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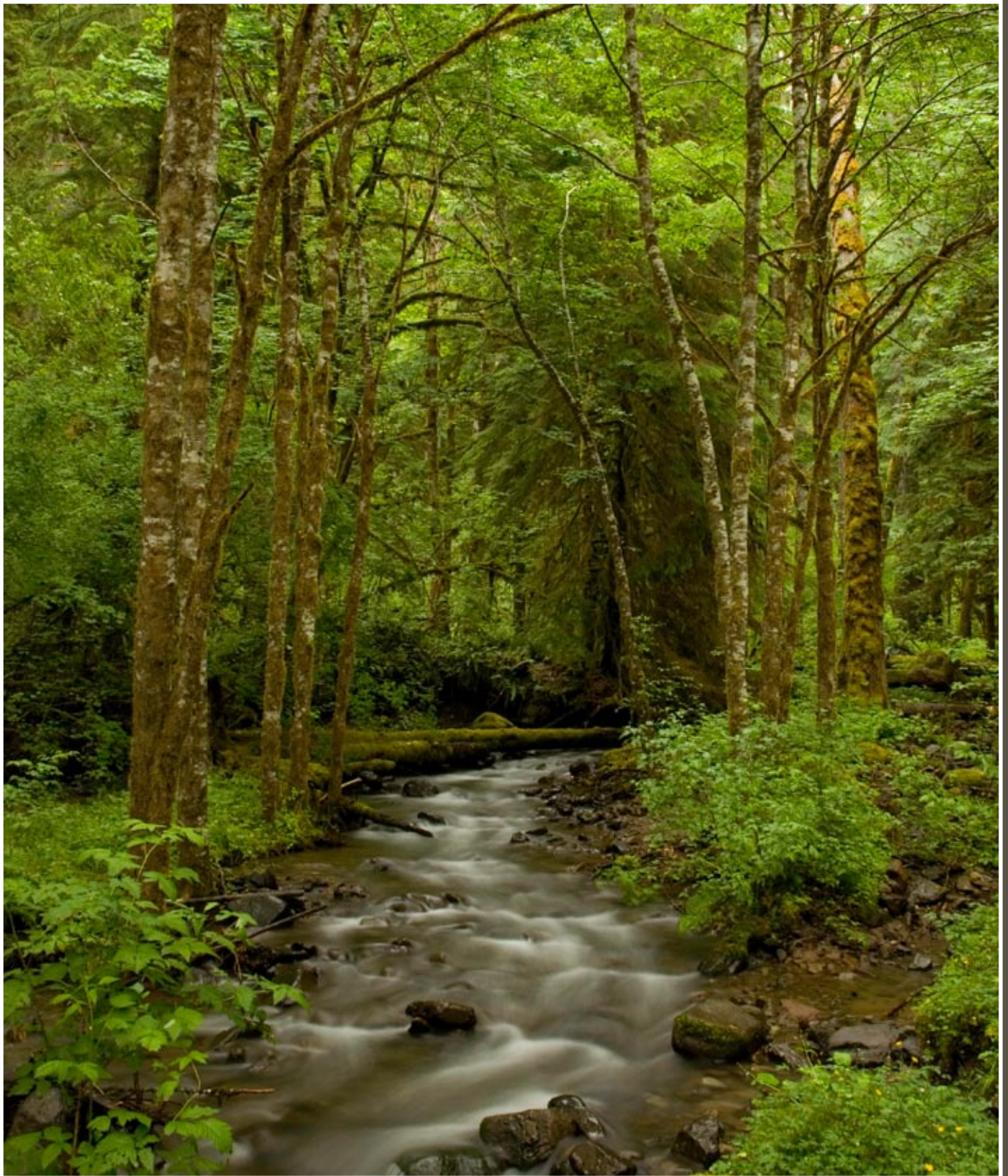
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*You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst
into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.*

ISAIAH 55:12 (NIV)

“Soft Music” by Gary Alan Henderson of Woodland, Wash.

World Class Stewardship

Hosea could just as well have had our modern society in mind when he wrote: “There is no faithfulness, no kindness, no knowledge of God in your land. You curse and lie and kill and steal and commit adultery. There is violence everywhere, with one murder after another. That is why your land is not producing. It is filled with sadness, and all living things are becoming sick and dying. Even the animals, birds, and fish have begun to disappear.” (Hosea 4:1–3).

The other day, I came across some facts that reminded me of Hosea’s words. Consider these:

- Some scientists estimate as many as one half of all animal life will become extinct due to human destruction of ecosystems.¹
- In 1960, the average U.S. citizen produced 2.9 pounds of trash per day. Today, that number has climbed to 4 to 5 pounds.²
- Although the precise area is debated, each day at least 80,000 acres of forest disappear from Earth.³

The creation story does include a command from the Creator for humans to exercise “dominion” and to “subdue the earth,” (Genesis 1:26–28). But that authority has too often served as a sweeping rationalization for exploiting natural resources.

“At the heart of modern society, something has gone deeply wrong. We have become far too confident in our own power, and have trusted far too deeply in our dominance over the creation. We have constructed a world view which places human power and glory at the center of the universe. We have become like gods, masters over creation’s destiny, and ready to demand any sacrifice for our enjoyment,”

(Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, *Ecology and Life*, 24).

Self-centered dominion leads to environmental deterioration. The biblical concept of dominion is connected to two important key ideas — covenant and stewardship. The Bible expresses not only God’s covenant with humanity, but, also God’s covenant with all of nature (see Genesis 9:13–15). Dominion implies the responsibility to serve nature which is essentially a stewardship relationship.

We must never forget the Creator’s balancing command of “tending the garden.” “And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it,” (Genesis 2:15). Christians should seek an intended biblical harmony which meets human needs while preserving the creation.

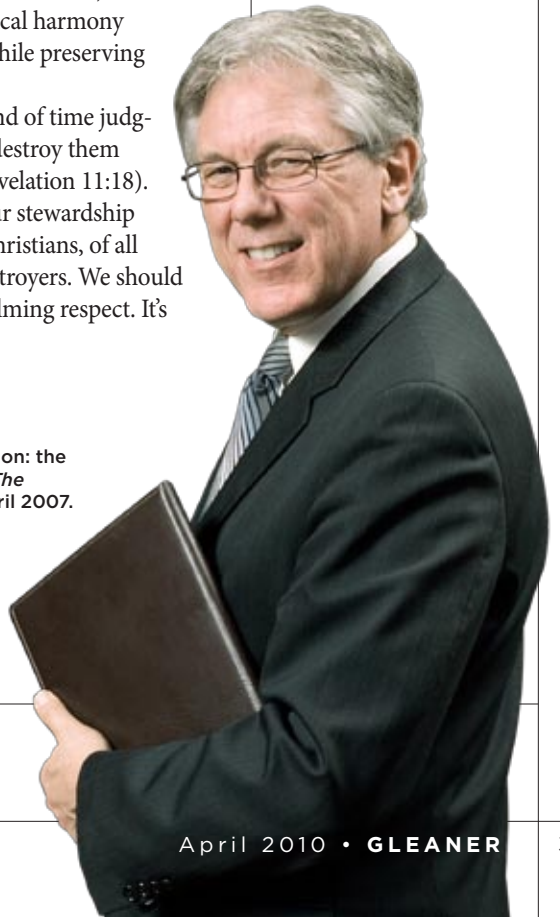
The Bible suggests at the end of time judgment will be announced to “destroy them which destroy the earth,” (Revelation 11:18). Apparently God considers our stewardship of the earth very seriously. Christians, of all people, should not be the destroyers. We should treat nature with an overwhelming respect. It’s our God-given job.

1 Julia Whitty. “Animal Extinction: the Greatest Threat to Mankind.” *The Independent Environment*. April 2007.

2 Unknown. “Questions.” *Wiki Answers*. March 2010.

3 Rhett A. Butler. “Forces Behind Forest Loss: A World Imperiled.” *Mongabay.com*. March 2010.

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MAX TORKELSEN II
NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

3ABN Changes Satellites

The Three Angels Broadcasting Network has begun a transition from AMC-4 satellite to Galaxy 19 (G-19). 3ABN viewers will need to adjust their receivers for this change no later than the first of May. More information is available at www.3abn.org.



Leonard Bailey, Loma Linda surgeon, is featured in the Martin Doblmeir film *The Adventists*.

Journey Films Release *The Adventists* Film

The new documentary from well-known filmmaker Martin Doblmeir is scheduled for public television station broadcast during April. Check local listings. The film looks at the intersection of faith and health through the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is also available on DVD through www.journeyfilms.com.

Executive Committee Approves 2010 Budget

Underscoring what will prove to be a challenging year, the North Pacific Union Conference executive committee met March 3 and voted a balanced budget. While staff at the NPUC office have been recently reduced, additional funds are being made available to local conferences this year. In addition, the committee voted to approve the ordination of pastors: Randy Maxwell of Idaho; Danny Kim and Steven Lemke of Oregon; and John Pierce and Ken Wetmore of Upper Columbia. John Berglund, Idaho pastor, was elected to replace Ervin Furne in the NPUC list of delegates to this year's General Conference session.

enditnow™

Adventist Church Fights Domestic Abuse

While the world church promotes a signature campaign, the North Pacific Union Conference Safe Family committee plans to develop a resource package by this fall to promote healthy Adventist family relationships. Survey results recently showed domestic abuse incidents in Northwest Adventist families on par with the general population. The General Conference-sponsored "enditnow" kits sent to local churches containing resources to promote the GC's attempt to gather at least 1 million signatures in a petition drive to present to the United Nations. For more information, go online to www.enditnow.org.



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Where's Dr. Hall?

I live on a remote island here in Southeast Alaska and am lucky to attend church three or four times a year. So it goes without saying that I enjoy the GLEANER. My daughter and I vie for first dibs when the new issue comes in the mail.

I was disappointed not to find Don Hall's health column in the February issue, is this a skip or is his column ending?

— Sue Crew, Edna Bay, Alaska

GLEANER: Space and budget restrictions squeezed us extra hard this year, so we had to discontinue Don Hall's "Healthy Choices" and several other sections. You can still access regular updates from Dr. Hall at www.wellsources.org.

No Habla Espanol?

For some time now you have included the Accion page, in a foreign language. I believe we are an English-speaking nation. If we are going to address other languages, it needs to be more than just one, so please cancel my subscription.

— K.R., Idaho

GLEANER: Jesus asked us to take the good news to

every kindred, tongue and people. We obviously can't include every language in the GLEANER. But here in the Northwest, Hispanics make up, by far, the largest segment of new Adventist members. We have included this Spanish page for some of them who have yet to learn English.

Pedaling, Not Peddling

You have no doubt already been "tweaked" for the Carl and Teresa Wilkens news item on page 4 of the March 2010 GLEANER.

To peddle is, of course, a somewhat derogatory reference to the attempt to sell something, typically door to door or place to place. So it might be said: "He peddled art and cheap lithographs across the state."

It is also used in the context of someone trying to sell something stolen or illegal: "Certain youths in the town were involved in theft and drug peddling."

It suddenly occurred to me that maybe you were simply quoting Carl and Teresa (terrible thought), but a check of their Web site confirmed that they were using the properly spelled "Pedaling2Peace" moniker . . . which leaves me feeling badly for someone

who used his or her spell checker which, of course, will leave intact both "peddle" and "peddling" since they are perfectly good words.

You have my sympathy and general appreciation.

— Henning Guldhammer, College Place, Wash.

GLEANER: We gratefully accept your sympathy and extend our apologies to Carl and Teresa as we dust the ashes from our sackcloth. We hate to be guilty of peddling poor English upon our readers, especially regarding those who pedal for such an important cause.

Avoiding "Adventese"

I appreciated Michael Demma's article about our "Adventese." I was raised Catholic and when I was invited to an Adventist church service; it would be months before I learned there were Bible classes before "church" and that "church" meant the sermon and corporate worship time. For Catholics, church means the entire service.

I recall members talking about the "latter rain" which I took to mean another flood being poured down on earth. When there are visitors, we shouldn't assume they know

our lingo. In fact, we should ask if they heard anything that was not clear. It feels exclusive when everyone else is talking in an unfamiliar jargon. And connecting with people is what it's all about!

— Maureen O'Kane, Sequim, Wash.

"Partners" not Okay

[Regarding Adventist Health story "AMC Patient Experiences Christ," February 2010] I thought it was inappropriate to bring in the fact that Holli and Joni were "partners." Don't you think it could have had the same effect to say they were friends? To print this in our church publication might indicate to someone reading this we condone this lifestyle, when, in fact, we cannot and do not.

— Name withheld

GLEANER: We think simply telling the truth is important. The Bible doesn't "airbrush" its stories, and it's a good example for us. The Adventist Health story focuses on Christ's own method of ministering to people right where they are. He ate with "winebibbers" and helped harlots without condoning their lifestyle. He does the same for us, and then says, "Come, follow Me."

SEND US LETTERS, STORIES, PHOTOS!

Do you have a comment or question regarding something you've read in the GLEANER? Or, perhaps a brief anecdote or photo about your faith or your church? Share it with us on this page. Send your comments, anecdotes or photos to talk@gleaneronline.org or to GLEANER, 5709 N. 20th Street, Ridgefield, WA 98642.

Hurt not the Earth,
neither the Sea,
nor the Trees...

REVELATION 7:3

Earth Friendly Faith

5 Practical Steps for Christians



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Seventh-day Adventists are tied to creation and the Creator by their very name. Yet many, caught between liberal and conservative rhetoric, struggle to find a simple, balanced approach to being good stewards of the earth. Here are five practical steps an Adventist can take in harmony with our fundamental beliefs. These don't require lining up with either Al Gore or Rush Limbaugh. They don't show up on most popular "earth-friendly" lists. But, if followed, they will have an impact because they are founded in faith-based counsel.

Want more? Take five!

Here are five more ideas for earth-friendly stewardship:

Help out in a community service ministry — When we show kindness to those in need we show respect for their Creator as well.

Return tithe and offerings regularly — It breaks us away from our self-centered exploitation of the world and the things and people in it, and reminds us everything in this world belongs, not to us, but to God.

1. Be reconciled to your Creator.

How is this earth friendly? At the heart of all good earth care is a recognition of and a respect for the Creator. Once we are reconciled to God we begin to participate in the work of reconciliation with other human beings and with all creation.

Choose a first step: Ask God right now to be in charge of every part of your life; confess your sins and thank God for forgiving you and cleansing you; get to know your Creator better every day through Bible study, prayer and surrender of your plans to His word.

2. Eat more unprocessed food.

How is this earth friendly? Processing and packaging contribute greatly to pollution. While recycling is good, wouldn't it be better to slow down the packaging we use so not as much needs to go into the recycling bin? Simple fresh fruit, vegetables, if affordable and available, can help with simplifying the packaging problem. Avoiding meat products simplifies the food chain and environmental impact.

Choose a first step: Eat three pieces of unprocessed fruit today; grow a garden; become familiar with the fresh produce section of your local grocery store; decide to become a vegetarian if you aren't already.

3. Become an expert in some area of nature study.

How is this earth friendly? When we take a careful look at the wonders of God's creation we are more likely to appreciate the God who created it all. At the same time we need to recognize what we see in nature has been impacted by the fall of mankind and a worldwide flood.

Choose a first step: Take a nature walk and list evidences of sin that were probably not present in the perfect world God created in the beginning; earn a Pathfinder Nature Study honor or "Conservation Master" award; get a book on native plants, trees, flowers, birds, etc. and use it during your nature walk.

4. Go on a mission trip.

How is this earth friendly? Seeing poverty and the joy of simplicity on a mission trip to a third world country can help us break the power of consumerism in our lives. It helps us value people more than things or the latest technological gadget. And it can refocus our life purpose when we return home.

Choose a first step: Sign up for a trip and go; give money to help someone else go, particularly a young person; pray for God's work in a specific country every day for thirty days.

5. Thin out your stuff.

How is this earth friendly? The more "stuff" we have and use, the more we contribute to the trash and pollution on planet earth. By learning to live with less we train ourselves to enjoy people and use things rather than use people and enjoy things. The things we have were given us by God to provide for our needs, assist those in need and take the gospel to all the world.

Choose a first step: Give away something of value you aren't using to someone else who can use it now; for each new item of clothing you buy over the next three months give away two items of clothing; walk a mile or two instead of going shopping; reduce trash by going a week without buying anything unless it is essential to life.

Don't fall into the cliché of being so heavenly-minded you are of no earthly good. Why would God want to trust us with heaven, if we cannot be trusted with the earth? Take a stand, take a step and discover God's call to be a trusted steward of our world.

*Dan Serns, North Pacific Union Conference
Ministerial director*



Wash the feet of someone you don't get along with — If we are going to be truly earth friendly, we must be willing to reconcile with other humans so we can treat all creation with kindness.

Remember the Sabbath — It's a God-given gift of rest from the frenetic pace of society that allows us to spend quality time appreciating creation and its Creator.

Be kind to animals — How we treat animals can sometimes show how we treat humans we see as weaker than ourselves.

ACCION

DIOS TODAVÍA HACE MILAGROS

Jesús Soto, recibió la trágica noticia de que le quedaban dos semanas de vida. Los médicos querían hacerle algunas operaciones, según él, para obtener fragmentos de los órganos dañados con fines didácticos. Pero él se negó y les dijo que quería morir tranquilo y “entero”, y no permitiría que le arrancaran su cuerpo pedazo a pedazo.

Afortunadamente una familia de la iglesia, amiga de ellos supo del problema y me llamaron por teléfono. Yo les dije que próximamente iría, pero entendiendo la gravedad del asunto y lo urgente del pedido lo visitamos lo más pronto que pudimos. Le presentamos al enfermo, la posibilidad del

ungimiento en el nombre del Señor y la aceptó. Se reunió toda la familia, aquello parecía un funeral en vida, sus hijos lloraban porque sentían profunda tristeza, entonces invocamos el nombre del Señor. Lo unguimos en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo y dejamos su vida en las manos de Dios.

Al poco tiempo tuvimos la grata noticia de que el hombre había sido completamente curado, alabado sea Dios. Tenía el cáncer desparramado por todo el cuerpo y cuando fue al médico después de la oración de unguimiento le preguntó: ¿a dónde te fuiste? a lo que él respondió: -Yo fui al médico divino, y no me dió



Jesús Soto y su esposa leyendo la Biblia.

vida por dos semanas, sino que me ofreció vida eterna. Al comienzo de la campaña evangelística realizada en Granger lo presentamos a él y a toda su familia como testimonio de un Dios vivo, que aunque no hace milagros todos los días, obra cuando su santa voluntad lo decide. Llegó esa noche con el papel sosteniendo el testimonio médico de su curación. Actualmente compartimos la Palabra de Dios con él y su familia, buenos hermanos católicos dicho sea de paso, y están creciendo en su fe, para descubrir el propósito por el cual Dios le prolongó su existencia.

Al final de la campaña ocho personas fueron bautizadas.

Este fue un día de gozo, regocijo y celebración, pues no solamente tuvimos bautismos sino que también celebramos una boda acompañada de mariachis y una sabrosa comida. Damos gracias a Dios porque los mejores tiempos de la iglesia no quedaron en el pasado, sino que los estamos comenzando a vivir. Ansiamos que el Espíritu de Dios continúe derramando bendiciones sobre su iglesia y que la tierra sea iluminada con el poder del evangelio de salvación. Muy pronto estaremos en casa con Jesús, el que sana el cuerpo y perdona al pecador.

Félix Maijub, Pastor del Distrito Central Valley Spanish



Pastor Maijub casando a José y Martha Molina.

Educating Children for Eternity

The first-annual Alaska Conference Education Summit, held Feb. 12–13 at Anchorage (Alaska) Junior Academy brought pastors and teachers together from around the conference to address two important questions: 1) What are some of the most serious issues facing students today? and 2) To what extent are students in their schools being prepared to address such concerns?

Tom Maher, Alaska Conference education superintendent, and Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president, planned for the summit to provide pastors and teachers with power-sharing encounters to help realign their collective approach in promoting Adventist education.

The Summit's theme, Spiritual Values — “Will Our Children Carry the Torch?” kicked off Friday evening Feb. 12 with a keynote address from main presenter, Mark Witas, North Cascade Adventist Church pastor from Burlington, Wash. Music was provided by praise singers from the Second Mile Adventist Church in Anchorage, and Janice Renck, special guest musician from Spokane, Wash. Witas, who also has an extensive background

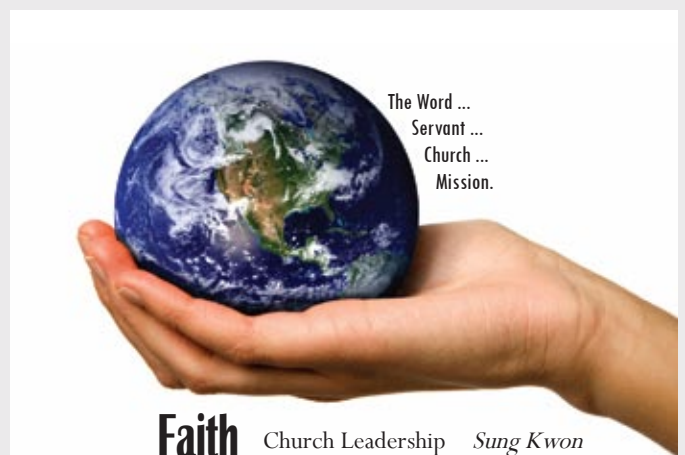
in Adventist education, centered his message on his own journey of coming to Jesus. He said, “God has a unique plan to turn around unexpected situations that imprisoned our youth to achieve more and make a difference.” Witas shared how his own experience helped him rediscover the value of Christian education.

On Sabbath morning, Witas led the pastors, teachers and parents in a group dynamic activity on the value formation for Christian education. In the afternoon, after a haystack lunch, Crawford and his wife, Colleen, and Ed Dunn, Alaska Conference executive secretary, and his wife Cheryl, held breakout sessions on “Shepherding the Heart of the Child” and “What About Homeschooling?” respectively. Keith Waters and Patti Revolinski, both from the NPUC Education department, shared issues discovered through the Cognitive Genesis process. These meetings also became a forum for exchange between pastors and teachers about improving methods of mentoring youth in our schools and churches.

Tom Maher, Alaska Conference Education superintendent



Pastors and teachers dialogue at the first-annual Alaska Conference Education Summit, in Anchorage.



Faith Ministries Leadership Colloquium

May 31–June 5

Church Leadership *Sung Kwon*
Elder Care Ministry *Marilyn Renk*
Disaster Relief Ministry *Joe Watts*
Youth Ministries *James Black*
Women's Ministries *Carol Baker*
Children's Ministries *Phyllis Washington*
Crisis Care Ministry *Martin Feldbush*
Family Ministries* *Willie Oliver*

*Full-day Marriage Retreat at the Palmer SDA Church, June 5. Registration: \$20
Leadership Registration: \$50 (lunch provided)

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Mark Witas reacts to Scott Parmelee at the first-annual Alaska Conference Education Summit, in Anchorage.

Evangelism Becomes a Habit

at GSAA

Evangelism is becoming a habit at Gem State Adventist Academy, in Caldwell, Idaho. Last year, students held a three-week series with ASI Youth for Jesus at the academy. This year, they presented a shorter series at the Meridian (Idaho) Adventist Church titled Identity Theft: Who Stole God's Reputation? John Bryson, GSAA chaplain and Bible teacher, and Jeff Kimmel, Idaho Literature Ministries director, planned the series, with lots of help from the Meridian Church

members. Tiffany Brus, a thirteen-year-old freshman, spoke on the fourth evening. Her enthusiasm was evident from her animated presentation on the importance of God's law as it relates to His character.

Eve Rusk, Idaho Conference Communication assistant



LINDA KLINGER

Tiffany Brus, GSAA freshman, is animated and at ease with her audience.

Proclaiming God's Grace

Idaho Conference Camp Meeting
June 8–12 ♦ Gem State Academy



Highlights

- ♦ Guided tours of Messiah's Mansion, a life-size replica of the Mosaic tabernacle.
- ♦ The Heritage Singers in concert on Sabbath.
- ♦ Don Mackintosh, Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism director.
- ♦ Ron Watts, retired president of the Southern Asia Division.
- ♦ David Klinedinst, Christian Record Services personal ministries director.
- ♦ Stan Hudson, pastor and co-host of Sink the Beagle radio show.
- ♦ Kimberly Miljatovic on health.
- ♦ Children's meetings.

Montana Students Fund One-Day Church

Take one part Blodgett View Christian School combined with Mission Projects, Inc. and add Maranatha International and it equals one new church for a small village in Belize Central America. The people of San Joaquin used to meet under a tarp in a local elders backyard, now they have a structure to call their own.

Last school year an inspiring mission story shared by Larry Belknap, pastor, got students of Blodgett View in Hamilton, Mont., excited about raising funds to build a One-Day Church. Students worked for members of the Hamilton Church congregation. From moving rocks and pulling weeds to picking up broken branches and limbs after a storm, no job was too messy or too hard. Their efforts resulted in over

\$750 dollars for the church project. A pie auction sponsored by the Home and School Association completed the \$1,500 needed for a One-Day Church.

Blodgett View sent their hard-earned money to Mission Projects, Inc. In December 2009, Maranatha International shipped a container holding 37 One-Day churches to Belize, where Mission Projects, Inc. oversaw the work projects which were scattered all over the small country of Belize.

Archie Harris, Montana Educational superintendent and his family were able to participate in the construction process, making the Montana connection complete from start to finish.

Deanna Harris, MEAA Church member



A One-Day Church is nearly completed thanks to efforts of Montana students.



The old San Joaquin Church, in Belize, was only a tarp held up by poles; but it is now replaced by the new One-Day Church structure.

MONTANA CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING

"Grace Beyond Measure"

June 16-19, 2010

Mount Ellis Academy



Featured Speakers:



Karl Haffner

Pastor, mission strategist and author will be speaking on "Grace Beyond Measure."



Bill Tucker

Founder of Quiet Hour Ministries will also be speaking on grace.

Seminar Leaders:

Don Hall - Health

Gordon Botting - Stewardship

Paul Richardson - Reconnecting Ministries

Mount Ellis Academy is located near Bozeman, Montana in the picturesque Gallatin County.

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Experiment In Better Living in Springfield

Your Experiment in Better Living, a month-long community service project/seminar began Jan. 25 with nearly 80–90 people attending. Jim McHan, physician, and wife Carolyn, Springfield (Ore.) Church members, founded the outreach 30 years ago.

Neal Furlong, McHan's barber says, "Jim has been talking about this for a long time and this year I just decided to try it. My wife [Kathy] and I are drinking more water and eating only two meals a day. It seems to be working for us."

Linda Sampson, another participant, says, "I didn't believe a word you said about exercise [to Tammy Bovee, personal trainer]. I just came because Bob and Karen Biggs were so kind to me and they asked me to come. I kept missing the bus, but I thought, 'It must be the Lord! I'll give it a try,' and walked the few blocks to my destination instead of waiting for the next bus. I felt so good that I started praying I'd miss



Nancy Gilbert checks Naomi Depuy's blood pressure.

the bus more. Then I made the commitment to walk one way each trip. I feel great."

Another participant, suffering with debilitating arthritis, testified after only two weeks of getting more water and exercise, she has no pain. "It's a miracle!" she says.

Another said their headaches subsided. Many have lost weight. Fibromyalgia patients felt less pain, diabetics' blood sugars went down, high blood pressure readings went down. One participant says, "I'm sleeping better after taking some of these stress reduction suggestions."

One church member didn't intend to participate because she "heard it all her life." However, the other participants' enthusiasm humbled her and

she realized she had not been valuing a great God-given treasure. She decided to begin daily exercise, eating lighter evening meals and practicing the stress reduction tips given.

Food preparation demonstrations, lectures on fats, plant food diet, preventive health care and stress reduction were given each night. Participants are invited to write commitments and goals aligning with what they learned for the night. Stress reduction lectures were given by Lutz Binus, pastor; Tammy Bovee, member, led the exercise sessions; Debbie Meelhuysen and Kathryn Thrall, members and head cooks, provided daily samples; the McHans gave lectures from doctor/homemaker views. Many church members volunteered to be small-group

leaders, servers, cooks' helpers, secretary, decorator, greeters and technical support.

The seminar concluded with a banquet.

Cheryl Whitsell, Springfield Church communication leader



Serena Lui demonstrates exercises from the top of a table.



Kathryn Thrall demonstrates healthy cooking techniques.

PAA Student Starts Campus Bible Study

Every Thursday afternoon in the Portland Adventist Academy library, a group of students meet with their Bibles and their open hearts. Chantel Mote, senior, founder of this small-group Bible study, is practicing for a life of sharing Jesus.

“I spent most of my teen years feeling lost,” says Mote. “I was looking for more worldly solutions that always left me disappointed. But finally,” she adds, “I decided to stop trying to solve all my problems and give them to God.”

Mote attributes her spiritual awakening to quality time with her church community, Bible study with her youth pastor, two PAA mission trips, and her rebaptism.



Center: Chantel Mote studies the Bible with her friends (left) Mackenzie Kessler and (right) Becca Maher every Thursday after school.

These precious moments set in motion the desire to share Jesus with her school mates. “Now I’m so excited about God that I want to talk about Him,”

says Mote. “And people are genuinely interested.”

“I started going to the Bible study because Chantel is a good friend of mine,” says Brian

Schorzman, classmate. “She always has good things to say and the conversations have really given me practical ways to improve my life.”

“One of the awesome things about this,” says Greg Phillips, chaplain, “is that it’s totally student initiated and it’s coming out of her own passion for Jesus. It’s exactly what we’re aiming for with our students.”

“I don’t know how long I have to live,” says Mote. “So I really want to be passionate about God every day and not just going through the motions. I really want people to know about Him.”

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent

Cottage Grove Receives Community Service Award

The Cottage Grove Adventist Church’s Community Services Center has been awarded a \$1,000 check by the Oregon Conference Humanitarian Fund Grant Program. Rhonda Whitney, Oregon Conference Community Outreach director, presented the check to Angela Dillon and Jane Ellingson, Community Services officers at the Sabbath service on Saturday, Feb. 6. The presentation was followed by

the second in a series by guest speaker E.H. “Jack” Sequeira on the book of Galatians. A fellowship meal in the upstairs hall preceded the two remaining meetings at 1:30 p.m. and again at 4 p.m. covering the last four chapters. Members thank God for blessing them in this special way.

Loren Tucker, Cottage Grove Communication leader



Deaf Ministry Pioneer Dies



Arthur W. Griffith

Arthur W. Griffith, first ordained deaf pastor and pioneer leader, died Jan. 16 at a hospital in Stockton, Calif. He was 89.

On Jan. 31, deaf members and ministry leaders from North America gathered at the Vancouver (Wash.) Church to pay final respects to Griffith, a tireless worker for the deaf ministry. Many attending had become church members because of his ministry.

Griffith was born to an Adventist family in 1920 in Minnesota. The family later moved to Alberta, Canada. As a young child, both he and his brother contracted spinal meningitis. His recovery was slow and he became totally deaf.

Griffith attended deaf school then went on to college to become a machinist. He met Alyce Grove at Gladstone Camp Meeting near Portland, Ore., and thought she was beautiful the moment he saw her. They were married in April 1944.

The Griffiths built a home in Portland for their growing five

children. But tragedy struck in 1956 when their oldest daughter, seven-year-old Linda, was struck and killed by a speeding vehicle while riding her bicycle.

This was a true turning point for Griffith, whose desire to see Linda at the resurrection became a driving force in his life.

Griffith led the Adventist deaf group in Portland for eight years while working as a machinist. In 1961, the Oregon Conference called him to full-time pastoral ministry for the deaf.

Griffith searched for a way to make signed Bible studies on film for the deaf. He built a small home studio, wrote a script and produced a sample. North American Division leaders then sponsored the development of twelve 20-minute Bible study films. These 16 mm films were finished in 1969 and copies spread around North America.

Griffith, published Deaf Advent Witness News (DAWN) for many years.



Arthur Griffith, pastor to the deaf community, searched for a way to make signed Bible studies on film for the deaf. He built a small home studio, wrote a script and produced a sample.

In 1975, the Griffiths moved to the Potomac Conference, and from there to the Christian Deaf Center, to serve as leaders during the 1980s. When Christian Deaf Center and Christian Record Braille Foundation joined, the Griffiths became traveling missionaries, covering many states in the U.S.

Even after they moved to

Grants Pass, Ore., in 1991 to retire, he continued to minister to the deaf, wrote articles and served on the board of Adventist Deaf Ministries.

“Many people’s lives have been touched by this great man of God,” reflects David Trexler, pastor and speaker/director of Three Angels’ Deaf Ministries (formerly Adventist Deaf Ministries). “Arthur left behind a legacy for us to follow. His example greatly influenced [my wife and me] to be loyal to the Lord and His church, the Adventist Church, no matter the difficulties we experience in our lives.”

Judy Johnson, a deaf member from Vancouver, Wash., summarized the Adventist deaf community’s thoughts well by saying, “We will never forget him! He is like a father figure to our deaf Adventist people.”

Esther M. Doss, Adventist Deaf Ministries PR and Development



The Griffiths built a home in Portland, Ore., for their growing five children.

Pathfinder Teen Leadership Trainees Attend Annual Convention

The Oregon Pathfinder Teen Leadership Training took place Jan. 22–24 at the Milwaukie Evangelical Center in Milwaukie, Ore. Pathfinder teens, grades 9–12, came together to learn how to be leaders. Forty-seven TLTs were there to learn from more than 40 mentors who came together. Nineteen clubs participated.

Al Reimche, Oregon Conference president, not only gave a worship talk but also did a seminar for the TLT mentors called “Insights into Mentoring: Purposeful Proximity.”

Some of the different training tracks provided included: camping, administration, outreach, class levels and honors.

In the Camping with Purpose class, participants not only learned how and where to go for camping trips, they also learned how to plan time with God.

One of the questions asked at the Meaningful Worship



Bob Gaede, Pathfinder leader, teaches a breakout session.

class was, “If Jesus came to your door, what would be your conversation?” Some teens said they would be awestruck, dumbfounded, and others said; “What did I do wrong?” or “I am so glad you are here.” Yet another said, “Were you there with me when I went through that situation?”

The Coordinating Class

Levels class showed the TLTs how to get involved with leading their clubs and encouraged each other to take charge. They were challenged to make things happen. A statement the leader brought out was, “If it is going to be ... It’s gotta be up to me.”

Reimche’s worship talk, “Ten Degrees off Mission,” was made up of several stories such as

Amelia Earhart who, on her last flight, was only ten degrees off making it to the island to refuel. Moses — called to be a leader, got slightly off course and how long did it take him to get back on mission? 40 years. “Don’t take your eyes off Jesus” Reimche reminded the TLTs. “You are leaders and God is calling you. Remember to stay on track.”

Sabbath afternoon the TLTs went by groups and “Got Lost with the Lost” sharing encouragement cards around the Portland, Ore., area with whoever they met.

Sunday morning TLTs and mentors wrapped up the weekend by making plans about how they will fulfill the TLT class assignments back in their own Pathfinder clubs.

Gary McLain, Oregon Conference Communication director



Pathfinders conduct song service during worship time at the Oregon Pathfinder Teen Leadership Training.



Al Reimche, Oregon Conference president, addresses the Pathfinders during the annual Teen Leadership Training.

Rogers Students Help Haiti

As news of the Haiti earthquake reached homes in Walla Walla, Wash., teachers, parents and students of Rogers Adventist School began thinking about how they could help the hurting people there.

Tonya Wessman, RAS first- and second-grade teacher, says, "I wanted to do something to help. I couldn't go to Haiti, but I could give money. Our class motto talks about being God's hands, so I knew that my students would be eager to help. They have very soft hearts."

So her class, along with a number of other classes at Rogers, began doing what they could to help. Hannah Ehlers, Student Body president, encouraged students to set up a jar at home where they could collect loose change or money for doing extra chores. About a week later, at a Friday school assembly, students brought their donations for a group offering. Some students surrendered their piggy banks; others conducted a "warm-up" bake sale. Two classrooms redirected money they had been earning for humanitarian projects.

Meanwhile, parents of Wessman's students went to work planning a bake sale. On the day of the sale, three tables were filled to overflowing with cookies, cakes, brownies, bread and other baked goods. Students helped, making signs ahead of time and selling items dur-



Students of Tonya Wessman hold the bread she baked to raise money for Haiti.

ing the school's lunch period. Jennifer Farrens, parent and bake sale organizer, says, "Through the bake sale, the students learned that anyone can help. Even young children can make a difference. And through the children, the adults got involved too. What better way to teach our children to help others than by our actions?"

"I thought this would be a good project for our first- and second-graders because it was an opportunity to

help the kids become more aware of how much we have and how little others have, says Wessman. "We talked about how Haiti was already a very poor country before the disaster and how many of the people in Haiti now don't have anything more than the clothing they were wearing."

Between proceeds of the bake sales, students' chore money, the school assembly offering, and generous donations, the school raised over \$3,800 to help in Haiti

through Adventist Development and Relief Agency.

"The kids are very excited that they could really do something big. Now we are praying that in the same way Jesus blessed the loaves and fishes, He will bless our money so that it will go far in helping people in Haiti," says Wessman.

Lisa Krueger, RAS parent, and Tonya Wessman, RAS first- and second-grade teacher

Moving Billboard

Shares Bible Truth Across America

The next time you head out on a road trip, keep an eye out for the newly redecorated Upper Columbia Conference moving van.

Last year, following the purchase of a new conference moving van, Bob Folkenberg Jr., UCC president, was inspired to do something different with the trailer.

“Instead of simply plastering our name and logo on the trailer,” says Folkenberg, “why not put something there that will make people think and point them to Jesus?”

Following a meeting with



Folkenberg’s communication team, ideas and design drafts were created. Folkenberg and the conference communication department settled on a design that asks travelers, “Are you on

the right road?” Then it directs them to Bibleinfo.com for more information.

Folkenberg says, “We selected Bibleinfo.com for a number of reasons. This is a ministry that

started right here in the Upper Columbia Conference by Max Torkelsen, our former president. Also, Bibleinfo.com is the most widely accessed Adventist site and provides a wealth of Bible answers.”

This one-of-a-kind moving billboard can be seen on highways all across the United States as it crisscrosses North America covering about 70,000 miles annually. The moving service is available to any Seventh-day Adventist member.

*Jay Wintermeyer, UCC
Communication director*

UCA Responds to Relief Efforts

At Upper Columbia Academy, in Spangle, Wash., stories and images from earthquake-ravaged Haiti sparked something in the hearts of the students.

As Daniel Jenks, Associated Student Body president, says “You hear the news and see the pictures ... and it’s so far away. It’s hard to feel like you can help but you want to.”

Students talked about but knew the organizational demands of a mission trip to Haiti were impossible to organize on such short notice. However they were determined to do something.

Adapting an idea from Troy Patzer, UCA principal, the students elected to replace their more elaborate cafeteria lunch and dinner menu with a simple meal of rice and beans for a period of time. Years ago, the purpose was to raise awareness of the plight of children around the world. But it saved money too. Patzer promised ASB leaders that whatever money was saved would be donated to help Haiti.

When Jenks presented the plan at a student assembly, the idea caught on in a flash, punctuated by thunderous applause. They would do what they

could, sending the money to Second Hope Ministries International to purchase medical supplies and provide immediate help.

And they did. For the next three weeks, each Thursday’s lunch consisted of rice and beans. The project brought in a total savings of \$2,100 to help the deserving people of Haiti. The students at UCA realized they could make a difference.

*Katie Torkelsen Spoo, UCA
GLENER correspondent*

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Goldendale Welcomes New Pastoral Couple

The Goldendale Adventist Church held a “Pound Party” to welcome their new pastoral family, Sunday, Jan. 31.

Every attendee brought a non-perishable gift as a surprise for Tim and Lori (Atkins) Gray so they could set up housekeeping in their newly purchased house.

The Grays recently relocated to Goldendale, Wash., from La Grande, Ore., where they lived for five and a half years.



They met at Walla Walla College (now University) in 1973. Tim was taking theology and Lori was taking nursing. They both graduated in the 1970s. The Grays have three grown daughters: Yvonne, Evie and Marci.

Tim was born in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, and is a Canadian citizen. Lori was born in Portland, Ore. Both were raised in Adventist families.

Lori was raised in the Meadow Glade area near Vancouver, Wash. She attended Meadow Glade Elementary School and graduated from Columbia Adventist Academy.

Elaine Kubler, Goldendale Church communication leader



Baptism at Sun Lakes State Park

The Othello (Wash.) Church Adventurer Club celebrated with two baptisms at their annual church campout to Sun Lakes State Park in Washington state.

Wayne Hicks, Upper Columbia Conference Pathfinder director, baptized Abby Steffler and Katelyn Johnson in the cold lake waters following the church service which took place at the picnic tables.

Steffler studied with Eloyce Mundall, her Adventurer leader. Johnson studied with her parents, Larry and Cindy

Johnson, Pathfinder leaders.

Steffler’s parents were among the many friends and family that witnessed the baptism on this beautiful sunny day. The Pathfinders and Adventurers, in uniform, provided the honor guard during the baptismal service.

“This [baptism] is what makes all the work in Adventurers and Pathfinders so worthwhile,” says Mundall.

Denise Colley, Othello Church communication leader



Abby Steffler and Katelyn Johnson stand with Wayne Hicks and Rufus before their baptism.

Kent Church Revives Friday Vespers

The Kent (Wash.) Adventist Church is reviving Friday night vespers through a program called First Friday.

“The concept behind First Friday is to start guarding the edges of the Sabbath better,” says Jack Barrow III, Kent Church Evangelism director. “Our church is growing every week, and we wanted to find a way to nourish church members and guests.”

First Friday, currently offered the first Friday of each month, is a simple, one-hour program. Vespers begins with a time of sharing, moves into a time of prayer,



After testimonies, prayer and a short message, First Friday vespers at Kent (Wash.) Adventist Church ends with a 25-minute mini concert.

transitions into a short message, and concludes with a 25-minute mini concert by local musicians.

“People are responding to vespers,” Barrow says. “We even have people attending from our sister churches.”

At the February vespers program, the audience of more than 60 people shared testimonies about being thankful for new jobs, Bible study opportunities, the growing church family, and God’s perfect timing.

Prayer time reflected the challenges and concerns people are facing as family and friends look for employment, start cancer treatment, recover from car accidents or pray for struggling marriages

and families. Barrow’s sermonette, “Impossible is Nothing,” dug into scripture to find reassurance that in weakness God will make us strong.

Vespers concluded with a mini concert by For His Glory, a local Adventist men’s group.

“We found as a church that people are dusting off the week when they walk in the door,” says Barrow. “Our church experience is improved when people come prepared.”

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference associate communication director



The Kent (Wash.) Adventist Church is reviving Friday night vespers to encourage members and guests to guard the edges of the Sabbath.

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Necco Goes to School

The ninth- and tenth-grade classroom at Lewis County Adventist School, in Chehalis, Wash., accommodates six students with five humans and one canine.

Kelia Cook, a ninth-grade student, is raising and training Necco. Necco is a handsome Golden Lab. He is undergoing training to become a guide dog through the non-profit organization Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. Cook began training Necco in June 2009 when the dog was eight-weeks old.

Necco is in school daily and attends all class field trips including plays and museum visits, where he is a perfect gentleman. Cook and Necco attend bi-weekly meetings to

practice important skills including going into stores, lying under tables, taking the stairs and most importantly, ignoring distractions.

It takes work to qualify to raise such a special pup. "I went to three puppy meetings, obedience classes for guide dogs and began studying a detailed manual," says Cook. "Then there was a home visit to make sure it was safe and to check out our animals.

"The hardest part of training a working pup is being consistent," says Cook. "He has to grow up to be calm and focused in order to be a good pair of eyes for a blind person."

Necco will leave in May to start formal training as a guide



Necco the dog is an important member of the ninth- and tenth-grade class at Lewis County Adventist School, in Chehalis, Wash.

dog campus in Boring, Ore., where he will learn to walk in harness and to lead a blind person.

Would Cook take on another

pup? "Absolutely," she says. "It's a wonderful experience."

Pam Chaney, LCAS teacher

Students Speak from the Heart

AAA Experiences the Blessings of Student Week of Prayer

The power of personal testimony was evident Feb. 15–20 at meetings held in the sanctuary of the Auburn Adventist Academy Church. During AAA's inspiring Student Week of Prayer, 21 students spoke to their friends about how to grow with God.

"I was deeply touched by listening to my peers," says Olivia Hall, sophomore from Puyallup, Wash. "Several of my friends spoke and not only was I was enlightened by what they had to say, but it brought me closer to Jesus."

During the morning and evening meetings, young



More than 20 Auburn Adventist Academy students shared their faith with their peers during Student Week of Prayer.

people preached on a variety of topics ranging from faith in God, to understanding the book of Revelation.

"When I was first asked to

preach, I was terrified and didn't want to do it," says Kaitlyn Herman, junior from Puyallup, Wash. "However, after praying about it, I felt

God telling me what to share and convicting me to speak for Him."

As students enjoyed the music, testimony and preaching during the week of spiritual emphasis, the spirit of God was touching hearts and lives at AAA.

"Student Week of Prayer brought me closer to God and made me think about how much He loves me," says Lauren Epperson, freshman from Kent, Wash. "I am so thankful for all He has done for me!"

Jondelle D. McGhee, AAA GLEANER correspondent

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WWU prepares Christians for the business world

Since opening its doors over a century ago, the School of Business has grown to be one of the largest programs at Walla Walla University. Its Web page states they “are dedicated to helping students obtain a strong background in business with a sound Christian philosophy.”

And they mean it.

All students in Walla Walla University’s School of Business are required to take a class entitled Business Ethics their senior year. The class is geared toward teaching students to not only practice good busi-

ness skills, but to keep their focus on God as they act as professional business men and women.

“Most business decisions have an ethical component,” says Ken Vyhmeister, WWU controller, who was invited to teach the class this year. “This is what we study in our class: The various ways to approach an ethical issue in the business world.”

In addition to the regular textbook, Vyhmeister uses the Bible as a major source of information and insight. In particular the class looks at the books of Matthew, which was written by a businessman, and Proverbs, which contains many points directed at those involved in business. They also study the principles of ethics in business taken from the writings of Ellen White.

“My goal is to help WWU produce business graduates that are second to none when it comes to integrity, wisdom and good decision making,” says Vyhmeister. “If I can encourage them to walk with Christ throughout their lives, I know they will go far in their careers. I really want them to succeed.”

Before coming to WWU, Vyhmeister worked 11 years for billionaire Donald Bren as corpo-



RUWAN RANDENIYA

Winter quarter’s Business Ethics Class was taught by Ken Vyhmeister, Walla Walla University controller.

rate controller of his holding company. “At that level of an organization, integrity is much more highly valued than book knowledge,” he says.

While working for Bren, Vyhmeister’s annual bonus was more than his entire year’s salary at WWU. But he says with a grin that he’s very glad to be where he is now.

“I try to teach my students to follow where God leads them, and wherever that is, be satisfied there,” he says. “There is no better place to be than wherever God puts you.”

Becky St. Clair, WWU GLEANER correspondent

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Adventist Health News Notes



Wayne Judd retires as assistant vice president of Mission and Spiritual Care this spring.

Mission leadership changes at Adventist Health: Judd retires; Crampton succeeds

A guiding voice and inspiration for mission, Wayne Judd retired from Adventist Health at the end of March.



Succeeding Wayne Judd, Paul Crampton joins Adventist Health this spring.

“We are saddened by this news as Wayne has been such a dynamic and powerful force for mission in our organization, but we wish him well in his retirement,” says Larry D. Dodds, executive vice president and COO of the organization. “Through his leadership as assistant vice president for Mission and Spiritual Care, mission has become a real and pervasive element in our system. His energy will be greatly missed.”

Succeeding Judd is Paul Crampton, who was most recently the president and CEO of Dimensions, LLC, a business he founded providing spiritual education and curriculum building for health care entities. Previously he served at White Memorial Medical Center as director of Leadership Development and Chaplaincy.

To learn more about both men, please visit www.facebook.com/adventisthealth.

New vice president of patient care at Walla Walla General Hospital

Jackie Fullerton, RNC, was recently named vice president of Patient Care according to Monty Knittel, president and CEO of the facility.

“Jackie has done an excellent job filling this role on an interim basis,” states Knittel. “During that time I have been able to evaluate her knowledge, creativity



Jackie Fullerton, RNC, is the new vice president for Patient Care at WWGH.

and commitment to our organization and its mission. Jackie’s leadership will provide a good balance of strong analytical, communication and team building skills combined with an unwavering commitment to quality care.”

Adventist Medical Center opens new Emergency department lobby

Late last year, nearly 100 employees, physicians and community leaders gathered to celebrate the unveiling of the 2,500 square-foot waiting room. It resembles a calm and serene hotel lobby, features an oversized fireplace, plasma televisions, a family-oriented seating area, comfortable furniture and soothing colors. In addition, patients and family members can access free wireless internet while they wait. The

lobby was carefully designed to help patients relax and start to relieve anxiety.

Ambulance services in Tillamook successfully passes state inspection

The Oregon Department of Human Resources — Emergency Medical Services section conducted a licensing inspection of Tillamook County General Hospital’s ambulance service late last year. The inspection covered all aspects of operation, including general operation, records, ambulances and personnel records. No deficiencies were identified in any areas. Furthermore, the inspectors were impressed with the hospital’s ambulance services and noted it was the fastest inspection they have ever conducted.

Walla Walla physicians help Haiti

Four physicians from Walla Walla General Hospital recently went to Haiti to offer medical expertise to the earthquake-torn country. The hospital donated antibiotics and other medications for the doctors to use on their visit.

Shawna Malvini, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent

MILESTONES

Bakke 90th

Carol Bakke celebrated her 90th birthday in October 2009, with an open house reception held at her home in Happy Valley, Ore.

Carol was born in Portland, Ore., Oct. 2, 1919, to Roy and Ada Downs Tupper. Much of her childhood was spent along the Oregon coast in Lincoln City. The family settled in Sandy, Ore., in 1936 where her father owned and ran a local sawmill. Carol attended Portland Union Academy 1935-1937. She met and married Arnold Bakke in 1938. They were married 65 years before his death in 2004. Carol was a homemaker while their children were young. In 1973 she graduated from the LPN course at Portland Adventist Hospital and worked in several local nursing homes before she retired. Sewing, canning, baking, gardening are just a few of her talents. Carol enjoys reading and working the daily newspaper crossword puzzle. She is a charter member of the Sandy Adventist Church where she is very active in community services, lending her hand to the many quilts made and donated to various local agencies.

Her family includes Harlan and Sue Bakke of Sandy, Ore.; Judy Thompson (deceased); David and Cindy Bakke of Phoenix, Ariz.; Mary Bakke; Linda and Paul Joice of Happy Valley, Ore.; 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Drollinger 50th

Ward and Carolyn Drollinger celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 27, 2009, with a brunch hosted by their children, family and friends, at the Best Western Salmon Rapids Lodge in Riggins, Idaho. They are members of the Grangeville (Idaho) Adventist Church.

Curtis Ward Drollinger married Carolyn J. Bird on Sept. 27, 1959, in Reno, Nev. They spent much of their married life raising their six children in Ely, Nev. and Bluff, Utah. They also resided in LouZhou, China, where they served a two-year mission. When they returned, they enjoyed a semi-retired life as apartment complex managers in Las Vegas, Nev. Ward is a retired land surveyor and Carolyn a retired Registered Nurse.

The Drollinger family includes Michael and Renee Drollinger; Stacy Drollinger Myers; Robert Drollinger; Stefanie and Curt Brimacombe; Laural and Darrell Bates; Doug and Megan Drollinger; 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.



Jordan and Nina Lane

Lane 70th

Jordan and Nina Lane celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Oct. 4, 2009, with a church potluck at Stone Tower Church.

Jordan was born in Dalulh, Minn. She joined the Army and was stationed in Vancouver, Wash. Nina, originally from South Dakota, relocated to Vancouver. Jordan D. Lane married Nina M. Getchell Oct. 1, 1939, in Stevenson, Wash. Nina joined the church in 1973 and Jordan joined in 2004.

The Lane family includes G. Allen and Jolynn (Campbell) Lane of Boring, Ore.; J. David

and Karen (Laursch) Lane of Wood Village, Ore.; 5 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, 3 step-great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.



Ray and Mardee Myers

Myers 60th

Ray and Mardee Myers celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at a family celebration in Bandon, Ore.

Ray Myers and Mardee Frakes met in 1947 at Southwestern Junior College in Keene, Texas. After a two-year courtship, they were married at Amarillo Adventist Church on Nov. 6, 1949.

After the wedding Ray and Mardee moved to Pacific Union College at Angwin, Calif., where Ray finished college with his bachelor's degree. They then moved to the College of Medical Evangelists, in Loma Linda, Calif., where Ray completed Physical Therapy training in 1954. After graduation they moved to Clarkston, Wash., where they both worked for George Thompson. Upon arrival, Ray and Mardee joined the recently organized Clarkston Adventist Church, and held a variety of offices over the years. They were significant in the building of the new Clarkston Church in 1981.

In 1969, Ray started Physician's Physical Therapy Service, including a private clinic as well as holding contracts with several hospitals and nursing homes,

and the public school system. In 1974, Mardee completed her Registered Nursing degree at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho and became Director of Nurses at Tri-state Convalescent Center. All four of the Myers children attended Beacon Jr. Academy in Lewiston before going on to graduate from Upper Columbia Academy in Spangle, Wash.

Thinking to retire in the spring of 1989, Ray and Mardee closed their business in Clarkston and moved to Myrtle Creek, Ore. Retirement was short lived as Ray was asked to work for Mercy Home Health and continued for 10 years. Mardee worked for Myrtle Creek Hospital, a nurse practitioner's office and Werner Leibold. Mardee retired in 1993 and Ray retired in 1999. They continue to be active members of the Canyonville Adventist Church.

The Myers family includes Raylene and Anton Eilers of Hillsboro, Ore.; Douglas and Teresa Myers of Milwaukee, Wis.; Dale Myers of Corvallis, Ore.; Debra Myers of Myrtle Creek, Ore.; and a grandchild.

ADVENT MOVEMENT

JOHN DELINGER, was pastoring the Miles City/Custer/Hardin (Mont.) district and retired on Jan. 1, 2010. The Delingers have moved to Cody, Wyo.

JASON BERGMANN, served as Washington Conference associate treasurer, and began his new position as the Nevada/Utah Conference treasurer in February.

GREG HOWELL, previously associate pastor in Puyallup, Wash., is now the pastor of the Graham/Yelm (Wash.) churches.

WEDDINGS

DAVY-BOTIMER—Leah Davy and Allen Botimer were married June 20, 2009, in Caldwell, Idaho. They are making their home in Loma Linda, Calif. Leah is the daughter of Larry and Christy Davy. Allen is the son of Gary and Jacque Botimer.

DISNEY-SAFONOV—Antonina Disney and Daniel Safonov were married Nov. 29, 2009, in Winston, Ore. They are making their home in Roseburg, Ore. Antonina is the daughter of Charles and Anne (Savage) Disney. Daniel is the son of Ivan Safonov and Galina Safonova.

LOWE-WILLIAMS—Sarah Corwin Lower and Branden Williams were married Jan. 8, 2010, in Spokane, Wash., where they are making their home.

ROBSON-COLBURN—Brittany Robson and Michael Colburn were married Jan. 17, 2010, in Beaverton, Ore. They are making their home in Hillsboro, Ore. Brittany is the daughter of Carey and Cynthia (Nelson) Robson. Michael is the son of Leon and Sharon (Ingram) Colburn.

SCOTT-COOPER—Sarah Scott and Brian Cooper were married Jan. 17, 2010, in Boring, Ore. They are making their home in Happy Valley, Ore. Sarah is the daughter of Bradley and Barbara (Pyke) Scott. Brian is the son of Russell and Gloria (Medford) Cooper.

SEGEBARTT-TONEY—Brooke Segebartt and Michael Toney were married Sept. 6, 2009, in Renton, Wash., where they are making their home. Brooke is the daughter of Allan and Kim Segebartt. Michael is the son of Gale and Ellen Munson.

SICKLER-CALCOTE—Pat (Kelly) Sickler and Thomas Calcote were married Sept. 17, 2009, in Everett, Wash. They are making their home in Port Angeles, Wash. Pat is the daughter of Mitchell (deceased) and Dorothy (Martin) Kelly. Thomas is the son of Murray and Rita (Mihlcheon) Calcote (both deceased).

BIRTHS

BALDWIN—Molly Irene was born Dec. 6, 2009, to Dan and Jael (Barstow) Baldwin, Lebanon, Ore.

BARELA—Solomon Elijah was born Sept. 5, 2009, to Steven and Jessica (Huff) Barela, Salem, Ore.

BARNHART—Micah G. was born Dec. 4, 2009, to Kai and Heather (Jones) Barnhart, Blanchard, Idaho.

BINDERNAGEL—Jacob Esteban was born Feb. 1, 2010, to Jacob and Becky (Martinez) Bindernagel, Nampa, Idaho.

CLAY-REYES—Elijah Alexander was born Jan. 7, 2010, to Alberto Reyes and Heather Clay, Monroe, Wash.

CRAIG—Lauren Gabrielle was born Oct. 6, 2009, to Kyle S. and Tess J. Craig, College Place, Wash.

DEALY—Avery Ocean Mykell was born Jan. 11, 2010, to Melodee Dealy, Monroe, Wash.

HALLS—James Dean was born Jan. 30, 2010, to Larry and Shannon (Brann) Halls, Mount Vernon, Wash.

HERRERA—Joshua Mason was born March 23, 2009, to Frank and Elizabeth (Stone) Herrera, Spokane, Wash.

HILL—Annalise Marie was born Jan. 6, 2010, to Timothy and Heidi (Ensminger) Hill, Portland, Ore.

ILIE—Avidan Eddie was born Nov. 12, 2009, to Ryan and Alina Ilie, Sandpoint, Idaho.

JUHL—Brielle Johanna was born Jan. 13, 2010, to Ben L. and Melissa J. (Robbins) Juhl, Salem, Ore.

LEY—Michael Jerome was born Nov. 14, 2009, to Josh and Kimberly (Jacobs) Ley, Port Angeles, Wash.

LEY—Noah David was born Nov. 14, 2009, to Josh and Kimberly (Jacobs) Ley, Port Angeles, Wash.

MARROW—Josiah Ivan was born Jan. 26, 2010, to Daniel and Yeselia (Montalvo) Marrow, Salem, Ore.

MEYER—Braden “Brady” Carter born Dec. 16, 2009, to Jesse and Kourtney (Poston) Meyer, Oregon City, Ore.

OLSON—Lars Rexford Carl was born Jan. 31, 2010, to Lisa C. and big sister Eden S. Olson, Olympia, Wash.

ORDELHEIDE—Javan E. was born Dec. 18, 2009, to Albert and Heidi (Andrejowich) Ordelheide, Olympia, Wash.

PAISE—Madaline Grace was born Jan. 15, 2010, to Larry and Katy (Harlan) Paise, Mount Vernon, Wash.

PETERSON—Sydney Marie was born Jan. 6, 2010, to James C. and Korwren M. (Wurstle) Peterson, Portland, Ore.

PIERCE—Landon James was born April 1, 2009, to Troy and Debbie (Mulligan) Pierce, Battle Ground, Wash.

RAJ—Sonika Ysabel was born Dec. 10, 2009, to Pritham and Katie (Deming) Raj, Happy Valley, Ore.

RICKABY—Johnathan Matthew was born Nov. 13, 2009, to Matt and Liz (Murrell) Rickaby, Everett, Wash.

ROLLER—Matthew Clemens was born Jan. 29, 2010, to Mark and Jurgita (Lamanauskaite) Roller, Tillamook, Ore.

SICKELS—Malachi Alexander was born Jan. 23, 2010, to Daniel G. and Suzanne M. (Fry) Sickels, North Bend, Ore.

SIGRIST—Sophia Rae Meiyuan was born Jan. 6, 2009, adopted Dec. 7, 2009 by Mark and Myka (Powell) Sigrist, Everett, Wash.

UNRUH—Katherine was born March 4, 2009, to Mike and Karina (Oksenholt) Unruh, Gresham, Ore.

WEBB—Brody Charles was born Feb. 5, 2010, to Chris and Vonni-Jo (Smith) Webb, Burlington, Wash.

WESTERMEYER—Tabitha Grace was born Feb. 3, 2010, to Matthew and Sarah (Gaje) Westermeyer, Damascus, Ore.

WIGGERS—Emma Caroline was born Dec. 11, 2010, to Marcel and Heidi (Martin) Wiggers, Grants Pass, Ore.

AT REST

ALBERTSEN—Donald G., 87; born May 16, 1922, Humboldt, Iowa; died Dec. 12, 2009, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: wife, Mavis (Miller); son, Kenneth, Scottsdale, Ariz.; daughters, Mary Jane Zollbrecht, Oregon City, Ore.; Carol Ann St. Clair, La Grande, Ore.; Donna Lang, Caldwell, Idaho; Linda Gault, Eagle, Idaho; Tiffany Albertsen-Horsch, Vancouver; 12 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

AXFORD—Robert Verlin, 86; born Jan. 2, 1923, Silverton, Ore.; died Oct. 15, 2009, Kennewick, Wash. Surviving: wife, Beatrice "Bea" Oster; son, David, Yakima, Wash.; daughters, Melody Schulte, Prosser, Wash.; Carolee Arslanian, Kennewick; 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

BARTEL—Raymond Donald, 78; born April 23, 1931, Madera, Calif.; died Dec. 18, 2009, Olympia, Wash. Surviving: wife, Doris Burton Eisenhart; and sister, Vickie Ludders, Boise, Idaho.

BUELL—Jonna C. (Dybdahl), 42; born March 22, 1967, St. Joseph, Mich.; died Nov. 21, 2009, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, Monty; daughters, Alexandra Buell, Victoria Buell and Kristianna Buell, all of College Place; parents, Jon and Kathy (Trefz) Dybdahl, College Place; brother, Paul Dybdahl, Walla Walla, Wash.; and sister, Krista Croft, Centennial, Colo.

CARTER—Howard W., 81; born June 13, 1928, Kodi Kanal, India; died Nov. 23, 2009, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: wife, Audrey (Mantaty), Rogue River, Ore.; sons, Raymond, Hillsboro, Ore.; Robert, Auburn, Calif.; daughter, Rosemary Withem, Murrieta, Calif.; sisters, Ellen Graham, Grants Pass; Eloise Mattison, Loma Linda, Calif.; 8 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

CASE—Bob, 59; born Dec. 31,

1949, Portland, Ore.; died Dec. 5, 2009, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: wife, Joyce (Carpenter); sons, Robbee, Bursleson, Texas; Ryan, Vancouver; father, Bill, Portland; brother, Gary, Bend, Ore.; and sister, Maryjo Timmons, Portland.

COY—Madeleine Emily (Douma), 86; born July 18, 1923, Sioux Falls, S.D.; died Oct. 19, 2009, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Hugh; daughters, Linda Wernick, Polebridge, Mont.; Joellen Lee, Angwin, Calif.; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

ENYART—Esther Helen (Anliker), 100; born July 16, 1909, Goble, Ore.; died Sept. 7, 2009, Hillsboro, Ore. Surviving: son, Charles Benjamin, Hillsboro; daughters, Donna Rose, Overland Park, Kan.; Carol Ann, Portland, Ore.; 8 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 2 step-great-grandchildren.

GRYTE—Glenn Alexander, 87; born July 30, 1992, Winnipeg, Manitoba; died Nov. 20, 2009, Carson City, Nev. Surviving: wife, Silva (Woosley); sons, Gary, Dayton, Nev.; Garth, Grass Valley, Calif.; Gary Guymon, Riverside, Calif.; daughters, Connie Needles, Lincoln, Neb.; Judy Gryte, Denver, Colo.; Susan Younker, Dayton; Rosemary McDaniel, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia; brother, Norval, Portland, Ore.; 14 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

HARRELL—Lee Ellsworth, 68; born Sept. 23, 1940, Eugene, Ore.; died Feb. 23, 2009, Phoenix, Ariz. Surviving: wife, Mary Christensen Macias; son, Nathan, Portland, Ore.; daughter, Amy Campbell, LaPine, Ore.; brothers, James, Lincoln, Neb.; and Terry, Scottsdale, Ariz.

HEGSTAD—Mildred Lois (Coles), 92; born Aug. 22, 1917, Quincy, Ore.; died Aug. 31, 2009, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: son, Bruce, Nisharjuna, N.Y.; daugh-

ters, Loretta Johnson, Monroe, Wash.; Marilyn Nicholson, Portland, Ore.; brother, Roy Coles, Portland; 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

HIGHT—Audrey, 40; born July 15, 1969, Aberdeen, S.D.; died Oct. 25, 2009, College Place, Wash. Surviving: mother, Patricia (Swearingen) Hight, College Place; brother, Rory Hight, St. George, Utah; sisters, Rhonda Hight, Austin, Texas; and Faye Hight, Vancouver, Wash.

HOOVER—Darl B. V., 73; born Nov. 13, 1936, Omak, Wash.; died Dec. 2, 2009, Auburn, Wash. Surviving: brothers, Danie, Auburn; Cyril, Oroville, Wash.; sisters, Ronica Hopkins, Algona, Wash.; Byrdena Hammon, Auburn; Sheryl Nisley, Kent, Wash.; Lavella Lombardi, Lamont, Wash.; and Cirel Hoover-Daste, Algona.

JESKE—Lola Beatrice (Graham), 88; born Dec. 23, 1920, Malone, Wash.; died July 13, 2009, Alturas, Calif. Surviving: daughters, Leanna Rose, Cedarville, Calif.; Lorena Jeske, Puyallup, Wash.; sister, Lucille Schultz, Grandview, Wash.; and 4 grandchildren.

JOSEPHSON—Jacquetta M. (French) Alexander, 98; born Sept. 11, 1911, Joplin, Mo.; died Dec. 12, 2009, Vale, Ore. Surviving: son, Lee Alexander, Sacramento, Calif.; daughters, Maloa (Alexander) Trees and Marinell (Alexander) Stott, both of Ontario, Ore.; 8 grandchildren, a step-grandchild and 6 great-grandchildren.

JURGENSEN—Bruce Allen, 84; born Sept. 2, 1925, Astoria, Ore.; died Oct. 19, 2009, Forest Grove, Ore. Surviving: sons, Larry A., Woodland, Wash.; Dale R., Orangevale, Calif.; daughter, Rebecca M. Oberg, Forest Grove; 4 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

KLOPFENSTEIN—Warren B., 87; born June 11, 1921, Loma Linda, Calif.; died April 9, 2009,

Morton, Wash. Surviving: wife, Virginia (Denney), Randle, Wash.; daughters, Myrna Neff, Packwood, Wash.; Shirley James, Pe Ell, Wash.; Janet Williams, Salem, Ore.; 5 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and 4 step-great-grandchildren.

KNACK—Ruth L. (Davis), 97; born Feb. 16, 1920, Minneapolis, Minn.; died Dec. 29, 2009, Des Moines, Wash. Surviving: sons, George "Bud" Davis, Tonasket, Wash.; Benjamin O. Davis, Auburn, Wash.; daughter, Nancy Carver, San Jose, Calif.; 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

KNIGHT—Warren Jennings, 85; born July 8, 1924, Centerville, Kan.; died Dec. 5, 2009, Florence, Mont. Surviving: sons, David, Haines, Alaska; Tim, Florence; daughters, Susan Reiber and Sandy Lacey, both of Florence; brothers, Eugene, Fruita, Colo.; James, Centralia, Wash.; sisters, Melba Husted, Murrieta, Calif.; Bonnie Schneider, Grand Junction, Colo.; 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

LANG—Agness Catherine (Beamer) Carr, 94; born April 22, 1915, Weston, Ore.; died Nov. 10, 2009, Damascus, Ore. Surviving: stepdaughters, Joyce (Lange) Rowell, Pleasant Hill, Ore.; Allilia (Lange) Nelson and Alicia (Lange) Davis, both of Vancouver, Wash.; Suzanne (Lange) Boots, Springfield, Ore.; brother, Clyde Beamer, Pasco, Wash.; sister, Helen Christopher, Hood River, Ore.; 2 grandchildren, 15 step-grandchildren, 38 step-great-grandchildren and 16 step-great-great-grandchildren.

MEADOR—Herbert Earnest, 90; born Feb. 26, 1919, Norwood, Idaho; died Oct. 12, 2009, Retsil, Wash. Surviving: wife, Ada (Beach), Long Beach, Wash.; sons, Perry and Steven, both of Wash-

ington; daughters, Joey Douglas and Maxine Shumate, both of Washington; 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

MEYERS—William H., 87; born Nov. 11, 1922, Louisville, Ken.; died Nov. 29, 2009, Nampa, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Mary L. (Mann); daughter, Marilyn Springer, Auburn, Wash.; a grandchild and 2 great-grandchildren.

MILLER—Ethel I. (Miller) Robinson Les, 87; born Nov. 25, 1921, Fairplay, Colo.; died Oct. 10, 2009, Roseburg, Ore. Surviving: husband, Leonard, Myrtle Creek, Ore.; stepsons, Kevin M., of Montana; Tommy; David, Portland, Ore.; daughter, Deanna (Robinson) Blazen, Loma Linda, Calif.; stepdaughter, Melody Miller, Portland; brother, Ralph Miller, Arcata, Calif.; and 2 step-grandchildren.

MILLER—Lyman D., 92; born June 1, 1917, Eau Claire, Wis.; died Dec. 5, 2009, College Place, Wash. Surviving: sister, Lila Johnson, Racine, Wis.

NELSON—Louise R. (Vixie), 99; born June 23, 1910, Alvarado, Minn.; died Oct. 26, 2009, Marysville, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Yvonne L. Nelson, Snohomish, Wash.; 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

NICHOLS—Joseph A., 37; born Jan. 8, 1970, Walla Walla, Wash.; died Oct. 4, 2008, Denver, Colo. Surviving: son, Brett Kooy, Moses Lake, Wash.; daughter, Josie Nichols, Moses Lake; parents, Don and Terry Nichols, Spokane, Wash.; and brother, Eathen Nichols, Newport, Wash.

NORRIS—Veoa E. (Schwall), 90; born Feb. 16, 1918, Nicholas, Calif.; died April 25, 2008, Junction City, Ore. Surviving: son, William "Bill", Junction City; daughters, Anna Gray, Junction City; Jean Jessel, Eugene, Ore.; sister, Helen Ruby Fox, Redding,

Calif.; 8 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

PICK—Donald Earl, 84; born July 31, 1925, Greeley, Colo.; died Sept. 26, 2009, Sandpoint, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Mary; daughters, Karen Miles, Citrus Heights, Calif.; Linda Valenzuela, Culiacan, Mexico; Donna Frome, Redding, Calif.; Carolie Pick, Fairbanks, Alaska; Bonnie Pick, Sandpoint; brothers, Tom, Sandpoint; David, Coachella, Calif.; and 15 grandchildren.

REETZ—Agnis June (Patterson) Way, 85; born May 31, 1924, Hillsboro, Ore.; died Dec. 23, 2009, Creston, British Columbia, Canada. Surviving: husband, Earl A.; son, Gary Way, Bay City, Ore.; daughters, Connie Mills, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada; Jo Park, Gresham, Ore.; 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

REISWIG—Ella Lucille (Kelly), 91; born Aug. 8, 1918, Boone County, Ind.; died Nov. 1, 2009, Yakima, Wash. Surviving: sons, Richard V. Jr., Fairfield, Calif.; Brian K., Yakima; Ron, Fairfield; daughters, Kay Prunty, Montague, Calif.; Rita Holton, Callahan, Fla.; sister, Edith Rogers, of Kentucky; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

RINGERING—Dale Leroy, 82; born Dec. 1, 1927, Brainerd, Minn.; died Dec. 1, 2009, Canby, Ore. Surviving: wife, Lillian (Koehler), Hubbard, Ore.; daughters, Dalene Johnson, College Place, Wash.; Candice Ringering, Vancouver, Wash.; brothers, Floyd and Elmer, both of Pendleton, Ore.; Donald, Graniteville, Vt.; sisters, Elma Hendrickson Troedel, College Place; Viola Pflugrad, Long Creek, Ore.; Irene Aldred, Beaver creek, Ore.; and a grandchild.

ROBINSON—Ruby B. (Davidson), 80; born Nov. 6, 1929, Vinita, Okla.; died Dec. 11, 2009, Nampa, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Les and

Red, both of Caldwell, Idaho; daughters, Mary Jo Hayes, Boise, Idaho; Susie Zenger, Nampa; brothers, Dan Davidson, Nampa; Bill Davidson, Libby, Mont.; Bert Davidson, El Monte, Calif.; sister, Lealla Pearson, Hermiston, Ore.; 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

ROMINE—Lola (Hale), 84; born March 21, 1923, Bozeman, Mont.; died March 9, 2008, Ketchikan, Alaska. Surviving: husband, Harry, Ketchikan, Alaska; son, Bruce, Juneau, Alaska; daughter, Gwyneth Gilmon, Ketchikan; and 4 grandchildren.

ROSE—Lela E. (Erickson) Martin Burbank, 78; born April 3, 1931, Swan, Mo.; died Nov. 3, 2009, Lebanon, Ore. Surviving: husband, Bill, Jefferson, Ore.; sons, Steven Martin, Lebanon; Todd Martin, Eugene, Ore.; daughters, Diana Webber, Brownsville, Ore.; Cindy Martin and Rudy Purkerson, both of Lebanon; 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

SCHAFFER—Donald W. E., 73; born Oct. 25, 1936, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; died Oct. 28, 2009, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Glenda (Gimbel); sons, Donald Jr., College Place; Curtis Schaffer, Walla Walla, Wash.; daughter, Jacquie Zuill, Lacombe, Alberta, Canada; brothers, Dave, Lacombe; Elmer, Vernon, British Columbia, Canada; Irven, Canyon Creek, Alberta, Canada; sisters, Selma Potschka and Ruth Krenzler, both of Lacombe; Carroll Smith, Ponoka, Alberta, Canada; and 5 grandchildren.

SCHORNSTEIN—Betty (Claridge), 96; born April 5, 1913, Hettlinger, N.D.; died Dec. 19, 2009, Riddle, Ore. Surviving: sons, Rob, Riddle; Randy, Thousand Oaks, Calif.; brothers, John Claridge, Falling Waters, W.V.; Lawrence Claridge, College Place, Wash.; and 2 grandchildren.

STILES—Helen L. (Hauselt), 72; born Feb. 28, 1937, Santa Cruz, Calif.; died Dec. 11, 2009, Kennewick, Wash. Surviving: son, Marvin; daughter, Rani Stiles, College Place, Wash.; and 4 grandchildren.

TEAGUE—Harold C., 89; born July 17, 1920, Prescott, Ariz.; died Nov. 15, 2009, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: companion, Millie Chadderton, Cave Junction, Ore.; son, Leon Teague, Merced, Calif.; 6 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

TSCHOEPE—Anna (Piplack), 97; born July 14, 1912, Eberswalde, Germany; died Dec. 11, 2009, Bonners Ferry, Idaho. Surviving: son, Walter, Bonners Ferry; 3 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

VAN TASSEL—Viola M. (Walters), 84; born Oct. 21, 1926, Corvallis, Ore.; died Aug. 6, 2009, Bend, Ore. Surviving: husband, Dean, Redmond, Ore.; daughters, Carol M. Libke and Sheri Odom, both of Redmond; brother, Ralph Walters, Cheney, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

VISGER—Cynthia "Ruth" Steeves, 79; born Jan. 23, 1930, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; died Oct. 26, 2009, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Dale, College Place, Wash.; sons, Darryl, Henderson, Nev.; Darcy Visger, Spokane, Wash.; and a grandchild.

WOLCOTT—Chester A. Jr., 81; born July 1, 1928, Castle Rock, Wash.; died Nov. 14, 2009, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Lyla E. (Weeks); daughters, Kathy Hazen, Linda Toretta and Sandra "Sandy" Kinsfather, all of College Place; Carol Parshall, Sequim, Wash.; Margie Toretta, La Grande, Ore.; brother, Richard, of California; and sister, Paula Ann (Weeks) Bartell, Kelso, Wash.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

North Pacific Union Conference

Offering

April 3—Local Church Budget; **April 10**—World Budget; Christian Record Services; **April 17**—Local Church Budget; **April 24**—Local Conference Advance.

Special Days

Curriculum Focus for the Month—Stewardship+

April 3—Missionary Magazines (*Signs, Message, El Centinela, La Sentinelle*); **April 10**—Stewardship Sabbath; **April 17**—Literature Evangelism Sabbath; **April 24**—Education Sabbath.

Walla Walla University

April 4-6—Reserve your spot at University Days. Call (800) 541-8900. **April 22-25**—WWU's Alumni Homecoming Weekend theme this year is "Gateway to Service." Celebrate the 50th anniversary of our student missions program. For more information, visit alumni.wallawalla.edu. **April 24**—WWU Student Missions Reunion, 7:30 p.m., University Church Fellowship Hall. All former WWU student missionaries and their families are welcome.

Oregon

The Last Supper: A Living Tableau

April 3—Leonardo's great painting comes to life. Free performance at 7:30 p.m., at the Sunnyside Adventist Church, 10501 S.E. Market St., Portland, OR. For more information, go to (503) 252-8080 or www.sunnyside-sda.org.

CHIP Lifestyle Education Program

April 9-May 13—The Hood View Church at 26775 S.E. Kelso Rd., Boring, OR, presents Coronary Health Improvement Project, a 4-week lifestyle education program. Join the thousands of graduates around the world that have lost weight, lowered cholesterol, reduced high blood sugar, sleep better and gained higher energy levels. Attend an informational and registration session on March 30, April 1 or 6 at 7 p.m. For more information, call (503) 512-9055.

In Concert

April 10—The Orion Chorale of Washington State, a 25-member acapella chorale under the direction of Connie Barrow, will be in concert at 5 p.m. at the Stone Tower Auditorium, 3010 N.E. Holladay, Portland, OR. The event is sponsored by People to People Ministries and Carl Parker. For information, call (503) 281-8596.

Religious Liberty Weekend

April 23-24—Lincoln Steed, *Liberty Magazine* editor, will present a Religious Liberty weekend at Hood View Church, 26775 S.E. Kelso Rd., Boring, OR. Beginning Friday night at 7 p.m., continuing Sabbath morning at 11 a.m., followed by a fellowship potluck and an afternoon session at 2 p.m. All are welcome. For more information, call (503) 663-5611, e-mail hoodviewchurch@verizon.net, or go to www.hoodview.adventistnw.org.

Mike Bishop Concert

May 1—Mike Bishop and his sister Marlynn Bishop will sing at the Medford Church, 1900 Greenwood St., Medford, OR, during the 11 a.m. church service and 7:30 p.m. concert. His CDs "Not on My Own," "Rise Again" and "My Hymnal: The Fourth Generation" will be available for purchase after the concert. For more information, call (541) 772-6021.

Certified Senior Advisor Training

June 8-11—Back by popular demand: The increasing average age of our communities and church members is starting to impact our churches. It is crucial we support our seniors and care-givers socially, spiritually and ethically. Oregon Conference Eldercare Ministries is proud to host training to become a Certified Senior Advisor at Gladstone Park Conference Center, Tuesday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Class size is limited. Call Bill Bileck, Society for Certified Senior Advisors, at (888) 843-9235 and mention "Oregon Conference" for special pricing.

Better Life Camp Meeting

June 11-12—Herb Larsen Jr. is coming to Milo Academy in Days Creek, OR. Don't miss hearing the dynamic testimony of a businessman who changed his primary motive for being in business from serving-self to serving his friend Jesus. Friday 7 p.m. to Saturday 10 p.m. Rooms, meals and RV spaces are available for a nominal fee. For reservations or information, call (877) 741-2588; e-mail kbln@betterlifetv.tv; www.betterlifetv.tv.

Upper Columbia Conference

Lake City Jr. Academy 100th Celebration

April 30-May 1—LCJA, formerly Oliver Junior Academy, located in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, is seeking names of former students, teachers and principals. LCJA is celebrating 100 years of Adventist Christian education. Register names at www.lcja.org or call the school at (208) 667-0877.

Guest Speaker at Kettle Falls Church

May 21-22—Samuel Koranteng-Pipim, Ph.D., Public Campus Ministries director, will be Kettle Falls Church's guest speaker beginning Friday at 6:30 p.m., through afternoon presentations at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Pipim teaches courses in Christian ethics and theology on campuses around the world. He is the author of several books, including *Patience in the Midst of Trials and Afflictions* and his newest book *This Is Love*. For more information, go to www.kfsda.org.

Washington

Auburn Academy Alumni Weekend

April 29-May 1—All alumni and especially honored classes of 2009, 2005, 2000, '90, '85, '80, '70, '60, '55, '50 and Pioneer/Romeo kids are cordially invited to the AAA Alumni Weekend. The weekend starts with an alumni banquet, Thursday at 6:30 p.m. \$16 per person. Golf tournament at the High Cedars Golf Course

on Friday at 8 a.m. Traditional Sabbath activities, followed by basketball games in the evening. For more information, contact Gordon Onsager at (253) 939-5000 ext. 258 or jgonsager@yahoo.com.

Sequim Adventist School/Mountain View Christian School Reunion

May 23—All former teachers and students are invited to a school reunion and retirement celebration for Larry Arnott. Come prepared to share memories or to roast Mr. Arnott. The celebration, a potluck picnic, will be at the school, 255 Medsker Rd., Sequim, WA, from 1-4 p.m. RSVP to (360) 681-3087 or rasco@olympen.com.

Seeking Alumni

Lewis County Adventist School in Chehalis, WA, is seeking names and addresses of former students. If you've attended LCAS, send your name (include maiden name), address and phone number: by e-mail office@lcas.org; or mail P.O. Box 1203, Chehalis, WA 98532-0230.

World Church

Weimar College Alumni Reunion Weekend

April 16-18—To register, call (530) 422-7933. For more information, e-mail alumni@weimar.edu.

La Sierra Academy Alumni Weekend

April 23-24—All are welcome. Golf Tournament on Friday. Alumni Homecoming, vespers, potluck, alumni/varsity basketball game, all at LSA Gym. Contact Alumni Office: (951) 351-1445 ext. 244; www.lsak12.com.

"Ye Olde" Cedar Lake Academy Reunion

June 3-6—Alumni and schoolmates of 1960 and earlier of Great Lakes Adventist Academy (formerly CLA) are welcome to the reunion. Honor classes: 1930, '40, '50 and '60. Details coming by mail. For more information, contact GLAA Alumni Office at (989) 427-5181 or www.GLAA.net.

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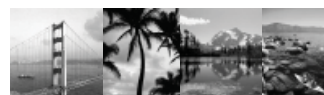
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ALASKA CONFERENCE

Anchorage	8:45	9:03	9:21	9:40	9:58
Fairbanks	8:43	9:05	9:27	9:49	10:12
Juneau	7:38	7:53	8:09	8:25	8:41
Ketchikan	7:24	7:38	7:52	8:06	8:19

IDAHO CONFERENCE

Boise	8:11	8:19	8:28	8:36	8:44
La Grande	7:20	7:29	7:38	7:47	7:56
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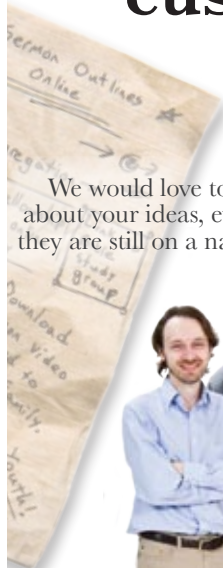
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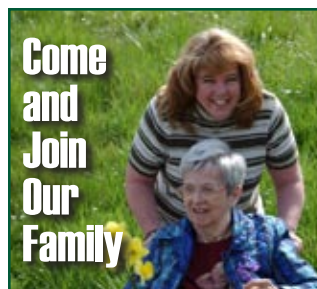
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The Heavens Declare

“I regret the creature had only one life to give for his country, for in that instant I died a thousand deaths.”

Memories of summer camp are an indelibly imprinted milestone in my life. This never-before-been-a-Pathfinder became a member of the Camp Wawona staff for two summers. There in the granite, fir and pine-covered hills of California’s Yosemite National Park my life was changed.

By day I was assistant curator of the nature center — leading trudging throngs of campers to discover newly hatched Monarch butterflies, or helping them hold a small, docile rubber boa snake in the palms of their hands.

By night, I called the hilltop tack shed home. There amidst the pungent equine atmosphere of horse corrals, I swapped stories of the day with several bunk-mate buddies until sleep came. Sometimes sleep was interrupted.

Such as ... the nights marauding raccoons raided feed bins just outside the shed. On one such occasion, my friend mumbling in his sleep by the wall next to the bins burst forth with a sudden shout. A raccoon, seeking more vittles, had reached an inquisitive paw through a knot hole and seized my unfortunate colleague’s nose. It did bring an abrupt, if temporary, respite to his snoring.

Such as ... the night nature called, and I felt my urgent barefoot way along the path under the stars to the restrooms, only to step squarely on a toad who myopically disregarded the “yield” sign. I regret the creature had only one life to give for his country, for in that instant I died a thousand deaths.

Such as ... Brian, a young boy at Blind Camp who wanted to “see” one of the crickets he could hear in the evenings. I told him how their trills were often governed by temperature — the frequency quickening on especially warm summer nights. And I saw his thrill as he held his first quivering cricket, and realized how a nighttime symphony could come from such insignificantly small musicians.

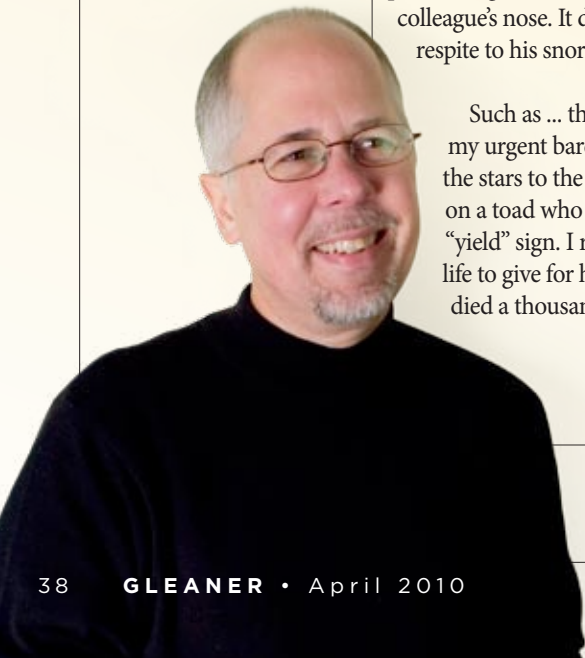
There, surrounded by creation, I learned to love anew the Creator. The more I have studied into the details of nature, the more I realize how little I truly comprehend. Lying on my back at night on a granite slab still warm from daytime sun, I have looked into star-filled heavens. You can see the past there — the light from suns radiated In the Beginning.

As I have gazed upon creation, I hear the words of the Psalmist: “What is man, that Thou are mindful of him?” (Psalm 8:4). And I realize a universe-sized God cannot be remade in our image, no matter how hard we may try. The best and brightest minds among us will still come short with all their equations. Belief in creation or evolution still requires a step of faith.

And that step for me is found simply in Scripture: “The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament showeth His handiwork,” (Psalm 19:1).

It is His, not ours. What care, then, should we have as stewards of this place we (temporarily) call home?

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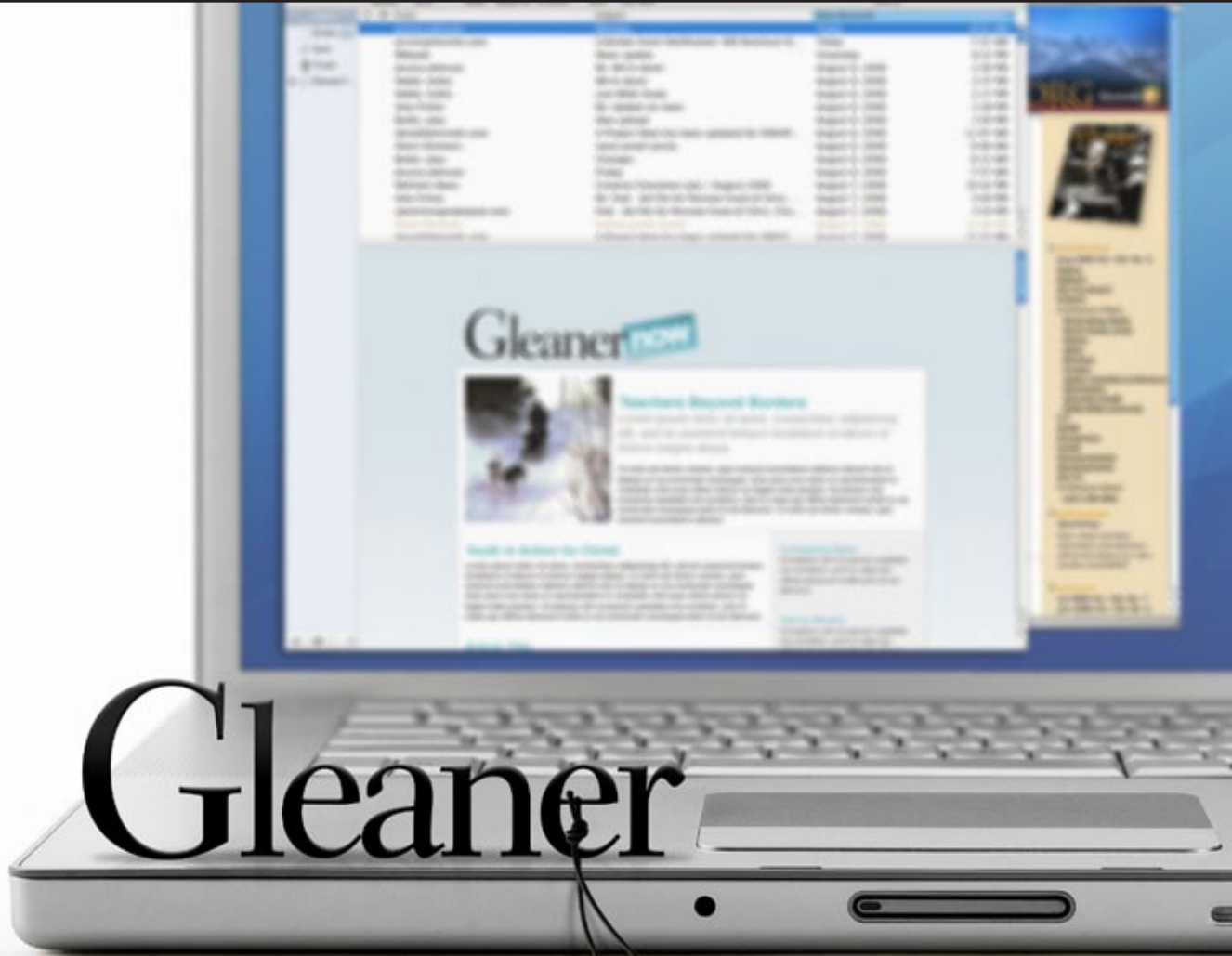
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