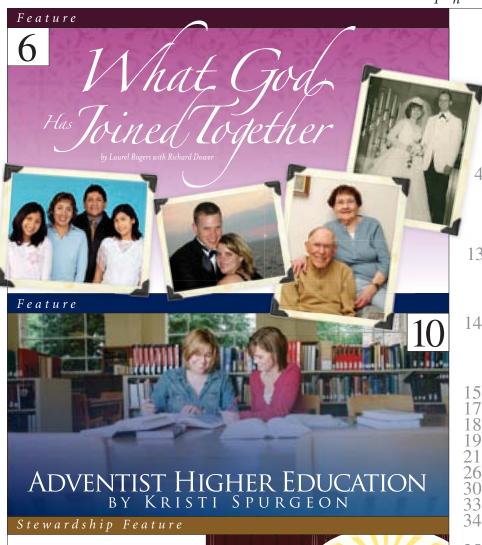




He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

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Sweeter as the Years Go By

BY JERE PATZER

omeone once quipped, "I didn't know what happiness was until I got married...and then it was too late!" Well, we hear a lot in the news today about "significant others," gay marriages and civil unions. But there are still a lot of old-fashioned marriages based on the biblical principles established by Christ.

Successful marriages still take a huge amount of commitment, determination and prayer. If that were ever true, it certainly is now. As Adventists we hold dear two institutions—marriage and the Sabbath—that originated in the Garden of Eden. The devil hates the Sabbath, and he hates happy marriages. I am convinced he will do all in his power to destroy the blessings of them.

Yet, in spite of his efforts, there are many of our experienced friends who are well able to share the reasons they *lived happily ever after*. They've enjoyed good times and weathered the inevitable storms. So I made a few phone calls and this is what I learned.

Cliff and Betty Sorensen, 50 Years: "We had our challenges but we had a commitment to the principles as laid out in scripture and endorsed by the church. And, self has to be put aside—not just looking at 'what's in it for me."

Max and Ardis Torkelsen, 60 Years: "Right off the top I would say that we always made the decisions together. When we faced major issues we worked it out together...We have been so blessed."

Bruce and Marionette Johnston, 57 Years: "We were totally committed to Jesus, to His church, to its message and proclamation, and to each other."

Alf and Estelle Birch, 50 Years: "We were both so committed to our calling that we would not allow differences to jeopardize our marriage and in turn our ministry. At times one or the other of us had to eat 'humble pie."

When I heard the next comments I couldn't help but recall the story of the old couple who

had been married many years. One day the wife said to her husband, "How come you don't tell me you love me anymore like they do on the TV?" He replied, "I told ya once and if it ever changes I'll let ya know!" The marriages cited in this GLEANER would suggest that isn't good enough.

Lenard and Lois Jaecks, 53 Years: "Never lose the excitement of each other. Do the little things. Exchange kind words, give cards to each other. We have saved these over the years and have a scrapbook of them."

Jack and Edna Harris, 62 Years: "Our marriage is successful because my wife gets an 'A plus' in forgiving. Love does not consist in gazing into each other's eyes, but in looking forward together in the same direction."

As I thought about my own marriage in the context of my health crises last year I realized how thankful I am that Sue and I have stuck together for 37 years. I praise God for a loving, caring wife, and for a marriage that adversity has strengthened even beyond what it was.

Just listen to these words of experience from **Bob and Carolyn Rawson, 48 years:** "Tragedies sometimes drive you apart, sometimes together. We lost two children. Struggling through that together was a bonding experience. To get through those experiences you both count on God and the support of your friends."

So whether you are just now contemplating marriage, or have lived and loved together for 60 or more years, there is some wisdom from these "experts." They all agree that while there are indeed difficulties in every marriage, the challenges are worth working through, if done with God's help. Not one of these successfully married couples would say it wasn't worth the effort.

In fact, as Alf Birch says, "It gets sweeter as the years go by." •



Jere Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference president, writes from Ridgefield, Washington.





- The Columbia River is the largest river in the Pacific Northwest, stretching 1,214 miles. It is the 15th longest river in North America. Its source is Columbia Lake at an elevation of 2,650 feet in Canada's Selkirk Mountains.
- The Columbia River pours more water into the Pacific Ocean than any other river in North or South America.
- The river basin includes parts of seven states, 13 federally recognized Indian reservations, one Canadian province and drains 258,000 square miles.
- On May 12, 1792, Capt. Robert Gray became the first explorer to enter the Columbia River by sailing his ship, the Columbia, over the sandbar that blocked its mouth. He named the river after his ship and claimed it for the United States.
- Lt. William Robert Broughton sailed his ship, the Chatham, nearly 100 miles to a site opposite present-day Portland, Oregon, which he named Point Vancouver. To the east he saw a majestic mountain peak and named it Mount Hood.
- Salt water intrusion into the Columbia River estuary reaches about 23 miles upstream from the mouth. The effects of tides upon the flow rate and level of the river are felt up to Bonneville Dam at river mile 146.1.
- The average annual flow for the Columbia River at The Dalles, Oregon, is approximately 190,000 cubic feet per second or 85,272,000 gallons per minute.
- The Columbia River's largest tributary is the Snake River, which travels 1,038 miles from its source in Yellowstone National Park

- in Wyoming before joining the Columbia near Pasco, Washington.
- The Snake River originates in Yellowstone National Park at 9,500 feet elevation. It winds through southern Idaho before turning north to form the boundary between Idaho and Oregon.
- Native American Indians living along the Snake River in southern Idaho identified themselves using a hand sign that resembled the movement of a snake. Although it didn't mean "snake," that name was given to this group of people, now known as the Shoshone. The river flowing through the Snake Native American lands was given the tribal name.



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What God Has Joined

It's easy to think about love in the spring. The flowers are blooming, the sun is inching higher in the sky and June with its blushing brides is just around the corner. And possibly nowhere in the Northwest is spring fever more keenly felt than on the Walla Walla College campus, when the valley fog at long last lifts to leave behind blossoming orchards and students enjoying cozy tête-à-têtes on blankets covered by unread textbooks.

These idyllic images make love and marriage seem like the ending of our favorite fairy tales.

But as we grow older, and with any luck wiser, "happily ever after" doesn't seem quite so guaranteed any more. Over the years, wedding announcements from peers have slowed to a crawl, while news of separation, adultery and divorce comes our way daily, often from picture-perfect couples of whom we would least expect marital trouble.

It's enough to leave us wondering why anyone bothers uttering "'til death do us part."

And being an Adventist Christian is no guarantee that marriage will last. Like the general American population, about 26 percent of Adventist adults experience divorce during their lives.*

This sad statistics begs the question: Are we really involving God in our marriages as much as we pay lip-service to that ideal in our weddings?

Skye Dahl and Kim Peterson are planning their wedding for July 2007. Both are certain that God brought them together. Kim says, "You could see His handiwork in the details." The good news is that, of course, God can and does still lead in our human relationships. And just as He reaches us where we are spiritually, God can reach us where we are in our lives and relationships to shape for us a happier and more harmonious future, regardless of the unique and often difficult circumstances He finds us in.

Just Getting Started

Just such a harmonious future is what Kim Peterson and Skye Dahl have in mind. In July they will be joined as husband and wife after dating for nearly two years.

After investing in premarital counseling with their pastor, the happy couple is well on their way. And they are fully aware of how much God has played into their happiness.

In fact, it was their spiritual life that brought Kim and Skye together in the first place. Skye arrived in Portland after finishing up a business degree at Oregon State University. Though he was concentrating on his new career in finance, a faith reaching back to his childhood led him to find a church family in his new hometown. He settled at Pleasant Valley Church, where an active young adults group brought him into a social circle that included a schoolteacher named Kim.

Even as the activities and goals of the young adults group shifted over time, Skye kept his eye on Kim, engaging her in ever-more meaningful conversations. The reality of God's leading hit him on their first date. "It became incredibly clear that she was the person that God had planned for me all along," Skye says. He is sure that only God could have brought together all the qualities and characteristics he had been looking for and sat them right across the table from him.

Kim says she had the same revelation. "That night is when I started to fall in love with him," she admits now. On only their second date, their future seemed clear to Kim. She felt that God said, "This is it."



by Laurel Rogers with Richard Dower

"It was one of those miracles where you could see God's hands all the way around it," Kim explains. "God met us where we were, and He brought us together. You could see His handiwork in the details."

Despite the heartache of two previous relationships, Skye realizes God revealed his ideal mate at the right time. "I feel that if we had met seven or eight years ago when I headed into my first relationship, it would not have worked. We were in different places in our lives," Skye explains. "God hadn't prepared me to be where I needed to be to accept Kim and to be mature enough to enter into a relationship of this magnitude. From my first two relationships I learned some valuable life lessons of what I wanted, what I needed and what I desired in a woman, and Kim was everything."

The timing was right for Kim as well. "It is so interesting how God works," she says. "A lot of people meet and marry young, but I would not have been ready for this five or six years ago."

"This is perfectly timed," agrees Skye. "It always is when it is God's timing."

A World Away

Timing is one thing; geography is another. Some couples find each other from such diverse places, the rest of the world says, "What are the odds?" As Christians, we have the luxury of sitting back with a knowing smile because the God who knows the end from the beginning can create a match made in heaven even from unlikely candidates.

In the case of Emilio and Julie Morales, He has formed a strong marriage of 16 years despite religious differences and a story that spans two hemispheres.

Though Emilio and Julie were both born and raised in Peru, the lure of a better life brought them separately to Anchorage, Alaska.

A providential encounter at a birthday party gave Emilio, who was a Catholic, the opportunity to help Julie improve her English skills, and over time they saw in each other the qualities they wanted in a marriage. After a six-month courtship and an agreement that neither had to join the other's religion, they were

Julie was active in her church. Though

married.

she never pressured Emilio, she made sure he knew he was welcome to attend with her, and occasionally he did. The local pastor made a point to answer Emilio's questions, and Emilio's heart and ears were open.

When their first daughter, Melody, arrived, Julie wanted her to be dedicated to the Lord. Emilio agreed. "If it is for us to be Seventh-day Adventists, we will. And if it is for us to be Catholics, we will," he remembers thinking. "So I put it into the Lord's hands."

With God in charge of the decisions, the future became clearer. Emilio decided to be baptized into the Adventist church in 1996.

Although Emilio's baptism hasn't made their life suddenly perfect, Julie does feels that their marriage has been made strong because they are united in their faith.



Julie and Emilio Morales, along with their girls, Melody and Melanie, feel that their family is strong because they are united in their faith.

The Toll of Time

As most married folk will tell you, the longer you're married the more strength you need. When the flush of youth fades into daily realities like financial changes, demanding children, midlife crises and aging bodies, the strength of a God-centered marriage can provide a solid rock even in the worst storms on life's seas.

For Jim and Bonnie Bauer, life of late has been anything but tranquil. For nearly 15 years, Bonnie has been living with multiple sclerosis, a chronic and debilitating autoimmune disease affecting her central nervous system.

This isn't the first hurdle in their 40-plus years of marriage, to be sure. After finding love together despite drastically different upbringings, Jim and Bonnie survived his being drafted in the 1960s and made a family opportunity out of his extensive travel as an executive in commercial insurance.

Through all of it, they were certain of one thing: God brought them together. "We have said that many times," Jim says. "The Lord brought us to that place."

With that sense of God's leading, the Bauers are now facing a new phase of their marriage as they cope with

Bonnie's disease. Even in her darkest moments, Bonnie felt God's presence. "After five and half weeks of being in bed and fighting this depression, I said to the Lord, 'This is as far as I can go,'" she explains. "The next morning, my depression broke. I wasn't clear the entire day, but I had the first moment of being close to the real world again." And with that, Jim and Bonnie are going through each day leaning on the partner God so carefully chose. Jim is taking over the domestic responsibilities, and Bonnie is grateful for his help. "For the 42 years that we have been married, I could Jim and Bonnie Bauer agree that looking back, they can see how the Lord has led them.

never ask for a better husband than Jim," she says. "My life began when I married Jim Bauer."

Naturally, life seems harder for the Bauers now. "Sometime when you get bogged down in situations, you say, 'God, where are you now?"" Jim admits. "But when you look back, you can see how He has led you in the past."

And thanks to that leading, Jim and Bonnie are fighting hard times with a third partner. "We invited the Lord into our marriage from the beginning, and He has been there all the time," Bonnie says.

In for the Long Haul

If you think about all the phases of life 60 years can hold, it is nothing short of amazing that two people can not only survive the transitions but do so with a sense of love and commitment. In such a union, God's hand seems fully evident. Mort and Lorraine Juberg certainly see it that way.

After both growing up in farming communities and joining the Adventist church after high school, Mort and Lorraine met during supper at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. "That great big smile that he had did him in," Lorraine says.

Their continuing courtship convinced Mort that God intended their future to be spent together. "There were two times that I had strong impressions," he says. "The first was to work for the church, and the second was that I wanted to marry her."

Six decades together suggest that Mort's impression was a God-given one for certain. And they've learned a thing or two along the way. "One thing is very important in marriage: communication," Mort says. "We are very open with each other—no secrets."

"You cannot expect not to have differences of opinion or have conflicts, so I made my own philosophy: You discuss it; you communicate," Lorraine says. "If it isn't important, you can reach a compromise, or you can laugh about it and accept it."

After all those years together, Mort and Lorraine have solid advice for people preparing for marriage. "Plan ahead, get well-acquainted first and let love grow," Mort advices

It's more than roses and violins to Lorraine. "You need to have some agreement as to what to expect. Don't have

Jim and Bonnie Bauer were married in September 1964. stars in your eyes and expect to live happily ever after," she says, adding, "Of course, the stars in your eyes help."

For the Jubergs, marriage is about understanding, acceptance and commitment.

"We thank God for being so exceptionally good to us for so many years," Lorraine says. "Life has its traumas, grief, sorrows, crises and puzzling problems, but with God's help and prayer, a couple's love and commitment for each other comes out stronger. And, she adds, "the spark ignited when we first met is still glowing after all these 60-plus years."

Heaven on Earth

In a world that splashes the heartache of short-lived Hollywood marriages on the covers of countless magazines, there is comfort in realizing that there is hope for committed Christians to be led by our Heavenly Father to a union of love that transcends our human nature.

Just as Jesus invested his first miracle to bless the wedding at Cana, He is ready to bless our marriages even over years, changes and challenges.

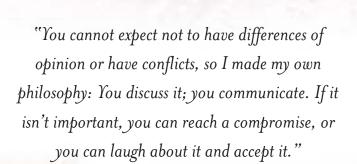
With Him at the helm of our relationships, we can experience a small reflection of His unconditional love and acceptance and experience for ourselves a taste of His heaven on this Earth. •

* Sahlin, Monte and Norma, A New Generation of Adventist Families, Center for Creative Ministry: Lincoln, Nebraska, 1997.

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This issue features the stories of four Christian couples, how they began their life together, how they have coped and how the Lord has led in their marriage. In future issues of the GLEANER, stories of singles, single parent families, blended families and families separated by divorce or death will be featured.





ADVENTIST HIGHER

Partnering to Create Awareness of the Adventist University Advantage by Kristi Spurgeon



The Adventist college Web site, at adventistcolleges.org, offers a comprehensive listing of majors and programs, both undergraduate and graduate, for all 14 Adventist colleges and universities in North America. Information about campus visits, financial aid and special events is also provided.



The 14 accredited Adventist colleges in North America, including Walla Walla College, are working together to create a broader awareness of Adventist college programs and majors among Seventh-day Adventist students who are not attending Adventist high schools. A new Web portal, www.adventistcolleges.org, offers students and parents a central place to find answers about Adventist college options.

"Our church looks to its colleges to help disciple young adults and to equip them to be leaders in local congregations. The church also looks to us to supply a steady stream of leaders, pastors, educators, health professionals, as well as professionals in a variety of fields," says John McVay, WWC president. "Given those advanced expectations, we want to make sure all our young people are aware of what we offer as a system of Adventist colleges."

To better reach out to students and to understand what Adventist students are looking for, the colleges conducted focus groups on both sides of the country as well as a nationwide telephone survey.

In those conversations, the colleges discovered a general lack of awareness of the Adventist college options among students and parents, especially for those who aren't currently enrolled in Adventist academies. "Adventist students in public high schools have little formal contact

with any of our Adventist colleges. We want to help these students understand all of the Adventist options available," says Victor Brown, WWC vice president of enrollment.

To achieve this goal, the colleges have sent more than 40,000 pieces of direct mail in a coordinated effort to reach Adventist young people attending public high schools, home schools, or other private high schools.

The letters invite young people to visit a Web site and receive an online brochure outlining Adventist college options. In addition to the letters, the colleges also sent e-mails and made personal phone calls. Nearly 2,000 young people

young people responded to these contacts and asked for more information.



EDUCATION

This same effort is being repeated this year with updated materials, and with new names of sophomores, juniors, and seniors provided by church pastors and church clerks around the country.

"Together we have new opportunities to talk with young people that we haven't reached before, and who don't know much, if anything, about us," says Brown. "We're working collaboratively as a team of Adventist colleges to change that."

In addition to the college focus groups and phone surveys, several other research projects conducted among Adventist young people, including Valuegenesis and Avance (a study of Hispanic Adventist youth), have discovered that as many as three out of four college-bound Seventh-day Adventist students do not attend Adventist colleges. The ratios are the same at the high school level, with up to 75 percent of Adventist young people attending public high schools, home schools, or other private high schools.

The college research shows that Adventist colleges have

unique values and opportunities that aren't found elsewhere. One of the main things that Adventist students told the researchers was that Adventist colleges offer the "faith factor"—the ability to find friends, peers, mentors and teachers who believe and reinforce a common faith. These students, whether they attended an Adventist high school or not, also felt Adventist colleges offered the chance to provide personal attention and meaningful interaction with professors that can't be found at a public college or university. Additionally, all groups of Adventist students viewed Adventist colleges as having excellent academics.

"Our Adventist colleges and universities have options for most of our Adventist young people," says Steve Davis, WWC director of student information, "and this new approach gives us some improved and expanded ways to introduce these options to our Adventist students in high schools everywhere."

Funding for this collaborative communication project is provided by the Association of Adventist Colleges and Universities, a consortium of the North American Division colleges and universities. Coordination and leadership for the project is provided by that group's Adventist Enrollment Association, made up of the enrollment professionals at these colleges.

The 14 Adventist colleges and universities participating in this collaboration are:

Andrews University, Michigan
Atlantic Union College, Massachusetts
Canadian University College, Alberta,
Canada

Columbia Union College, Maryland Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences, Florida

Kettering College of Medical Arts, Ohio La Sierra University, California Loma Linda University, California Oakwood College, Alabama Pacific Union College, California Southern Adventist University,

Tennessee

Southwestern Adventist University,
Texas

Union College, Nebraska Walla Walla College, Washington





The Life That Counts by Ken Crawford

atching the offering plate come my direction, I pondered which bill to drop in the plate. I had three \$1 bills and a twenty. I always found this part of the service so uncomfortable. I mean, how was this money used anyway? How did I know for sure it was going to the right cause in the organization? Besides, I had to think of what I needed that twenty for.

As the plate passed, I finally placed in the three \$1 bills and pocketed the twenty. I am pretty faithful in my tithe, I thought. Besides, this offering thing is optional.

It was several nights later that I had a strange dream. I wanted to chalk it up to those late-night nachos, but it was a haunting dream.

Christ had come for His own, and what a wonderful reunion with loved ones and friends. Accompanied by countless angels, this vast company was winging their way through galaxies that were beautiful beyond description. There were people of all races, ages, spanning the history of the earth.

I began to visit with those around me. To one young man, I said, "Can you tell me, how was your life lived on earth? I see your beautiful robe has a border of red."

"I was a part of a large family, and we all gave our lives to Jesus. We lived during the cruel Catholic inquisition, and we had to flee from our home and hide in the mountains. As children we memorized the Bible, and then two by two we went forth to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. We were ridiculed and rejected by most and finally I was turned over to the authorities and when I would not tell the location of my family, I was put on a rack and tortured to death.

"How awful!" I gasped. "Oh, no!" he said. I gladly gave my life for Jesus, and



now all my family is here with me. It was more than worth the sacrifice."

I turned to a beautiful lady traveling beside me. How about you? She said, "I was raised in a wealthy family in England in the 17th century. When I got married, my husband and I sold all we owned and traveled to Africa to tell the people there about Jesus. All of our children but one died of disease, and, finally, my husband was killed and eaten by cannibals. I lived there for many years with the native people alone. My family and friends in England sacrificed their all to send me the things I needed. In the end, I died at the hands of the people I had come to serve."

Again, I gasped, "What a sacrifice, how could you give up all?" Quietly, she replied, "Sacrifice? It was nothing," she said, as she pointed to her husband and children, then to a group of several hundred from their work in Africa. "It was nothing compared to the rewards of eternity."

"And you? Please, tell us of your experience on earth."

I thought of my struggle with the offering that day, of my preoccupation with accumulating material things, of my miserly selfish methods of sacrifice to God and how I had hoarded what God had given me. Sacrifice? What was it anyway? Did I really know?

I hung my head in shame and could not reply. At that moment I awoke from the dream and realized this truth: Heaven would be a happy place only to those who give their all for Christ here on earth. •

Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president, writes from Anchorage, Alaska.

Bible Classes and Sabbath School

SHARE YOUR FAITH

Every Member Involved in Soul Winning

Encourage newly baptized members to join a Sabbath morning Bible class. Ask one of those baptized to be your new missionary partner. Each of you makes a prayer list and together you begin the next Harvest Cycle.

The young man wondered what it would be like as a new member of the Adventist church. The pastor's words put his mind at ease. "We have a special class Sabbath mornings for new members and their friends. And the deacons will make sure you have at least seven good friends in the church within your first six months."

"Would you be willing to open your home for a weekly Bible study group?" the Personal Ministries Leader asked the newly baptized woman. "You could invite your friends, and we'll send several church members to lead it." "Would they really come to my house?" she asked. "Of course. You're part of the family!"

For the church to grow rapidly and consistently, it needs to quickly train and develop new members as growing Christians and soul winners. How did the early Christian church do this when they grew from 120 to 3,120 in one day? They welcomed the new members into their hearts and homes daily for Bible instruction, food, prayer and missionary activity. The results?

The church soon passed the 5,000 member mark, continued growing rapidly and within a few decades had taken the gospel to the entire world.

New members need special love and attention from their church family, especially during the first few months after baptism. They need to learn how to study the Bible for themselves and how to find a ministry they enjoy. They need a Sabbath School class that reinforces their daily study and a friendly mid-week small group. "When souls are

converted, set them to work at once. And as they labor according to their ability, they will grow stronger. ... One truly converted soul will reach out in faith to save another and still another" (Ellen G. White, *Evangelism*, 351–357).

Does your church have a Sabbath School class for new members and a plan to help them get started? Why not assist with or start one of these vital ministries? (For more insights on integrating new members into the Advent Movement, read *Evangelism*, chapter 10, and *Pastoral Ministry*, chapter 35.) •

Dan Serns, North Pacific Union ministerial director

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.... And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:42, 47 NIV



Victor N. Christ and Willing

Helper, his missionary part-

ner, volunteer to lead a small "New Members and Guests Sabbath School Class" for the two people baptized at the end of the reaping meetings, and any friends they invite. During the week they lead a Bible study group in the home of a new member for relatives and friends.

Luke Warm comes to church in his brand-new car and asks, "Why do they waste all this money on evangelism? There were only a couple of people baptized anyway."

Luke Warm

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ulon Gardner keeps defying the odds. Earlier this year he survived a plane crash in Utah. He swam for more than an hour in 44-degree water before reaching shore and then spent the night without shelter. In February 2002, he had a snowmobile accident. After falling in a Wyoming lake, Gardner was stranded for 17 hours in temperatures of 25 degrees below zero Fahrenheit. In March 2004, Gardner, who wasn't wearing a helmet, suffered cuts and bruises after he was tossed off his motorcycle.

Perhaps Gardner's greatest feat of defying the odds came on September 27, 2000. That's when the "Miracle on the Mat" happened. He pocketed a gold medal after defeating the world's greatest wrestler of all time, Russian Alexandre Karelin, at the Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.

Mind you, this Russian had never lost in international competition. He'd never even been scored on in 10 years! He pummeled opponents despite broken ribs, torn muscles and opposing coaches who would spend years designing strategies just to beat him. Karelin was considered the most intimidating athlete in Olympic history, so feared by opponents that two prior finalists essentially quit on the mat rather than keep absorbing the pounding. And, according

Wrestling With the Tough Stu

to legend, the Russian once carried a refrigerator home from the store and up seven flights of stairs.

So no one expected the American to win. In fact. the International Olympic Committee chairman even showed up at the match in order to present the Russian his fourth gold medal—the medal he wouldn't get.

After the historic match, reporters swarmed around Gardner. "When did you think you could beat him?" they asked.

"When did I think I could

beat him? About 10 minutes ago," Gardner replied. "I kept saying, 'I think I can. I think I can.' But it wasn't until it was over that I knew I could.'

Turns out that Gardner used a simple strategy to counter Karelin's dreaded lifts and relentless pressure. He said he approached the match with only two things on his mind: to stay focused and hang on. And for nine excruciating minutes, that's exactly what he did.

When you think about it, Gardner's strategy is a good one that extends beyond the wrestling mat. After all, it's

easy to lose our focus in the spiritual battle that we all must fight. In the end, "staying focused" and "hanging on" is the stuff of which spiritual legends are made.

Abraham comes to mind. Scripture records this about him: "By faith Abraham... made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God" (Hebrews 11:8-10).

Notice what Abraham focused on: "the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God." That's a good thing to remember the next time you get beat up in life. When cancer strikes, when your co-worker leaks a nasty secret about you on the Internet, when you flunk the final-don't despair.

Stay focused. Hang on. The day is coming when the brutal battle will be over. Jesus will explode in the eastern sky and He will wipe away every tear from your eye. He will put an end to death, crying and pain (read Revelation 21). And we will ascend to heaven-

victorious in Christ Jesus! Even so, come, Lord Jesus! • Karl Haffner, Walla Walla College Church senior pastor, writes from College Place, Washington.



NAD Youth Ministries Department Hosts First World Prayer Conference Thousands Come to Dallas to "Claim It" in the Name of Jesus

Thousands of young people. Passion. Potential. Prayer. These are a few words to describe the first four-day World Youth Prayer Conference held at the Dallas Convention Center in Texas on Feb. 28-March 3. Approximately 5,200 delegates from all over the U.S. and 42 nations registered for the Just Claim It (JCI) conference and on Sabbath, the crowd grew to 12,000.

Some young people arrived a few days before the conference to participate in the Just Make Overs! Home improvement projects. Those who took part in this early outreach opportunity began the conference full of faith and ready to learn more about outreach and sharing the

The evening programs started with a praise and worship time, followed with a young adult speaker. The service would then conclude with an adult guest speaker who would affirm the faith of the young and challenge them to ministry, followed by a drama performed by Mimic Ministries of Columbia, Md.

During the day, more than 225 workshops were offered, ranging from puppet and clown ministries to youth ministries

development, family issues and relationships. Many of the hands-on workshops spent the morning in training and preparation. The afternoon found the delegates putting their "faith into action." Clown ministries, for example, spent the morning learning how to apply the clown faces and working on a program for the afternoon, which they performed for preschoolers at the Martin Luther King Jr. Headstart Program Center.

Another group learned more about homelessness. Darriel Hoy, of Baltimore Adventist Community Services, led out in the morning sessions. The delegates prepared care packages in the morning and delivered them in the afternoon to the Dallas Downtown Union Gospel Mission homeless shelter.

During the Sabbath morning program, youth directors from all over the world were recognized as the Seventh-day Adventist Church celebrated 100 years of Youth Ministries. "As we celebrate 100 years, we've seen how the Lord has led in this department in preparing young people to meet Jesus Christ, in nurturing young people, discipling them so they can become strong

Christians, and providing opportunities for them to



Mary Castrejon of Olympia, Wash., helps out during the Just Make Overs! community service projects around Dallas.

participate in the mission of the church," said Baraka Muganda, youth ministries director for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. "These 100 years indeed have led many young people to the cross of Calvary," he said.

A Sabbath afternoon parade featured in chronological order, from Genesis to Revelation, floats designed by Pathfinder clubs and academies. The challenge was that every float was carried by a bicycle. Creativity was not found lacking with floats such as the book of Mark represented by a fisherman's boat on a bicycle and a float of seven dragonheads representing the book of Revelation.

The conference closed with some thoughts from James Black, North American Division Youth Ministries director: "The conference is not just about drama. It's about trying to get youth to understand and see what's happening in the great controversy over [their] souls." He admonished the young people to "get connected to the Master" and to make prayer and salvation their priority in life. He also challenged them to continue their good works when they return home.

"There will be no closing prayer, because JCI does not end here," Black said. "We will pronounce God's blessing, but this is just the beginning for what will take place in your city, your school and your home." •

Kristina Pascual, Texas Conference assistant communication director, with Melody Argueta, George Johnson Jr., Roxie Graham-Marski, Patricia Humphrey, and Diane Thurber.

This "Just Make Overs!" project team painted and fixed up houses from Sunday, Feb. 25, to the start of the Just Claim It Prayer Conference on Wednesday. Most of the group were from the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference in Canada or from Olympia, Wash., plus people from Pennsylvania, Africa and the northeastern U.S.



Conference

The New Desire of Ages

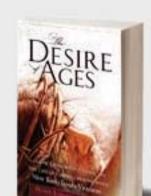
Mailed to More Than 10,000 Northwest Clergy

Since December, when more than 43,000 North Pacific Union Conference households received a Christmas gift of the newly updated *The Desire* of Ages, donations have continued to come in to help send a copy of the book to every clergy member throughout the Northwest.

As a result, approximately 12,000 special 'Clergy Resource Edition' copies were mailed during March to arrive as Easter gifts, complete with a card thanking clergy for partnering with Northwest Adventists in presenting Christ to their communities.

Response to the new edition has been so positive that Pacific Press is considering an additional printing to help churches obtain larger quantities at a discounted price for use in community outreach. •

Steve Vistaunet, NPUC assistant to the president for communication



Dear Friends,

I want to express my personal appreciation to all of you who have supported this great historic initiative. Through some large gifts and many smaller donations \$225,000 has been raised to completely fund this entire project.

The response we continue to received is heart-warming.

As I unwrapped the copy that came to our home, tears flooded my eyes—tears of joy and gratitude. —Spokane, Washington

What a joy to receive this new edition! It is beautiful! My husband is an Army chaplain in Iraq, and I will be sending it to him today.

—Tacoma, Washington

Our church is so excited with this project and wants all 17.000 residents in the valley to receive a copy. ... Pray for us. —Cave Junction, Oregon

Yes, please do pray especially for the Northwest clergy as they use this inspired gift.

Thank you,

Jere D. Patzer

Spanish Language Evangelism

Evangelism is gaining momentum in the Northwest. Recognizing the need to share the love of Jesus with as many people as possible, the Spanish churches of the North Pacific Union have scheduled more than 75 evangelistic meetings and more than 100 layled evangelistic efforts. Many of the meetings have already taken place and more will be planned during the year. Let your friends or family living near one of the meeting sites know of the meetings and invite them to attend. Please pray for these important meetings.

Alaska Conference Spanish Churches

Alaska	September
Alaska	November

Idaho Conference Spanish Churches

Nampa	June 12–16
	September
	September

Oregon Conference Spanish Churches

Hood River	April 13–May 26
Milwaukie	April/May
Portland	June 23–30
Salem	June
Hillsboro	June
Vancouver/Woodland	iJune
Vancouver	July 1–7

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Vancouver/Woodlar	nd August
Medford	September
Hood River	Sept. 1–8
Portland	Sept. 8–22
Tualatin	.September/October
McMinnville	.September/October
Salem	October
Medford	October
Vancouver/Woodlar	ndOctober
Milwaukie	. October/November
Hood River	Dec. 2–8
Portland	Dec. 8–15

Upper Columbia Conference Spanish Churches

Pasco	April/May
Pasco	
Willow Group	
Milton	•

Othello	May/June
3 Angels Group	Aug. 11–25
Mattawa	Sept. 27
Toppenish	September
Kennewick	October
Sunnyside	Oct. 27
Hermiston	October
Fairview	Nov. 24–Dec. 8
Grandview	Nov. 24
Milton	November
Toppenish	November

Washington Conference Spanish Churches

Tacoma	May
Chehalis	August/September

Ramon Canals, NPUC vice president for Hispanic affairs

Tok Concert Warms Church

While Outside Temperatures Are 50-Below

With outside temperatures hovering around 50 below, the Tok Church once again warmed the Mukluk folks on the last Sabbath of February. The day started with a warm waffle breakfast. Don Lee Sr., Tok head elder, led Sabbath School. Between the services Jim Kincaid, Alaska Conference executive secretary, and Francine Lee with their group provided a musical interlude. Kincaid had a dedication service for local church leaders and then spoke about prayer during the morning worship service.

Throughout the day, the music included a Fly-in Pilots' chorus led by Kincaid and lay evangelist Terry Pflugrad. Two newlywed pilots, Beaver Ellers and John Payne, and their talented vocalist wives, Rebecca and Andria, also joined in.

Tok Church members Susan and Betty Crawford, mother and daughter, played flutes while Luke, a 9-year-old violin virtuoso, accompanied senior guitar artist Jim Miracle. Doug Lee, Tok's new kid on the block and a lead



The Tok Church hosts an informal sing-along and concert with drivein and fly-in guests in February.

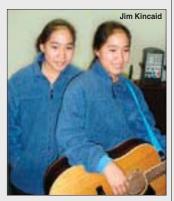
guitarist, was happy to be part of the concert. Also glad to be a part of this concert was Charlie Kovalenko, a church elder from the Delta Junction church, who turned Christian rocker overnight with his new guitar prowess. The coldest concert indeed became a "Daystar" shining moment for Tok Adventists.

The Tok Church is on the corner of Sundog Trail and the Alaska Highway on the way to the Canada border. •

Butch Palmero, Tok/Delta District pastor

Northwestern Alaska Arctic Camp Meeting Report: Selawik

For the last 10 years Jim Kincaid has organized a latewinter "camp meeting" for Northwestern Alaska. Alaska Conference administrators and selected speakers have flown to most of the villages where



Participants in the Northwestern Alaska Arctic "Camp Meeting" cannot help but smile. Jo and Flo Savok demonstrate the joy that comes when you have Jesus in your heart.

there has been an ongoing Adventist presence and work. The villages include Togiak, Bethel, Nome, Dillingham, Gambell, Savoonga, Barrow and Selawik.

On one of their first visits to Selawick, Kincaid and his crew met twin sisters Flora and Jo Savok. They have continued to build a friendship with them over the years, and two years ago in the spring, during a prophecy seminar held by Brian and Denise Bechthold, they made their decision to be baptized and join the Seventhday Adventist Church.

What an encouragement it is to see them from year to year as they continue to participate in the church and bring light to the world. •

Jim Kincaid, Alaska Conference Native Ministries director NAD-Wide Fly-In Camp Meeting July 17–22, 2007 Palmer, Alaska

I Love to Tell the Story



Neil Nedley Robert Folkenberg Michael Harris, musician ShareHIM Seminars

Plane convoys leave Fargo, N.D. and Spokane, Wash. on July 15. More details at www.alaskaconference.org or call 907-346-1004



Idaho Youth Help Arizona Church on Spring Break Mission Trip

daho Conference youth gave their spring vacation in service to an Arizona church for the second time. Instead of going abroad, the group of 20 students and adult sponsors traveled from Gem State Adventist Academy in Caldwell, Idaho, to Kinlichee, Arizona (near Ganado in the Navajo Nation) to make needed improvements to the Kinlichee Seventh-day Adventist Church building.

The Sabbath offerings usually amount to just a few dollars, so the local church is unable to maintain the facility on its own. The group replaced the roof and painted walls. In addition, the group led out for the Sabbath morning worship service, and the students went door to door



The Idaho Conference Youth Mission Trip group stands in front of Nazlini Canyon in the Navajo Nation.

through the village of Kinlichee, handing out literature supplied by the Pacific Press Publishing Association and offering to pray with the people.

The trip was part adventure, part service and part education. After the building project was completed, the group was able to visit Canyon De Chelly National Monument, Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site, and Grand Canyon National Park. The grand vistas

of the canyons only encouraged them to look higher to the grand possibilities of becoming partners with Jesus Christ in sharing the gospel with the whole world. •

John Bryson, Idaho Conference senior youth coordinator



Clint Lawson, Casey Michel, Calvin Tabor and David Bryson begin removing the old roofing.



Wyatt Houston, Nicole Davis, Lacey Houston and Holly Davis participate in the "Truth for Youth" meetings.

Excitement grew among the members of the Salmon (Idaho) Church as they watched friends, neighbors, spouses and invitees attend the 10-night satellite broadcast of the Most Amazing Prophecies seminar with Doug Batchelor, Amazing Facts speaker/director, last fall. As the meetings progressed

Salmon Church Meetings

Attracts 52 Visitors and 20 Children

through riveting topics of prophecy, attendees returned and more came, until the third night church member Arlene Hamilton reported, "We have a wonderful...dilemma. We ran out of lessons tonight!"

About 20 children attended the Truth for Youth meetings, a multimedia presentation interspersed with songs and followed by activities. In their meetings, the children were learning about the same prophecies as their parents were studying upstairs. Teens from the school helped with child care and crafts.

Members had prepared for the seminar by handing out

flyers door to door, displaying colorful posters around town, advertising in the local newspaper, and hanging a large banner in front of the church.

But the members knew who really was responsible for drawing 92 people (52 who were not members) to the seminar: the Holy Spirit. They had asked for His blessing before passing out the invitations; they had asked for His influence over those attending at the "Circle of Light" prayer time; they had gathered to pray for each person coming at the beginning of each meeting.

"This has never happened before," one member said above the buzz of conversation in the church lobby one night.

Following the seminar, Tom Lighthall, Salmon Church pastor, baptized 90-yearold Harold Embree, and is preparing others for baptism at this time. Four Bible study groups, organized at the close of the seminar, continue to meet weekly. Some are using the Prophecy Code series with Batchelor, reviewing some former topics and covering additional ones. •

Cathy Law and Cathy Cranney, Salmon Church members



Montana Conference Camp Meeting

"The Lord of the Harvest"

June 13-16, 2007 Mount Ellis Academy 3641 Bozeman Trail Road



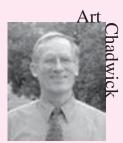
Featured Speaker:

Derek Morris currently serves as senior pastor of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka, Florida, and as an adjunct professor of preaching at Southern Adventist University. He has been published extensively in MINISTRY magazine, particularly in regards to effective biblical preaching. His most recent publication is a book entitled *Powerful Biblical Preaching*. His greatest joy is found in helping people to experience a life-changing encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Seminar Speakers:



Ty Gibson is co-director/speaker of Light Bearers Ministry. His seminars are entitled *The Gospel Significance of Our Doctrines*, a look at God's character.



Art Chadwick is the Biology department chair of Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas. He will be speaking on creation.



Paul and Carol Rayne work for Restoration International in Eureka, Montana. The title of their 4-part seminar is *Christ at Home*. Learning the how-to's of connecting with Christ's power.



Mark and Conna Bond of Swan Valley, Montana will be performing in concert on Sabbath afternoon.

There will be programs for children and youth, Adventist Book Center auditorium sale and much more.

Preparing to ShareHIM

The Montana Conference, in December 2006, entered into an exciting partnership with ShareHIM, a supporting ministry specializing in providing training and tools for lay people and pastors to conduct international and homeland evangelistic reaping events. ShareHIM is directed by Robert Folkenberg Sr. This partnership fits perfectly with our Montana Conference emphasis on building soulwinning momentum during the next five years.

The conference kicked off the 2007 soul-winning year with four *Share*HIM rallies conducted throughout its territory. The first rally was hosted by the Ronan Church at the Glacier View Adventist Christian School Sabbath, Jan. 27, for western Montana.

More than 300 people were challenged by Folkenberg's powerful sermon, "It's Beginning to Rain." His sermon focused on the message and mission of the Seventhday Adventist Church and was based on the biblical passage of Romans 10. He preached, "We can't believe and be quiet!" He



Benny Moore of ShareHIM gives practical advice to Gary Fish from Glendive, Mont.



Robert Folkenberg Sr., *Share*HIM director, and John Loore Jr., Montana Conference president, call members to give of themselves in evangelism.

challenged us to defy the status quo and get out of our comfort zones to share Jesus with those who are lost.

Nearly 200 people stayed for the afternoon rally led by Folkenberg and his associate Harold Kehney. It was exciting to see so many people eagerly receiving tools and instruction for sharing Jesus and the Three Angels' Message in Montana. Local church outreach leadership teams met during the rallies to set dates for future reaping events and

to view the sowing resource catalogue on DVD provided by *Share*HIM.

Three additional ShareHIM rallies were conducted in Billings, Bozeman and Great Falls in February by Montana Conference president John Loor Jr. and Montana Conference Church Ministries director David Prest Jr. Almost 10 percent of our conference

membership representing twothirds of our churches attended the four *Share*HIM Rallies.

A ShareHIM Boot Camp of Evangelism was conducted March 9–11 in Bozeman at the Mt. Ellis Adventist Elementary School. About 140 people met for this intensive weekend of instruction to learn how to preach and conduct an evangelistic reaping event. "These were individuals who were serious about wanting to learn how to present the Three Angels' Message. I praise God for that kind of commitment of our lay people. Truly, God will finish this work not with pastors, but with our laymen going mightily forward for Christ," said Loor.

Benny Moore and Don Folkenberg of *Share*HIM served as the lead instructors for the weekend. Additional instructors were Loor, Prest and Raymond Jimenez, III, Montana Conference vice president. Relevant and practical topics included how to make appeals, how to do home visitation and technology

issues. There was also time for practicing evangelistic preaching.

"I read a statement in the book, Evangelism, p. 115," Loor said, "which says, 'In our churches let companies be formed for service.... The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort is a plan that has been presented before me by One who cannot err...Let the members be formed into small companies, to work not only for the church members but for unbelievers also.' This is exactly what ShareHIM is all about. I'm really excited to see how God will use our members to further the work of Jesus here in Montana." •

Laurie McElvain, Ronan Church communication leader, with David Prest Jr., Montana Conference church ministries director



Dave Stanton of Belgrade, Mont., practices preaching using the *ShareHIM* software and graphics.

Gladstone Camp Meeting • July 17-21, 2007

























Invitation

ou are invited to Gladstone Camp Meeting taking place July 17-21, 2007. This year's focus will be on Juspiration



Don Livesay Oregon Conference President

and how God communicates to each of us His eternal plan for this world.

A special bonus feature will be a repeat of the 2005 Ellen White Summit.

Many of you could not attend because all the seats were reserved six weeks before the event. However, there will be plenty of room for you at camp meeting!

Come and enjoy powerful preaching from Scripture and opportunities to learn how to better understand the Bible. Also, there will be many quality workshops focusing on healthful living, women's ministries, and family life as well as dynamic programs for children and youth.

I pray that you will come to be renewed and refreshed by this great spiritual feast and find joy in fellowship during our annual Oregon Conference Family Reunion.

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RV and tent sites will be available for set up on Sunday, July 15, 2007, after 10:00 am. Be advised: early set up will result in a \$30 charge per night. This includes set up before 10:00 am on Sunday.

Your 2007 campsite may be reserved for the 2008 camp meeting at check in from Sunday, July 15, through Sunday, July 22. There will be no changing of sites during camp meeting for the following year. If you wish to reserve a different campsite for 2008, you may do so after August 6 when all remaining sites will be reserved on a first-come basis. Payment is due at time of reservation and may be made by cash, check, Visa, or Master Card.

Cafeteria meals are available daily. You may purchase Sabbath meal tickets at Treasury before sundown Friday.

NO PETS PERMITTED on the campgrounds for safety and sanitation.

INFORMATION

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OREGON

Children in Need

Receive "Bags of Love"

Ladies of the Gladstone Park Church are preparing "Bags of Love" for children in need when they meet every third Sunday of the month.

"Bags of Love" are filled with toys, a stuffed animal, a homemade comforter and personal hygiene items. These bags are given to children who have had to leave their homes (usually without their personal belongings) when their caregivers were arrested, often on drug charges.

"At our first meeting in February, a representative from the Hood View Church came and gave us some pointers on how to begin," says Connie Durbin, head deaconness and project coordinator. "Their church has already made bags and has sent them to Clackamas County Children's Services. They asked us to help them put together more bags."

Advertisements are running in the local newspapers asking for women in the community to come and help prepare the "Bags of Love." In the first few months, five bags have been

completed, and the church's outreach to the surrounding neighborhood is continuing as friendships are developing between the church and community women. •

Richard Cook, Gladstone Park Church communication leader



3ABN Plays Part in Bringing Family to Eugene Church

Well, 3ABN has done it again! At least it had a part in bringing one family to the Eugene Church.

The story begins in 2002 when Emmett McCutchenne started working on his doctorate at the University of Oregon in Eugene. Two years later, in 2004, he had a dream that he needed to be baptized. Because his wife Marydith was Catholic, they began attending a Catholic church. Meanwhile, Marydith had been watching 3ABN in November of 2004 when she learned about the Sabbath.

Emmett was familiar with Adventists and some of their beliefs from earlier in his life. Gradually Emmett and Marydith became convicted of the Sabbath, so they started attending the Eugene Church in February 2005. After attending and studying with others at the church, Emmett, Marydith, their son, David, and daughter, Maribel, were baptized on Aug. 12, 2006, by Gregory Middlestetter, Eugene Church pastor. They now live in California, and their children are attending an Adventist school near Windsor. •

Francine Delmore, Eugene Church member

A Gift of Warmth

Sunset Makes 18 Afghans

Members of Sunset Christian Fellowship in Hillsboro, Ore., have been busy putting together afghans to give to those in need. Inspired by the compaign Warm Up America, members have been knitting or crocheting 7x9-inch rectangles. It takes 49 rectangles sewn together to make one afghan.

It would take quite awhile for one person to knit a whole

afghan, but working together the church has been able to make 18 multi-colored afghans in one year. Each afghan has a unique pattern, reminding the receiver of the many different people who have put their time and thought into creating the final product.

Sunset has donated

completed afghans to the Clark Center in Portland and to the Family Bridge in Hillsboro. "This project has been a great opportunity for all members of our church," says Jolene Jula, who started the project. •

Jolene Jula, Sunset Christian Fellowship project coordinator



Working together, Sunset members were able to create 18 afghans in one year.



Parkhurst House

Welcomes MCAS Students

 $S_{\text{chool is}}$ about the basics—reading, writing and arithmetic. But it is more than that. It is about learning to face life's challenges, interacting successfully with others and reaching out to people in our community. Mid-Columbia Adventist Christian School, nestled in the small town of Hood River, Ore.. near the Columbia

River and about 40 miles north of Mt. Hood, is helping its students learn some of these life lessons.

Teacher Jessica Bailey shares: "For several years I have been guiding my students through lessons on loving and serving others in our



Twice a month, Mid-Columbia School students in grades one through four visit an assisted-living center to read to the residents and do crafts with them.

community. This past fall I realized that my students had an opportunity to experience service in action right around

school is an assisted-living home, Parkhurst House. The activities director allows my

and do a craft or read to the residents twice a month. "At first my class was the corner—literally. shy about going into the 'About two blocks from our residents' rooms. But now they easily spend the hour

> "I am so grateful for such a warm and nurturing environment for my students to practice so many different skills. The residents shower my class with smiles and words of appreciation. They are teaching my students lessons that I could not teach in a thousand words. I just hope that we are making friendships for eternity."

students, grades 1-4, to come

going from room to room to

whoever welcomes them in.

They can also read so much

louder now and are starting

to feel comfortable making

conversation with their new

friends. I am most pleased

residents they read to.

that some of my students are

starting to have prayer with the

Some of the students were willing to write to express their feelings and experiences.

First-grader Katie Cook writes, "I like Irma because she has a nice voice. She is an older lady who just moved to Parkhurst House. She let me come to her room to read Pal and Sal. I like that."

Fourth-grader Amanda Marx.

writes, "I met Dino. He is a happy person and grew up in Mexico. He knows Spanish and some English too. I hope he will teach me some Spanish. Bud lives there too. He is 89 years old. He likes it when we sing to him. When we read there I think it makes the people feel very happy. We do it because they get lonesome."

Fourth-grader Josie Baird met Mary. "I read to her a lot," she says. "I have read to her a little bit out of the Bible. Sometimes after I read to her, she gives me a cookie. I think she is nice. Another person our class likes to visit is Bud. He is 89. He might be the oldest person in Parkhurst. We sing with him, 'You Are My Sunshine.' He kisses the girls' hands when we leave." •

Joyce Gallentine, Hood River Church communication leader



MCAS students learn how to serve others by visiting the residents of the Parkhurst House.

OREGON

Columbia Students Finish Second

But Leave First Place Impressions

Columbia Adventist Academy's Varsity Knowledge Bowl Team Takes Second Place in the Regional Tournament

The Columbia Adventist
Academy (CAA) Knowledge
Bowl Varsity Team had a
fun and rewarding day at
the Regional Tournament.
It was held on Feb. 26 at the
Lower Columbia Community
College in Longview, Wash.
The team consisted of Holly
Hack, Ryand Boardman,
Erika Sanderson and Helenlyn
Popescu (not pictured).

The competition started with a written round on which the team scored very well. This was followed by two oral rounds to determine which teams would play in the final championship round. The CAA team won both of

the oral rounds, giving them a strong lead going into the championship round. The team was leading in the very tight championship round until the last 10 questions when they were just edged out by a few points by the Wahkiakum team.

Their team was ecstatic. They shook the CAA team members' hands, saying, "It has been our dream to beat you for years!"
They have never gotten to go to the State Tournament, except by default when the CAA team opts out every year because the State Tournament is always held on Sabbath.

Team coach Virlys Moller says, "This win felt especially good for Wahkiakum, and we congratulate them on a well-earned win." Bringing home a second place finish stung a little since Columbia has a long tradition of bringing home

the first place trophy from the Regional Tournament.

"I am very proud of our team! It's nice to coach a team who likes to win, but who recognize that having a good time, playing their best and being good sports are much more important qualities to have. And I am proud that we are known as a team who in our winning are also gracious in defaulting to the second place team because our beliefs are more important. It was nice to be validated by the Wahkiakum team and see their pure joy at finally having beaten us so they can go to State as the legitimate regional champions," Moller said.

Lady Kodiak Basketball Team Gets High Praise for Second Place Win in the WWC Friendship Tournament

Once in awhile, a school receives a letter or a phone call with great news about their students. Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) was lucky enough to receive one of these recently. In February, Walla Walla College hosted the annual Friendship Tournament. The CAA Lady Kodiaks lost the championship game in double overtime in the last seconds of the game. It was a tough loss for them and all of their fans. A few weeks later, one of the referees for that game took the time to sit down and send this e-mail to CAA athletic director Brian Harris, who says, "We wanted to share the good news that our kids were caught in the act displaying the very things we try to teach them here at CAA.

Here is what the e-mail said:



Seniors Holly Hack, Ryand Boardman and Erika Sanderson with Coach Virlys Moller. (Helenlyn Popescu not pictured.)



The Lady Kodiaks, Columbia Adventist Academy's women's basketball team.

Cookies for a Cow

Milo Students Raise Money for a Rwandan Family

Mr. Harris,

Last month I had the honor of working the Girls' Championship game at the WWC Friendship tournament. I'm sure you are already aware of the type of game this was and the excitement that was there that Saturday night. Your girls played with the true sprit and drive that high school sports are meant to bring out. Their sportsmanship was the best that I have seen in that type of game in years. I can't express to you how much as an official I appreciated working with those girls. Even as the game was winding down, they never wavered in their positive attitude.

As for your coaching staff, let me say that those two men were the best two coaches that I have worked with in years. The respect that they showed toward my crew, and the other team, was a model of what sportsmanship should look like.

I'm sure that the girls are still hurting from the loss of a hard fought game and although they lost that night there is no doubt that they have been taught some great skills that will make them winners down the road.

Please pass on my appreciation to your girls' coaching staff and if you have a newsletter that goes out to parents feel free to post my letter.

With Respect, Tanner Mink

"Receiving this e-mail was definitely a highlight of the year for me," says Harris. "We've always known our girls have good sportsmanship, but it's nice to have that acknowledged by those we come in contact with." •

Lara Dowie, CAA GLEANER correspondent

Who has the baking soda?"
"Can we use your measuring cup?"

"The next batch of cookies is ready to go in the oven."

These are the voices coming from Milo Academy's home economics kitchen one
February evening. Valentine's Day is a day of love, and Milo's Volunteer Club used the chance to express selfless love to a family who needed their help.

Milo students are working together with volunteers from Walla Walla College to raise enough money to buy a cow for a Rwandan family. Although \$250 may not sound like much, the cow it can purchase will make a huge difference for a family in Rwanda.

Many students and staff pulled together to use their baking skills. Laughter and sweet-smelling aromas filled the room as everyone made cookies of all types. The cookies were then wrapped and ready to be sold on Valentine's Day. Teachers bought cookies for their students and passed them out in class. Students bought cookies for their friends and fellow members of the Milo family.

"It was so great how everyone pitched in, and we were able to make a difference," says Sunny Park, the president of the Volunteer Club. Everyone has a special Valentine's Day memory, but I'm sure for Milo students one of those memories will be the bonding experience of baking, giving and tasting cookies in order to buy a cow for a needy family.

"They will know you are my disciples by your love for one another." John 13:35 •

Kayla Hart, Milo senior



Milo students Sunny Park and Tristan Mossop have fun baking cookies to help others.



Academy Choir to Perform at Carnegie Hall

Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) Choraliers have been invited to perform at the world-renowned Carnegie Hall in New York City. The invitation came from Jackson Berkey, a choral arranger and writer, and the keyboard artist for Mannheim Steamroller.

Berkey saw a video recording of Curtis Anderson, the UCA Choraliers director, directing a special choir performance of a song for which Berkey was commissioned to write the musical arrangement. Berkey was so impressed by the performance that he asked Anderson, and others at that performance, to join all their choirs for one performance at Carnegie Hall in June.

"Carnegie Hall is a worldrenowned performing arts center," said Anderson. "I've



The Upper Columbia Academy Choraliers will perform at Carnegie Hall in New York in June.

seen statistics saying that only one in 73,000 people are ever invited to perform there, and only one in 200,000 teenagers are ever invited to perform there, so this is a really big opportunity for our youth." To start raising the funds for the 27-member choir to travel to New York, the Choraliers held a dessert concert at Center Stage in Spokane, Wash., in February. The trip will cost \$1,500 per member. The Choraliers will head for New York on June 8 and perform at Carnegie Hall on June 11. •

Jon Dalrymple, Upper Columbia Conference communication assistant

Newport Church Hosts Health Seminar

The Newport (Wash.) Church, members of surrounding churches and community visitors were blessed in February with the health ministry of Paul Volk, called New Start Plus. This international health lecturer shared some of the latest research in health, along with the Bible's teachings on this life-changing topic. A large crowd gathered for each meeting to enjoy Volk's talks, which were peppered with humor, testimonies and awe-inspiring stories. He shared many healthful recipes and demonstrated simple but beneficial exercises.



Paul Volk of New Start Plus encouraged public high school students to live better lives by eating healthy foods and exercising regularly.

In addition to the health information, Volk showed his silver medals that he won in the Senior Olympics and a portion of the Bible more than 200 years old which he received on a visit to Russia. The final meeting closed with a banquet featuring a wide variety of delicious plant-based foods.

For the next few days after the seminar, Volk, with local pastor, Len Atkins, visited many local and some distant public high schools, including Newport, Sandpoint, Clark Fork, Priest River and Bonners Ferry. He talked to hundreds of students in general assemblies, and various health and science classes. The teachers were saying "wow" and some of the principals were saying that "they needed to have this guy back again." After a talk in one of the alternative high schools, a student came up and said, "Thanks for coming, you saved my life." •

Earl Brockman, Newport Church communication leader



Upper Columbia Academy's Teacher of Excellence Gayle Haeger

Ask any of Gayle Haeger's hundreds of biology students, past or present, if she deserves a teaching award, and the answer will be the same—a resounding yes! On Feb. 24, she was officially recognized with the 2007 Teacher of Excellence Award from the Alumni Awards Foundation.

Haeger has shared her enthusiasm for organisms with Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) students for the past 12 years. UCA seniors Richard Clark and Spenser Zaharie, from Coeur D' Alene and Post Falls, Idaho, describe her as "full of energy, helpful, never has a bad day, always right, punctual, and 'way into' her students!"

Her classroom is always abuzz with new and exciting opportunities for exploring science. And her field trips are second to none, including the annual advanced biology class trip to the Walla Walla College Biological Field Station near Anacortes, Wash.



Jeff Bovee, UCA principal, stands with Gayle Haeger, UCA biology teacher and 2007 award winner, and her husband, Gerald, after the Alumni Awards Celebration in Scottsdale, Ariz.

And as is the case with all excellent teachers, Haeger's love of teaching goes way beyond the classroom. On these trips she takes great delight in showing the might and power of the Creator and His love for each student individually through the amazing lives of sea creatures and the great outdoors.

"The words 'dedicated, committed, and compassionate' characterize Gayle Haeger's life of teaching," summarizes principal Jeff Bovee. "She is passionate about science and passionate about Christian education." •

Carmen Slavens, UCA GLEANER correspondent

And the Winner Is... Blue Mountain Television

Blue Mountain Television recently won two international awards for news coverage of last year's Columbia Complex Fire.

Dan Thesman, station manager and reporter, Lowell Mann, editor, and Dan Pyke, photojournalist, were awarded two bronze Telly awards for their work covering the fire, which destroyed several homes, more than 109,000 acres and required a mandatory evacuation of Dayton General Hospital.

"This was one of the worst fires I've seen working in television. As people were losing their homes, men and women from around the world were racing to Eastern Washington to do whatever they could to put it out. There were several extremely tense



moments, however, I'm so proud of the teamwork we had in providing our viewers continuing coverage," Thesman adds.

The Telly Awards honor the very best local, regional, and cable television commercials and programs, as well as the finest video and film productions. The 28th Annual Telly Awards received more than 13,000 entries from all 50 states and five continents.

Blue Mountain News is produced in cooperation with Blue Mountain Television and Walla Walla College's Department of Communication. •

Dan Thesman, Blue Mountain Television station manager

Blue Mountain Television won two awards for its coverage of the Columbia Complex Fire, which burned more than 100,000 acres near Dayton, Wash., last summer.

Live Better, Live Longer! Seminar Attracts 52 Participants

The Live Better, Live Longer seminar conducted by Jim and Neva Brackett at the Kettle Falls (Wash.) Church in January had 52 people attending. Seminar participants enjoyed a full-course vegan meal each evening, followed with a lecture by Jim. Neva then demonstrated how to prepare some of the items served that evening.

Everyone received a notebook with recipes and nutrition information to supplement Jim's lectures. The Bracketts' *Seven Secrets* cookbook was available for sale.

Of those attending the seminar, 23 were not members of the Adventist church. Some of these attended the follow-up lecture that Jim gave Sabbath morning on the function of the brain.

The Bracketts recently moved to the Kettle Falls area from Reno, Nevada, where Jim was ministerial director for the Nevada-Utah Conference.

A few weeks after the seminar, church members initiated a "Supper Club" as a way to maintain our contact with the visitors. The first one was well-attended. •

Harvey Steck, assistant communication leader



Neva Brackett demonstrates how to prepare food that looks good, tastes good, and is good for you.



Valley View Church Goes to Mexico

For Vacation Bible School

Spring and summer mean mission trips. Last July 2006, the Valley View Church in East Wenatchee sent nine church members to Mezcolitos, a tiny village north of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, to put on a Vacation Bible School. An Adventist church has been started there, but attracting members has been slow.

The group spent the first week planning, setting up and getting ready. They had mailed wonderful drawings ahead of time and took many art supplies, crafts and lesson books about creation—our topic for the VBS—that had been translated into Spanish for the children. The group had learned five songs in

Spanish, which was amazing considering that only one person going on the trip was Hispanic, and only one other person spoke a tiny bit of Spanish.

The second week, on a Sunday, we began Vacation Bible School. We were so surprised when more than 70 children from ages 4 to 17 came to register. The village of Mezcolitos is very small with only dirt roads and mostly shacks where the people live. Our church building was only 20 feet by 50 feet; the weather was astonishingly hot and humid, but the children came.

After a week with the kids and parents, 30 people asked for baptism. More than 100

children attended VBS, and more than 90 came every day. The parents and children were astounded that we would come and spend two weeks with them and put on this remarkable, fun time. God was certainly with us, and the gleaning of souls is evident. At this time, that little church has more than three classes of Sabbath School each Sabbath when before there were fewer people attending church than our little group of nine missionaries.

We have recently learned that the Catholic church there feels threatened by so many children attending the Adventist Sabbath School



The Mezcolitos Church member enjoy the Vacation Bible School presented by Valley View Church members in East Wenatchee, Wash

and church on Saturday that they have starting having their catechism classes on Saturday morning so that many of the children cannot attend the Mezcolitos Church. •

Donna Henderson, Valley View Church member

Hispanic Sunnyside Church Holds Grand Opening

The Hispanic Sunnyside (Wash.) Church had a grand opening Feb. 24. Ramon Canals, North Pacific Union vice president for Hispanic Ministries, had the honor of cutting the ribbon, officially opening the church. More than 200 people from surrounding areas, including Mattawa, Grandview and Sunnyside, came to the church for the special event. Calixto Ruiz, district pastor, said, "Thanks to all those who helped make this church a reality. We're grateful to the Upper Columbia and North Pacific Union conferences as well for their help."

El pasado 24 de Febrero la iglesia Hispana de Sunnyside



Pathfinders assist in the grand opening of the Hispanic Sunnyside Church.

inauguro su templo que acaban de comprar. El Pastor Ramon Canals, vise-presidente del Ministerio Hispano en la Unión del Norte-Pacifico fue el que corto el liston, inaugurando la iglesia. La iglesia tuvo una asistencia de más de 200 personas procedentes de las iglesias de Mattawa, Grandview y Sunnyside. El Pastor Calixto Ruiz quien es el Pastor del distrito dijo, "Gracias a todos los que nos han ayudado hacer nuestra iglesia una realidad. Agradecemos a la conferencia de Upper Columbia y a la Unión por su colaboración. •

Calixto Ruiz, Hispanic Sunnyside Church pastor







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Right In Tune Pathfinder Leader Authors

Pathfinder Leader Authors New Whistle-making Honor

There's a new Pathfinder honor—Whistles—in the arts, crafts and hobbies category, and Pathfinders in Bonney Lake, Wash., are whistling their congratulations to Barney Shortridge, their co-leader.

Shortridge authored the honor three years ago after taking a Pathfinder leadership class on writing new honors. He remembered how in the 1950s his father taught him how to make willow whistles. "I don't know why," he said, "but every spring since then, I would make willow whistles to keep my skill and memory alive. I discovered there is a

skill in making the whistles [as not every one works]."

While friends and family liked to see Shortridge make whistles, they didn't show any interest in making their own, and he knew the skill needed to be preserved.

After experimenting with various types of whistles, Shortridge crafted the Whistle honor with three parts: willow whistles, pan whistles, and flute/recorder-type whistles. "Each [part] requires the student to play a tune on each of his homemade instruments in order to earn the patch," he explained. "Students learn how



Barney Shortridge (second left) took his lifelong interest in whistles and authored a whistle-making Pathfinder honor to preserve the art of whistles.

to create music from common materials that are available just about everywhere."

Before submitting the new honor to the Adventist Youth Honors Committee, Shortridge taught the class to the Bonney Lake Ocelots and at Washington Adventist Camp Meeting.

While the skill is important, the message of being in tune with Jesus is even more important: As students learn to look at the inside and outside, they become aware of how Jesus looks at us in the seasons of life.

"I haven't considered creating another honor," Shortridge said. "Maybe someday I will get another idea." Until then, he'll keep on whistling.

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication intern

Message Through Massage

Church Holds Health Expo Prior to Evangelistic Meeting

What better place to share information than at a library? The Puyallup Church recently provided health information to the community at the Orting Library multi-purpose room.

"A health expo is a powerful tool to assist churches in their community outreach programs," said Kieth Noll, Puyallup pastor. "We're making friends with the public and inviting them to health seminars to create a cycle of friendship that leads to a series of spiritual meetings."

For the health expo, the church obtained a set of 16 wellness panels on the natural laws of health to place behind eight stations. At the stations, guests tested their glucose, cholesterol and blood pressure;



Volunteer Sandra Latsha observes a guest's lung capacity test at the Orting Health Expo.

found out about dry hot and cold water treatments; stepped up for the Harvard Step Test to measure pulse rate; measured their lung capacity; tried vegan and vegetarian food samples; sat down for a massage; and received computer-generated information on their age according to their health habits.

The town of Orting, Wash., neighboring the city of Puyallup, has a population of 5,000. The Puyallup Church is working to establish an Adventist company in this community. In addition to the health expo where 54 community members went through the health screening stations, the church also hosted a four-part nutrition seminar with Nessy Pittau, Washington Conference health director. These events set the framework for inviting the Orting community to a Revelation seminar in early April with John Freedman, Washington conference president. •

Kieth Noll, Puyallup pastor, with Heidi Martella



WASHINGTO

A Challenge to Give

Five Churches Raise \$24,000 During Education Rally

Whatcom County in Washington is home to five Adventist churches, and recently these churches joined together for an education rally at Baker View Christian School (BVCS).

District pastors Michael Demma and Pat Grant felt strongly that the time was right to focus the attention of their church members on one of the area's major ministries— Adventist education.

The county-wide rally for the Bellingham, Everson, Ferndale, Lummi and Open Door churches attracted more than 350 people to the school's gymnasium.

The education rally featured many school and church groups, including an all-church guitar group and a student skit and musical performance.

After Grant's sermon, Bruce Cowin announced an anonymous challenge grant of \$10,000 to the attendees. School leadership hoped the rally would provide the opportunity for the churches to meet the donation challenge.

When the donations were added up, the constituent members had not only met the challenge, but exceeded the goal by more than \$3,000, for

a total contribution to BVCS of nearly \$24,000.

"This is a great example," said
Lon Gruesbeck,
Washington
Conference vice president for education, "of what happens when churches unite together for the benefit of Adventist education."

Baker V Karisse "Jewels"

The education rally, leaders said, allowed the five congregations to foster unity, experience fellowship and fund Adventist Christian education. The

Keith Lindsey

Baker View Christian School students Karisse Grant and Haley Ponnech sing "Jewels" during a five-church education rally.

main question to church leaders now is: "When can we do this again?" •

Keith Lindsey, Baker View Christian School teacher for grades 5-8

Whidbey Students

Fly to Museum of Flight

When it comes to field trips for Whidbey Christian School in Oak Harbor, Wash., forget traditional modes of transportation.

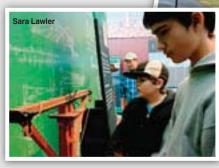
Six of the school's 11 students, and teacher, Dan Nickolatos, flew from Whidbey Island's airport via Kenmore Air to Boeing Field in February for the last day of the Leonardo da Vinci exhibit at Seattle's Museum of Flight.

The six young aviators earned their 40-minute flight by exceeding a fundraising goal for the school (and presenting signed consent forms from their parents). The remaining students were driven to the museum by parent volunteers.

"The fundraiser ended the day before the field trip, so Kenmore Air went the extra mile to arrange for the flight and additional transportation in Seattle," said Alice Lawler, Home and School leader.

At the museum, seventh-grader Ashley Winter liked the interactive games and hands-on activities with models and some of da Vinci's lesser-known inventions such as a diving apparatus, an articulate robot and a water-powered saw.

Elsewhere in the Museum of Flight, students toured or



Levi Sprague and Adriel Eckardt operate one of Leonardo da Vinci's inventions.

saw hundreds of aeronautic craft, from a reproduction of the Wright Brothers' first airplane to the Lockheed M-21 Blackbird, the fastest piloted jet ever flown. Sixth-grader Levi Sprague liked going inside a presidential jet that served presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon.

What better way to visit the Museum of Flight than to fly there? Six Whidbey Christian School students earned the right to do so by exceeding the school's fundraising goal.

Teacher Nickolatos said this was an unforgettable field trip and "an educational experience in every respect." After all, how often do students use an airplane to fly to a tour of the Museum of Flight? •

Rick Lawler, parent



Sara Lawler



Seniors Tricia Jackson, Megan Hilde and Amanda Stevens quickly learn the art of laying bricks during their spring break mission trip in Ecuador. Classmates in the Philippines and in Kenya also participated in construction projects over spring break.

WASHINGTON

Worldwide Construction

Students Devote Vacation to Three Service Projects

Nearly 100 Auburn
Adventist Academy (AAA)
students forfeited three days
of classes and spring break—
encompassing March 11 to
26—to travel to Ecuador, the
Philippines, or Kenya, Africa.

The groups spent 14 to 16 days abroad where they finished a church in Ecuador, expanded a school campus in the Philippines and constructed a dormitory in Kenya to shelter and protect female students from leopards.

Mark Weir, AAA campus chaplain and Ecuador trip coordinator, said in several e-mail updates how impressed he was with the drive and enthusiasm of this year's participants. "These kids have truly done an amazing job [laying 500 to 800 blocks per day]. They are tired and sore, and have a well-deserved feeling of pride."

Sentiments from the Philippines and from Kenya were similar. Besides construction, students and staff in three corners of the world enjoyed haggling in markets, visiting tourist locations, observing wildlife, practicing the local language and interacting with residents through playing soccer, distributing clothing or offering free medical services. •

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication intern with Jondelle McGhee, AAA GLEANER correspondent

Musical Vistas Expanded at Music Clinic

Many students ask recruiter Jondelle McGhee what it's like to attend Auburn Adventist Academy. Her answer: "Come and visit!"

As the Washington Conference boarding school, Auburn Academy has the space and facilities to accommodate many conference-wide events. One of these events is the annual three-day music festival for choral or band clinic (alternate years).

Music clinic, a highlight of the school year for musicallyinclined students, unites students' musical abilities for focused rehearsals in preparation for a concert finale.

"There's a healthy measure of competition that brings out the best in musicians when they come together from so many musical backgrounds to perform under one director," said Lon Gruesbeck, Washington Conference vice president for education. "The result is a showcase of Adventist Christian education."

Whether the student is in elementary school or high school, music clinic provides an opportunity to see Auburn's campus, to broaden musical vistas, to make new friends, and to build a sense of community among the 22 schools in western Washington.

Music clinic is usually held the first weekend of March on the campus of Auburn Adventist Academy. Next year will feature a band concentration. Call the academy at (253) 939-5000 for details.

Heidi Martella with Jondelle McGhee

Cascade Eagles Pathfinders Donate Quilt Proceeds to Locks of Love

The Cascade Eagles
Pathfinders, from Burlington,
Wash., finished up their Sewing
honor by sharing the love.

Seven Pathfinder girls earned the Sewing honor by each making a pillowcase, and learning to sew buttons, snaps and hems. They also learned about quilt history and patterns.

Each girl designed at least one quilt square, using the theme of the "Fruits of the Spirit" with joy, love, peace, gentleness, faith and patience illustrated with drawings of animals and butterflies and one

Cascade Eagles, from left: Kari Stickle, McKenzie Livingston, Giovanna Girotto, Ashley Bynum, Brianna Benedict, Alana Fisher and Caelli Calhoun share their newfound love of quilting by donating their finished quilt to Locks of Love.

picture of two girls with the words "best friends forever."

After wondering whether to keep the quilt or sell it, the club decided to sell the quilt and donate the proceeds to Locks of Love.

Locks of Love, as described on their Web site, is a nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 18 with long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. •

Sharon Wilson, North Cascade Church member





College News

New VP for Financial Administration

Steve Rose Accepts Position



Steven G. Rose is the new WWC vice president for financial administration.

Walla Walla College (WWC) is pleased to announce that Steve Rose has accepted the position of vice president for financial administration.

A graduate of WWC and a certified public accountant, Rose has a strong background in international financial management. Since 1999, Rose has worked for the Seventhday Adventist world church as associate treasurer and undertreasurer. Prior to that, Rose worked as a treasurer for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Asia. Born in LaPaz,

Bolivia, he is fluent in English and Spanish.

Rose is familiar with institutions of higher education, having worked closely with the Adventist International Institute for Advanced Studies in the Philippines, Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, California.

"I am very excited that Steve Rose has accepted our invitation," says president John McVay. "He brings a depth of experience in church finance and in missions

that exemplifies excellence and service, values that are important to Walla Walla College."

Rose is expected to begin work at WWC in May. He replaces Jim Hall, interim vice president, who has held the position since Manford Simcock retired last summer.

Rose and his wife, Suzann. have three children, Janae, 16, Sara, 13, and Dustin, 11. •

Kristi Spurgeon, WWC GLEANER correspondent

Exploring the Art of Language WWC Hosts Young Writers' Conference

Walla Walla College's (WWC) new Administration Building was put to good use recently when the English department hosted the 13th annual Young Writers' Conference.

Thirteen academy students attended the workshop, designed to improve their writing skills and encourage them to explore the art of language.

Each year the conference focuses on a distinct style of writing. With an emphasis on narrative writing this year, Sunday's morning workshops covered the purpose of a story, plot development and character development. In the afternoon, students divided into groups to practice their new skills with the help of volunteer English majors. The final session, held



WWC English professor Gary Wiss explains the essence of a story to academy students attending the 13th annual Young Writers' Conference.

in the writing lab, brought the day's lessons into play as the students improved stories they had submitted before the

"Putting together a Young Writers' Conference is a lot of work for all of us-faculty, staff, and often our college students. But we think the

investment is worth the effort, if we can celebrate the art of writing and encourage these writers of the future," says WWC English professor Gary Wiss. He was also the lead presenter for the writing workshop.

Still, the weekend wasn't all hard work. The conference

began Friday evening with supper, followed by worship with WWC English professor Beverly Beem. On Sabbath afternoon, students were treated to a tour of Whitman Mission, led by WWC history professor Monty Buell, followed by a performance of the drama department's annual Festival of One Acts. On Sunday, students attended a movie showing in the new film lab in the Ad Building.

The students, from Mt. Ellis Academy, Livingstone Adventist Academy, and Tri-Cities Junior Academy, were also the first group to fully utilize the English department's area in the new Administration Building. •

Kristi Spurgeon

Medical Imaging Technology Improves Patient Care at AMC

To the average person, single-photon emission computed tomography and computed tomography (SPECT/ CT) may sound like technical jargon. But to clinicians at Adventist Medical Center (AMC) in Portland, Oregon, SPECT/CT sounds like the wave of the future. Combining features of two imaging modalities, the new technology enables physicians to make diagnoses quickly and accurately.

"We're the first Center, hospital in Oregon to have this technology," says Ron Hilburger, CNMT, AMC nuclear medicine technologist. "And the third on the West Coast." A 40-year veteran of the field, Hilburger describes AMC's Siemens Symbia-T scanner as the "Cadillac" of units.

SPECT/CT combines the functional sensitivity of a nuclear medicine SPECT system with the detailed anatomical information of a diagnostic multi-slice CT system. SPECT, a nuclear medicine imaging procedure, enables organ function, cell metabolism and other functional elements in the human body to be displayed.

A New Level of Clarity

Combining technologies brings together the advantages of both procedures,



To learn more about SPECT/CT and other services offered at Portland Adventist Medical Center, visit www.adventisthealthnw.com.

significantly increasing the diagnostic precision of SPECT.

"In nuclear medicine, we're looking inside the body at a molecular level," says Hilburger. Metabolic processes are displayed using different radioactive substances given to patients in extremely small doses. Technologists overlay the SPECT image, which has no anatomical markers, on a multi-slice CT image. As a result, physicians are able to exactly pinpoint the location of a lesion or tumor, for example.

"Our study gives added diagnostic value," said Thuy Hotan, CNMT, also a nuclear medicine technologist. By adding CT information to SPECT, radiologists are able to help rule out false positives. Also, performing the two exams together increases the

likelihood of good image registration.

The new Symbia-T also boasts quick scanning time and a wide, comfortable gantry. "The machine is built like a CT or MRI, so it's very large and open," says Hotan. "And the CT scan goes so fast, most patients don't even notice the extra time."

Changing the Face of Medical Imaging

"Nuclear medicine is a challenging field," says Hotan. "I'm always learning technologies and new ways of looking at how the body works." After nearly 20 years, she also appreciates developing relationships with patients.

"We spend more time with patients than with other exams, such as x-ray," she says. "Some nuclear medicine studies take several hours, and we're able to get to know our patients a little better."

Technologists also directly assist physicians in providing quality care.

"We're involved in the diagnostic decision-making process," said Hilburger. This means technologists help develop protocol around new technology like SPECT/CT to provide physicians with the best images.

"There is a significant increase in diagnostic confidence with the images

produced using the Symbia-T," says John Ferguson, medical imaging and radiation oncology administrative director. "This enables our physicians to communicate urgent and critical test results in a timely manner and expedite decisions related to patient care. Ultimately, this translates to reduced lengths of stay for our inpatients and more specific direction about care."

After four decades in the field, Hilburger has seen these types of changes over the years. "When I started in this business, we used handheld scanners and slide rules to make our measurements," he says, laughing. "The new technology is amazing." •

Shawna Malvini, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent

Carlson 90th

Mary Elsie Carlson recently celebrated her 90th birthday at a family gathering in her home in Troy, Idaho. She was a charter member of the Troy Church. She has held almost every church office, is well-known and still active in the community.

Born Mary Elsie Littler to Everett and Edna Littler in a home beside the Stillwater River in Montana, Mary Elsie never had a birth certificate until she'd had all four of her children. Her father homesteaded and freighted near Jordon, Mont., where her mother became a

Seventh-day Adventist. Mary Elsie graduated from Mt. Ellis Academy. Later the family moved to the Troy, Idaho, area where she met her husband Orvil. They still live on their farm there.

The Carlson family includes Eva Lou and Boyd Deibel of Troy; Terry and Laurie Carlson of Dallas, Ore.; Susan Carlson of Vancouver, Wash.; Kenny Carlson of Troy; 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Iensen 50th

Larry and Eunice Jensen celebrated their 50th anniversary on Aug. 24, 2006, with an Alaskan cruise. They are members of the Ronan (Mont.) Church.

Larry Jensen married Eunice Erickson on Aug. 24, 1956, in Ronan. Larry and Eunice were high school sweethearts when they married and began their life journey together. They have lived in several different states, and have been ranchers, driven truck, and owned and operated Rhodes bakeries. After moving back several years ago to Ronan and the Mission Valley where they were raised, Larry continued to drive school

buses while being semi-retired. They have been active in the Ronan Church, and will be missed since they are currently relocating to Caldwell, Idaho. Their fervent prayer is to see everyone in heaven.

The Jensen family includes Terri and Fred Hebard of Niles, Mich.; Judy and Steven Schwab of Whitehall, Mont.; Larry Jr. and Jackie Jensen of Auburn, Wash.; David and Michele Jensen of Auburn, 12 grandchildren and 5 greatgrandchildren.

AERNI—Sarah Michelle was born Nov. 28, 2006, to Douglas II and Yeon Kyong (Park) Aerni, College Place, Wash.

BEAM—Cameron V. was born Jan. 25, 2007, to Jeremy and Angela (Ferguson) Beam, College Place, Wash.

BEAM—Sophia R. was born Jan. 25, 2007, to Jeremy and Angela (Ferguson) Beam, College Place, Wash.

BOWMAN—Taylor Allen was born Oct. 21, 2006, to Chad and Sandra (Kelley) Bowman, Nampa, Idaho.

BOYD—Amberlynn M. was born Feb. 16, 2007, to Jack and Aprilyn (Vidal) Boyd, Walla Walla, Wash.

CRAIN—Piper Pearl was born March 6, 2007, to Jason and Stacy (Hill) Crain, Clackamas,

DAVIDSON-AERNI—Francis Douglas was born July 24, 2006, to David Aerni and Ashleigh Davidson, Walla Walla, Wash.

KELLEY—Aiden Alexander was born Jan. 5, 2007, to Chris and Amy (Gheorghita) Kelley, Bellingham, Wash.

KIM—Taylor Joseph was born Feb. 23, 2007, to Joe and Sharika (Boland) Kim, Camas, Wash.

KNAUFF—Kylie M. was born Dec. 19, 2006, to Kaleb and Tammie (Hood) Knauff, Nampa, **LUDT**—Franklin Baer was born March 8, 2007, to Geoffrey and Rachel (Cafferky) Ludt, Portland, Ore.

MACLACHLAN—Jack Ryan Edward was born Dec. 27, 2006, to Josh and Suzanne (Pfannmuller) MacLachlan, Ridgefield, Wash.

NELSON—Leah Noelle was born Jan. 23, 2007, to Mike and Sandra (Bell) Nelson, Sedro-Woolley, Wash.

NEWMAN—David C. was born Jan. 28, 2007, to Joshua and Rosie (Ortega) Newman, Sandy, Ore.

PIERCE—Brendan Michael was born Feb. 23, 2007, to Troy and Debbie (Mulligan) Pierce, Battle Ground, Wash.

PORTER—Ivan Daniel was born March 17, 2007, to Luke and Lynsey (Pestes) Porter, Berrien Springs, Mich.

RIDER—Trevor C. was born Feb. 10, 2007, to Jesse and Raylene (Cooper) Rider, Ronan, Mont.

SCHOLL—Colin Robert M. was born Feb. 14, 2007, to Richard and Lisa (Jones) Scholl, Walla Walla, Wash.

SZABO—Jonathan Daniel was born Feb. 16, 2007, to Daniel and Marta (Gheorghita) Szabo, Bellingham, Wash.

WEBB—Robin Alecia was born Feb. 7, 2007, to Steven and Bernita (Smith) Webb, Sweet Home, Ore.

APPLE-SANDVIK—Brittney R. Apple and David L. Sandvik were married March 16, 2007, in Hillsboro, Ore. They are making their home in College Place, Wash. Brittney is the daughter of David Apple and Denette and

Bruce Neal. David is the son of Randy and Patti Sandvik.

BUROTTO-JELLISON—Karina V. Burotto and Forrest C. Jellison were married Nov. 26, 2006, in Los Angeles, Calif. They are making their home in Loma

Linda, Calif. Karina is the daughter of Felix and Milea Burotto. Forrest is the son of James and Cheryl Jellison.

DOWNER-REESE—Kacie Downer and Benjamin Reese were married Sept. 5, 2004,

in Cashmere, Wash. They are making their home in Portland, Ore. Kacie is the daughter of Roger and Vicki (Kershner) Downer. Benjamin is the son of Dennis and Janet (Munding) Reese.

ATREST

DOWNER-WELSER—Cristina Downer and Jeremy Welser were married June 4, 2006, in Priest Lake, Idaho. They are making their home in Sandpoint, Idaho. Cristina is the daughter of Roger and Vicki (Kershner) Downer. Jeremy is the son of Kurt and Suzanne (Schermerhorn) Welser.

HARWOOD-PHIFER—Carmalyn R. Harwood and Keith A. Phifer were married Jan. 14, 2007, in Hillsboro, Ore. They are making their home in Roseburg, Ore. Carmalyn is the daughter of Roston and Rebecca Harwood. Keith is the son of Ken and Sharon Phifer.

JORDAN-HUMBERT—Theomie A. Jordan and Andrew N. Humbert were married on Jan. 21, 2007, in Federal Way, Wash. They are making their home in Bremerton, Wash. Theomie is the daughter of Johnny and Wendelina Jordan. Andrew is the son of Marvin and Sharon Humbert and Steve and Nancy Lucas.

STEELE-ROBERTSON-

Cassandra I. Steele and Brian Robertson were married Dec. 23, 2006, in Snohomish, Wash., where they are making their home. Cassandra is the daughter of Jeffrey Steele and Pamela Steele. Brian is the son of Russ Robertson and Peggy Robertson.

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BOLTON—Glenn C., 93; born Feb. 14, 1913, Huron, S.D.; died Feb. 12, 2007, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Elaine (Clements) Morton, College Place, Wash.; stepson, William Morton, Whidbey Island, Wash.; daughters, Norma (Bolton) Wendt and Nita (Bolton) Hamilton, both of Deer Park, Wash.; brother, Earl, Wenatchee, Wash.; 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

CASTLE—Norma Wolf, 84; born Jan. 17, 1922, Velna, Alberta, Canada; died Nov. 21, 2006, Lynden, Wash. Surviving: sons, Gary Hecock, Dayton, Wash.; Allen Hecock, Bellingham, Wash.; daughters, Wilda Rouse, Karen Cowin and Kay Smith, Lynden; Paula Guliford, Gates, Ore.; 18 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

DOWNER—Harold F., 84; born Nov. 22, 1919, Billings, Mont.; died Sept. 29, 2004, Billings. Surviving: wife, Marjorie (Krieger); sons, Jerry, Moscow, Idaho; Roger, Wenatchee, Wash.; daughter, Sonia Birnel, Chetwynd, British Columbia, Canada; and 8 grandchildren

EHRHARDT—Martha L. (Schubert), 90; born Dec. 2, 1916, Ramona, Kan.; died Jan. 18, 2007, Ramona. Surviving: daughters, Patricia Wick and Jessica Gilbert, both of Ramona.

FERGUSON—Patricia E. (McDowell), 86; born July 11, 1920, Potlatch, Wash.; died Jan. 16, 2007, Shady Cove, Ore. Surviving: son, Brian, Eagle Point, Ore.; daughter, Patti Wilcox, Grants Pass, Ore.; and 4 grandchildren.

GRANDY—Robert D., 91; born May 7, 1915, Pierson, Mich.; died Oct. 31, 2006, Glendale, Ore. Surviving: wife, Roberta L. (Moore); daughter, Sandra Cook, Winston, Ore.; 3 grand-children and 4 great-grandchildren.

GRIFFITH—John H., 90; born Feb. 21, 1917, LaCross, Wis.; died March 11, 2007, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: son, John A., Vancouver; daughter, Dorothy Kuehnel, Portland, Ore.; 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

GRIFFIN—Lyle B., 88; born Aug. 31, 1918, Salem, Ore.; died March 5, 2007, Salem. Surviving: wife, Doris (Tuokey); son, Ron, Salem; daughters, Donna Webb, Arlington, Ore.; Linda Kline, Salem; sister, Betty Blandini, Red Bluff, Calif.; 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

HAMBY—Izel B. (Winslow)
Buell Bohlman, 85; born Sept.
6, 1921, Sutherlin, Ore.; died
Feb. 6, 2007, Walla Walla, Wash.
Surviving: son, John Bohlman,
Lincoln City, Ore.; daughters,
Linda (Buell) Krivoshein,
Arelee, Saskatchewan, Canada;
Dianne (Bohlman) Matson,
Clarkston, Wash.; sister, Lorraine
(Winslow) Peterson, Nampa,
Idaho; 8 grandchildren and 6
great-grandchildren.

HART—Frances E. (Hendricks), 92; born April 7, 1914, Ft. Madison, Iowa; died Jan. 23, 2007, East Wenatchee, Wash.

HOLD—Phyllis K. (Hoffman), 67; born June 5, 1939, Big Timber, Mont.; died Jan. 12, 2007, Beaverton, Ore. Surviving: husband, Bruce; son, Merlin; daughter, Rochelle Hold, Beaverton, Ore.; Melanie Barnes, San Diego, Calif.; Marla Francis, Bozeman, Mont.; sisters, Helen Svaleson, Toston, Mont.; Lois Aldrich, Helena, Mont.; Charlotte Lefferts, Bozeman, Mont.; and 2 grandchildren.

HOLMES—Dorothy M. (Sparhawk), 92; born Nov. 30, 1914, Alberta, Canada; died Feb. 27, 2007, Union Gap, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Jean Venter, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; Joan Money, Yakima, Wash.; Deb Campbell, Valdez, Ala.; 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

HOLMES—George F., 94; born Sept. 9, 1912, Rehms, N.D.; died Jan. 17, 2007, Union Gap, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Jean Venter, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; Joan Money, Yakima, Wash.; Deb Campbell, Valdez, Ala.; 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

JORGENSEN—Sharon N.
(Bills), 69; born May 24, 1937,
Hillsboro, Ore.; died Dec.
11, 2006, North Plains, Ore.
Surviving: husband, Herbert F.,
Grand Terrace, Calif.; daughters,
Julie Gwinn, Grand Terrace;
Debby Schamberger, Fairview
Park, Ohio; and a grandchild.

KINCAID—Rozella D. (Rogers), 80; born March 19, 1926, Crow Wing County, Minn.; died Feb. 26, 2007, Plains, Mont. Surviving: brothers, James E. "Buddy" Rogers, of Alaska; Willy Rogers Jr.; and sister, Mary Bouchian, Mt. Holly, Vt.

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LAMBERTON—Ned K., 81; born March 18, 1925, Brewster, Wash.; died Jan. 30, 2007, McMinnville, Ore. Surviving: wife, Marji; sons, James, Brewster; Thomas, Yakima, Wash.; daughter, Ruth Corson, College Place, Wash.; brothers, Harold, Walla Walla, Wash.; Clark, Chiang Mai, Thailand; Lyn, Harare, Zimbabwe, Africa; sister, Ivamae Huey, Robstown, Texas; Chloetta Krueger, College Place; Kay Hanson, Brewster; 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

LANDON—Marvin M., 75; born Nov. 19, 1930, Columbia Falls, Mont.; died July 11, 2006, Kennewick, Wash. Surviving: wife, Gladys (Davis), Irrigon, Ore.; son, Marvin "Buzz" Jr., Irrigon; daughter, Karey Gasser, Columbia Falls; stepdaughters, Anita (Poston) Moser, Wenatchee, Wash.; Laura (Poston) Hightower, Pasco, Wash.; brothers, Frank R., Newberg, Ore.; James D., Burns, Ore.; Donald D., Kalispell, Mont.; sisters, Nadine Christie and Grace Waters, both of Kalispell; 3 step-grandchildren and 6 stepgreat-grandchildren.

LINDSAY—Margaret R. (Eubanks), 79; born July 26, 1927, Chamberlain, S.D.; died March 6, 2007, Portland, Ore. Surviving: husband, Leslie; son, Stephen, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; daughter, Karen Davies, Boise, Idaho; sister, Lorranie Smith, Clackamas, Ore.; and 8 grandchildren.

LOGANBILL—Juanita N. (Nixon), 91; born March 20, 1915, Devils Lake, Ore.; died Jan. 8, 2007, Salem, Ore. Surviving: son, Dean, Salem; and 4 grandchildren.

LORENZ—Irene C. (Heinrich), 87; born Jan. 7, 1920, Midvale, Idaho; died March 2, 2007, Portland, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Sue Williams, Gresham,

Ore.; Glenda Watkins, Portland; brother, Frank Heinrich, Gresham; sister, Sarah Shehan, Greenville, Calif.; 6 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

MCINTYRE—Phyllis L. (Hensrud), 90; born Aug. 19, 1916, McKinock, N.D.; Sept. 19, 2006, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: daughter, Patty Knittel, Gresham; and 2 grandchildren.

MCPHERSON—Ed, 80; born July 17, 1926, Middleton, Ohio; died March 14, 2007, Pendleton, Ore. Surviving: wife, Dixie (Horner); sons, Wayne, Coos Bay, Ore.; Dan, Dighton, Kan.; and daughter, Linda McPherson, Ashland, Ore.

MCPHERSON—Melvin J., 97; born Dec. 18, 1909, S. Stukely, Quebec, Canada; died Jan. 21, 2007, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Dorothy (Johnson); sons, Ivan, Fairbury, Neb.; Grant, San Ignacio Town, Belize; and 10 grandchildren.

MILTON—John, 88; born June 21, 1915, Auburn, Maine; died Sept. 28, 2003, Clackamas, Ore. Surviving: wife, Britta (Johnson), Clackamas, Ore.; stepdaughter, Patti Hanson, Clackamas; 3 step-grandchildren and 5 step-great-grandchildren.

PETERSON—Margaret L. (Jacobson), 86; born Dec. 21, 1920, Alexandria, Minn.; died Feb. 16, 2007, Portland, Ore. Surviving: sons, Jay, Pomona, Calif.; Kent, Marysville, Wash.; daughters, Gwynne Martin, Carson City, Nev.; Anita Linehan, Longview, Wash.; Sheila Kurz, Salem, Ore.; sister, Mabel Waterhouse, Redding, Calif.; and 7 grandchildren

SCHROADER—Wendell F., 80; born Nov. 1, 1926, Hartford, Ky.; died Feb. 21, 2007, Battle Ground, Wash. Surviving: wife, B. Jean (Cleary); son, Timothy, Fairbanks, Alaska; daughters, Kathy Schroader and Pam Ogren, both of Battle Ground;



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brother, Glen, Port Ludlow, Wash.; Russel, Tacoma, Wash.; half-brother, Byron, Yakima, Wash.; sister, Wilma Halstead, Yakima; half-sister, Cindy Roady, Yakima; 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

SCHULTZ—Albert L., 89; born Oct. 17, 1917, Farmington, Wash.; died Dec. 27, 2006, Boise, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Tom, Clancy, Mont.; Steve, Post Falls, Idaho; Clinton, Spokane, Wash.; Ted, Fairfield, Mont.; and brother, Harold, College Place, Wash.

SOSSONG—Victor A., 89; born Sept. 25, 1917, Tacoma, Wash.; died Nov. 25, 2006, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: stepson, Rodney Zuver, College Place, Wash.; stepdaughter, Terry (Zuver) Nichols, Spokane, Wash.; Cathy Zuver, Newbury Park, Calif.; brother, Jasper, Cave Junction, Ore.; sister, Marlene Egbert, Monroe, La.; 5 stepgrandchildren and 11 step-greatgrandchildren.

wild—B. Bernita (Bliss), 91; born Sept. 2, 1915, Milton, Ore.; died Jan. 31, 2007, Centralia, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Marie Tyer, Centralia, Wash.; Judith Becker and Marjorie Osborn, both of Birmingham, Ala.; brothers, Burton Bliss, College Place, Wash.; Bern Bliss, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; and Bob Bliss, Scottsdale, Ariz.

WORLEY—George A., 63; born May 8, 1943, San Antonio, Texas; died Feb. 20, 2007, Roseberg, Ore. Surviving: wife, Nancy (Crisp); sons, Stephen, Oxford, N.C.; David, Taipei, Taiwan; and a grandchild.

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Offerings

May 5-Local Church Budget; May 12—Disaster & Famine Relief*; May 19—Local Church Budget; May 26—Local Conference Advance.

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Special Days

Curriculum Focus for the Month—Community Services+

May 5—Community Services Sabbath; May 12—Youth Sabbath

+Curriculum resource materials are published in NAD church resource journals— Sabbath School Leadership, Celebración, Célébration, Kids' Ministry Ideas, and Cornerstone Youth Resource Journal.

Open House

May 27—The North Pacific Union Conference staff is inviting members from area churches and the community to an open house with tours of their new building in Ridgefield, Wash., from 2-5 p.m. Driving directions are available at http://www.npuc.org/ or call (360) 857-7000.

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

May 5—Havdalah vespers, at 7:30 p.m., in the Walla Walla College Church. May **7–12**—Join us for the InTents meetings, an evangelistic series held every year on the Walla Walla College campus. May 12, 13, 17, 19, and 20—WWC drama presents "The Accidental Death of an Anarchist." Show begins at 8 p.m. on May 12 and 19, and at 9 p.m. all other dates. Tickets available at drama.wwc. edu or by calling (509) 527-2832. May 19—Evensong, at 7:30 p.m., in the Walla Walla College Church.

ALASKA

Alaska Conference Men's Retreat

June 15–17—Doug Batchelor will speak at the Alaska Conference Men's Retreat at Kent Sandvik's

gold mine on Caribou Creek. OREGON Fifteen miles from the highway, the mine is set in pristine Alaskan wilderness and can be reached by small plane, four-wheeler, and on foot by vigorous hikers. Bring your own tent, join the campfire circle, expect a spiritual feast. Call (907) 745-5221; P.O. Box 3450, Palmer, AK 99645.

IDAHO

Missing Members

Does anyone know where these missing members are or if any of them are deceased? Do you happen to know the dates? We need help with these missing members from the Twin Falls Church. If you know of their whereabouts or information, please contact Rosann Thompson, Twin Falls church clerk, at (208) 829-5356, thompsrosa@cs.com or 539 Lenz Ave., Hazelton, ID 83335-5079. They are: Jean R. Cooper, Betty L. Crawford, Linda Crisache, Angela S. Cummins, Jeron N. Dickson, Sandra M. Dickson, Kathy Elliott, Juanita Fisher, Evan Garcia, Jeannette Garcia, Ann B. Gregory, Barbara Havener, Beverly Hayes, Billy Hayes, Doug Hayes, Larry Head, Minnie H. Hision-Hooper, Brian P. Holm, Ronald Jewett, James Kelty, Stacy Kirkpatrick, Sandra Langstein, David Limbert, Mary L. Limbert, John W. Mabry, Mac Mayer, Kenneth McCarver, Crystal McGonigal, Roy D. McNeal, Denyse L. Nimmo, Amy Pufahl, Mike Rascon, Adrian Saca, Gerogel Saca, Lidia Saca, Toma Saca, James Schrock, Kathy Schrock, Dennis Shafer, Bonnie Silva, David Slinger, Helen N. Stetzel, Terri Theitten, James R. Thomas, Karen Thomas, Kenneth N. Thomas, Travis N. Thomas, Connie Trappen, Doris Wageman, Garrett A. Walter, Terrie L. Weber, Wayne A. Weber, John Wilson, Rick Winther, Mary L. Worrell, Rebecca A. Worrell, Ronald D. Worrell, Julie Ziegenbein.

Retired Workers' Fellowship

May 1—The monthly potluck of the "Oregon Retired Workers' Fellowship" will be held at 12 p.m. By popular request, the Gospel Bluegrass Group from the Kelso-Longview Church will be presenting our program. We welcome and encourage all retirees to bring their food and join us in the cafeteria on the Gladstone Campground, 19800 Oatfield Road, Gladstone, Ore. For more information, contact the Jorgensons at (360) 423-1612.

Healthy Living Emphasis Weekend

May 4–6—Friday 7 p.m., Saturday 3 p.m., Sunday Health Fair, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., health screening and sample foods. Location: Community Learning Center, 4212 N.E. Prescott St., Portland, Ore. Call Carl Parker at (503) 281-8596 for information. Event sponsored by Urban Health Project.

Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM)

May 6—Sponsored by the Beaverton Adventist Singles, at 12:30 p.m. we will carpool from Beaverton Church to the Historic Columbia River Highway Trail at Hood River. Bike or hike to the Twin Tunnels. Bring a picnic lunch and a bike or plan on a hike. There are 4.6 miles of paved (accessible) trail and "gorge"ous views. May Brenda Payton, Jerry Peterson, 19—At 12:30 p.m., we will carpool from Beaverton Church to hike Falls Creek Falls trails, Stevenson/Carson, Wash. Bring good hiking shoes and a picnic lunch. This hike will be 2 miles with an astonishing waterfall at the end! For information, contact Tom Terry at (503) 684-7971 or tom.te@verizon.net; Charlotte at (503) 579-9549; or go to http://www.beavertonsda.com/, then to the Singles Page. Maps will be available in the church foyer at 14645 S.W. Davis Road, Delta Worthington, Demifar M. Beaverton, Ore. Save June Yanoshu, Shoshona Yovan and 15–17 for a campout at Cove Palisades.

May Events at Hood View

"Male/Female Differences" will be presented by Arlene Taylor, brain function specialist from St. Helena Hospital in California, at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the Hood View Church in Boring, Ore. Her seminar will continue Sabbath at 10:50 a.m. with "Seven Secrets of Communication" and again at 2 p.m. Taylor is founder and president of Realizations, Inc., and creator of The Brain and Innate Giftedness program. To make reservations, contact hoodviewchurch@verizon.net.

Milo's Spring Family Weekend

May 11-12—Beginning with vespers at 7:30 p.m., the weekend will be filled with a variety of performances and activities. For more information, call Milo Academy at 541-825-3200.

Portland Adventist Academy Presents

May 20—Come to a Spring Banquet Benefit Concert presented by the Singing Christmas Tree Select Choir at 6:30 p.m. in The Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel. Proceeds benefit Portland Adventist Academy Student Scholarships. To sponsor a table and for an individual tickets, call (503) 255-8372, ext. 230.

Stayton Missing Members

The Stayton Church is seeking information regarding the following missing members: Paola Braga, Gilberto Canas, Richard D. Carpenter, Carlos Flores, Jeffrey Holloway, Mary Whistler Luttrell, Vergilio Ramirez, Felipa Ramirez, Francisco Serrano, Leon Whistler, Jr., and Jan Whistler. If you have information regarding any of these members, please contact Winona Letcher at (503) 394-3950 or bobwin@smt-net.com.

Milo Graduation Weekend

May 25—Consecration, 7:30 p.m.; May 26—Baccalaureate, 11 a.m., followed by potluck and class night; May 27-

Commencement, 10 a.m. May 11–12—A seminar on Call (541) 825-3200 for more information.

UPPER COLUMBIA

Pilot Rock 40th Anniversary

June 1—Join the Pilot Rock Church for vespers and supper at 6 p.m.; June 2—Plan to spend the day with us celebrating our 40th anniversary. For information, contact Carolyn Erice at (541) 443-7114 or Sandy Burrows at sanburrows@aol.com.

North Idaho Regional Camp Meeting

June 20–23—Camp Meeting begins with the Wednesday evening meeting featuring Ivor Meyer from the Power of the Lamb Ministries. Meyer will be speaking at the 10 a.m. service and the 7 p.m. service each day. Sally Streib, author and presenter from California, will share lessons about God's sea creatures. She shares fantastic lessons from the oceans with kids and adults alike, presenting afternoon and evening meetings for kids. The camp meeting site is at Cornerstone Christian School, six miles north of Bonners Ferry on Highway 95. RV hook-ups are available and

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be meals available for purchase. and registration at http://www. For reservations and information, contact Tammy Onstott at (208) 267-9110.

WASHINGTON

SAGE Washington

May 6-11—Sunset Lake Workbee. Need volunteers to help build a "Frontier Town" and for general clean-up. Meals provided. Cabins provided or bring your own RV. June **16**—Auburn Camp Meeting Supper celebrating 13 years of senior fun, fellowship and service. Must have a ticket to be admitted in the cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. To order free tickets, contact Joan Libby at (253) 681-6008 or joan.libby@wc.npuc. org or pick up your free tickets at the Auburn Camp Meeting Information Booth. Go to http:// www.sage-washington.com/ or write to SAGE, 3450 S. 344th Way, Suite 200, Federal Way, WA 98001.

Sunset Lake Camp

Sunset Lake is excited to welcome you to our 50th year of summer camp experience. We are proud of our heritage and eager to explore the exciting future that God has prepared for us. Join us this summer for an unforgettable week of camp. Visit http://www. sunsetlake.org/ for schedules and registration.

Spanish Camp Meeting

June 7-9—Join the firstever Spanish Camp Meeting in Washington Conference. Listen to speakers Armando Miranda, General Conference vice president, and Pedro Pozo, an associate pastor in Florida Conference. Rosa Alicia Miranda, a family life presenter, will also present a family seminar. For details, contact Janeth Carnduff at (253) 681-6008.

Washington Adventist Camp Meeting

June 14–23—Come to discover "The Power of the Cross" and be transformed as you discover

areas for tent camping. There will anew: It's All About Jesus. Details washingtonconference.org/

WORLD CHURCH

Academy Reunion

May 5—Maplewood Academy Reunion at Walla Walla Valley Academy, 300 S.W. Academy Way, College Place, Wash. Potluck at 1 p.m. Locals, please bring extra for out-of-towners. For information, contact (509) 529-4837 or neilandlois@ aol.com; (541) 938-2160 or kiesz2walla@wmconnect.com.

40th Anniversary

July 14—Covington/Taylor Mill Church will celebrate their 40th Anniversary in Taylor Mill, Ky. All former members are invited to attend. For details, contact Sandra Silbersack Bowman at (859) 525-7676 or taylormillsdachurch@yahoo.

German Camp Meeting

May 5—Plan now to attend the annual Seventh-day Adventist German meeting at Camp Hope, 61855 Lougheed Highway, Hope, British Columbia, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on the Youth Hill. Bring your German Bible; musical instruments; special music for blessings in worship; and delicious German food for the potluck. For information about accommodations (camping, cabins, lodge), contact Reiner Kuppers at (604) 826-0300; or Anita Bookter at (425) 222-

Tell the World, Tell Them Now!

Aug. 1-4—Don't miss the 60th Anniversary Celebration of Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries at the annual ASI International Convention, in the Louisville International Convention Center, Louisville, Ky. Enjoy dynamic speakers, member testimonies, music, seminars, exhibits, fellowship, youth programs for all ages. For information, go to http://www. asiministries.org/.

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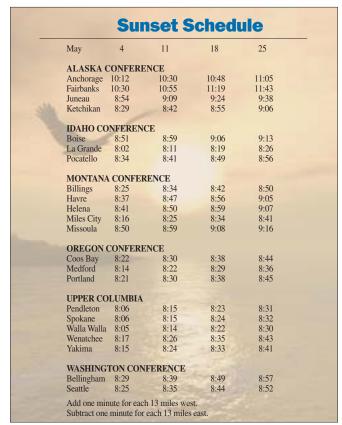
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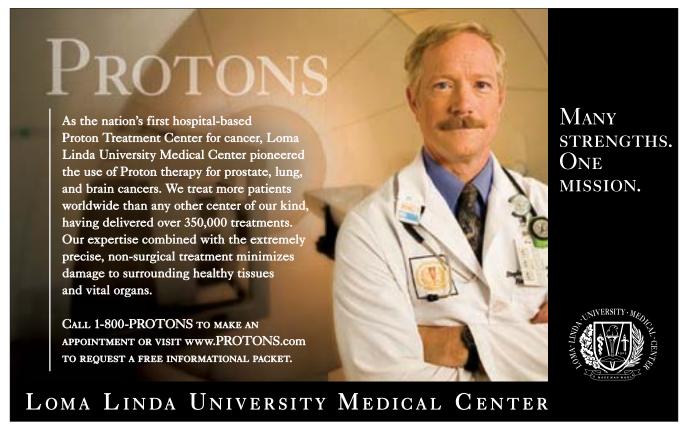
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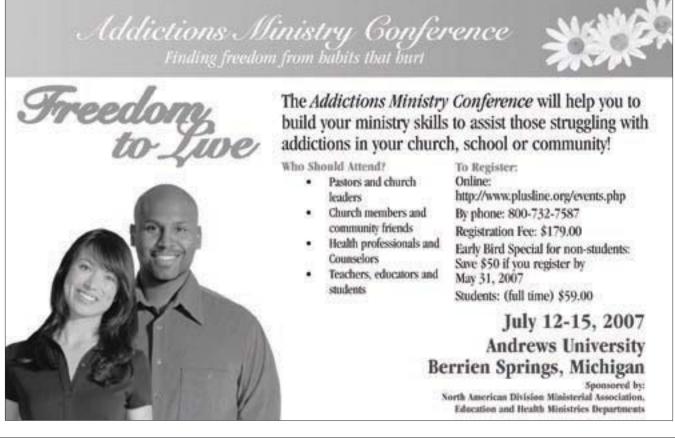
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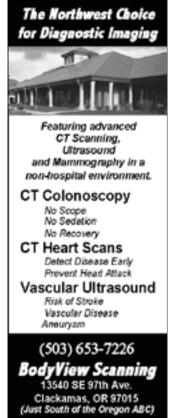
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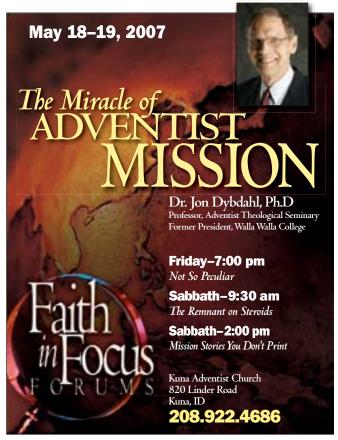
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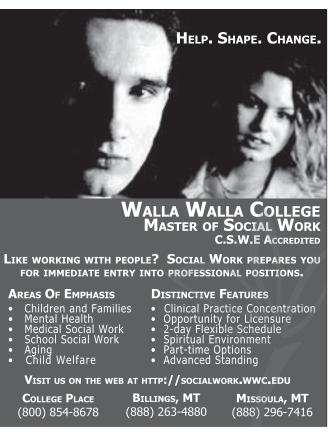
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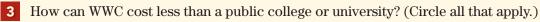


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- 1 Which of the following statements is true?
 - A. Last year, the average family paid only \$4,356 toward a WWC education.
 - B. We've got nearly \$40 million in financial aid to award for next year.
 - C. More than 75% of our students qualify for need-based financial aid.
 - D. All of the above statements are true.
- 2 For approximately what percentage of parents does sending their student to WWC cost less than Adventist academy did?
 - A. 60-70% B. 80-90% C. 50-60% D. 90-100%



- A. WWC Grants—last year, the financial award for each student who showed maximum need included a \$7,300 WWC Grant. (That's free money!)
- B. WWC's tuition is lower than Walla Walla Community College's.
- C. Many of WWC's freshmen receive scholarships, some as much as \$22,000—in addition to need-based aid.
- D. The maximum financial award at WWC for 2006-07 is more than the cost of tuition, room, board and books. (At Washington State colleges and universities it's less than \$10,000.)
- 4 Which two Washington schools have the lowest room and board rates this year?
 - A. Heritage University
 - B. University of Puget Sound
 - C. Washington State University
- D. University of Washington
- E. Walla Walla College
- F. Seattle Pacific University
- 5 What is the financial aid file priority date at WWC?

A. April 30 B. May 31 C. June 30 D. July 31



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