North American Division Welcomes Guam-Micronesia Mission

Addition adds approximately 4,500 new members to NAD.

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NAD President Dan Jackson welcomed the move. “We are always happy to cooperate with the world church, and we will embrace the peoples and the ministry of the Guam-Micronesia Mission,” he said. MORE

Photo: Southern Asia-Pacific Division President Alberto Gulfan addresses the chair of Annual Council regarding the shift of the Guam-Micronesia Mission to the North American Division. NAD President Dan Jackson sits nearby. [photo: Ansel Oliver]

Annual Council News is Online at Adventist Network News.
Photo: GC President Ted N. C. Wilson says he is against the request of the North American Division to allow commissioned ministers to serve as conference presidents. NAD President Dan Jackson, left, and NAD Secretary G. Alex Bryant, center, sit nearby. [Photo: by Ansel Oliver]

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Urban Evangelism is Wilson’s Call to Adventist World Church - New York City is 2013 launch site; every division to participate

Adventist Church membership audits planned, revised figures contemplated - Accuracy, transparency are key, says church statistician

Church in Middle East now an attached field of world headquarters - Israel Field also transferred to direct headquarters oversight

Adventist world church approves urban focus; New York City is first launch site - Adventist world church approves urban focus; New York City is first launch site

Church leaders, members feel ‘strain’ of turbulent economy, but giving remains faithful - 2012 budget reallocations free up funding for unreached region; Hope Channel now separate financial entity

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Special Needs Children’s Ministry Training, Nov. 11-13

Cruise With a Mission, Dec. 11-18

Adventist Ministries Convention, Jan. 15–18

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the One project, Feb. 13-14
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**Special Days:**  
• October 15, Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath  
• October 22, Pathfinder Sabbath

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Vibrant Life Magazine  
E. G. White Estate, Spirit of Prophecy Day - Heritage
Gone But Not Forgotten

Elder Philip Stanley Follett passed away on Friday evening, October 7, after a long battle with cancer, at age 79. Phil was a faithful worker for God. His service for the Seventh-day Adventist Church spanned a period of 58 years. He began as a literature evangelist in the Southern California Conference. His service continued, including that of a ministerial intern, church pastor, conference president of three conferences, union president, General Conference vice president and chairman of the Adventist Media Center Board. He will be greatly missed by those who knew him.

He was President of LifeTalk Radio for five years, beginning in 2003, and afterward he graciously continued to assist in the work of LifeTalk Radio by covering many roles including director of station relations.

"Phil was a very dear friend and colleague of mine - a true leader and
a man of God,” said Warren Judd, Director of LifeTalk Radio; interim manager of the Adventist Media Center; and assistant vice president of the North American Division. “I personally learned much from his example and witness and I look forward to spending valuable time with Phil when we reach heaven one day soon!”

The memorial service will be at 3 p.m. on Sabbath, October 15, at the Collegedale, Tenn. church with Dr. Gordon Bietz officiating. He is survived by two adult children, Lorraine Follett Ball and David Ball, and two grandchildren, Jonathan and Jessica Ball. Condolences to the family may be sent via his daughter, Lorraine Ball, at Southern Adventist University, School of Journalism, PO Box 370, Collegedale, TN 37315.

Sam Woods died in a car accident during a rain storm on Saturday night, October 8. He was the ITS associate director for the Southwestern Union (SWU). He was 66 years old and had worked for the Adventist Church for 33 years, including the past 15 years at the Southwestern Union.

Before joining the SWU, Woods served as an evangelist for the Central Union; a conference singing evangelist for the Colorado Conference; a pastor assistant in Nebraska; an evangelist in the Michigan Conference; and a pastor and treasurer assistant for the Texas Conference. He also served for ten years as data processing director for the Texas Conference before joining the Southwestern Union in 1997 as data processing associate manager and eventually as ITS associate director. He was a beloved member of the Southwestern Union family and is already sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

Memorial Service will be Friday, 6:30 p.m., at Arlington, Tex. SDA Church. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Arlington Church Music Fund. There will be a private graveside service.

A health feature will be added to Prophecies Decoded nightly meetings, beginning October 17. The five minute health nuggets will be presented by leading health professionals who are experts in their fields.

The International Council for Corporate Health (ICCH), directed by Juliet Santos, president of ICCH, launched www.MyHealthFixz.com in support of Prophecies Decoded. MyHealthFixz.com is a “one stop shop” that provides easy access to Adventist information on health, lifestyle, prevention, etc. The goal is to feature the Seventh-day Adventist Church in a positive light.

The website will provide the public information about the health lectures, about the longevity lifestyle of Adventists, Bible Studies, an Adventist healthcare system, schools, Seventh-day Adventist televisions broadcasts, Adventist Radio, Adventist Review subscription, Adventist Book Centers, and an opportunity to chat with people around the world.
through a “Forum” that will be monitored and controlled by ICCH.

A digital Andrews Study Bible is now available through Logos Bible Software. Logos offers the largest digital library for theological and biblical study, with more than 9,000 titles from more than 100 publishers.

"Logos was a natural choice for helping us obtain an efficient and user-friendly way to make the Andrews Study Bible available for the new generations of Bible students who are comfortable with—and even demanding—digital resources," said Andrews University President Niels-Erik Andreasen.

The digital Study Bible was officially released October 10, and is available for all major operating systems, making it accessible on standard desk-based and mobile computers and devices, including iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch and Android-based smartphones and tablets.

New Logos Bible Software customers would want to purchase the complete package of the Andrews Study Bible, along with the New King James Version of the Bible ($39.95). Current Logos customers who may already have the New King James Version from Logos in their digital library will only need to buy the Andrews Study Bible Notes product, which includes all original content in the Andrews Study Bible ($29.95). MORE

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"There are times that we as Christians in the church are great about speaking the truth without Love. We have the truth, and know that people desperately need the truth, but the challenge is that, people cannot hear it from us, because we have not earned the privilege to share it." Sung Kwon at Adventist Church of Oranges in Oranges, NJ, September 24.
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10-12-11 Guam-Micronesia Mission now part of North American Division

Administrative oversight shifts from Southern Asia-Pacific Division

The Seventh-day Adventist Church's Guam-Micronesia Mission, an administrative region comprising islands in the western Pacific Ocean, will now report to the denomination's North American Division.

The shift, approved by the denomination's Executive Committee this morning, moves oversight of the region from the church's Southern Asia-Pacific Division, which is based in the Philippines.

The mission region includes the United States territories of Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Northern Mariana Islands and Palau.

"Over the years there has been discussion whether it would fit better elsewhere," said world church Undersecretary Myron Iseminger. "Regulations are U.S.-oriented and many employees come from North America."

The region is home to roughly 4,500 Adventist Church members. The Adventist Church there also operates numerous elementary and secondary schools, which are staffed largely by student missionaries.

North American Division President Dan Jackson welcomed the move. "We are always happy to cooperate with the world church, and we will embrace the peoples and the ministry of the Guam-Micronesia Mission," he said.

Southern Asia-Pacific Division President Alberto Gulfan confirmed that his executive committee had made several requests to shift oversight of Guam-Micronesia.

"We loved serving Guam-Micronesia over the past years, but we have some challenges and we are very happy and grateful to the leadership of the North American Division ... for their willingness," Gulfan said. "I believe this is God's timing."

Southern Asia-Pacific acquired administrative oversight of the denomination's operations in Pakistan in a territorial realignment on Sunday.

--From Adventist News Network
Hinsdale, IL — Adventist Hinsdale Hospital’s 23rd-annual "Still Missed" memorial service will take place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hinsdale United Methodist Church, 945 S. Garfield Ave.

Organized by the hospital’s Still Missed support program, the event commemorates the lives of babies who died through miscarriage, stillbirth or shortly after birth.

To reserve a spot, call (630) 856-4497. More than 200 community members are expected to attend.

The event — which takes place during national pregnancy and infant loss awareness month — will include special music and banners featuring the names of babies who died before their time. Families are encouraged to share a personal story or poem and all participants will receive a heart pocket memento and white rose.

A children’s activity also is planned. Last year, more than 40 children attended the service.

“Since its inception in 1988, the Still Missed memorial service has really grown and has become an important healing event for so many families dealing with the loss of an infant or child,” said Rosmarie Roose, RN, coordinator of the Still Missed program. “We have parents and even grandparents that attend this service every year to honor the little one they lost.”

The program has several support groups that meet on a regular basis. The Still Missed Parent Support Group meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at Tupper Hall, 119 N. Oak St., directly across from the hospital. It's designed to help parents cope with the grief associated with losing a baby.

The Still Missed Spanish-speaking Parent Support Group and the Grandparent/Family Support Group also both meet quarterly at Tupper Hall. The Subsequent Pregnancy Support Group meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on the third Monday of the month at Tupper Hall.

For more information, call (630) 856-4497 or email stillmissed@ahss.org.
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A budding entrepreneur and senior at Southern Adventist University wants to pay local residents to send text messages.

“I knew that there was a lot of potential in smart phones, so I wanted to start something that utilized smart phones in some way,” Zach Goldstein said.

He and his business partner, Ken Willes, are starting a text messaging advertising company, called Rocket Link Mobile.

The idea is to offer an application that attaches a short advertisement at the end of each text message.
Those who use the application earn 2 cents for every text message they send.

“Our app makes you an agent for the advertisers,” Willes said. “You, as agents, send out text ads with the text messages. Every time you send out that ad, you earn a small commission.”

The business aims, in part, to help offset the cost of expensive mobile service plans, the owners said.

College students and young adults are showing a particularly high interest in this service because many in their age group are sending more than 1,000 texts a month, Goldstein said.

Rocket Link is currently in pre-launch production of their iPhone and Android apps and is allowing interested users to sign up on a waiting list at RocketLinkMobile.com.

Those who sign up early will help beta test the product while earning a commission.

When the software is fully released, anyone with a supported device will be able to use it.

Goldstein said that the advertisements are meant to be unobtrusive.

“We want to make it as attractive as possible,” he said. “We don’t want anything bright and flashy, just simple texts. We want to keep the message size smaller so that will be less jarring to the audience.”
MEDFORD, Ore -- Parents expect private schools to provide top notch education even in a down economy. So far schools in the area have been able to meet this expectation but it's been a close call for some.

Some area private schools are noticing more requests for financial aid. St. Mary's in Medford says 40 percent of its students are on some sort of scholarship.

Rogue Valley Adventist has been lucky. The school has seen an increase in enrollment and that has meant more money than what was budgeted.

However, Principal Larry Aldred said the number of students requesting aid and the amount they are requesting has gone up.
This week in rock history, Little Richard renounced rock & roll, the Faces performed in concert for the last time, Sid Vicious’s girlfriend Nancy Spungen died, Madonna gave birth to her first child and Eric Clapton opened his rehab center.

October 12th, 1957: After a near-death experience, Little Richard renounces rock & roll and embraces God
The self-proclaimed "architect of rock & roll" thought less of his handiwork in 1957, when he almost died en route to a concert.

Little Richard, the ecstatic singer/pianist behind "Tutti Frutti," "Good Golly, Miss Molly" and other rock standbys, was in Australia in the midst of another debaucherous world tour (replete with the usual drugs and orgies) when he boarded a plane to Sydney. While in the air, one of the engines caught fire; in the panic, the singer saw angels holding up his plane (as he later explained to the press). He and his band landed safely in
Sydney, though, and the shaken musician took the stage that evening to tell his audience that he was quitting rock & roll and turning to God.

After the show, to prove his intent to his dubious backing musicians, the flamboyant singer tossed his wildly expensive diamond jewelry into a river. When he returned to the United States, he entered a seminary in Alabama and studied to become a Seventh Day Adventist Preacher. Later, he released a gospel record, *The King of the Gospel Singers*, and returned to rock & roll touring in 1962, supported by a then-little-known act called the Beatles.

October 12, 1975: The Faces make their final live appearance

The Faces represented an unusual moment in British rock: they were a veritable supergroup, with members who came from and would go on to enormous pop success, but a limited phenomenon while they were together.

The group formed in 1969 from the ashes of the Small Faces, a respected mod band of the mid-1960s, after singer Steve Marriott left the group to start the rock band Humble Pie. The remaining members – bassist Ronnie Lane, keyboardist Ian McLagan and drummer Kenney Jones – recruited two prominent musicians from the bluesy Jeff Beck Group, singer Rod Stewart and guitarist Ron Wood.

The band experienced modest success over the next six years, releasing four studio albums and embarking on U.K. and American tours. However, the band split in 1975 due to other enticements: Wood began touring simultaneously with the Rolling Stones, whom he later joined as a full-time member, and Stewart was enjoying far greater success as a solo artist with a string of hit albums, including *Every Picture Tells a Story* (1971) and *Smiler* (1974). The group’s final show was held at Nassau Coliseum in Long Island, New York.
October 12, 1978: Sid Vicious’s girlfriend, Nancy Spungen, dies under mysterious circumstances
The Sex Pistols bassist and his equally self-destructive girlfriend, Nancy Spungen, now serve as shorthand for volatile young love. However, at the time of Spungen’s death, only a tragic mystery connected them.

Less than a year after the Sex Pistols broke up (leaving behind only their influential, assaultive punk album *Never Mind The Bollocks, Here's The Sex Pistols*), the drug-addled Vicious and Spungen stayed at the Hotel Chelsea in New York. On the morning of October 12, Vicious is thought to have hystерically called the police, claiming that he had found Spungen on their bathroom floor, dead from a single stab wound. (The identity of the caller is still unknown.) Vicious was arrested and charged with murder, his story constantly changing: he alternately claimed that he’d stabbed her, that she’d fallen onto the knife, that they’d argued, and that he didn’t remember anything that had happened. Friends also stepped in to suggest a drug deal gone awry.

Ten days after Spungen’s death, Vicious attempted suicide and was sent to a mental hospital. He died, by suicide, on February 2, 1979; in his pocket was a note referring to a "death pact" between himself and Spungen.
October 14, 1996: Madonna gives birth to daughter Lourdes shortly before the release of *Evita*

At the height of her film career, Madonna found personal joy as well with the birth of her first child, Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon.

In 1996, Madonna starred in *Evita*, the biographical musical about controversial First Lady of Argentina, Eva Perón. The period drama was an elaborate undertaking, breaking film records for its lavish staging (including hundreds of costumes that were complicated by Madonna’s discovery of her pregnancy by trainer Carlos Leon). *Evita* would prove a boon to Madonna’s career: she released three singles from the soundtrack and helped win an Academy Award for one, "You Must Love Me," as well as landed a Golden Globe for Best Actress in Motion Picture Musical or Comedy. She also recorded a separate music video for "You Must Love Me" while eight months pregnant.

In October, two months before the wide release of *Evita*, Madonna gave birth to her daughter, Lourdes. She now has four children (daughters Lourdes and Mercy and sons Rocco and David) and has collaborated with Lourdes on a fashion line, Material Girl for Macy’s.
October 13, 1998: Eric Clapton opens the Crossroads rehab center
Named after his incendiary cover of a blues staple, Eric Clapton’s non-profit Crossroads Centre is now a recognizable name in the rehab world. The musician, who publicly waged his own battles with addiction, founded the center on the West Indies island of Antigua in 1998. He has also since established the companion Crossroads Guitar Festival to raise funds for the international facility; in 2010, the Crossroads Festival featured B.B. King, Jeff Beck, Sheryl Crow and more.

Crossroads operates on a 29-day residential program, including a tiered program of "steps" not unlike other alcohol recovery programs. As the musician states on the website:

"As a recovering addict and alcoholic, many people over the years spoke with me about the problems associated with drug and alcohol abuse on the island…We believe that the majority of individuals suffering from addiction have the capacity for recovery if given the proper foundation to begin their journey."

Crossroads comes at a formidable cost: the four-week program runs $24,500 and the six-week extended program is $31,500. No wonder troubled celebrities flock to it – including, reportedly, Britney Spears in 2007.
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Adventist hospitals reduce emergency wait times
Written by Business Journal staff
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Emergency patients tend to get faster treatment at Adventist Medical Centers in Hanford and Selma, which surpassed national standards on wait times.

The average time to see a health provider at the Hanford emergency room was 30 minutes in August and only 19 minutes at the Selma center in July.

Both numbers compare well against the national average, pegged at one hour by the Centers for Disease Control and at 37 minutes by the federal Government Accountability Office in 2009.

The impressive marks can be chalked up to the hospitals' use of Rapid Medical Evaluation, a program by CEP America designed to reduce patient wait times and improve patient satisfaction.

Under the program, emergency visit rose by 35 percent from 2008 to 2010 while patient wait time dropped from 65 minutes to 47.
Adventist Health's Valley hospitals were named CEP's Emergency Department of the Year in 2009, seeing a combined 90,474 visits in 2010.

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Adventist HealthCare Appoints Patrick Hogan To Board of Trustees

Posted October 10, 2011

Rockville, MD - Adventist HealthCare is honored to welcome former Maryland State Senator Patrick J. (P.J.) Hogan as a new member of the organization's Board of Trustees.

Mr. Hogan currently serves as the Vice Chancellor for Government Relations for the University System of Maryland (USM). Much of his work is fueled by his passion to help Maryland achieve the highest quality higher education system, while making it accessible and affordable to as many students as possible.

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- Patrick Hogan

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Pacific Union College offers nursing classes in Napa

Loralee Stevens, Business Journal Staff Reporter
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NAPA – Responding to continued demand for nursing degrees Pacific Union College is now offering both a Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing and a registered nurse program for adults in Napa.

The private, Adventist Angwin college has leased 2,300 square feet on Latour Court in south Napa and begun the training along with two degree completion programs.

“State budgets are tight and so are hospital budgets, but our programs are at capacity,” said Shana Ruggenberg, chair of the PUC nursing school.

The PUC nursing school goes back to the early days of the Adventist St. Helena Hospital, although the school didn’t offer a BSN until the 1980s. Demand for trained staff from community hospitals in the region has ensured continued expansion, and PUC has tucked its training programs into whatever space the hospitals could spare.

Until the recent move, the BSN program was given at Queen of the Valley Hospital in Napa and in other small hospitals as far south as Hanford near Fresno. That campus graduated its last class this year.

The RN program, the second portion of LVN to RN certification, was given at Travis Airforce Base.

“We started it at the request of the military, who wanted to give their medical technicians a traditional degree to help them transition to non-military jobs,” said Ms. Ruggenberg.

Although the program was open to civilians, security measures made it somewhat difficult for them to access the base.

The Travis RN training will continue, but the Napa campus will be much more convenient for non-military students, she said.

Pacific Union also offers non-traditional learning programs designed to help adults finish their degrees, located at the college in Angwin, the Yuba Community College in Clearlake and the City of Napa. Two degree completion programs in Napa operating from the Napa Gateway Business Park are now offered on Latour Court instead.

“It’s a large space; the four programs have plenty of room. We’ll graduate our first BSNs in January,” said Ms. Ruggenberg.

For more information visit www.puc.edu.

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Donors, doctors and nurses get sneak peek at new Hinsdale Hospital patient pavilion

By Chuck Fieldman

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The patient rooms are still empty, as are the nurse’s stations and most everything else.

But some of the doctors and nurses at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, along with some of the hospital’s donors, got a sneak peak Oct. 6 at the new patient pavilion, which is in the home stretch of construction. Work on the new addition to the hospital is scheduled to be completed in mid-February, with a mid-March opening on tap.

Included in the new area are 135 new private patient rooms with many home-like amenities, a new patient entrance on the south wing and a large lobby area with natural light.

Other features of the project include newly-designed patient units that bring caregivers closer to the bedside with ultra-modern workstations and improve patient privacy with patient-only corridors. There will be a new critical-care unit and surgical services department, plus a bright and spacious lobby and a new chapel.

The layout of the new patient pavilion is complete, and the actual construction inside is about 80 percent finished.

“‘The goal of the pavilion is to have everything patients use right here,’” said Susan King, executive director of the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation. “‘We want it to be as easy as possible for everyone who comes here.’”

Paul Ryan, a cardiologist who has been on staff at the hospital for 14 years, said the new facility is a huge improvement.

“I have gotten jealous seeing what has been going on around some other hospitals,” he said. “Now, we have this, and it’s wonderful. It’s nice for me, but mostly it’s nice for the patients.

“Privacy is a big factor, and all of the patient rooms are private. It’s frustrating to be sick and be in a room with someone you don’t know. You shouldn’t be in the hospital sharing a room with a sick stranger.”

BettySue Netzel, a registered nurse who is the hospital’s director of women’s and children’s services, sees a huge upside to the new patient pavilion.

“We’re stressed when we’re in a different environment; we need peace and quiet for healing,” she said. “The setup here will allow for that much better.”
Free meal: healthy, thought provoking

By MELISSA GRIFFITHS
JUNEAU EMPIRE

The Filipino Community Hall was crowded Monday night and the aroma of home cooked food was wafting as celebrity chef attended to pots and pans on numerous burners, preparing a healthy meal for up to 200 guests but may seem somewhat foreign in a community boasting so many fishermen and hunters: it was made with vegetables, while a number of audience members seemed skeptical of a diet without animal products, most left changes.

Chef Mark Anthony has had a long career, with over 30 years experience. He has taken this experience on 50 states. Since changing his diet to Vegan, Anthony boasts of losing more than 80 lbs. and lowering his cholesterol, which has a reputation of being expensive and requiring strange and difficult to find ingredients, is not difficult, he says.

Judy Evenson, wife of Pastor Steve Evenson of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, attended a cooking class years ago and really enjoyed it. The Evensons recently participated in a program called CHIP, which stands for Community Health Improvement Project, and the church and the Juneau CHIP group contacted Mark Anthony to bring his show off the road.

The Evensons saw many of their congregation at the event, though some chose to come after seeing the event on the calendar. Nicole Church said of the event, “I think it’s neat, especially not charging. It saw the event on the calendar and was drawn to the event for its focus on healthy cooking. A couple that saw the event also took some of the messages to heart, vowing to reconsider dairy products. Similarly, Kyle Wales was making changes in his diet. “Listening to the information makes me think.” He, like most others, cited info as a catalyst for considering dietary changes. Food politics and stories about hormones and food processing as appeal to people was that vegan cooking would save money over time. Anthony put the sentiment into practice: milk, dairy, meat, eggs – you can buy the most expensive fruits and vegetables and still have money left over.

The verdict? I heard a few people say it could use a little salt, but most seemed satisfied with the meal.

CHIP, the coronary health program, involves a DVD course and involves blood work to gauge cholesterol. Angela Imboden hopes to expand the group to provide some resources without the financial commitment. A couple who are alumni of the Juneau group and who shared their results happily. Mitch Horton, 48, dropped his cholesterol. Horton is more than satisfied with the results, “I don’t have to spend the rest of my life on medication about the difficulty of adhering to the strict vegan diet, he thought for a moment before sharing.”Any time...
discipline."

CHIPS and the Seventh-Day Adventist church helped organize the event, though Chef Mark Anthony provided meals for free, never charging the communities for travel, expenses, or supplies. While Juneau may not see a huge surge in some new faces thanks to this free community event.
Scientists, farmer target of Democratic redistricting effort

By John Fritze, The Baltimore Sun

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When scientist Roscoe Bartlett was thrust suddenly into front runner status in a topsy-turvy race for Congress in 1992, Republican leaders in Maryland arranged a private meeting so he could get to know them. Maybe it was his ill-fitting suit, or just his folksy demeanor, but the encounter did not go well.

"Probably the initial reaction was, 'Does this guy really have a chance?"' recalled Ellen Sauerbrey, then the minority leader of the Maryland House of Delegates. He did.

During a nearly two-decade career on Capitol Hill, the Western Maryland Republican has remained the consummate political outsider, eschewing Washington to drive home each night to his farm south of Frederick, bucking his own party on energy and climate change and claiming ownership of issues — such as stink bug control — that few others have readily embraced.

But at 85, the second-oldest member of the House now faces what may be the greatest political challenge of his tenure: A new congressional district drafted by Democrats in Annapolis would prove far less friendly if he decides to seek an 11th term next year. The proposed district, which the Maryland General Assembly will consider this month, instantly makes the 6th District race a tossup.

Partially because of his unusual approach to politics, longtime observers say Bartlett's next move is anybody's guess.

"Roscoe makes his own way," said Herbert C. Smith, a political science professor at McDaniel College in Westminster. "His life saga has been an illustration of that as well."

Born in Moreland, Kentucky, in 1926, Bartlett is a descendant of Josiah Bartlett, a signer of the Declaration of Independence from New Hampshire and the namesake of presidential character played by Martin Sheen on the popular NBC series The West Wing. Roscoe Bartlett arrived in Maryland in the 1940s to study at Columbia Union College, now Washington Adventist University, in Takoma Park.
His scientific endeavors began at the University of Maryland, College Park, where he studied and later taught
anatomy and physiology, ultimately receiving his Ph.D. in physiology. Deciding to pursue research full time,
Bartlett took a job at the National Institutes of Health and then the U.S. Navy's School of Aviation Medicine
in Florida, where he invented respiratory devices that are still used today by pilots and firefighters.

In Congress, his scientific qualifications have influenced his policies. Bartlett was among the first lawmakers
to warn of the threat from electromagnetic pulse attacks — the idea that a nuclear weapon detonated in the
atmosphere could knock out communications and power grids. This past August, he penned an op-ed to The
New York Times calling on the scientific community to end the use of apes for lab testing.

Bartlett, who sits on the House Science, Space and Technology Committee, has become a go-to lawmaker on
science issues. When congressional leaders organized trips to the south and north poles in 2002 and 2004, he
was an obvious member to include.

"There are other members who could go, but they're not going to know what they're seeing," said Richard
Falknor, chairman of the Maryland Center-Right Coalition and a longtime Bartlett ally. "Who else could the
scientists talk to among members who would understand what they're saying?"

He has received national attention in past years for publicizing the impact the brown marmorated stink bug
has had on agriculture in Western Maryland. Bartlett had frequently referred to the invasive species as a
"terrorist bug" that could inflict a "plague of biblical proportions" and has sought federal funding for their
eradication.

Despite his grasp on scientific issues and his seniority in Congress, the Tea Party conservative has never
managed to climb into Republican leadership. And earlier this year, when the GOP took control of the House,
Bartlett was passed over for chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. Instead the seat went to
California Rep. Howard McKeon, who is less senior.

Supporters say Bartlett has been snubbed largely because of his disdain for internal politics on Capitol Hill.
He also openly opposed his party on energy and climate, arguing that the nation is too reliant on fossil fuels,
for instance. During the debate over raising the nation's debt ceiling this year, Bartlett was one of the last
holdouts to support the plan put forward by GOP Speaker John Boehner.

"He's fearless in his voting," said Larry Helminiak, chairman of the Republican Central Committee of Carroll
County, who has known Bartlett since the congressman first took office. "Whether I agree with his vote or
not, whatever he votes he believes it was the right thing to do."

Bartlett has also had his share of missteps. A year after taking office he was excoriated for suggesting that a
group of scholarship recipients with surnames from Asian and East India did not represent "normal"
Americans. He later apologized. He has also been dinged by the county health officials for problems at an
apartment building he built on his farm decades ago, according to the Frederick News-Post.

Through a spokeswoman, Bartlett declined to be interviewed for this story and he has remained silent about
his future plans since the Governor's Redistricting Advisory Committee released new congressional maps
Monday that changed his district significantly. In recent interviews with The Sun he has struck a more
conciliatory tone with Democrats than many of his GOP colleagues.
"The big problem in the Congress is that we focus our differences rather than coalescing on where we agree," Bartlett said last month after Obama's speech to Congress on unemployment. "And we agree on far more things than we disagree on. If the only thing you and your wife ever talked about where the things you disagreed on, that's not a prescription for a good marriage, is it?"

Bartlett has been married for 40 years and has 10 children.

He ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 1980 and 1982. A decade later, he re-emerged to challenge Democratic Beverly B. Byron, who had represented Western Maryland for 14 years. Byron was upset in the Democratic primary by Thomas H. Hattery, a more liberal candidate who drove independent Democrats toward the little-known Bartlett.

Since then, Bartlett has won reelection with wide margins, slipping below 60 percent only three times. This year, he has had a particularly lackluster fundraising, though, bringing in less than $30,000. The number has fueled speculation in Washington that he may be considering retirement.

The current 6th District encompasses Western Maryland, including Cumberland and Hagerstown, and extends as far east as Harford County, scooping in conservative strongholds in Baltimore, Carroll and Fredrick counties. The new 6th District would dip south to include far more Democratic portions of Montgomery County. It would also include Democratic-leaning Frederick.

Republican allies say Bartlett has managed to do so well for so long largely because he is a reflection of the current Western Maryland district.

"There's nothing put on about Roscoe," Sauerbrey said. "People have related to him in large part because he represents a district of like-minded people."

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Discussion at Taunton's Seventh-Day Adventist Church delves into Big Bang Theory

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Taunton — At a discussion on the Big Bang theory and God held at the Taunton Seventh-Day Adventist Church Friday night, church members spoke about the idea of intelligent design and how they believe in it rather than the theory of evolution.

"Everything we see in the world, we see that there is order and design," said Pastor Luther Raposo, who has led the church for one year now. "Whether you look at the single cell, or the galaxy out in the universe. Everything points to a creator and intelligent design."

Raposo said that his message is that there was a Big Bang in the beginning "but it was God's Big Bang." He said the theory of evolution states everything was made out of nothing, and this confirms what God said in the Bible, that all living things were made out of nothing.

"The theory of evolution believes that everything was made out of nothing," Raposo said. "That's kind of what the Bible says, that God made everything out of nothing. He was the creator. If you look at the universe, everything points to design. That's the most humiliating thing about evolution because evolution didn't realize that even the simplest complex, like the human cell, were designed. There are thousands of designed machines in our bodies like motor boats."

About 25 people were then showed a video featuring a discussion between Ron Clouzet, a theologian from Andrews University, and Timothy Standish, of the Geoscience Research Institute. Their dialogue focused on the Christian perspective that God created humans as they are now, compared to the naturalist worldview that survival of the fittest and evolution dictated how mankind became what it is today.

Clouzet challenged the views of preeminent evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins, who is a strong advocate of atheism. Clouzet quoted from Dawkins' book "The Blind Watchmaker," which explains that there was no preconceived design to life.

"The only watchmaker in nature is the blind forces of physics, natural selection, the blind unconscious automatic process by which Darwin discovered," the Dawkins quote said. "It has no purpose in mind, no vision, no foresight, no sight at all."

Dawkins was referring to the watchmaker analogy put forth by William Paley hundreds of years earlier in his book "Natural Theology," which argued that the complexity of living organisms was evidence of a divine creator. Dawkins, on the contrary, says that the evolutionary process and natural selection can indeed explain the complexities in biology, and adds that the idea of intelligent design is simply postulating organized complexity — through beliefs in God and His creating powers — without offering an explanation.

Standish spoke in general about the naturalist worldview, and described the Big Bang as a "miracle."

"This is something that happened once," Standish said. "It's like a miracle. We would define miracles as singularities. You can't do experiments over again, but it happened. Everything started out as this unimaginable small bit of dense energy and it expanded."

Standish then talked about the first forms of life on Earth and how the story of evolution compares with what is in the Bible.

"How does this story compare with the creation story which we find in the bible which centers around a plan that God for us?" he said.

Church member Elizabeth Timmins said that events like this are really important because young people aren't getting the story of creation in schools.

"People aren't really getting this message at all," Timmins said. "So it's important that this view is shared. I think that especially children are only given one side."

Timmins said that there are quite a few Christian scientists, and God's plan can go hand and hand with science, adding that evolutionary theories are just theories not facts.

Fellow church member Jelly Flores said that evolutionary scientists can't truly explain the origins of the world.

"They think it just happens like that," Flores said. "It's just theory. But we base our beliefs in the Bible. It's right there."

Friday's program at the church was part of a series of events. Next Friday, the discussion will focus on the "Life of Creatures: Wonders and Troubles in Paradise."

The events are being held on each of the following three Fridays starting at 7 p.m. at the church, which is at 109 Winthrop St. The programs run on Oct. 21 and 28 and Nov. 4.

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For National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Adventist Health and Main Street Hanford partnered to "Paint Downtown Pink" Thursday at the Thursday Night Market Place.

Pink was the color of the night, as Market Place vendors decorated their booths in the color that marks each October as breast cancer awareness month. There was a contest for those wearing pink to win a pink Adventist Health hat and other fitness items.

Participants could sign up at the Adventist Health booth to receive a pink pedometer so they could walk for breast cancer awareness to complete 2,500 steps around the Market Place. Once they were done they got a free pink hat and were entered into a drawing to win an exercise kit, family game kit and a bag of Adventist Health goodies.

Prizes were awarded to booths that displayed pink pride. The Adventist Health booth had a Facebook photo booth with props for marathon participants.
Tachi Palace wants you to 'think pink'

By Sentinel Staff | Posted: Thursday, October 6, 2011 9:00 am

LEMOORE — Tachi Palace Hotel & Casino wants you to "think pink" and help raise money for Adventist Health Breast Care Center this month.

Throughout October, Tachi Palace will sell Tachi Thinks Pink T-shirts for $5 and pink ribbons for $1, with all of the proceeds going to the center.

The Adventist Health Breast Care Center is nearly 2,800 square feet, features a spa-like environment and innovative, comprehensive services center, located on the second floor of the Hanford Medical pavilion.

Peter Murphy of Peter Murphy Racing has agreed to place the Think Pink ribbons on his pink car for every race in October to promote the charity event; this is the second year he has participated. Murphy races 410 winged sprint cars, and Tachi Palace has been sponsoring him since 2002.

In addition to banners posted in Casino of the Moon, KSEE 24's buddy check spokeswoman Stefani Booroojian will be guest speaker at the Oct. 28 Tachi Palace Community Breakfast where a check will be presented to Adventist Health Breast Care Center for monies raised throughout the month.

For more information on this event, contact Catherine Montoya at 925-5919.

Tachi Palace is located at 17225 Jersey Avenue in Lemoore. For more information, call (866) 472-5223 or visit www.tachipalace.com.
Humphrey Middle School Principal Dan Laverty called it "perfect timing" when officials from Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital delivered thousands of school supplies to the Bolingbrook middle school Thursday.

The supplies, which were either donated by staff members throughout the hospital or purchased through the approximately $1,500 contributed by the hospital's medical staff, included index cards, paper, scissors, spiral notebooks, pencils, erasers, crayons, markers, pocket folder and glue sticks.

"At the beginning of the school year our teachers collect supplies for the kids whose families can't afford them, but we have already handed out most of those supplies," Laverty said. "This is perfect timing."

"We do this every year," said Herman McKenzie, Hospital Administrative Director for Support Services. "Our staff loves the opportunity to contribute to this community. This is a labor of love for us."

The past few years Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital has donated book bags to several VVSD elementary schools. This year, the hospital donated more than $1,500 in supplies.
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Carl Wilkins, director of World Outside My Shoes and an Adventist missionary, gave a speech in Bellarmine's Amy Cralle Theater on Tuesday, Sept. 27. Wilkens spoke of his decision to be the only American remaining in Rwanda when the genocide began in April of 1994.

Wilkins' wife, Teresa, described their visit to Rwanda as "initially our easiest assignment," since they had already spent much time in Africa previously. Six months after the couple and their children arrived in Rwanda, however, the war had begun. His family chose to leave Rwanda while Wilkins decided to stay to fight the genocide, a decision that he and his wife both made together.

In Wilkins' speech, he spoke deeply of those he met on his journey in Rwanda. He opened with a story of two women who inspired him to keep fighting. Wilkins emphasized the importance of women's roles in these types of situations, saying there is "potential destruction of a family, community, and country when the women are destroyed." He described his neighbors who protected him as "courageous, resilient, and compassionate" women. "If you want lasting stability, security, and development, then make sure young woman get an education." Wilkins described this as "the Girl Effect."

Wilkins' audience, made up of mostly college students, was impressed and inspired with his story and his decision to stay in Rwanda. "The speech tonight was especially meaningful to me because of my experience in South Africa," said Bellarmine junior Karen Thomas. "I believe people need to hear stories of despair, but also stories of hope."

Junior Samantha Ortiz was very moved by Wilkins' story. "It's amazing to see the capacity for compassion that people have in their hearts," she said, "We don't see many people like Wilkins, or the inspiring women in Rwanda, in our own society very often."

Wilkins encouraged his audience to take something away from his speech. "I believe that when we engage our mind and our muscles," he said, "it has a huge potential to change the way we..."
think, which changes the way we feel and act."

Wilkins encouraged his audience to read and explore what is happening in Rwanda today. He explained that Rwanda is on the road to recovery now, but help is still needed in the country. He said we can help in many ways, whether it is by reading his book, "I'm Not Leaving" or just posting a link on Facebook with information about Rwanda's situation.

Wilkins stressed the significance of knowing what has happened in Rwanda. "I hope you go out of here with a deeper commitment...with a shift from 'me' thinking to 'we' thinking."
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A new mission begins: Seventh-day Adventist Church finds headquarters in Westbrook

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Until now, the building’s future was far from certain. It served as a private library for the city for more than 130 years, beginning as a library for employees of the S.D. Warren paper mill. In 1929, the Warren Memorial Foundation was established to support education and the arts.

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“We hope to bring the feeling of some of those places,” Schnell said.

The church also expects to have a Christian bookstore in the building, and to make full use of the auditorium. Right now, the plan is to hold Adventist services there, but, Ortel said, the church may offer the auditorium to other Christian churches for use, as well. Down the road, Ortel said, other public organizations may also be able to use the auditorium.

“The lights ought to be on every day of the week,” he said.

Ortel said he did not know if the Adventists would charge rent to outside groups, but he hopes that won’t be necessary.

“We want to be as altruistic as possible, and as generous as possible,” he said. “We’ve got to give back.”

The church plans to hold an open house in the spring. Reynolds said the public would be welcome, along with members of the Warren Foundation.

“We’re going to invite them and hope to honor them,” Reynolds said.

Rene Daniel, chairman of the foundation’s board of trustees, said he was pleased that the building found a buyer. He met with church leaders prior to the purchase, and said he was excited to see what the church has planned for the space.

“I personally think it’s a real, real, real good fit,” he said.

Luke said the church’s proposed uses would attract people, and therefore new business, to Westbrook, and that’s a very good thing.

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Palmyra, were the church founders.

“We hope to bring the feeling of some of those places,” Schnell said.

The church also expects to have a Christian bookstore in the building, and to make full use of the auditorium. Right now, the plan is to hold Adventist services there, but, Ortel said, the church may offer the auditorium to other Christian churches for use, as well. Down the road, Ortel said, other public organizations may also be able to use the auditorium.

“The lights ought to be on every day of the week,” he said.

Ortel said he did not know if the Adventists would charge rent to outside groups, but he hopes that won’t be necessary.

“We want to be as altruistic as possible, and as generous as possible,” he said. “We’ve got to give back.”

The church plans to hold an open house in the spring. Reynolds said the public would be welcome, along with members of the Warren Foundation.

“We’re going to invite them and hope to honor them,” Reynolds said.

Rene Daniel, chairman of the foundation’s board of trustees, said he was pleased that the building found a buyer. He met with church leaders prior to the purchase, and said he was excited to see what the church has planned for the space.

“I personally think it’s a real, real, real good fit,” he said.

Luke said the church’s proposed uses would attract people, and therefore new business, to Westbrook, and that’s a very good thing.

“Anything they do that brings people to Westbrook will bring dividends to the city,” he said.
Almost a year after a plan to add hundreds of homes to the rural village of Angwin was thought to be defeated, another major land use controversy could be brewing on the slopes of Howell Mountain.

Last month, Pacific Union College — a major fixture in Angwin — listed more than 1,500 acres as being for sale with a Bay Area-based real estate firm, Cornish & Carey Commercial Newmark Knight Frank.

PUC intends to use proceeds from the sale to finance multiple construction projects planned on the Seventh-day Adventist campus, according to a prospectus prepared by Cornish & Carey.

Advertised as the Howell Mountain Estates, the offered property includes a total of 1,533 acres northeast of the campus. The majority of the land is blanketed by forest in the region’s Mill Valley area and eastern slopes of Howell Mountain.

This land has been deemed “non-essential” to the educational mission of the college, and proceeds from the sale would go directly to the college’s endowment, said Julie Lee, PUC’s vice president of public relations.

Endowment funds would then be used to implement various aspects of the college’s Campus Master Plan, including the development of a new gateway on Howell Mountain Road with additional commercial buildings, a small hotel and central plaza, according to the prospectus.

While PUC’s president, Dr. Heather Knight, has previously said the college intended to sell non-essential land, the listing has generated concern among some Angwin residents, many of whom view the for-sale property as a core part of PUC’s presence in Angwin, said Allen Spence, a spokesman for Save Rural Angwin.

Spence, who was a vocal critic of the eco-village proposal, said the listing has upset some residents, but Save Rural Angwin recognizes the college’s legal right to sell the property.

“Through conversations with Dr. Knight, we knew the sale was going to take place,” Spence said.

It’s the college’s intention to implement other aspects of its Campus Master Plan that are generating new concerns, he said.

Many of the campus improvements listed in the prospectus were previously tied to the larger eco-village development — a project which placed PUC’s plans in direct conflict with residents hoping to preserve Angwin’s rural character.

The eco-village proposal, which generated four years of controversy, called for 380 homes to be constructed on land surrounding the PUC campus.

While the residential aspects were abandoned last October, other facets of the project seem to be alive and moving forward, which came as a surprise to Save Rural Angwin.

“The changes in the master plan would be considered significant by many,” Spence said of the proposed commercial development. “We hope the dialogue with the community will continue.”

In scrapping the eco-village proposal, college officials noted that non-essential lands would be sold soon. PUC’s administration also said that the college was retaining the right to construct the 191 housing units that had already been approved by the county as part of an affordable housing lawsuit.

While Lee said that the college is “not currently” moving forward with plans to construct those units, the listing does make reference to them, stating that development opportunities exist on sites adjacent to the offered property.

Noting that business aspects of the sale — including the college’s asking price — were confidential, Lee directed additional inquiries about the property to Cornish & Carey.

The firm’s listing agents, Haden Ongaro and Mark Carrington, did not return phone calls Wednesday.
The listing suggests that more than 600 acres could be converted to vineyard if necessary permits were to be secured, and that individual residences could also one day be built on the land.

While the majority of the land is zoned as “agricultural watershed,” which limits the number of dwelling units that can be built per parcel, the prospectus suggests that future subdivision of the property could allow for “multiple desirable individual estates.”

The listed property surrounds the Parret Field airport, the college would continue to own. Potential buyers of the property are being advised that various lot line adjustments and easements may be required during the sale period to accommodate the airport.

An eventual purchase agreement could also require buyers to agree to various covenants and restrictions that would preserve forested area, protect groundwater resources and create limitations on future development.

The college’s intention was to find a buyer who would agree to such conditions, Lee said. PUC hoped that a portion of the land would be left in its natural state, she said.
Digital edition is available for all major operating systems

Berrien Springs, Mich.—Keeping another promise made when the huge publishing project was first authorized in 2007, officials at Andrews University have announced the release of the Andrews Study Bible in a popular digital format, readily accessible for computers and mobile electronic devices.

Niels-Erik Andreasen, president, said the Study Bible is available as a digital product through a partnership between Andrews University and Logos Bible Software, the largest developer of software for the Christian market and a worldwide leader in multilingual electronic publishing.

Logos offers the largest digital library for theological and biblical study, with more than 9,000 titles from more than 100 publishers, including premiere publishing houses such as Oxford University Press, Eisenbrauns, Brill, Bantam Doubleday Dell, Thomas Nelson, Merriam Webster, T&T Clark International, Eerdmans, Moody Press and Baker.

"Andrews University Press, with the Andrews Study Bible, is now part of that impressive roster," Andreasen said. "We're pleased to work with Logos Bible Software, because the company has established itself as a leader in providing digital reference and resource material to the Christian world. Logos was a natural choice for helping us obtain an efficient and user-friendly way to make the Andrews Study Bible available for the new generations of Bible students who are comfortable with—and even demanding—digital resources."

The digital edition of the Study Bible, officially released on October 10, is available for all major operating systems, making it accessible on standard desk-based and mobile computers and devices, including iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch and Android-based smartphones and tablets.

"We're excited about the powerful and user-friendly functionality of this new digital edition from Logos Bible Software," said Erno Gyeresi, associate director of Andrews University Press, and managing editor of the Andrews Study Bible product line. "We believe users will be highly impressed with how their reading experience can be customized to their preferences, the automatic tracking between the New King James Bible text and the Andrews Study Bible Notes, and the speed and specificity of search functions, Gyeresi said. "Because it operates on many platforms and has effective synchronizing functions, users can use the same purchased product on all their registered computers and devices. We're also particularly pleased with how the software handles the unique, linked reference system in the study notes highlighting the great themes of Scripture — a hallmark feature of the Andrews Study Bible."

Gyeresi said that new Logos Bible Software customers would want to purchase the complete package of the Andrews Study Bible, along with the New King James Version of the Bible. The package retails for $39.95. Current Logos customers who may already have the New King James Version from Logos in their digital library will only need to buy the Andrews Study Bible Notes product, which includes all original content in the Andrews Study Bible. That retails for $29.95.

"Getting the Andrews Study Bible from Logos Bible Software is an easy process," Gyeresi said. "All you have to do is connect with Logos on the web (www.logos.com/product/9500/andrews-study-bible) from a desk-based computer or download an app for a mobile device, register as a customer, and purchase the product."

The retail print edition of the Andrews Study Bible was released in June 2010, and has been widely well-received. A less expensive outreach edition for free distribution in evangelism was released in July 2011. It is the official Bible for the North American Division Net 2011 Prophecies Decoded satellite seminar being broadcast during October.

"At the beginning of the Andrews Study Bible project, we promised Adventist church leaders, who helped make it all happen, that we would produce a retail edition, an outreach edition and a digital edition," Andreasen said. "We're pleased to report that with the release of this digital edition we have delivered on all three promises."

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