



Uncle Bill, brother of Randall Pack. Next to him is his mother, Mr. Pack's "GrandMary."



William Pack enjoyed a long and successful naval career, with duties including hosting political figures, and top government leaders such as President John F. Kennedy, as pictured with him here. Top left, Captain William L. Pack, base commander in Brunswick, Maine, at the time, is to President Kennedy's left. Senator Edmund Muskie of Maine (a later presidential candidate) is shown at far left. Top right, Captain Pack is back to camera. Above, Captain Pack reviews the troops with President Kennedy.



A post-World War II naval portrait of a younger Lieutenant Commander Pack. Bottom, President Kennedy also visiting the Brunswick base during the summer, shaking hands with Captain Pack.

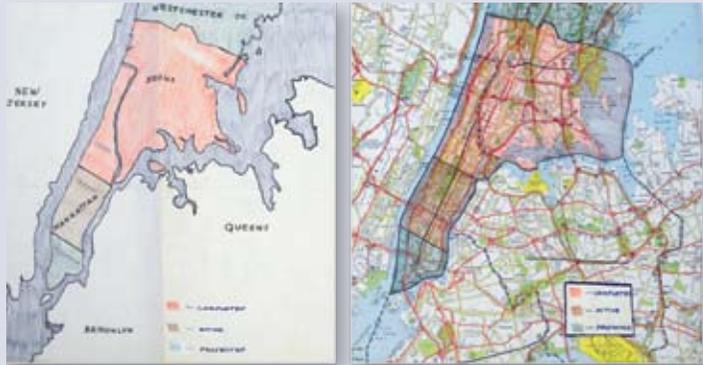




In 1994, Mr. Pack researched the establishment of all new congregations that occurred during Mr. Armstrong's 52-year leadership of the WCG to a period after his death. Valuable lessons were learned from this study: God's Church grew proportionally as trained, faithful ministers entered the field to pastor and tend to the spiritual needs of the flock.



Top, when the Packs first arrived in Wadsworth, Ohio, they had to reside in the local Days Inn for just over one month before moving into a suitable home. The family came to call the hotel the "Months Inn." Bottom, their first home in the small Ohio town was a two-story contemporary.



Top, left and right, the New York pastorate in which Mr. Pack served during his years in the New York City metropolitan area. Bottom, the Headquarters-drawn boundaries of his Akron, Ohio, pastorate, which was situated in northeastern Ohio between Cleveland, Canton, Youngstown and Mansfield on neighboring sides. These are original examples of maps Mr. Pack used throughout his years in the field.



When not teaching youth how to swim, Mr. Pack, with his growing children, was involved in Y.O.U. activities. Top, he is teaching his daughter to dive into the pool in about 1987. Middle, his son Randy is serving a volleyball in 1988, and, bottom, Robby is playing basketball in about the same year.

Even divine intervention doesn't help Grizzly foes

By GLENN WOJCIAK
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Norton High's eagles can thank God Rob Pack won't be in the Wadsworth basketball team — minus one player — awaits to Tallahassee tonight for a game against the current members of the Grizzlies.

worth floor that cost the Grizzlies an outright Suburban League championship.

The Grizzlies looked like they were in championship form again last weekend when they built a 33-30 lead against East after three quarters.

for the first three quarters in which they committed 22 turnovers.

"Our defensive pressure hurt the Grizzlies' offense. We were able to force a lot of turnovers."

Religious choice forces Pack to miss games

By TODD STUMPF
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WADSWORTH — The Wadsworth boys' basketball team — minus one player — awaits to Tallahassee tonight for a game against the current members of the Grizzlies.

Rob Pack recently moved into the Wadsworth school district. "It's not like I'm forced at all. I just really good about myself."

But how does a player who will miss 11 of the Grizzlies' 14 Suburban League games fit in with a team of athletes who want to win?

Matter of priorities

Pack putting religion first

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Rob was the leading scorer on the junior varsity team.

When the Packs moved, they were unaware that most of the area's high schools play primarily on Friday nights. Consequently, Pack is expected to miss all 11 of the Grizzlies' games.

"It would really help us a lot if he could play every game," he said. "He's got a great outside shot and most teams don't expect a 6-6 guy to be able to shoot from the outside. We miss that, and also his rebounding when he's not there."

Pack grew up recognizing the Sabbath on Friday, and said that makes it easier to deal with. He's also benefited from the examples and advice of his father, and older brother, Randy.

Randy Pack, two years older than Rob, faced the same situation at Pleasantville (N.Y.) High School. David Pack said local newspapers referred to Randy, who earned a number of posthumous honors, as the "Sunshine Kid." Randy (6-6) played at church-affiliated Antioch College in Big Sandy, Texas.

Rob's father grew up in Lima, O., and joined the Worldwide Church of God just before his senior year at Lima Senior High School in 1969. A three-time All-American swimmer, he said he was offered athletic scholarships by nearly 40 schools.

Swimming at the collegiate level, however, would have meant Saturday morning meets, so David Pack gave up competitive swimming and attended Antioch.

"I caught a little heat because a lot of people didn't understand my decision," David Pack said. "But because I went through it myself, it's made it a little easier to tell the children that they'll live through it and things will work out fine."

Stadky said he understands and respects Pack's decision. "His commitment to religion and to his family is more important than to us and that's how it should be," Stadky said. "I respect his values and I respect him for sticking to his values."



Pack tries to get past a team member.

Rob Pack, who was a star player in New York City, didn't have many offers to play on Friday nights. "But we went with the idea of an athletic district in which I didn't play on Friday nights."

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Never on Friday

Grizzly standout puts his religion before basketball

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WADSWORTH — Rob Pack is probably one of the best players in the Suburban League. At 6-6, he's a powerful and a skillful outside shooter.

When conference games are played at Norton High, Pack is the heart of the team. He's the one who will be the best defender on the team.

Low-time defending on Friday nights.

The Grizzlies replied affirmatively once more, although it wasn't until the end of the evening. Rob Pack, Wadsworth's star, led the Grizzlies with a 15-foot buzzer shot from the baseline as time expired, providing the host Grizzlies with a thrilling 49-48 victory in front of a packed house.

Pack, a 6-foot-5 senior forward who did not play Friday night — or any other Friday night — in the past, because of his religious beliefs, capped an impressive comeback by the Grizzlies, who with just under three minutes left in the first period and the second period.

IMPACT PLAYER: Because of religious obligations, Rob Pack will play only one of Wadsworth's 22 games this season. When available, Pack, who doesn't play on Fridays, makes quite an impact.

Pack, a 6-6 senior forward, is averaging 17.7 points for the Grizzlies. On Saturday, in a 60-63 victory over Norton East, he scored a game-high 22 points, including the game-winning basket with 29 seconds to play.

QUOTEABLE: "We should be looking at playing them on Friday," said East coach Bobby Smith.

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Both Pack sons excelled in basketball. This is a sampling of newspaper articles that brought attention to the Church's Sabbath observance, and how teenagers in the Church can still excel.



One of the last Pack family portraits. With Lake Loma at Big Sandy, Texas, in the background, it was taken in August of 1990 at an Ochs family reunion, just before Randy began his freshman year.