

Nostalgia

By Ken Ortize

Teaching Pastor, Calvary Spokane Church

ed into the past, with all the knowledge and advanced Overnight this "unc ool" kid became "uber-cool." make it better.

Back to the Future about the future; it's about was the most successful the past. The actual focus movie of 1985. The hero, is upon our common desire Marty McFly, was an un- to go back and fix the past impressive teenager, full so that both the present and of adolescence angst. Then future would be better. A suddenly he was catapult- kind of cosmic "mulligan."

It stimulates an emoperspective of the future. tion we call nostalgia. Originally the word meant "acute homesickness," but Most importantly, he was today it means "a tender able to change the past and and exaggerated longing for the past." Nostalgia views the past with "rose The title is mislead- colored glasses;" making ing. The movie isn't really it better than it really was.

FITNESS STUDIO

537 Morgan Street

Find us on Facebook

(509) 990-7142 (509) 725-2348

Davenport, WA

anning

\$1.35 a day for Vibrant Health!

It grows as we age and is shrinking away.

expectancy was 62 years.

Yet, even though I perniciously creative.

we conclude that our best pen? As we age, we can't Which may be the hardest years are behind us; that help but recognize that in thing of all: We were northe future, like our bodies a thousand different mo- mal, ordinary, unremarkments we could have done able! "life" better. With bet-That's when we be- ter information we would gin to reminisce about have handled any number the "good old days." In of situations with more truth they were not nearly wisdom, kindness, love as good as we remember and patience. We begin to them. There was no air- sound like my father who conditioning, no antibiot- regularly complained, "If ics; and the average life I had my life to live over again..."

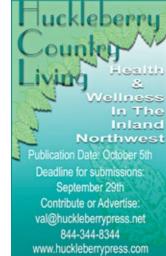
But we can't. In real know all this, I still find life, there are no "domyself waxing wistful as overs". What is done is I watch one of PBS's fun- done. And so, we wrestle draisings programs featur- with regrets! Yet regret ing the music of the 50's can be so painful that suband 60's. I start thinking, consciously we choose less than what God has 'the old is better" (Luke to escape into a vision of 5:39); and for a short time our past that is a dramatic I feel better, thanks to the improvement on what re- life." But it requires that I nature of memory to be ally happened. Most likely put my trust in Him, and we were neither as bad, or follow Him.

Why does this hap- as good as we remember. Editor's Note: You can con-

We cannot relive the past; nor should we try to rewrite it. Rather we should ask God to redeem it. He promises that He will: "I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten" (Joel 2:25). Even more, He promised through the Psalmist to make our last years our best: "They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green..." (Psalm 92:14)

So don't settle for for you. God "still" has a "wonderful plan for your

nect with Calvary Spokane Church on their social media community, The City, at https://calvaryspokane. onthecity.org. You can also check out their many resources available including podcasts at www. calvaryspokane.com or call their office at 509-467-2860 for more information









Web - Video - Print

We use the newest technology, easy to work with, affordable, 'barter' for services, over 20 years of multimedia production and consultation experience. Excellent problem solvers/on-site tutoring. Visit: <u>www.my509design.com</u> or email us at <u>info@my509design.com</u>



We value what's important.

Your family farm.



509.647.5761

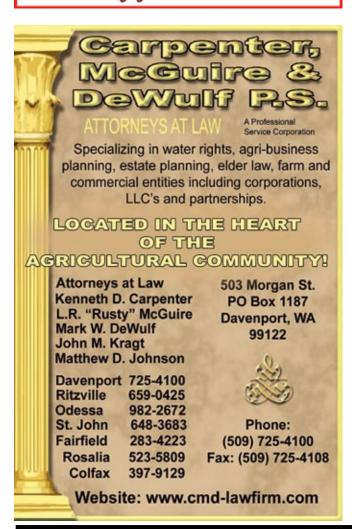
Call Today! Let's talk about your farm.

Education & 4202 S Regal St., Assistance Spokane WA 99223 Casey Haden casey@libke.com

6 SW Main | Wilbur, WA | 99185







Yesterday you said tomorroy

NOW ENROLLING 2015-2016 School Year FREE ECEAP PRESCHOOL Sites located in the following school districts: Columbia, Curlew, Davenport, Lind, Loon Lake, Mead, Orient, Reardan, Republic, Ritzville, Selkirk, Spokane Tribe of Indians (in Wellpinit) & Summit Valley. ECEAP is A FREE high quality pre-kindergarten program for income eligible families with children age 3 or 4 by August 31. We provide high quality education, healthy meals & snacks, parent activities, and family support services. For Information & application visit: www.esd101.net/eceap or (509) 323-2720 or stop by the Elementary School office in your area Early Northeast Washington Education Childhood Center for Early Childhood Services Northeast Washington Educational Service District 101

