to only the experts but in fact gives invitation for all to come and reason together (Isa. 1:18). Besides, the Jewish scholars had things in quite a mess by the time Christ arrived on the scene! Truth can always be found by anyone truly searching.

I am also troubled by his idea that our understanding of science should be "informed by theology" and not the other way around. He says unless we do this, our entire belief system might be jeopardized. While all scripture is inspired, its profitability is primarily toward righteousness (2 Tim. 3:16), not science. The inspired word was given to a variety of people with differing levels of experience. To suppose that only biblical science can adequately inform all aspects of contemporary scientific advances is naive. I agree with Galileo who once said, the Bible tells how to go to heaven, not how the heavens go.

Fred McGhee—BATTLE GROUND, WASH.

In his editorial, Elder Patzer stated, concerning the idea that the creation of the sun and the moon were made after the creation of light, that, even "if it doesn't make sense," that we need to have faith. According to R. E. Hoen in *The Creator in His Workshop* p. 43, "Several scriptures

which refer to this same creative act of causing the heavenly bodies to appear through the firmament employ the words prepare, appoint, ordain, and ordinance rather than the term create." He means that the sun was already created before the fourth day but became visible on the fourth day. I think that makes sense. True science and revelation are always in harmony with each other but we need to study more carefully the Bible.

Jerry Prouty—NEWMAN LAKE, WASH.

Thanks for your editorial in the March GLEANER. I agree we should simply believe the Bible. We need to let our theology inform our science. God's word must be first!

Gladys Grant—KENNEWICK, WASH.

It is obvious from the written and oral communication I've received from the March editorial that I touched a responsive nerve. Thank you for sharing your comments and rather than attempt to address the variety of points made by thoughtful readers, let me expand very briefly on my comments as a further statement of my beliefs.

It was the early Christian father Origin (AD 185–254) who was given credit as one of the first to advance the theory of the creation "days" in an allegorical or non-literal manner. A hundred years later the Latin father Augustine supported this concept based on a philosophic not scientific basis.

This Alexandrian allegorical method of interpretation influences Catholic theology as well as other schools of thought still to this day.

Conversely in the sixteenth century the reformers again championed the authority of scripture in the literal sense. Martin Luther argued for the literal interpretation of the creation story when he said, "We assert that Moses spoke in the literal sense, not allegorically or figuratively." It was thanks to these Reformers that the Scriptures regained their primacy and authority.

But this was not the end of the debate. For every biblical truth there is a counterfeit and so in the mid-1800s two widely-read authors came on the scene that still impact scientific and theological thought to this day—Charles Darwin with his Origin of the Species and Ellen G. White with her inspired theological insights. She wrote, "The work of creation cannot be explained by science" Ministry of Healing, page 414. And regarding apparent discrepancies between science and theology or the idea that some advocate that we have to put our science and religion in separate boxes, she comments, "True science and Bible religion are in perfect harmony" Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, volume 4, page 1167.

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In further addressing this issue, it is significant that in speaking of the apostasy in Elijah's day, which she paralleled with our own times she wrote, "The apostasy prevailing today is similar to that which in the prophet's day overspread Israel . . . of the teachings of science above the truths of revelation, multitudes today are following after Baal" Prophets and Kings, page 170.

I've often thought that there may be some significance to the fact that when Christ, who was the only eyewitness of creation, walked the earth He did not find it necessary to make any correction to the understanding of the Genesis account. Additionally Paul, His contemporary, wrote, "All Scripture is given by inspiration" and if he were alive today I believe he might add, "and I still mean all."

So in my mind it seems to come down to a choice of where to put my faith. When science, archeology, or any other discipline that tends to change from generation to generation seems to differ from the view of Scripture, I am safe in adhering to Scripture as the higher level of authority . . . along with Moses, Jesus, Martin Luther and the reformers, Ellen White, and a host of credible scientists and scholars.

Jere D. Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference president



Carrol 80th and 90th

A combined celebration for Eugene Carroll, 80, and his wife Nadeen (Johnson), 90, was recently hosted by their children and grandchildren in the Payette, Idaho, Church fellowship hall. The event was well-attended by both church members and the local community. Dr. Eugene was a physician in Payette for almost 40 years.

Dinwiddie 100th

Loreen Dinwiddie celebrated her 100th birthday Feb. 4, 2003, at a party given in her honor by friends, family, and the residents and staff of The Village Retirement Center, Gresham, Ore., where she resides.

Loreen was born in 1903, in the Seattle, Wash., area, attended Walla Walla College, and married Frank Steunenberg in 1923. They have lived in Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, and California, where Frank was a teacher and minister. They had two daughters: Alice Willoughby and Beth Allen, and a granddaughter, Maureen Caldwell.

After moving to the retirement center in 1973, Loreen married Harold Dinwiddie in 1975. She has lived at The Village longer than any other resident. She is a talented oil painter, a

vegan vegetarian, and has been studying nutrition for the last 30 years.

Gibbons 60th

Keith and Elizabeth Gibbons of College Place, Wash., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 13, 2002, with a luncheon and program in their honor, hosted by their children and grandchildren, at the Eastgate Church.

Keith married Elizabeth on Oct. 11, 1942. They have taught in church schools in Washington; Madison, Wis.; Jackson, Miss.; Atlanta, Ga.; Sheridan, Wyo.; and Ronan, Mont. Their summers were often spent teaching at Walla Walla College. They also served as the pastoral couple in Plentywood, Mont., after they retired. They continue to stay active in their local church and volunteering at Walla Walla General Hospital.



The Gibbons family includes: Yvonne and Jack Jackson, Kay and Arland Sanborn, and Ed and Diane Gibbons, 7 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Hixon 60th

Ray and Emily Hixon recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends in Paradise, Calif.

Ray Hixson married Emily

Dorn on Dec. 29, 1942, in the old Tabernacle Church, Portland, Ore., Julius L. Tucker officiating. Ray started out teaching grades seven, eight, and ten, and pastoring the church in Sandy, Ore. He went on to be assistant in the Oregon Book and Bible House, then was hired by Pacific Press Publishing Association where he worked for 30 years—27 as associate manager of the periodical department. Before retiring in 1981, Ray pastored in the Northern California Conference. Emily, a graduate of Portland Adventist Academy, was a homemaker.



The Hixon family includes Ron, San Antonio, Texas; Ruth and Charlie Rollo, Paradise; 5 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Parker 50th

Stanton and Dolly Parker recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their whole family and many long-time friends at the Goldendale, Wash., Church.

Stanton Parker married Dolly Gregory on Feb. 5, 1953, in La Sierra, Calif. Stanton worked for Adventist Risk Management, retiring as its executive director. Dolly was a registered nurse.

The Parker family includes Linda and Jack Hill, Yucaipa, Calif.; Sandra and LaRay

M I L E S T O N E S

Hillmon, Stevensville, Mich.; Shirley and Arlen Manning, Napa, Calif.; Lori Thomas, Yucaipa, Calif.; 6 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

Richards 50th

Wilbur and Donna Richards recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception hosted by their children at the Caldwell, Idaho, Church.

Wilbur Richards married Donna Bridges on Jan. 11, 1953, in Hanford, Calif. They both worked for the church for 37 years. Wilbur was superintendent of shipping for Pacific Press Publishing Association for 20 years. After the press moved to Idaho, he became purchasing director. Donna worked in the bindery and mailing departments, and for the last 24 years as a telephone representative in the marketing/customer service department.

The Richards family includes Cindy Casebolt, Caldwell; Bob and Cherie Richards, Visalia, Calif.; 3 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren. Their



oldest daughter, Linda Spotts, passed away in 1975.

Stout 90th and 64th

Harold and Berniece Stout celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary and their 90th birthdays (Oct. and Jan.) on Jan. 15, 2003, with a family dinner at the home of Luwayne and Esther Stout, Brewster, Wash.

Harold Stout married Berniece Hansen Jan. 15, 1939 after graduating from the College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, Calif., in 1938. Following a residency in Paradise Valley Sanitarium, Calif., Harold started a medical practice in the Okanogan Valley in 1940. A Walla Walla College graduate in 1934, Berniece built on her experience of teaching elementary students

to become Harold's trained-on-the-job nurse. The Stout's continue to be active members of the Audubon Society and participate in bird counts.

The Stout family includes Luwayne and Esther Stout, Brewster; 4 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild.

Frank W. Baker, 1925–2003

Frank Baker started his ministry for the church in the Oregon Conference, as assistant pastor and principal of a 10-grade school in Vancouver, Wash. He was called to the Canadian Union as pastor and teacher at the Okanagan Academy, Kelowna, B.C. The Alberta Conference appointed him as MV (youth), education, and temperance secretary, after which he served in British Columbia in the same capacity. After 12 years of service in Canada, he was named MV and temperance secretary of the Oregon Conference. In retirement he was named the North American Division coordinator for Student Healthy Lifestyle, the position he held until his death.



B I R T H S

BRADFORD—Jack Riley was born Feb. 1, 2002, to Ryan and Judy (Easley), Vale, Ore.

CUMMINGS—Celeste Adrienne was born Nov. 16, 2002, to Craig and Vanessa (Vogt) Cummings, Kirkland, Wash.

MOCENACAGI—Philip Gayle was born Jan. 6, 2003, to Waisale and Amy (Fowler) Mocenacagi, Portland, Ore.

PETERSEN—Cort Arnold was born Jan. 16, 2003, to Kevin and Devi (Judd) Petersen, Portland, Ore.

RAYMER—Lucas Jourdain was born Oct. 22, 2002, to Nigel and Lisa

(Apigian) Raymer, Bremerton, Wash.

SLOCUM—Ryan Marcus and Robert Leslie Slocum III were born June 26, 2002, to Robert and Cindy (Kramer) Slocum, Boston, Mass.

STEPHEN—Brenton Nathaniel was born Nov. 28, 2002 to Lennard and Debbie (Grange) Stephen, Aloha, Ore.

WEISTER—Jacob Edward was born Dec. 11, 2002, to Kevin and Kristen (Howser) Weister, Puyallup, Wash.

WILSON—Aidan C. was born Jan. 26, 2002, to Dean and Shelley (Peters) Wilson, Myrtle Point, Ore.

W E D D I N G S

DIAMOND—Elizabeth Mendenhall, Lance Diamond, Nov. 17, 2002, Astoria, Ore., where they now make their home.

DIESNER—Frances McRae, Robert Diesner, Jan. 26, 2003, Tillamook, Ore., where they now make their home.

DODGE—Vesna Ostojic, Brendan Dodge, Dec. 29, 2002, Langley, BC, Canada. They now make their home in Newbury Park, Calif.

HERSEY—Mindy Taylor, Bill Hersey, Jan. 11, 2003, Salem, Ore., where they now make their home.

LEWIS—Alice (Winger) Burgess, Delbert Lewis, Dec. 29, 2002, Springfield, Ore. They now make their home in Salem, Ore.

MANOS—Eugenia Stacy, Nicholas Manos, Feb. 14, 2003, Portland, Ore., where they now make their home.

TEMCHUK—Lynnette Edwards, Vladimir Temchuk, Dec. 22, 2002, Puyallup, Wash., where they now make their home.

WOLK—Stephanie Colleen Brister, Jonathan Lawrence Wolk, Feb. 14, 2002, Dayton, Wash. They now make their home in Walla Walla, Wash.

ANDRUS—Zelda E., 86, born Aug. 17, 1916, Minn.; died Dec. 29, 2002, Puyallup, Wash. Surviving: husband, Viv; daughters, Lois Andrus, Juanita Rice, both of Puyallup, Jane Hall, Zion, Ill.; sons, Richard Andrus, Puyallup, Jim Forbes, Tri-Cities, Wash., Lynn Forbes, Spokane, Wash.; 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren.

ARNOLD—Elsie F., 87, born Sept. 3, 1915, Fullerton, Nebr.; died Feb. 14, 2003, Medford, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Ruby Cunningham, Medford.

ASHLEY—Mary Jean, 81, born July 19, 1921, Laurelwood, Ore.; died Dec. 26, 2002, Mesa Ariz. Surviving: husband, Cecil; daughter, Julie Boyles, Carsonville, Mich.; son, David, Portland, Ore.; sister, Dorothy Carl, Gladstone, Ore.; 1 grandchild.

BAKER—Frank W., 77, born June 13, 1925, Glendale, Calif.; died Jan. 20, 2003, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Wylodine; daughters, Janine Hudkins, Portland, Joan Kittle, Vancouver, Wash., Jerilyn Schosnig, Canby, Ore.; brother, Herbert Baker, Eden, N.C.; 4 grandchildren. (See life sketch on page 35.)

BANEK—Loran D., 60, born Aug. 4, 1942, Shelton, Wash.; died Jan. 30, 2003, Forest Grove, Ore. Surviving: wife, Vilma; daughters, Angela Morris, Yakima, Wash., Marielena Banek, Forest Grove, Fiona Fuller, Gresham, Ore.; son, Mario, Forest Grove; father, Lewis, Forest Grove; brother, Myron, Forest Grove.

BASSHAM—Rufus Elmer, 86, born Mar. 5, 1916, Tenn.; died, Aug. 15, 2002, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: sisters, Selona Hanson, Auburn, Wash., Elvie Johnson, Fla., brother, Louis, Tenn.

BLACKMAN—Lillie B., 85, born, Dec. 1, 1914, Easton, Ill.; died, Feb. 12, 2003, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Charles, College Place, Wash., Gene, Sumner, Wash., James Jr., Atoka, Okla.; sister, Alice Mahan, Walla Walla, Wash.

BRUSETT—Helen (Weaver), 94, born Oct. 8, 1908, Miles City, Mont.; died, Jan. 14, 2003, Jordan, Mont. Surviving: daughter, Marilyn Shultz, Milton-Freewater, Ore., sons, Dale, Longmont, Colo., Harold, Jordan, Morris, Helena, Mont.; sister, Genevieve Bunk, Nashua, Mont.; 16 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren.

CAIN—Naomi J., 89, born May 29, 1913, Bismark, N.D.; died July 30, 2002, Federal Way, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Linda Cronkhite, Eatonville, Wash, Louella Seese, Auburn, Wash.; sons, Donnie, Sumner, Wash., Jim, Port Arthur, Texas.

CARR—Kathleen, 76, born June 19, 1926, Cambridge, Idaho; died Feb. 6, 2003, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, William "Bill", Salem, Ore.; son, Perrie Prescott Jr., Milton-Freewater, Ore.

CONLEY—Alyce M. (Mathisen), born, Nov. 20, 1909, Cordell, Okla.; died, Dec. 18, 2002, Bothell, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Marlene Fritz; son, Clinton Conley; 4 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren.

COOPER—Dora M., 92, born Jan. 21, 1912, Weiser, Idaho; died Mar. 1, 2003, Portland, Ore.

CORSON—Juanita (Watrous), 43, born, June, 8, 1959, Villarica, Ga.; died, Feb. 19, 2003, Lincoln City, Ore. Surviving: husband, Jerry; sons, Lawrence and Reuben, both of Lincoln City; parents, Arthur and Clara Mae Watrous; sister, Rebecca Sue Watrous, Charlo, Mont.

CRAIG—Emma T., 85, born Feb. 12, 1917, Duluth, Minn.; died Jan. 28, 2003, Pasco, Wash. Surviving: husband, John, Lincoln City, Ore.; daughters, Cloraine Lock, Billings, Mont., Eileen Petz, Ponderosa, N.M.; Mercele Rambow, Madras, Ore., Annette Vaughn, Coweta, Okla.; 10 brothers and sisters; 13 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, 5 great great-grandchildren.

EICHELE—Andrew J., 17, born Feb. 19, 1985, Bismarck, N.D.; died Jan. 27, 2003 Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: parents, Ken and Michelle (Nelson); brother, Tyrell, Grants Pass; grandparents, Laner and Virginia Eichele, Mesa, Ariz., Don and Rosemarie Nelson, Fort Bragg, Calif.

EICHNER—Donald O., 77, born Nov. 7, 1925, Pendleton, Ore.; died, Jan. 7, 2003, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Bonny (Kyle); daughters, Bambi Eichner, Oslo, Norway, Diane Katsma, Turlock, Calif.; sons, David, Gresham, Ore., Douglas, Portland, Ore.; sister, Dorothy Vaughn, Landrum, S.C.; 4 grandchildren.

FETTER—Roy, 52, born Aug. 8, 1950, Walla Walla, Wash.; died Jan. 8, 2003, Walla Walla. Surviving: son, Richard, Walla Walla; brother, Jeff, College Place, Wash.

FLINT—Arlene (Andres), 65, born Feb. 3, 1937, Butte, Mont.; died Jan. 17, 2003, Fresno, Calif. Surviving: husband, Boyd; daughter, Connie Sullivan, Calif.; sons, Craig and Keith, both of Calif.

CLUMPNER—Serena (Goodwin), 72, died Jan. 25, 2003, Klamath Falls, Ore.

HANSON—Sidney R., 81, born Sept. 20, 1920, Ballard, Wash.; died, May 31, 2002, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: wife, Selona; daughter, Barbara Silly, Algona, Wash.; son, Walter, Auburn.

HARRIS—James N., 71, born May 16, 1931, Kansas City, Kansas; died, Jan. 23, 2003, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Anne, Walla Walla, Wash.; daughters, Linda Harris, Randolph, Mass., Sherry Cleghorn, Gold Beach, Ore.; sons, Stephen, Columbus, Ohio, Charles Ikner, Federal Way, Wash.; father, Theodore, Seattle, Wash.; sister, Nyra Gray, Seattle; brothers, Donald and Ronald both of Nashville, Tenn.

HENDERSON—Bruce, 93, born Jan. 8, 1909, Gresham, Ore.; died, Dec. 17, 2002, Gresham.

HILL—Thomas H., 87, born, Jan. 8, 1916, Prosser, Wash.; died, Jan. 19, 2003, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, June (Massey); daughters, Kathy Evans, Walla Walla, Barbara McQuinn, Pendleton, Ore.; son, Jim, Adams, Ore.; sister, Ellen Bluer, Corcoran, Calif.; brother, Paul Hill, Grandview, Wash.; 4 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren.

JANKE—Elmer A., 75, born Jan. 11, 1928, Yakima, Wash.; died Jan. 24, 2003, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Mary Ruth; daughter, Sue Conyers, Hillsboro, Ore.; sons, Darrell, Spokane, Wash., Dave, West Lynn, Ore.; 7 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren.

JOHNSON—Howard, 67, born Jan. 2, 1936, Pingree, Idaho; died Jan. 3, 2003, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: 3 children; mother, Nadeen Carroll, Payette, Idaho; sister, June Mackenzie, Fruitland, Idaho; 4 grandchildren.

KELSEY—Ernest C., 88, born July 26, 1914, Payette, Idaho; died Feb. 2,

2003, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: daughter, Judy Kramer, Caldwell, Idaho; son, Ron Kelsey, Eclectic, Ala.; sisters, Genevieve McGinnis, Spokane, Wash., Delores Sorci, Calif.; 4 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren.

KREIN—Emil, 92, born Mar. 23, 1910, McClusky, N.D.; died Sept. 15, 2002, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: wife, Hilda; sons, Don, Federal Way, Wash., Jim, Washington D.C.

KRIEGER—Esther (Deill), 90, born, Aug. 7, 1912, Welch, Okla.; died Feb. 19, 2003, Nampa, Idaho. Surviving: daughter, Betty Blue; 4 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, 2 great great-grandchildren.

KURTZ—Walter O., 100, born Nov. 11, 1902, Odessa, Russia; died Jan. 24, 2003, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, Melvin, Palm Springs, Calif.

LEWIS—George C., 73, born June 11, 1929, Jewett, Mo.; died Jan. 26, 2003, Klamath Falls, Ore. Surviving: wife, Catherine; daughters, Maureen Cobb and Linda Kirk both of Klamath Falls, Doreen Myers, Sacramento, Calif.

MASON—Fred L., 74, born April 26, 1928, Morrison County, Minn.; died Jan. 30, 2003, Centralia, Wash. Surviving: sister, Edith Litvin, Hillsboro, Ore.; brothers, Charles, Kansas; Joe, Minn.

MONTGOMERY—Forrest B., 82, born Oct. 27, 1920, Burquitlam, B.C., Canada; died Jan. 10, 2003, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Ellen, Gresham, Ore.; daughters, Sally Kirkpatrick and Susan Montgomery both of Portland, Linda Spry, Sandy, Ore.; sons, David, Gresham, Jim, Portland; brother, Glen, Walla Walla, Wash.; 15 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren.

MOORE—Ralph S., 89, born Feb. 28, 1913, Iola, Kansas; died Jan. 29, 2003, Eagle, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Leah; daughters, Charolette Clegg, Siloam Springs, Ark., Myrna Ferguson, Eagle; sons, Bob and Don both of Eagle; 14 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren.

PARKINSON—George "Joe", 89, born Oct. 20, 1913, Boston, Mass.; died Dec. 30, 2002, Clackamas, Ore. Surviving: wife, Rosalee; daughters, Pamela Bond, Clackamas, Sandra Teske, Weimar, Calif.; 5 grandchildren.

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PORT—Arlene, 80, born Apr. 4, 1922, Summit, SD; died Jan. 26, 2003, Scio, Ore. Surviving: husband, Myron; daughter, Jeanne Gettle, Weiser, Idaho; son, Mark, Pleasant Hill, Calif.; 3 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild.

PRATT—Bertha (Miller), 93, born Oct. 16, 1909, Culbertson, Neb.; died Jan. 2, 2003, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: brother, Tony Miller, Ohio.

RIISE—Orpha C. (Gann), 86, born Feb. 6, 1916, Prescott, Ariz.; died Dec. 26, 2002, Missoula, Mont. Surviving: daughters, Brenda Carpenter, Lolo, Mont., Patricia Kyle, Orondo, Wash., Judy Stathem, Twin Falls, Idaho; 2 grandchildren.

ROCKWOOD—Wilma L., 88, born Feb. 15, 1914, Palouse, Wash.; died Jan. 21, 2003, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Judy Little, Edmonds, Wash., Pat Wright, Kenmore, Wash.; son, David Hathaway, Melbourne, Australia; sister, Ruth Underwood, Walla Walla.

ROBINSON—Ella Sue, 74, born Mar. 30, 1928, Scottsville, Ark.; died Feb. 3, 2003, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Gina K. Newsome and Paula S. Smootz both of Pendleton, Ore.; son, Alan R. Vixie, Walla Walla.

SHAW—Calvin G., 51, born Aug. 27, 1951, Pendleton, Ore.; died Nov.

4, 2002, Sherwood, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Cerissa Shaw, Sherwood; son, Christopher, Sherwood; mother, Louetta, College Place, Wash.; brother, Delbert, Sherwood.

SPRINGER—Elva E., 80, born Aug. 27, 1922, Coquille, Ore.; died Feb. 7, 2002, Laurelwood, Ore. Surviving: husband, Vernon, Gaston, Ore.; daughter, Trudi Wisbey, Washougal, Wash.; sons, Gerald Springer, Hillsboro, Ore., Richard Springer, Gaston.

STRIPLIN—Evalyn (Beasley), 84, born Nov. 25, 1918, Lake City, Iowa; died Dec. 21, 2002, Keene, Texas. Surviving: husband, Eldwin "E.W.," daughters, Cheri Babyak, Loree

Frakes; brothers, Arley and Ervin Beasley; 3 grandchildren.

WEGLEY—Earl, 63, born Mar. 14, 1939; died Jan. 28, 2003, Grove, Okla. Surviving: wife, Elizabeth; son, Eric, Grove.

WONACOTT—Newton, H., 75, born Feb. 20, 1927, Gooding, Idaho; died Feb. 14, 2003, Medford, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Rita Dyer and Sandra Wonacott both from Medford; son, Newton R., Central Point, Ore.

WRIGHT—Clara Mae, 93, born Sept. 1, 1909, Butler, Okla.; died Nov. 13, 2002, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Annetta Melvin; son Marvin Wright.



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

NORTH PACIFIC UNION

ASI Spring Fellowship

The North Pacific Union Conference ASI chapter is holding its annual meeting on **May 1-4** at Campbell's Resort in Lake Chelan, Wash. The speakers include: Don Schneider, NAD president; David Gates, missionary to South America; Denzil McNeilus, ASI international president; Jeff Reich, supporting ministry leader; Risë Rafferty, health presenter. The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 1, and end around 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 4.

You are invited to attend and enjoy the spiritual food, fellowship, and ASI members' witnessing experiences this past year.

ASI exists to provide business and professional people the opportunity to fellowship, network, and share Christ in their marketplace as they support the global mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

For information call Angie Krueger at the North Pacific Union, (360) 816-1400.

Adult Third Culture Kid (ATCK) Seminar

Notice to all adult "missionary kids," "military brats," "diplomat children," or "biz kids." The Walla

Walla College church will host an ATCK Seminar **May 10** from 2:00 to 7:30 p.m., including an international potluck supper. Guest speakers include Ginger Ketting-Weller from Walla Walla College, Pat Gustin from the Institute of World Mission at Andrews University, and Jeremy Pierson from Loma Linda University. The interactive program will include presentations and discussions on what it means to be an ATCK, what it means to marry an ATCK, the strengths, potentials, and difficulties of a cross-cultural past, and the implications for relationships, careers, etc. Come meet your fellow "country people." For information contact: iwm@andrews.edu.

Northwest Singles Retreat

Northwest Singles Retreat, Memorial Day, at Camp MiVoden, **May 23-26**, is sponsored by the Upper Columbia Conference. Pastor Lee Vendon will present the series "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Activities will include indoor swimming, hot-tubbing, boating, canoeing, beach volleyball, hiking, horseback-riding, and a hayride. Interactive group games are planned for singles to meet new friends. The Saturday night banquet will have a Hebrew theme, and participants should plan to dress as their favorite Bible character.

Information and reservations (deadline is **Apr. 30**) contact Terrie Leen, (541) 276-2043; tleen@yahoo.com.

NPUIC 27th Annual Regional Convocation

The North Pacific Union Conference's 27th Annual Regional Convocation will be held **May 15-18**, at Camp Berachah in Auburn, Wash. Featured speaker will be Wintley Phipps, pastor/vocalist; featured youth speaker will be James Black, Youth Ministries, NAD; workshop presenters will be Dr. Rosa Banks, Human Relations Director, NAD, Dr. Don Hall, Founder of Wellspring, Inc.; guest musician, recording artist Denise Barclay. For more information please call (360) 816-1412.

IDAHO

Emmett Missing

The Emmett, Idaho, Church is seeking the whereabouts of the following members: Paulette Blood and adult sons Guy and Matthew, Keith D. Forehand, James Y. and Sharon L. Girvin, daughter Jamie S. and son Joe L., Kimberly D. Gourley, Sharlene Stelzried, Those with information, please write the Emmett Church at P.O. Box 145, Emmett, ID 83617, or phone the church clerk at (208) 365-5191.

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Sunnyside Events

Apr. 5—7:00 p.m. 11th Annual Trombone Festival Concert, Tom Tavaschi, director; **12**—7:00 p.m., Sunnyside Choir presents "Glorias" by Vivaldi and John Rutter, Travis Hatton, director; **18**—7:30 p.m., "The Service of Darkness," a candlelight presentation of the story of Jesus' last hours on earth. Join your voices with Mel West at the organ in hymns of adoration for the love and sacrifice of our wondrous Savior. **19**—9:00 and 11:30 a.m., "The Ultimate Passion," a worship service focusing on the cross of Jesus; **20**—10:00 a.m., "Rejoicing in the Resurrection," worship service and brunch. Sunnyside Church, 10501 SE Market St., Portland, Ore. 97216-2951; (503) 252-8080.

Oregon Singles Events

Apr. 11—Vespers, 7:00 p.m., Sunnyside Church; **12**—Worship and potluck supper followed by volleyball and table games, 6:00 p.m. **18-19**—Beaverton singles weekend. Call the hotline for more details.

May 9-11—Retreat at Camp Magruder just south of Rockaway on the Oregon Coast. Bill Liversidge (a world traveler who has just returned from New Guinea with many interesting stories) will be speaking. The



topic for the weekend is "Victory in Christ" The food theme for the weekend is "Foods from around the World." Every meal will represent a different country. There will be a talent show Saturday night. You are welcome to participate or just come and enjoy. Registration is required.

For more information about OCSM events visit the website www.orsingles.org or contact (503) 654-6054; singlesevents@juno.com.

Mt. Tabor's Missing

The Mt. Tabor Church has lost touch with the following members: Rickie Kienholz, Sung Bok Kim, Charles Krossman, Gregory Krossman. If you can help us reestablish contact with them, contact the church at 1001 SE 60th Ave., Portland, OR 97215; (503) 233-7606 or (503) 760-2039.

Bishop Concerts

Mike Bishop will be presenting a sacred vespers program at the Beaverton Church, 14645 SW Davis Rd. on Sabbath, **Apr. 5**, at 6:00 p.m., and at the Mt. Tabor Church, 1001 S.E. 60th Avenue, Portland, on Sabbath, **Apr. 26**, at 7:30 p.m. He will also present an Easter vesper program at the Rockwood Church, 1910 SE 182nd Ave., on Sabbath, **Apr. 19** at 7:00 p.m. His just-released religious musical CD, "Rise Again," will be available for purchase after each program.

Woodland Seeks Members

The Woodland Church is trying to locate addresses for the following members: Harold, Shannon, and Corinna Hagedorn; Brenda Stark; Sherry Breiting; Nancy Kramer; Christina McKenzie; Johnny Nemeth; Joseph Rand; Kevin Whittle. If you know of an address or phone number for these members, contact Pastor Marty Jackson at (360) 263-1844; mc2b@juno.com.

Gladstone Park celebrates 25 Years

Gladstone Park, the oldest Adventist congregation in the Oregon Conference, established in Oregon City in 1876, invites you to join in celebrating 25 years in its present location in Gladstone, on **May 3**. All former members and friends are invited to the day-long

celebration. Information: (503) 655-2614; gladstonepark@juno.com.

German Meetings

Sabbath Services will be held in German, Sabbath **May 3**, at the Sky Valley Adventist School gym, 200 Academy Way, Monroe, Wash. Song service/Sabbath school will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by church at 11:00 a.m. A German style fellowship meal will follow. There will be more music in the afternoon. For information call Waldemar Kuhn: (360) 568-2801.

UPPER COLUMBIA

YACS Centennial

Yakima Adventist Christian School (YACS) will be celebrating their 100th birthday **Sept. 26-27**, in their new facility at 1200 City Reservoir Rd., Yakima, Wash.

Alphonso McCarthy, North Pacific Union assistant to the president for Regional Affairs, will be our featured speaker. Richard Parker, Upper Columbia Conference youth director, will be leading services for the youth and earliteens. Plans for the weekend include school history and special acknowledgment of alumni teachers and students. For information, or to share memories, call (509) 966-1933.

Wanted

Help Milton-Stateline SDA School update their alumni records by sending your e-mail address to lrde@mssda.net or calling (541) 938-7131.

WASHINGTON

Simple Gifts Concert in Renton

Enjoy the unique artistry of Simple Gifts, in concert at the Renton church, Sabbath, **April 12**, at 7:00 p.m. Simple Gifts is a Northwest group that harmonizes the soft sounds of the recorder, Celtic harp, dulcimer, guitar, flute and the hammered dulcimer. For information/directions contact: church office, (425) 226-0490; website: www.rentonsda.com.

Living Last Supper

Living Last Supper presented by the Kent Players at the Kent Church, 25213 116th Ave. S.E., Kent, Wash. **Apr. 18-19**. You won't want to miss this dramatic re-enactment of the Last

Supper as seen through the eyes of Leonardo daVinci. You will want to invite your friends to see daVinci's famous painting come alive and hear the disciples' powerful testimony of Jesus' impact on their personal lives. This year's two presentations are scheduled for Apr. 18, at 7:30 p.m. (supper served at 6:30 p.m.) and Apr. 19 at 10:30 a.m. (breakfast served at 9:00 a.m.). Call (253) 852-3883 for directions.

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

Walla Walla Valley Theology Seminar

Walla Walla College Theology Professors, Dave Thomas, Douglas Clark, Zdravko Stefanovic and Alden Thompson, will present a theology seminar as part of WWC alumni weekend—"Left Behind In Jerusalem: Biblical Israel In Prophecy" on Sabbath, **Apr. 26**. The session will be held in the M.K. West Fine Arts Center Auditorium on the Walla Walla College campus, and will meet at 4:45-6:15 pm. All are invited to come and participate in lively discussions about biblical prophecies and modern interpretations, some tied to today's Middle East. This seminar is part of the Institute of Bible, Church, and Culture, an outreach program of the School of Theology, www.wwc.edu/ibcc.

West Coast Religion Teachers Conference

The Walla Walla College School of Theology will host this year's West Coast Religion Teachers Conference, a conference for all religion teachers in west coast adventist colleges or universities. The conference will be held on the Walla Walla College campus **Apr. 4-6**.

WWC Prism Concert

The Walla Walla College Music Department will present a "Prism Concert" during Alumni Homecoming weekend. Just as a glass prism takes a beam of light and refracts it into many component colors, this concert explores many "facets" of the Music Department, presenting music in a variety of instrumental and vocal combinations. The concert will take place on Friday, **Apr. 25**, in the Walla Walla College Church sanctuary at 8:00 p.m.

Ray Boltz Concert

Positive Life Radio is pleased to bring Christian recording artist Ray Boltz to the Walla Walla College campus on Sunday, **Apr. 27**, at 7:00 p.m. For more information call the station at (509) 527-2991 or visit www.plr.org.

WORLD CHURCH

Newbury Park Alumni

The Newbury Park Adventist Academy 55-year alumni celebration to be held **Apr. 12**, will honor members of the classes of '53, '63, '73, '78, '83, and '93. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with a social time, until the musical program at 10:00 and church service at 10:30 featuring Craig Vendouris, '78. After the potluck at approximately 12:30, the honor classes will be getting together in the afternoon, until the class suppers from 5:00 to 7:30. The traditional academy all-stars vs. alumni basketball game will begin in the gym at 8:30 p.m. For information contact Martha Johnson, (805) 558-1919; or Hugh Winn, alumni affairs office, (805) 498-2191; fax (805) 499-1165; web www.npaa.info; e-mail hwinn@npaa.info.

Spring Valley Academy Reunion

An exciting homecoming weekend is being planned for **Apr. 25-27**, honoring members of the classes of '73, '78, '83, '88, '93, and '98. Plan to participate in the alumni golf tournament on Sunday. For information, check our web site, www.springvalleyacademy.org; call (937) 433-0790; or e-mail dahill@sva.pvt.k12.oh.us. Your friends are coming, you should too!

Call for Nominations

The Association of Adventist Women is soliciting nominations for its 2003 Women of the Year awards that will be presented at the annual AAW convention to be held in Loma Linda, California, **Oct. 16-19**.

Nominees should be Seventh-day Adventist women who have made outstanding and unique contributions to home, community, and/or professional life. The deadline for submitting nominations is **May 20**.

Should you wish to nominate someone, please request a nomination form. Contact Toini Harrison, Women of the Year Coordinator,



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Association of Adventist Women, 24414 University Avenue, #167, Loma Linda, CA 92354; (909) 799-5448; kaynelson@earthlink.net.

Missionary Camp Meeting

The third annual Missionary Camp Meeting will be held at Andrews University, **July 8-12**. If you are a missionary on furlough, returned missionary, or someone engaged in cross-cultural ministry, this camp meeting is for you. There will be fellowship, inspiration, renewal, and fun for the whole family. Featured speakers are Matthew Bediako and Jon Dybdahl on mission spirituality. Please register at the Institute of World Mission: iwm@andrews.edu. For accommodation and cafeteria information please visit the Andrews University website at: www.andrews.edu/visitors.

FAMA Retreat

Fellowship of Adventist Missionaries to Africa 2003 Retreat **July 24-27**, Shenandoah Valley Academy, New Market, Va. Registration information on FAMA website: www.tagnet.org/fama. For more information, contact Dorothy Jean Salhany, (931) 829-4608; dsfama@mycidco.com; or Duane Brenneman, (979) 846-6116; duanebrenneman@hotmail.com.

Athol Centennial

The year 2003 is a special time for the Athol church. This spring will mark 100 years from its beginnings. In commemoration of the centennial, all past members, friends, and those who have ever attended the Athol Church, are invited to come Sabbath, Aug. 30, for worship, food, and fellowship together. Contact Denise Corrigan Athol Seventh-day Adventist Church, 3200 S. Athol Rd., Athol, MA 01331; (978) 544-7066.

ADVENTIST MEDIA CENTER SCHEDULE

Breath of Life Television

www.bolministries.com

Week of Mar. 30—Authorized Break-In, Part 2; **Apr. 6**—Everybody Cried; **13**—Everybody Cried, Part 2; **20**—Decisions; **27**—Decisions, Part 2.

Faith For Today Television

www.lifestyle.org

Lifestyle Magazine, Week of Mar. 30—Organ Transplants; **Apr. 6**—Romance God's Way; **13**—Children and AIDS; **20**—Overcoming Addiction through Spirituality; **27**—Vote for Me for Surgeon General.

The Evidence, Week of Mar. 30—Both Sides of the Gun; **Apr. 6**—Forgiving the Dead Man Walking; **13**—God, the Universe, and Everything; **20**—To God's Ear; **27**—Digging for the Truth, Archeology: Is the Bible Reliable?

It Is Written Television

www.iiv.org

Week of Mar. 30—The Ultimate Survivor Series (US), Surviving Divorce (US #1); **Apr. 6**—Surviving Depression (US #2); **13**—Surviving Death (US #3); **20**—Behind the Scenes at Oberammergau; **27**—An ID for Feeling Safe.

La Voz de la Esperanza Radio

www.lavoz.org

Week of Mar. 30—The Song of the Sinner's Melted Heart (El Canto del Corazón Convertido); **Apr. 6**—A Refuge for All (Un Refugio Para Todos); **13**—When Everything Goes Wrong (Cuando Todo Sale Mal); **20**—“Father, Please Forgive my Enemies!” (“Padre, Perdona a mis Enemigos!”); **27**—The Story of the Happiest Man in the World—Crucified! (El Hombre Mas Feliz...).

Voice of Prophecy Radio

www.vop.com

Week of Mar. 30—Sun: Standing through the Storm; **Mon-Fri**: Is that God's Voice I Hear?; **Apr. 6**—Sun: Galatians: The Fruit of Faith; **Mon-Fri**: Mountaintop Loyalty: The Elijah Experience-1; **13**—Sun: Living Jesus' Way; **Mon-Fri**: Mountaintop Loyalty: The Elijah Experience-2; **20**—Sun: Ephesians: United In Christ; **Mon-Fri**: Mountaintop Loyalty: The Elijah Experience-3; **27**—Sun: Return of the Compassionate Savior; **Mon-Fri**: Grinning while Giving.

Sunset Table

Daylight Saving Time Begins	April 4	April 11	April 18	April 25
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ALASKA CONFERENCE				
Anchorage	7:53	9:11	9:29	9:48
Fairbanks	7:53	9:15	9:37	10:00
Juneau	6:46	8:01	8:17	8:33
Ketchikan	6:30	6:44	6:57	7:11

IDAHO CONFERENCE				
Boise	7:15	8:23	8:32	8:40
La Grande	6:24	7:33	7:42	7:51
Pocatello	6:59	8:07	8:15	8:23

MONTANA CONFERENCE				
Billings	6:46	7:55	8:04	8:14
Have	6:53	8:04	8:14	8:24
Helena	7:01	8:10	8:20	8:29
Miles City	6:36	7:45	7:55	8:04
Missoula	7:09	8:19	8:28	8:38

OREGON CONFERENCE				
Coos Bay	6:47	7:55	8:03	8:11
Medford	6:41	7:48	7:56	8:04
Portland	6:42	7:51	8:00	8:09

UPPER COLUMBIA				
Pendleton	6:27	7:36	7:45	7:54
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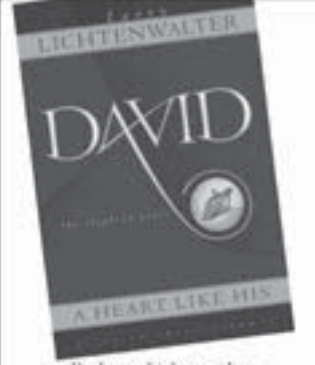
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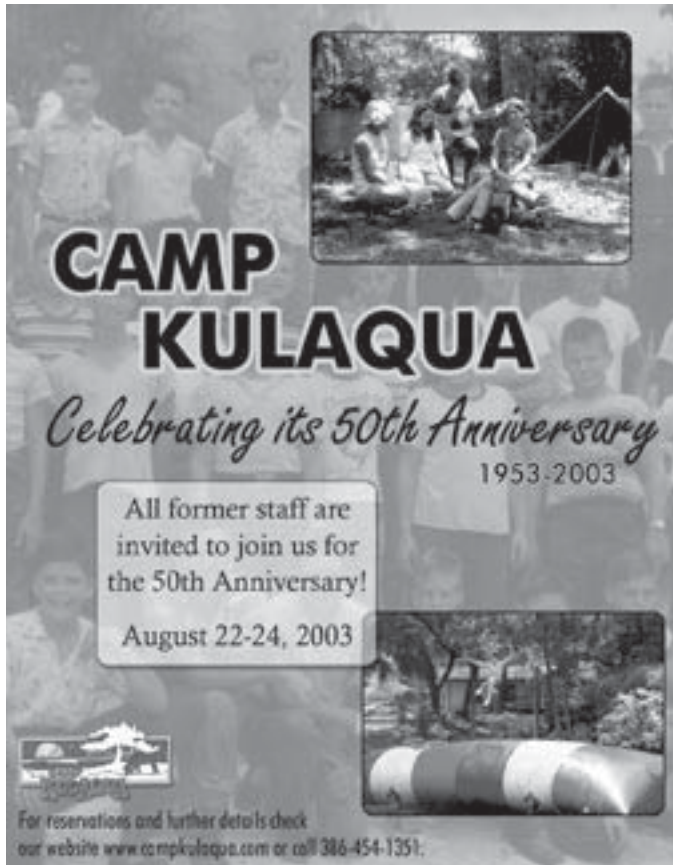
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