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“Christ would have died for one soul in order that that one might live through the eternal ages” (*Testimonies*, vol. 8, p. 73).

In Pursuit of the Excellent

All employees are invited to attend chapel each morning during the week of October 29 through November 1. This is a special Week of Spiritual Emphasis that we hope will bring encouragement to you. Elder Samuel L. Thomas, Jr., will speak on the topic “In Pursuit of the Excellent,” and we look forward to his daily presentations.

AFLAC Flexible Spending

For those of you who are still trying to decide if you would like to participate in the 2008 flexible spending program, please note that you have until November 15 to return your forms to Human Resources. You may choose a maximum of \$1,500 for the year or any amount lower than that to assist you in paying for your out-of-pocket medical expenses with pretax dollars. If you have expenses that you know you will be paying next year, this is a good option to help you save a little bit of money. Remember that you don't want to put more in the account than you know you can use, because you will lose whatever you don't use. Something new in the past couple of years is the ability to utilize the account for reimbursement of over-the-counter medicines (such as Tylenol, allergy medicine, etc.). If you have any questions or if you need a form, please feel free to contact Human Resources.

Get Your Shot Here!

Here's a reminder that flu shots will be administered on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 6 and 7, 2007. If you are interested in getting one, please let Human Resources know so that we can get you on the schedule.

The Shepherd Hears the Voice of the Flock

“This letter was sent to our AWR office in Myanmar (Burma) three times before finally making it through the postal system to our front door. But I'm getting ahead of the story.

“Our story actually began in 1990, when the Burmese Army entered a village and forced many of the villagers to flee . . . especially the men. The ragtag group kept going until they reached the safety of the Thai border.

“At the border they came into contact with several church organizations that were offering assistance. One of these was the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Saya, a Baptist pastor, became interested in the beliefs and practices of the different Christian groups, but especially the Adventists.

“Four years passed, and Saya decided it might be safe to return to his village. It would be wonderful to see the rest of his daughters, who were left behind when he fled years before. Prior to his trek toward home and family, he made sure he had his note . . . a note that contained the name and address of the Seventh-day Adventist Church headquarters in Myanmar. He had obtained this information when he and a friend, Saw Pa, had a brief encounter with an Adventist at the Thai border. After returning home, he hoped to visit the headquarters and discuss their beliefs further. But when he arrived home, he found that his precious note had become lost. Now the contact that he desired to make with the church could not happen.

“Years passed, and one day his friend Saw Pa appeared. The two of them were very happy to see each other, and they be-

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Ads and Offers

For sale: new, never-used 30-inch white electric stove, with warranty papers, \$175; 2 burgundy rocker recliners with wood arms, both in excellent condition, \$85 each; solid medium oak (White Clad brand) coffee table, \$90, and two matching end tables, with doors, \$60 each, or all three pieces for \$185; sleeper sofa in good condition, \$75. Call 301-582-2570 after 5:30 p.m. or see Linda in Periodical Shipping.

Found: DVD movie left on the customer service desk in book shipping since about October 1. To claim the missing DVD, please tell the title when you call or visit.

For rent: basement apartment, 1 bedroom, open living room, five miles from Review and Herald. Call Jorge at ext. 3101.

For sale: HP 970Cse Professional Deskjet printer, \$20; decline exercise bench, \$25; miscellaneous mechanics' hand tools, \$20 for all; small truck cap, needs rear window, \$50 OBO. Call Steve at 301-733-6945 or ext. 3080.

Wanted: dusty, messy homes in need of weekly cleaning by HVA student. Call Victoria for rates and openings. 240-313-9290.

For rent: 2-bedroom apartment, with garage, across from Mt. Aetna Adventist Elementary School, available November 1, 2007. Call Debbie at 301-991-4913 or at 301-791-4894.

For sale: red 1989 Dodge Dakota, tear in seat, needs alignment, \$1,750 obo. Call 301-797-3868 and ask for Bob or Jim.

Save \$ on Prescriptions

Take a few minutes to check out the list of prescriptions available for \$4 at Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, and Target. If you are able to purchase one of the prescription items on the list from one of these stores, your purchase is eligible for reimbursement of your out-of-pocket expenses (if you are covered under the R&H medical plan). Contact Human Resources for more details.

For rent: house in Boonsboro, quiet country setting, 2 bedrooms, den, 1 bath, W/D hookup, eat-in kitchen, front porch, and storage building. Available immediately. For more information, call Madelyn Gatz, 240-818-2251.

For sale: 9.48-acre lot on Orchard Road in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania. This wooded lot sports a small creek, a driveway already cut out, large mailbox, gated entrance and a perc permit that simply needs to be renewed. Michael and Barbara Battle are motivated sellers, asking \$130,000. Call Kim Hykes of Jack Gaughen, ERA, at 717-597-3111.

Estate sale: buy privately and save \$13,000! Immaculate 17-year-old 3-bedroom, 2-bath, brick-front Cape Cod home with white picket fence, sits on a .23-acre lot 30 miles north of Hagerstown in a secluded neighborhood. Features include Jacuzzi tub, central air, central vacuum, wall-to-wall carpets, 4 walk-in closets and plentiful storage, white cabinets and appliances, finished 2-car garage, landscaped yard with flowers, bushes, and trees, new sliding door on rear patio. Taxes are \$1,650 annually. Asking \$199,000. Appraised for \$212,000 in July 2007. E-mail randy.fox@nad.adventist.org for a 30-photo tour taken July 2007. Office: 301-680-6135. Cell: 301-520-5550.

For sale or rent: nearly new spacious colonial home on level half-acre lot in Hagerstown, features 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, full basement, 2-car garage, gas fireplace, front porch. Master bedroom has luxury bath with whirlpool tub. Home is in excellent condition, in a convenient location within minutes of I-70 and I-81. Great value at \$359,900. Call Judy Brockett, Long & Foster, at 301-388-2600 or 301-455-6990, or Jorge Falcao, ext. 3101.

New VALIC Representative

VALIC has notified us that Dick O'Neill has been assigned to other duties with AIG VALIC and is no longer our representative. Our new representative is Mark Salziger. We will be making arrangements for Mr. Salziger to visit the Review in the future, but in the meantime, if you need to contact him, please call Human Resources, and we will be happy to give you his telephone number.

Area Events

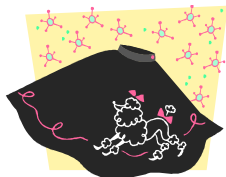
Hagerstown Seventh-day Adventist Church presents Heroes Unmasked, an all-fun, no-fear Bible adventure. Children and their families will encounter costumed Bible Hero actors, play more than a dozen exciting games, decorate cookies to take home, make crafts, and collect Bible Hero cards to trade and treasure. Heroes Unmasked takes place on Sunday, October 28, 2007, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the church at 11507 Robinwood Drive, Hagerstown, Maryland. Contact Ruth Prosser, 301-733-4411, or at hagerstownsa@netzero.net. Web site: www.HagerstownAdventist.org.

Mission Committee Yard Sale: For those who like to plan ahead, the mission committee yard sale will be held during the weeks of November 5 to 8 and 12 to 15.

Are you smarter than a Mt. Aetna student? The question that has lingered on the minds of many in Washington County will finally be addressed. On Saturday, October 27, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., you can learn the answer for yourself. Watch as contestants progress through a series of questions starting with the first-grade level and ending with the eighth-grade level. A panel of Mt. Aetna students will provide help. Based on "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?", this game will provide fun for all ages.

A gourmet vegetarian fajita/haystack dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. You'll find plenty of ingredients to fill a fajita or pile up a haystack, plus pick up a drink. Ticket prices are \$5 per person, \$10 per couple, or \$20 per family. Proceeds will benefit the school's history study tours.

Highland View Academy Talent Show: Highland View Academy's class of 2009 proudly presents a 1950s-themed talent show on Saturday night, November 10, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Tickets are available from any class member or at the door: single—\$5, two—\$8, family of four—\$12. Come enjoy a fun evening of entertainment! Refreshments will be sold. Tickets purchased in advance are discounted. See Cody Munro or Cody McCulloch afternoons here at the Review and Herald.



The Shepherd Hears

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gan to discuss their previous encounter with Seventh-day Adventists. They thought, If we only had the address, we would contact them. During this period, they turned on the radio and 'accidentally' tuned to the AWR program. They were very happy to hear the messages, and they studied their Bibles for 10 years together and continued listening to AWR.

"But doubts continued to linger within each man as they wondered if what they had briefly heard at the Thai border 14 years ago from a Seventh-day Adventist was the same message they had been hearing on AWR.

"After years of listening to AWR, Saya and Saw Pa had convinced their families to keep the seventh-day Sabbath holy. During this time Saya had also convinced his brothers, sisters, and both uncles to keep God's seventh day holy.

"Ten years after their first 'accidental' encounter with AWR, they decided to write a letter to our office in Yangon. They mailed it, but received no response. They prayed, and mailed a second letter, but again had no response. Time passed, and finally they mailed a third letter. When the AWR staff opened the letter (the only one they had received from Saya), they read these words: 'We are the lost little flock; if this letter is received, please come to us. The shepherd hears the voice of the flock.'

"I ask you: if you received such a letter, wouldn't your heart be deeply touched? Our office immediately contacted the union office, and the executive secretary and 12 members were dispatched to answer the call to seek out these dear sheep whose only shepherd had been the AWR programs.

"Upon arrival in the village, they began a series of evangelistic meetings. At the conclusion of the meetings, the Baptist pastor, Saya; his friend Saw Pa; and his father were baptized. We recently received word that they are now 34 members strong, and they tell us, 'There are souls ready for baptism.'

"Because of your prayers and financial support we are receiving stories like Saya's from many parts of the world.

"In His service,

"Benjamin D. Schoun, president

"Adventist World Radio"

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Calendar

Chapel Programs

- October 29 Week of Spiritual Emphasis
Samuel Thomas, Jr., speaker
- November 5 United Way campaign wrap-up
- 12 Mission report from Honduras

Sunset Calendar for Hagerstown

- October 26 6:17 p.m.
- November 2 6:08 p.m.
- 9 6:01 p.m.

Personnel Briefings

Leaving:

Lynnette Adams, Periodical Shipping.
Ken Smith, Bindery.

November Birthdays

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| 5 | Mark O'Connor | 28 | Tony Hade |
| 16 | Brian Worden | 29 | Barry Strang |
| 17 | Bob Smith | 30 | Mark Gift |
| 18 | Ken Wasenmiller | | |
| 20 | Angie Kline | | |
| 25 | Ed Dancek | | |
| 25 | Jeannette Johnson | | |
| 27 | Matt Segar | | |



With Gratitude

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers the Review and Herald sent for my father's funeral. My family and I enjoyed and appreciated them. Your words of condolence, cards, and prayers have shown your thoughtfulness, and this means a lot to me.

Juanita Stinchfield

2007 Holiday Schedule

- Employee Christmas Sale—November 5-8 and 12-15
- Thanksgiving—Thursday, November 22*
- Last day to use floating holidays—Thursday, November 29
- Employee Christmas party—Sunday, December 2
- Last day to use 2007 paid leave—Thursday, December 20
- Christmas—Tuesday, December 25

*Workdays for the week of Thanksgiving are Sunday, November 18, through Tuesday, November 20.