SPD youth gear up for Camporee ’07

STUARTS POINT, NEW SOUTH WALES

construction and planning for the first ever South Pacific–wide Pathfinder Camporee have gone ahead after the steering committee met for the final time at the Stuarts Point Campground, New South Wales, on October 21 and 22.

Some 6500 Pathfinders are expected at the camporee, an initiative of the South Pacific Division (SPD) youth ministries department that will take place from January 9 to 13, 2007. Countries expected to be represented at the camporee include Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Solomon Islands, New Caledonia and some from as far away as Ghana and the United States.

“Pathfinders are going to step into a completely different world when they arrive at camporee,” says Pastor Gilbert Cangy, director of youth ministries for the SPD. “We have some of the best minds at work on the projects. A multi-talented team will give our young people an event to remember and bring them to a closer relationship with God.”

Themed “The Twelfth Gate,” elements of the camporee will revolve around aspects of heaven. The steering committee, consisting of almost 40 youth ministries directors from conferences in the South Pacific, as (Continued on page 3)
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SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

Sanitarium So Good soymilk and Light ‘n’ Tasty cereal were tickled pink throughout October with a promotion supporting the National Breast Cancer Foundation’s annual Pink Ribbon Appeal.

One of Australia’s biggest cause-related marketing campaigns, Pink Ribbon Month encouraged the community to purchase a ribbon, host a breakfast, buy “pink” products and attend special events around the “pink” concept to raise funds to conduct research into finding a cure or preventing breast cancer.

As part of the Pink Ribbon campaign, Sanitarium So Good and Light ‘n’ Tasty consumers were rewarded with prizes under the “Tickled Pink” theme.

Shoppers who purchased four cartons of So Good or two packets of Light ‘n’ Tasty in October were able to log on to <www.tickledpink.sanitarium.com.au>, where a variety of Tickled Pink prizes, such as roses and e-cards, were up for grabs.

Rex Sheehy, Sanitarium Marketing Manager, said that shared aims brought Sanitarium together with the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

“As Australia’s leading health food company, Sanitarium is committed to educating and resourcing the community to experience happy, healthy lives, so this is a natural partnership. So Good and Light ‘n’ Tasty are providing more than $A100,000 in cash to the National Breast Cancer Foundation to raise money for vital cancer research.”

Each year 11,000 Australian women and 100 men are diagnosed with breast cancer, with 2600 losing their lives to the disease.

The Pink Ribbon embodies the National Breast Cancer Foundation’s aim of funding research for prevention and a cure. It also signifies the progress Australia has made toward quality research, resulting in increased survival rates and improved quality of life in the face of increased incidence of breast cancer.

This year, So Good ambassador and swimming legend Susie O’Neill lent her support to the Pink Ribbon Breakfast campaign, undertaking community and media appearances to encourage Australians to assist or donate to the cause. —Jaemes Tipple/Crossman Communications

More @ www.tickledpink.sanitarium.com.au

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well as some Pathfinder leaders, met to discuss a range of issues. These included ways to accommodate some 3000 overseas Pathfinders who are unable to transport camping equipment, the camporee’s daily activities and program, as well as security and safety of the campers.

Reports were also given for Teen Force, a leadership-development project that will see young people aged between 16 and 18 take up specific responsibilities at the camporee.

The highlight and centrepiece of the camporee will be the evening program, which Pastor Cangy says is a “major drama production that will amaze everybody.” Based on an original script written by Pastor Tony Knight, Australian Union Conference director of youth ministries, it will be a six-act drama with a grand finale on the final evening.

Initial planning and construction of structures required for the daily activities—including a challenge valley with six circuits and 80 different elements and the main stage—have begun, with major work set to commence on Boxing Day.—

Melody Tan

Susie O’Neill at the launch of the Pink Ribbon Breakfast campaign.

Members of the camporee steering committee in deep discussion.
Independent Adventist evangelist Doug Batchelor is on the big screen at a cinema near you—or at least selected cinemas in capital cities around Australia—this month. He is among half-a-dozen interviewees Andrew Denton features in his new documentary God on My Side.

Considering much Western media attention has focused on Muslim fundamentalism in recent years, the documentary set out to explore “our side” of fundamentalist belief. To this end, Denton spent four days at the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) Convention in Dallas, Texas, held in February this year. This annual convention attracts more than 6000 Christian communicators representing 350 TV stations and 750 radio stations. As one first-time convention-goer describes it to Denton, it’s “an interesting mix of religion and money.” Denton’s first objective is to assess the scope and impact of these broadcasters and the magnitude of the Christian industry of which they are a part.

Originally conceived as a special edition of Denton’s regular Australian Broadcasting Corporation program Enough Rope, Denton—an avowed atheist—employs his trademark interviewing style to gently, sympathetically and intelligently explore the faith and ministry of a number of the participants in this event. In this context, Batchelor has opportunity to give his personal testimony briefly and to explain the focus of his TV ministry.

One of the significant features of Denton’s portrayal of the faith he discovers is the variety of experiences, views and beliefs represented. While they might be described broadly as Christian fundamentalists, they represent a breadth of perspectives—and the pattern for Western attempts to understand Muslim belief is significant.

Of course, one of Denton’s reasons for interest in this gathering is to explore the political influences of such a gathering. And he finds himself in the heart of George Bush country, geographically and ideologically. President Bush sends his greetings to NRB convention-goers by prerecorded video, praising the work of these media evangelists. Indeed, the closest Denton comes to finding a differing political viewpoint is one interviewee who reports knowing some Christians who vote Democrat.

Denton’s storytelling moves on to the end-time focus of many of these voices. America and the wider world are in moral decline, Denton is told, and this coupled with various disasters is a sure sign of the nearness of the end. Most of the interviewees link this prophetic focus strongly with the role of Israel and the United States in the Middle East. Having worked through the various shades of Christian “industry” and other oddities, this is where the fundamentalism turns nasty.

For some focused on Israel and Bible prophecy, the US should stop at nothing to preserve and protect the nation of Israel, including the use of nuclear weapons if necessary. Denton includes footage of preachers calling on US leadership to expand military action in the Middle East for this purpose.

And somewhere in the midst of this is at least one Adventist voice, not standing out significantly in what he contributes to the documentary. Without doubt, Denton and many other observers would situate Adventists firmly within this fundamentalist, end-time school of thought. But the question this documentary asks of Adventists is whether this is where we truly belong and where we should be seeking to identify and position ourselves.

God on My Side largely leaves it to the viewer to draw their own conclusions but offers a prompt with the words of John 15:12—“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you”—punctuating the final credits. This is a profound contrast to the appeal to military power preached in the last few minutes of the documentary.

It’s also at least a partial answer for those of us who are less than comfortable joining in the narrow, often negative, politically conservative, fundamentalist agenda that seems to be increasingly assumed with the label Christian. Even when we share some of the same beliefs, a priority on Christian love and service will set us apart. After all, that’s what Jesus said: “By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35).

Bible quotations are from the New King James Version.

For more on Andrew Denton and God on My Side, see the November issue of Signs of the Times and visit <www.signsofthetimes.org.au>.

Nathan Brown is editor of RECORD.
A tribute to God-fearing parents

LEONIE DONALD, NZ

“What my parents passed on to me” (Feature, September 23) was a truly wonderful tribute to God-fearing parents. It was another story that went straight into my “must keep” file.

When the writer told of his childhood activities as “fun times” and “neat,” I couldn’t help but compare his upbringing to stories heard through one form of the media or another, most weeks. These days, it seems parents are not responsible for their children’s actions. Everyone else is to blame for misbehaviour; everyone from the government to schoolteachers.

Another quote from the article caught my attention: “Life in the Christian lane was fun.” This sounds so much like Jesus’ statement in John 10:10: “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full” (NIV). What a difference God makes.

“Postmodern” giving

KEN JOHNSON, NSW

Reflecting on “Thinking on giving” (Feature, October 7), it’s funny how people who think for themselves and ask questions are labelled “postmodern.” Has this just become a patronising label for people who are sick of being told what to think?

One of the main reasons people do not give as much as in the past is something called “debt.” Debt cripples the spirit, conforms people to the world and makes them ask questions like “How will the money that I am giving be spent?” Couple this with the sting of past mission projects—for example, Net 98 that forced even small, country churches to buy thousands of dollars worth of satellite equipment to download a series that was watched on video the following night—and it makes people somewhat sceptical about how their money is spent.

Why wouldn’t people give to special projects instead? Instead of giving people labels and trying to dictate how people give, why not show them how great things are being achieved with the money they give?

Voting question

GLADYS YOUNG, VIC

After reading “Sabbath voting” (Letters, September 30), it seems many church members are still under the misconception that the Adventist Church does not like people voting on Sabbath because to do so breaks the Sabbath. This is simply not the case. I direct your attention to Gospel Workers, pages 391-6, as a starting point.

The most important statement in those pages begins: “We cannot with safety vote for political parties; for we do not know whom we are voting for” (page 391).

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