Getting to Know ASAM
(Adventist Single Adult Ministries)

by Andrea Hicks, Advisory Member, Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM)

Single adults are populating churches all over North America. Approximately 50% of Adventist adults are single or “single-again.” Some are single by choice and others by circumstance. The various categories include: never married, divorced and widower.

Even though the singles population comprises one of the largest groups of the church, it is often relegated to the basement—both in term of location and perceived value. ASAM is a group that provides a safe environment for Christian fellowship and encouragement to single adults. It is a spiritual entity in which single adults come together to seek God’s purpose for their lives. Contrary to what most believe, it is not a dating service. Simply put, this ministry is not about getting “hooked up.” It’s about getting “fixed up” - spiritually and emotionally. Once spiritual and emotional healing take place, we have a transformed single adult who has the potential to serve as a lasting and positive influence on those with whom they interact.

ASAM at the Division level provides an interactive source of training and conventions for single adults, leaders, churches, and pastors. ASAM addresses the unique needs of single adults by providing tools for: grief recovery, divorce recovery, single parenting, managing sexual desires, dating, dating again, forgiveness, loneliness, pre-engagement education and re-marital education. If done successfully, it has the potential to assist in single adult’s emotional health and help to repair the church family. Now that we have a better understanding of ASAM, let’s start one in your church. MORE
center. Pastors from Oklahoma are helping families search through debris and encouraging and praying with those who want support at local shelters. Native American Ministries Oklahoma has given a check for $10,000 to help feed survivors.

“Iowa-Missouri Conference ACS-DR is monitoring damage in the towns of Thurman and Creston, Iowa,” reported Gaylord Hanson, Mid-America Union's ACS DR leader. “Pastor Roy Weeden, who directs Adventist disaster response in Missouri (and temporarily in Iowa as well), is in contact with state emergency officials. If help is needed from the Seventh-day Adventist Church, he will send out a call for volunteers."

Hanson concludes: “Please continue to pray for those affected by these continuing disasters as well as for those who so generously give of their time to help others in need.”

To support ACS-DR operations, go to www.communityservices.org or call (800) 381-7171.

(Photo by Pastor Jim Landelius: Pastors Rick Mercer, left, and James Bokovoy, center, help a local church member, Bobby Huff, look for belongings in the aftermath of a tornado that devastated part of the small town of Woodward, Okla.)

GC Spring Meeting News: Today, General Conference Executive Committee members voted to recommend to the Annual Council a change in the World Church’s tithing formula. Currently, by policy, the North American Division contributes eight percent of its annual gross tithes to the World Church while the other 12 Divisions contribute two percent – a policy which reflected the financial position of the world tithes at that time.

The North American Division’s portion of the world tithes has dropped from 69.15% in 1985 to 43.58% in 2010. Therefore, the World Church voted to recommend this change to reflect the growing needs of an ever-changing global field.

“This decision will allow the North American Division to more adequately fund our missional goals and objectives,” said Tom Evans, treasurer of the North American Division. “The North American Division has been blessed in being instrumental in resourcing the mission of the World Church since its inception,” he said.

The proposed change in the formula would occur over an eight-year period from 2013 through 2020.

For more General Conference Spring Meeting news, follow Adventist News Network.

The Pathfinder Bible Experience Division Finale will be held at the NAD this weekend, April 21. There are 27 teams from 13 conferences in 6 unions across the Division that qualified for the finale. See the complete list. Learn MORE. Facebook


(Photo by Gerry Chudleigh: The SONscreen Festival Staff, Rajeev Sigamoney, April Rushing, and Paul Kim, present the Best Documentary Award to Ricky Oliveras for his film “The Golden Glove.”)

Washington Adventist University (WAU) Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team was named a Rookie of the Year and first runner-up Region Champion at the USA Regional Competition held April 4, 2012 in Baltimore, Mary. The event is one of 11 regional competitions being held across the

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Upcoming Events

“Restaurados” Hispanic satellite evangelism, May 5-12
NAD Adventist Single Adult Ministries Convention, May 25-26
Mid-America Hispanic Youth Leadership Convention, May 25-27
Adventist Single Adult Ministries Convention, Denver, Colorado, May 25-27
Nonprofit Leadership Certification Program, Session I, June 3-7
“Revive!” by satellite, June 9-16
Andrews University- Family Celebration Weekend, July 19-22, Info: 289-471-6186
Mid-America Camporee, July 25-28
Wisconsin Conference Hispanic Marriage Retreat, July 27-29, Info: 503-951-1266, or 414-446-5964
NAD Teachers Convention, Aug. 5-8
ASI Annual International Convention, Aug. 8-11
Columbia Pathfinder Camporee, Aug. 9-11
Garland Church, Texas, Marriage Retreat, Aug. 24-26
NAD Camp Meeting Schedule

NAD Prayer Calendar

Daily Prayer Guide
Apr. 22-28: Wisconsin Conference, with 67 churches and 7,301 members

April Offerings and
Have you seen today’s USA Today? Check out the full page advertisement in section 5A. Congratulations Oakwood University for being named “Runners Up” in the 2012 Honda Campus All-Star Challenge. Visit www.hcasc.com for more information on the competition.

**Adventists in the News**

The following are positive stories that appeared this week in the news about Seventh-day Adventists in the North American Division territory.

**Adventists in the News**

**Southern Adventist University Unveils Solar Power System**
*The Chattanooga*  
April 18

**Texas Health, Adventist sign letter to jointly operate Huguley**
*Dallas Business Journal*  
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**Ryan Frew’s film was a big success**
*Auburn Journal*  
April 16

**Origins Exhibit opens at Southern Adventist University tomorrow**
*Nooga.com*  
April 14

**Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital recognizes 91-year-old volunteer**
*Suburban Life Publications*  
April 12

**Crescent Resources starts construction on second facility for Florida health**
*Charlotte Business Journal*  
April 11

**Three shine in geography bee**
*StatesmanJournal.com*  
April 10

**Religion Brief: Pathfinder clubs to present city parade and fair**
*SOUTHCoastToday.com*  
April 13

**Adventist Medical Center Highlights Cancer Research Outcomes**
*Sacramento Bee*  
April 12

**Summit features lessons from Rwanda**
*Niles Daily Star*  
April 11

**NAD ASAM Convention 2012 - Register before May 1 and save $20. Single adults 18-99+, will attend the 2012 Adventist Single Adult Ministries Convention in Denver, Colo. over Memorial Day weekend, May 25-26. This year's theme is "A Reflection of Him". Don't miss this chance to spend time focusing on a closer relationship with Christ and networking with other Adventist single adults. Become a Fan of ASAM by clicking on the Facebook icon on their website and www.focusnyc.org. More**

**Mission to Cities, "Revived by His Word" (RBHW), was launched at the GC Spring Meeting yesterday, April 17th. Leaders stated plans for renewed outreach in a mega city in each of the denomination’s**

**Special Days**

**iGiveSDA App**

**Offerings:**
- April 21, Local Church Budget
- April 28, Local Conference Advance
- May 5, Local Church Budget
- May 12, Disaster & Famine Relief
- May 19, Local Church Budget
- May 26, Local Conference Advance

**Offerings Readings**

**Special Days:**
- April Focus: Stewardship
- April 21, Literature Evangelism Sabbath
- April 28, Education Sabbath
- May Focus: Community Services
- May 5, Community Services Sabbath
- May 12, Youth Sabbath
- May 19, Single Adults Sabbath

**Helpful website(s) and Resources:**
- NAD Stewardship
- iGiveSDA App
- NAD Education
- Counsels on Stewardship
- Faith and Finance

**Adventist World**

**NAD Edition**

**News:** "Camp Meetings in North America," p. 11
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13 world divisions. The first major city in NAD will be New York City in 2013 (NY13).

Hope Channel and 3ABN will soon air a special 1-hour program focusing on the NY13 evangelistic project which will be hosted by Shawn Boonstra, associate director of the NAD Ministerial Department. Stay tuned to NewsPoints for the airing date and time. “Like” NY13 on Facebook.

The daily Bible-reading plan sponsored by the GC Revival and Reformation initiative also began yesterday. Invite others to join you, through personal invitation, TV spots, posters, brochures, and more, (available online) in reading a chapter of the Bible each day, from now until GC Session 2015. Sign up here. In the last few days nearly 2,000 individuals from 92 countries have signed up to participate. Let’s read through the Bible together. Please join and help spread the word.

Download artwork for advertising RBHW and actively share these promotional resources throughout your church and other networks of friends and associates. There will also be a daily blog and comments from around the world. MORE

Le Grand Espoir, a series to be conducted by Pastor John Bradshaw of It Is Written International Television, live, from Paris, France, May 1-12, will be available to North America and other parts of the world as well. The meetings will be streamed worldwide via the Internet at [www.legrandespoir.fr](http://www.legrandespoir.fr), and will be added to [www.vimeo.com](http://www.vimeo.com) after each program.

The meetings will take place May 1-12 from 7:30 - 8:45 p.m. Paris time (1:30 - 2:45 p.m. ET). Visit [www.legrandespoir.fr](http://www.legrandespoir.fr) for more information about the local and worldwide event, and click “Voir le Live” to watch the meetings as they happen.

**Have you ordered your copies of *Message* magazine’s “The Great Hope” issue for your church or churches? This special May/June issue includes five chapters of *The Great Hope* by Ellen G. White, including “Why is There Suffering?” and “Victory of Love.” It also will include three corresponding articles: “It’s Not about Time: Trying to Set the Clock for the Second Coming of Christ is Dangerous and Futile,” “The Best View: Does Bible Prophecy Make Sense?” and “Decide the Side: Choose Today — Will You be on the Winning Side?”

It’s not too late to order. For just $0.39 a magazine, you can saturate a community. Prepare your town, city, neighborhood, and church area for this summer’s evangelism season. Get order form HERE

“Titanic 100 Years Later” aired on DirecTV April 15, the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic. It is now posted on [The Adventist Channel](http://www.adventistchannel.com). NAD President Dan Jackson and Connie Jeffrey, associate manager of the Adventist Media Center, cohosted the show. [Watch it online](http://www.adventistchannel.com/titanic).

Nine different speakers will be presenters for Revive!, live by satellite, June 9-11. The theme, “Experiencing God,” will highlight nine characteristics of God throughout the Bible. Whether you will watch these meetings for yourself or host this series for guests to attend, these topics will be a blessing to you either way. Here is the outline of the different topics for each night:

**Dwight Nelson: Experiencing God’s Grace** - Do you accept the
need for a Graceful Savior?

Derek Morris: *Experiencing God’s Peace* - Do you want to trade your anxiety for His peace?

Jon Henderson: *Experiencing God’s Presence* - Do you long to live in the light of His presence?

Karl Haffner: *Experiencing God’s Forgiveness* - Do you accept the forgiveness of your sins through Jesus’ blood?

Randy Roberts: *Experiencing God’s Rest* - Do you want to surrender your worries to God?

Elizabeth Talbott: *Experiencing God’s Assurance* - Do you want to live with the certainty of eternal life through Jesus Christ?

Carlton Byrd: *Experiencing God’s Hope* - Do you desire to live with the joy of His soon coming?

José Rojas: *Experiencing God’s Leading* - Do you desire to follow God’s plan for your life?

Ron Halvorsen: *Experiencing God’s Calling* - Do you want to become a full-hearted follower of Jesus Christ?

Don’t miss your chance to host these exciting meetings for your community!

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**Resources**

"Who are the Seventh-day Adventists?"

sharing brochure, an update of "What's a Seventh-day Adventist?" and the well-known "Quick Look," is now available. This colorful 6-panel brochure briefly outlines our beliefs and history, in addition to the Adventist Church’s perspective on the Second Coming, lifestyle, family, education, health, and community outreach. It also provides membership statistics, contact information, and sources for Bible studies. It is a great information and awareness resource for placement in church literature racks, for fair exhibit giveaways, seminars, community outreach events, hospital and doctor waiting rooms, school events and more. $9.95/50. [ORDER](#) from AdventSource (800-328-0525)

Some suggested Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM) Resources:

**Grow Your Church Through Adventist Single Adult Ministries Webinar** will help you think outside the box when it comes to reaching single adults in your church and community. Discover how a vibrant Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM) program can become the foundation for significant church growth. (Includes resources and handouts)

**The ASAM Curriculum** will help teach church leaders how to organize and manage an effective ministry with single adults. This curriculum, developed by Adventist Single Adult Ministries, includes ten modules written by single adult ministry educators. Each module can be used as a training event for local single adult ministry personnel. $19.95 [ORDER](#) from AdventSource (800-328-0525).

**Adventist Singles Ministries Quick Start Guide** - If your church needs an ASAM coordinator, the Quick Start Guide breaks the task down into understandable, and easy-to-accomplish steps. From initiating the idea, to raising funds, to delegating responsibilities, to program planning, you’ll learn it all. It is an excellent organizational tool even for experienced leaders. $2.95 [ORDER](#) from AdventSource
(800-328-0525).

MORE: Helpful tips and ASAM Resources

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Love is Spelled T-I-M-E

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# PBE Division Level Teams

The following teams have earned a first-place designation at their Union Conference event. They will be competing at the North American Division Headquarters April 21, 2012.

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Women Clergy Conference (Michigan) - Apr 23, Mon - Conference for women clergy in North America Connect....

ACS Reach Out Symposium/N. California - Apr 29, Sun - ACS Reach Out Symposium/N. California Community Services...

Adventist Single Adult Ministries Convention - May 25, Fri - This is a weekend for single adults to worship and fellowship,...

Mid-America Hispanic Youth Congress - May 25, Fri - The Mid-America Union Hispanic Youth Congress is an initiative...

Nonprofit Leadership Certification Program, Session I - Jun 3, Sun - The Nonprofit Leadership Certification Program (NLCP) is...

Andrews University Family Celebration Weekend - Jul 19, Thu - For more information call the Religious Education Department...

Mid-America Union Pathfinder Camporee 2012 - Jul 25, Wed - The theme for the Mid-America Union Camporee is...

Wisconsin Conference Hispanic Marriage Retreat - Jul 27, Fri

NAD Teachers Convention - Aug 5, Sun - Journey to Excellence - Moving Hearts and Minds Upward More...

ASI Annual International Convention - Aug 8, Wed - “It’s Time to Be About Our Father’s..."
Nonprofit Leadership Certification Program,
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La Red (Hispanic NET Evangelism series) - Oct 13, Sat

Society of Adventist Communicators Convention - Oct 18, Thu -
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What has helped you most in your personal Christian growth?
Take the Poll
Southern Adventist University Unveils Solar Power System

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Students from Southern Adventist University get a sneak peek at the new solar panel system on campus.

Nine months ago, there wasn’t a single solar panel at Southern Adventist University. Now there’s an 806-panel array converting sunlight into electricity destined for millions of homes.

The idea was seeded by Southern’s chapter of the international Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) organization, and early momentum was maintained primarily by just two members. Karla Coupland and Michael Daily spent more than 100 hours each on the project, conducting feasibility and vendor research, and meeting with multiple teams of administrators within the university.

The resulting project is the second largest solar panel system in the Chattanooga area. The system is a 200-kilowatt setup (second in size only to airport’s solar system) and includes more than 800 panels.

RYAN FREW'S FILM ON THE HOMELESS A GREAT SUCCESS

By RLitchfield1

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This is the Sixteenth and final article in a series of articles written to promote the Saturday, April 14th, 2012, charity showing of local film maker and Placer High School Graduate Ryan Frew's documentary film about the homeless in Auburn, called, "Life is Mandatory." The film was shown for charity at the State Theater in Auburn. Both showings of the film sold out. So many people had to be turned away at the first two showings that a third showing was added at 9:00 P.M. The funds raised from the showings will be used to assist Auburn Area Homeless People. Written by local attorney, author, and Instructor at Sierra College, Bob Litchfield

Ryan Frew's film was a big success. The first show was at 5:00 P.M.

The volunteers appeared in abundance at 3:00 P.M. Auburn's usual huge hearts were there, setting up tables and chairs, putting out plates of cookies, and setting up display tables. Among the volunteers were Ryan's father, Robert Frew; Pastor Dan Appel from the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Michelle Fish from Salvation Army, our most recent McCann Award winner, Angela Atterbury and her husband, George, Jerry and Julianne from the Coffax volunteers for What Would Jesus Do, prominent local attorney, David Mackenroth, well-known community servant and real estate man, Mark Smith, and special thanks to one of my college student volunteers, Dawn Rossi.

Soon, the representatives from the various homeless advocacy groups appeared and set up their table displays. There were volunteers from the Salvation Army, from What Would Jesus Do, from St. Vincent De Paul, from the Gathering Inn, and from the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

A surprisingly large crowd of Auburn's caring citizens showed up to see the film. The first and the second showings were sold out. So many people had to be turned away that a third show was quickly arranged for 9:00 P.M.

Among those in attendance were two of our former Mayors, two former congressional candidates, County Supervisor Jim Holmes, and his brother, congressional candidate, Clive Holmes. Ryan Frew's mother, Penni, father, Robert Frew; Paster Dan Appel from the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Michelle Fish from Salvation Army, our most recent McCann Award winner, Angela Atterbury and her husband, George, Jerry and Julianne from the Coffax volunteers for What Would Jesus Do, prominent local attorney, David Mackenroth, well-known community servant and real estate man, Mark Smith, and special thanks to one of my college student volunteers, Dawn Rossi.

Mike, a superior court judge, representatives from law enforcement, and so many, many of Auburn’s leaders, civic volunteers, and just plain, good, caring people.

There in the middle of the crowd, I spot Ryan Frew’s mother, Penni. Until I see her in the middle of a crowd, I never realized how small she is. She always seemed much larger to me, because her love is so big.

On this night, just her smile makes her look larger than the rest of the crowd. She is beaming with a mother’s pride at her son’s success. Is there anything more beautiful?

At one point, after all the crowds have gone inside, I’m standing beside Ryan’s father, Robert. He is happy and excited, but carefully looking to see what more needs to be done.

I say to him that he must be very proud of his son.

Robert says, “I am very proud of my son. But I am also very proud of our community.”

There is no need for him to say anything more, because I understand exactly what he means, and I have the same, humbled but warm feeling in my heart.

Auburn is an amazing and wonderful place to live. The people who live here are people of heart. They care. They serve. They love. Thank you, Lord, for placing me in a community that has such wonderful people in it.

The diversity of people who show up for the film is a bit surprising to me. Among the viewers are a group of bikers in their black leathers. I wonder why they are interested in a film about the homeless. I don’t know. But I am glad they are here.

A few of the homeless men who are in the film, and/or who have been in these articles, show up, including toothless Chuck Halderman, and Silent Dave. I am glad that Chuck and Dave get to see the film. But, sadly, and not to anyone’s surprise, one of the other homeless men has to be asked to leave because he is drunk. Thank God that Deputy Griffiths is there to handle that problem with a minimum amount of disturbance.

Of course, there are also a few unhappy citizens who attend. There is one unhappy property owner who complains about how homeless campers trash his property.

But I also overhear people asking what can be done to bring Auburn’s homeless sex offenders in out of the rain. So, I know that good things are happening.
The panel of speakers who discuss the homeless problem after the film do a great job.

Special thanks to our former City Manager, Paul Ogden, for doing such a good job of facilitating the panel.

The panel presents a well-balanced picture of both sides of the homeless problem. Sue, the representative from The Gathering Inn, is packed with fascinating statistics. For example, it costs taxpayers an average of $40,000 a year for all of the various clean-up costs, policing costs, and services required to take care of one homeless person. For every one dollar that we give to a panhandler to buy alcohol or drugs (they seldom use the money given to them to buy anything else), it costs taxpayers seven dollars in services. If we put the homeless into prison, it costs us $21,000 a year to keep them there.

Local law enforcement is represented on the panel by our wonderful former police chief, Valerie Harris, and by Deputy Griffiths, from the Placer County Sheriffs. They both do an excellent job of presenting the problem that they have with balancing the constitutional rights of the homeless against the desperate cries of local business owners and property owners who lose business and suffer damages when the homeless congregate on or near their property. Everyone knows that former Chief Valerie Harris is an excellent speaker. But I am also happy to see what an excellent speaker Deputy Griffiths is. It is so good that he reminds me of Sheriff Ed. It gives me a good feeling about the future of Placer County law enforcement.

At about 10:00 P.M., at the end of a long night, the young film maker, Ryan, and I are loading folded display tables onto a pickup truck to take back to his church. Ryan is tired, but happy. He also appears to be deep in thought. He doesn't talk much.

“How do you feel, now that the big even is over?” I ask. “Is it a bit of a let down, or are you still excited.”

“I'm still really excited,” he says. Then, he goes back to his private thoughts.

Perhaps he's in a bit of shock over the size of the turn out for his film. Or, maybe he is contemplating the awesome responsibility that goes along with making films that can change people's lives.

As for me, I no longer have Ryan's film as an excuse to go out and interview homeless people and write articles about them.

But...I can't help feeling that my job with the homeless is not yet done.

My new goal is to interview at least 100 homeless people, and to continue to write articles about them. Maybe later, if the Auburn Journal will release the copyright, I’ll put those articles together into a book. Maybe we could sell the book to raise money to help the homeless. But even if the book is never published, this blog will be a sort of book. It will give homeless people a voice. It will keep them from becoming invisible.

Homeless Veteran Cornelius Collier's poem is on display on a large poster in the lobby of the theater. But alas, Cornelius does not show up to see his poem published. I gave him a ticket. But perhaps he had trouble with transportation. Or maybe, he was just shy. Anyway, I am sad that he didn't get to see his poem at the theater. I will take it to him.

It is touching to me that two other people want to take Cornelius's poem home with them.

One is Paul Ogden's lovely wife, who simply likes the poem, and asks me if I can get her a copy of it.

The other is the lovely woman, Bonnie, who volunteers as an usher for the State Theater. She wants to take the enlarged poem home with her, so that it can be protected for Cornelius, until such time as he can find a home of his own. She knows Cornelius, and she cares about him. Cornelius has done yard work for her. And he has done a good job.

As promised, here is a copy of Cornelius's poem, which is the perfect way to end this series of articles about Ryan's film:

“ROUGH”

Man, I wanna talk to you about rough.

Rough is no money, no roof, no bed.

Rainin.

No roof over my head.

Rough is outa work.

No scratch.

Can't get this backpack off my back!

Rough is wakin up hungry and poor.

Stomach growling.

Wishin I had more.

Look at the moneyed people on the street!

Too scared to talk to a man with holes in his shoes.

All this talk on the news about more jobs...

Getting better by the day...

Hell, at night I just want a safe place to lay!

Poets, scholars, wise men, you name it, all know how this recession can be beat.

Heck, to me, it's funny.

All I want is something to eat!

Nuff said.

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PATHFINDER CLUBS TO PRESENT CITY PARADE AND FAIR

NEW BEDFORD — The annual Pathfinder/Adventurer Parade and Fair will step off at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 22, from the New Bedford Hispanic Seventh-day Adventist Church, 280 Elm St.

The parade and fair will bring together Pathfinder clubs from all parts of the North Atlantic region of the U.S. into one area to demonstrate the positive impact of well-disciplined youth. Over 2,000 youth representing a hundred clubs will converge on this historic community as a testament to their love of God, their country and their willingness to serve their community.

Proceeding north on Cedar Street to Mill Street, the parade route continues on Mill Street heading east to North Sixth Street, south to Union Street and east to Rockdale Avenue, encircling Buttonwood Park north to Lake Street.

The parade will conclude with a community health and awareness fair in the park, offering various health screenings, special drilling/drum corps exhibitions, demonstrations and information booths on the Pathfinder skills and programs, as well as various health and community issues.

Pathfinder and Adventurer Clubs are part of a worldwide service organization for junior youth ages 5 through 15. They are sponsored by the local Seventh-day Adventist Church and are committed to understanding young people and training its youth for leadership and service to humanity. Each club offers activities that are age appropriate to stimulate its members in the concepts of citizenship and community service, as well as provides opportunities for the development of new attitudes and skills that produce personal growth, team spirit, and a sense of loyalty and respect for God, His Creation, and His church.

This is a community awareness event, and the community's support and presence is welcome.
PORTLAND, Ore., April 10, 2012 -- Honoring Cancer Registry Professionals

PORTLAND, Ore., April 10, 2012 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Receiving a diagnosis of cancer can be frightening and confusing. At Adventist Medical Center (AMC), hundreds of cancer patients are finding hope and healing in their journey. Patients are provided a comprehensive team of highly specialized physicians, clinicians and researchers, all focused on finding the best outcomes for the treatment of cancer. This week, the hospital celebrates National Cancer Registrars. The registrar is a member of the patient care team, educated specifically about the management of cancer data.

At AMC, the registrar measures outcomes of treatment and survival of cancer patients, and formulates plans for improvement. The accuracy of this information is paramount in ongoing cancer care, research and treatment.

In addition to managing and reporting cancer data at the national, state and hospital levels, AMC's Cancer registrar also provides benchmarking services, while monitoring quality of care and clinical practice guidelines. The registrar is able to assess patterns of care and referrals, and monitor adverse outcomes.

According to AMC's Laura Wallace, RHIT, CTR, "the cancer registry profession is extremely dynamic because national standards are continuously changing based on information, trends, and outcomes that are produced and identified." Collaboration in collecting and sharing data helps in the treatment of cancer patients across the country.

"AMC offers the gold standard of care in a comfortable community setting with access to surgical services, radiation and chemo therapy and clinical trials," states Kimberly Earp, MBA, RT(R)(T) Cancer Service Manager.

About Adventist Medical Center (AMC)

Adventist Medical Center (AMC), located in southeast Portland, is a nonprofit, 302-bed acute care facility, offering a full range of inpatient, outpatient and emergency services throughout the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area.

Adventist Medical Center is part of Adventist Health, a faith-based, not-for-profit integrated health care delivery system with nearly 20,000 employees serving communities in California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington. Founded on Seventh-day Adventist health values, Adventist Health provides compassionate care in 17 hospitals, more than 130 physician and rural health clinics, 14 home care agencies and four joint-venture retirement centers. We invite you to visit http://www.adventisthealthnw.com for more information.

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Summit features lessons from Rwanda

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BERRIEN SPRINGS — The Andrews University “Summit on Social Consciousness: Lessons from Rwanda” will take place from Wednesday through Saturday at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and the Howard Performing Arts Center.

The summit, sponsored by the Graduate Student Association, the Seminary Student Forum, and the School of Graduate Studies, asks the question “How will I react in times of conflict?” The keynote speaker is Carl Wilkens, cofounder of World Outside My Shoes and former Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Rwanda director. Wilkens was the only American to remain in Rwanda during the 1994 genocide. Wilkens’ address will take place at the Howard Performing Arts Center at 11 a.m. Saturday.

The Summit on Social Consciousness is based on the premise “character is not formed in a time of crisis; character in revealed in a time of crisis,” Christon Arthur, dean of the School of Graduate Studies, said.

“Therefore, it is in a time of ease that character is formed. This summit is intended to raise awareness of social injustices and discuss the Seventh-day Adventist Christian response to these injustices. It will cause us to examine ourselves and ask, if we as an academic community, are more likely to protect those who share our theological beliefs and look like us? And, are we more likely to not protect those who are different ideologically, culturally, ethnically, or otherwise? This will prod us to move beyond tolerating diversity and differences in others to accepting diversity and differences in others.”

• Wednesday: 7 p.m., prayer meeting at Pioneer Memorial Church features testimonies from survivors of the Rwandan genocide.

• Thursday: 7 p.m. “Sometimes in April,” a film based on the 1994 genocide, will be shown in Newbold Auditorium at Buller Hall. The screening will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

• Friday: A women’s event at 2 p.m. will be led by Heather-Dawn Small, the General Conference Director of Women’s Ministries. At 6 p.m. Carl Wilkens will speak.

• Saturday: An interview with Carl and Teresa Wilkens will be at 9:30 a.m. at the Howard Performing Arts Center.

At 11 a.m. Carl Wilkens will speak. Breakout sessions are at 3 and 4 p.m. on topics ranging from “Violence Against Women: End It Now!” led by Heather-Dawn Small to “The Causes of Ethnic Conflict and the Role of the Church” with Leonard Gashugi to “Personal Ethics: Our Responsibility” led by Ann Gibson.
The Summit closes with a concert in the Seminary Chapel and a closing message from Carl Wilkens at 5:30 p.m.
Texas Health, Adventist sign letter to jointly operate Huguley

Arlington-based Texas Health Resources and Adventist Health System of Florida have signed a letter of intent that would enable the two hospital systems to jointly form a company that would operate Huguley Memorial Medical Center in far south Fort Worth.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported that Adventist Health currently owns the 35-year-old facility that sits just east of Interstate 35W, which owns Huguley Memorial Medical Center in far south Fort Worth, are discussing a way to jointly operate the 35-year-old facility.

Huguley's Fort Worth campus and a Burleson facility include a 213-bed general hospital and physician offices, as well as rehabilitation, hospice, nursing and fitness centers, the Star-Telegram reported.

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Origins Exhibit opens at Southern Adventist University tomorrow
Materials highlight creation science worldview

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Southern Adventist University's new Origins Exhibit features a full-size model of an allosaurus. (Photo: Contributed)

The Biology Department hallways at Southern Adventist University have been transformed into a tour through some evidence that supports an intelligent creator as a reasonable explanation for life's origin.

This exhibit will open for the first time Sunday, April 15 at 5 p.m. Doors will close at 7 p.m.

Admission is free, and the public is invited.

The university's Origins Exhibit features a worldview that highlight creation and science working together on the origins of the universe.

The three parts of this permanent exhibit complement each other and are designed to be experienced in order: participants enter through the cell, explore the geologic column and conclude with intelligent design.

Southern Adventist University is located at 4843 Industrial Drive, Collegedale, TN 37315. The exhibit is on the second floor of the Hickman Science Center.

Call 423-236-2926 or click here for more information.
Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital recognizes 91-year-old volunteer

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La Grange, IL — The year was 1962.

Helen Tiffany's daughter had been working as a candy striper at Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital when she left to go to boarding school in Switzerland. She suggested her mother volunteer at the hospital while adjusting to her empty nest.

John F. Kennedy was in the White House, the song of the year was "Moon River" by Henry Mancini and Johnny Mercer and "Lawrence of Arabia" arrived on the big screen. But it doesn't seem so long ago to Helen Tiffany.

A half-century later and after two knee replacements, the 91-year-old La Grange resident finally retired from her volunteer work. She was lauded Wednesday at a special recognition celebration as the longest-serving volunteer in the history of Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital.

"Volunteering has been my life, and it's been a wonderful life," said Tiffany, the great-grandmother of a baby boy. "My doctors don't want me to put too much stress on my legs, so I had to retire."

During her 50 years as an Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital volunteer, Tiffany's duties varied.

"I have done everything," Tiffany recalled. "I used to have a cart and I would deliver newspapers to the patients. We folded surgical gowns. Things changed when computers came in, and there was a lot of paper left over. I made many scratch pads."

Judith Fedder, the hospital's director of volunteer services, praised Tiffany for her dedication.

"It is difficult to describe in words what Helen's dedication and commitment over 50 years has meant to our hospital," Fedder said. "She was always ready to help in any way she could. She was good with the patients and she developed lasting friendships with many employees, and with other volunteers. She will truly be missed."

While Tiffany says she will miss volunteering, she's grateful to be able to remain at her home. Her husband died in 1971. She has a daughter who lives in Houston and a son who is a trial attorney in Fort Worth. In addition to her great-grandson, Tiffany is the grandmother of five. She stays in touch with her family in traditional ways, such as the telephone.

"My granddaughter and her husband work for a computer company and they gave me an iPad, but I'm old-fashioned," she said.

Tiffany said there are no secrets to her being able to remain active for so long except for her "good, healthy habits."
Charlotte developer Crescent Resources has started construction of a second office building and parking garage in Orlando, Fla., for Adventist Health System.

The six-story, 199,777-square-foot facility is being built on a 25-acre campus along with Adventist’s corporate headquarters, also developed by Crescent. The 153,864-square-foot headquarters building was completed in December.

Both buildings have been designed with environmentally friendly principles in mind. The corporate headquarters has received Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver-level certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

“It is a pleasure to join with AHS and the other team members to create a inspiring work atmosphere for AHS employees,” says Whit Duncan, president of Crescent’s commercial division. “The campus respects the environment, as evidenced by the recent LEED certification.”

The second building is scheduled for completion in spring 2013.

The same team that produced the headquarters is creating the second building. The project architect is Little, the contractor is Brasfield & Gorrie and the project consultant is Parsons Corp.
Crescent Resources is a real estate operating company with interests in seven states. The company was established in 1969. It develops and operates single-family, multifamily and resort residential communities and develops, owns and manages business and industrial parks and shopping centers.

Crescent also has a multifamily residential project under way in Florida, having recently purchased 25 acres in Tampa through a joint venture with Global Growth Trust. Construction of Circle Crosstown, a 344-unit, garden-style apartment community, is slated for completion next year as well.

Adventist is a faith-based health-care system that supports 43 campuses, 16 long-term care centers and 21 home-health agencies. The company has 55,000 employees and provides care for more than 4 million patients each year. Its flagship is Florida Hospital.

Jen Wilson coordinates the Charlotte Business Journal's online operations, chronicles local events for CBJ Seen and takes photographs.
Three shine in geography bee

A trio of students from the east Salem area joined the ranks of top geography students in a state competition recently.

John Jablonski of Blanchet Catholic School, Sam Roth of Pratum and Andrew Tucker of Livingstone Adventist Academy were among the gathering of the state’s 100 top geography students who met for the 2012 Geography Bee State Qualifiers at Western Oregon University. The challenge was held at the end of spring break.

The bee invites the top students from grades 4 through 8 in Oregon. The field is narrowed with tests that measure extensive, worldwide geographical knowledge. Students representing 43 Oregon communities turned out with finalist, Pragyna Naik of Corvallis, winning the overall title.

Other area contestants earning a state berth included Kaylee Hafferkamp of Judson Middle School, Cooper Frantz-Geddes of Walker Middle School, and Ryan Davis from Keizer’s Claggett Creek Middle School.

To learn about the National Geographic Bee, visit www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee.