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**A**bsalom hadn't seen his dad in at least two years, and their relationship had never been calm. Now, to get an appointment with the king, Absalom needed Joab's help, but the army commander refused. So Absalom torched Joab's barley field. That's the kind of guy he was—headstrong, rash, ambitious. Pretty gutsy—torching the barley field of a four-star general.

Even though Absalom was a trouble maker, David missed him. Fathers talk about missing children who go off to college or move away for a job. Two years is a long time if you love a child, even a grown one.

Maybe David was making up for lost time. He fathered lots of babies, but when they were small he was off fighting wars and wasn't often home at bedtime. He didn't get to cuddle them when they were little stinkers.

After two years apart, a handshake wouldn't do. David kissed his grown son, the one who had such moxie and spirit about him, the handsome one, untamed and rebellious but so much like the old man that it was scary. Who knows what was in David's mind and heart that day? But I think David just flat-out missed the kid.

Fathers who look forward to reunions with their children should take notice. If the king of a nation can show such affection, so can we. When your "pride and joy" shows up at the door, show some gusto. If the child isn't perfect, has a wild streak, acts without thinking, flouts his or her looks and doesn't call home very often, remember Absalom.

David had his faults, too, but he didn't throw up an emotional shield—he didn't project executive calm—when a child needed attention.

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# VISION 2000

Because Jesus Christ is both our Lord and our Saviour:

- The local church will be the central focus and the driving force of the denomination.
- The joy and celebration of worship will attract people to our churches, allowing the Sabbath to become a major evangelistic tool.
- Church fellowship will be so vibrant that retention of members will improve and conflicts over lifestyle issues will decrease.

## Investment plan creates "partners with God"

A number of special projects made 1992 a banner year for Investment at the Cambridge, Maryland, church in the Chesapeake Conference. Because of the members' enthusiastic participation in the "Partnership with God" project, a grand total of \$3,273.50 was sent to the conference for Investment during the year.

Several unique methods were used in raising Investment funds from January through December. Each week an "Investment Basket" was brought in by the family that had enjoyed its contents and refilled the seasonally decorated basket with a variety of items, such as the ingredients for a favorite dish with the recipe or a potted plant with a book. As part of

this fun and useful way to share God's blessings, each family then turned in an amount for Investment.

Other ideas included saving certain coins, selling produce, giving baby-sitting money or making a donation for each trip by a family that travels frequently. Business owners dedicated a certain amount for each month the business was free from robbery or vandalism. It is nice to note that no businesses were bothered during this time!

The members of the Cambridge church believe in being "Partners with God."

EVELYN GATES

*Communication Secretary*

## FACE TO FACE: Profiles of newly baptized people



**John Schlyk**, Lake Nelson, New Jersey. John was one of the 31 people baptized during April of 1993 after attending a four-week It Is Written seminar held by Leo and Tammy Schreven.



**Elizabeth Cullen**, Hanover, Pennsylvania. Elizabeth's search for "the right church" concluded when she studied the Bible with—and was baptized by—Pastor Joe McCoy in March of 1993.



**Patricia Gross**, Piqua, Ohio. One of 17 people who became Seventh-day Adventists after an outreach series put on by Evangelist Don Barnt, Patricia was baptized in October of 1992.



**Reda Sears**, Piqua, Ohio. Pastor Dave Hutman baptized Reda into membership of the Piqua congregation in October of 1992 after she had attended a series of evangelistic meetings.



**Hector Tirado**, Lake Nelson, New Jersey. Hector and his wife, Migdallia, attended the It Is Written seminar held at the Lake Nelson church school in Piscataway and were baptized in April of 1993.



**Migdallia Tirado**, Lake Nelson, New Jersey. April of 1993 was when Migdallia and husband Hector were baptized by Pastor Bill Lindeman after they came to the It Is Written seminar.



**Freda Dimon**, Strasburg, Potomac. After not attending church for 25 years, Freda was convicted by the Holy Spirit that she should return and was re-baptized in January of 1993.

**A**n eerie stillness surrounded us as we stood under the aspen trees high in the San Juan Mountains. While looking for a safe place to hide, we had stumbled into the deep shafts of a long-forgotten silver mine. Shading our eyes from the glare of the setting sun, we gazed at our refuge. There were two mine shafts, parts of an old tumble-down cabin, thousands of summer-green aspens and the graveyard. It wasn't much, but it would be dry and warm.

This jumble of rotten lumber and shimmering trees was the safest spot we had found since the government had announced the joyful death decree several days earlier. Joyful? Yes! The courts had decided that people who chose to obey Christ first and the nation's laws second should be hunted down and killed. Even though it meant hardship and running for us, it also fulfilled the prophecies and meant that Jesus' return would be very soon. Our adventure on earth was in its final act.

Our anticipation of His return was much more exciting than the danger. In fact, my sister, Joy, kept looking at the clouds above Mount Sneffels and asking, "Dad, is Jesus in that cloud up there?"

Dad knelt beside Joy and pulled all of us close as he quoted the words of Christ and King David:

*You will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory,—*  
Luke 21:27 NIV.

*The Lord is my protector; He is my strong fortress. My God is my protection, and with Him I am safe. He protects me like a shield; He defends me and keeps me safe.—*  
Psalms 18:2 TEV.

We moved into the shadows by the cabin, watched the flaming red sunset and talked about the resurrection.

During the afternoon, Dad and I had discovered an old graveyard in the aspen grove. There were five wooden markers, only one with a legible message. Al-

though the name had been rubbed away by scores of icy winters, we had been able to make out two words: "in Jesus."

What might have happened here? Who had the miners been? Were they waiting for Jesus on the shoulders of this mountain as we were? Would we meet them at the resurrection? The hope of Christ's return filled our imaginations with exciting pictures.

Crashing rocks, brilliant lights and thunderous voices woke us somewhere in the middle of the night. Mom, Dad, Julene, Joy and I scrambled to our feet and stood in the gleam of Heaven's noon.

An earthquake rumbled through Mount Sneffels. Rocks and chunks of last winter's snow cascaded down the mountain's craggy shoulders, bounding past our haven and continuing to the meadows below. From the bright, cloud-filled sky came the unmistakable voice of God pronouncing **TODAY** as the day Jesus would return and resurrect His people.

We all had the same idea at the same time. Leaving our few possessions, we grasped each others' hands and dashed to the graveyard in the aspen grove. We stood in a tight knot near the wooden markers watching the clouds crash and roll above us. Everything seemed to be rising in a great crescendo, rushing toward a tumultuous climax.

I quoted my favorite verses into the screaming winds, "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall arise first,"— I Thessalonians 4:16 KJV.

Before I could go on quoting the next words, **The Shout** exploded around us like a cluster bomb. He was here!

The aspen grove turned into an impromptu family reunion as our angels appeared and began joyfully hugging us.

I had a hundred questions ready for my guardian and tried to ask all of them at once. All I received for my energy was a bubbly laugh and an extra tight hug.

Then everything around seemed to pause in the midst of our celebration. Other angels now stood in the grove, silent and eager. Expectant. It was as if the entire universe was waiting for the trumpet to sound before the King's chariot rode across the mountains.

Then it came. The tingling, clear song of a single trumpet. A sound that brought life and energy to every cell in my body. A sound that commanded response from aspens, angels and even from the granite of Mount Sneffels. The five wooden headstones trembled and then disappeared in a rupture of sod. Out into the aspens leaped a young miner, a beautiful young woman in calico and three bright-eyed young boys in coveralls, one wearing a stained cowboy hat.

Our shouts of joyful celebration nearly drowned out the din of destruction around us.

We found ourselves together near their old cabin, hugging each other and the angels, shouting Hallelujahs and singing "Lift up the Trumpet!"

For a brief moment I glanced down into the valley that had been Mount Sneffels. There, in the darkening meadow, lay some wooden grave markers, a calico dress, our down jackets, some coveralls and a cowboy hat.

In the light above I saw the unmistakable welcoming face of Jesus.

*Dick Duerksen, bearer of good news, is Vice President for Creative Ministries for the Columbia Union Conference.*

# The Shout

DICK DUERKSEN



It was going to be an unusual Sunday anyway. I was on my way to the airport to begin the long flight south toward Australia. Over the radio came a news flash—a cult called the Branch Davidians had killed United States government agents in a shoot-out near Waco, Texas. And this cult, said the report, was associated in some way with the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

When I reached Australia, a TV monitor in the terminal was carrying the story—and again Adventists were linked to it. Soon relatives and friends that I met were asking me: Who is David Koresh? How is he related to our church? And what are we doing to set the media straight?

We know our church to be centered in Jesus, love and humanitarian ventures, so it's disturbing to hear it tied to tragedy, extremism and the "C" word—cults. What did *you* think as the drama unfolded throughout March?

To find out how Adventists were reacting to the Waco situation, we sent reporters to talk with church members in the South and Southwest United States. We also interviewed sociologists Ginger Hanks-Harwood of Pacific Union College in Angwin, California, and Edwin Hernandez of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, to try to understand more about cults and why people join them.

You can see these first-hand reactions in our latest *OnLine Edition*, "Crisis at the Gates."

- Also included in the program:
- Update, a report of church news in the United States and abroad.
  - IAD President Al McClure talks about cults.
  - It Is Written's Mark Finley interviews General Conference President Robert Folkenberg about Christianity and cults.
  - A story about ADRA's relief efforts in Somalia.
  - *Listen* magazine's program to help kids stay drug-free.
  - Rosemaria III, a report of the Adventist float in the 1993 Rose Parade.

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WILLIAM JOHNSSON

# Crisis at the Gates



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# Clergy conference on racism addresses current issues

VICTORIA VANALLEN

**R**acism in the church? That's the last place one would expect to find that problem.

Unfortunately, the attitudes in an imperfect world can influence behavior inside as well as outside the church.

"We believe the church is the best place to plant the seeds of change and, with the help of clergy and lay leaders, effectively deal with this issue," explained George T. Harding IV, a psychiatrist and president of Harding Hospital and one of the planners of a recent day-long workshop entitled "The Clergy's Role in Addressing Racism in the Community."

The April 29 event was the 37th Annual Institute on Mental Health sponsored by Harding Hospital, an ASI psychiatric hospital and educational center in Worthington, Ohio.

"The annual institute is offered to give clergy aid in addressing some of the key issues faced by their profession," explained Harding. "This year we chose to address the issue of racism because people often deny stereotypical feelings that must be addressed and worked through if we are going to work together effectively in the church and in the community."

The conference attracted 161 attendees, including clergy; academy, college and graduate-level teachers and students; government administrators; chaplains; counselors; and mental health professionals.

The presenters included Edwin J. Nichols, a Washington, D.C.-based clinical industrial psychologist working in organizational development; Samuel D. Proctor, pastor emeritus of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York City and professor emeritus,

Rutgers University; and Daryll Ward, a consultant in the fields of corporate development and business ethics and pastor of the Berridge Adventist church in Chicago, Ill.

In describing the event, George Gibbs, a chaplain at Harding Hospital and an event planner, said, "Dr. Nichols was able to articulate a description of the human differences

on their experiences.

"It left participants with lots to think about and take home to practice," said Leon Trusty, a member of the Columbia Union Conference Executive Committee and chairman of the human relations committee.

"It was especially enlightening and challenging," noted Reverend William Cloy, Worthington United Methodist Church.

"It helped me understand some of the fundamental differences between ethnic groups and why people do things differently," remarked Jim North, director of pastoral care at the theological seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Columbia Union Conference pastors and teachers attending included: Willis Adams, Ted Bartter, Tom Brougham, Merlin Burt, Steve Chinn, Steve Davis, Fred Fuller, Melvin Greene, Buford

Griffith III, Mardell Harris, Dave Hutman, Bill Jackson, Bruce Juhl, James Lewis, St. Clare Phipps, Steve Rude, Laurence Shepherd, John C. Smith, Tom Schroer, Leroy Snider, Ken Studer, Leon Trusty, Adrian Westney and Warren Zork.

*Victoria VanAllen is director of hospital community relations at Harding Hospital.*

**George T. Harding IV (left), president of Harding Hospital in Worthington, Ohio; Samuel D. Proctor, professor emeritus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey; and Frank Hale Jr., vice provost and professor emeritus at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.**



that was informative, humorous and truth telling. This set the scene for the entire day."

"Dr. Proctor spoke on the different aspects of society that reflect racism today and the continuing hope that we can do better," Gibbs noted. "I was moved to recommit myself to this human concern."

Frank W. Hale Jr., an event planner and vice provost and professor emeritus at The Ohio State University, stated, "I think that Dr. Nichols' reflections on the domains of racism opened up previously closed lines of questioning and introduced ways in which to counter the kind of people-to-people resistances that impede human development and interaction."

Other participants also commented

## KCMA's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary marks silver opportunities for grads

**W**ith Kettering College of Medical Arts graduation ceremonies April 29 and May 1, 190 new graduates entered health care professions. Graduation events highlighted the school's 25th anniversary celebrations on the Kettering, Ohio, campus.

The May 1 baccalaureate service held Sabbath morning at the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Kettering, included the address by Gary Patterson, administrative assistant to the president of the North American Division.

Kettering Medical Center President Emeritus George Nelson presented the commencement address during evening ceremonies held at the Far Hills Baptist Church in Kettering. Evening highlights included KCMA Provost Peter Bath's announced establishment of the George B. Nelson Society, a tribute to the highly esteemed founding president of Kettering Medical Center. The annual award was created to recognize a KCMA graduate for attributes of the honored KMC founder: a commitment to lifelong learning, a dedication to excellence and a devotion to community service.

Margaret "Marge" Cook was the recipient of the first George B. Nelson Society Award. A graduate of the physician assistant program, Cook was chosen for her "excellence in service to mankind." She received a medallion and a \$500 scholarship.

A number of graduation candidates earned achievement awards announced at the annual honors assembly April 23. At that time, 100 student scholarships, with a total value of \$44,750, were presented, and 29 students were named to *Who's Who Among Students in Junior Colleges 1992-93*.

*Janice Deaton is a correspondent from the communication department of Kettering Medical Center.*

JANICE DEATON



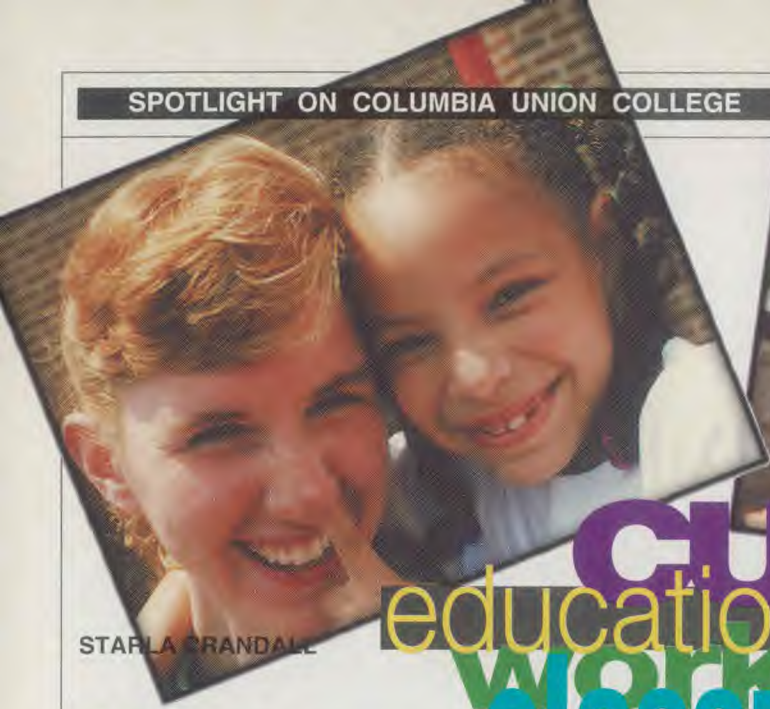
**Kettering College graduation highlights include presentation of the George B. Nelson Society Award to physician assistant graduate Margaret Cook by Kettering Medical Center President Emeritus George Nelson (left) and KCMA Provost Peter Bath.**

### *Quartets sing with one voice during graduation weekend*

Members of the Kettering Quartet, KMC employees Jerry Shoemaker, Danny Townsend, Elbert Tyson and Bob Sauder, joined voices with sacred music recording artists The Heralds for a sacred concert at the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Kettering, Ohio, on May 1. Featuring the rich sound of classic quartet favorites, the concert was enjoyed by a large crowd—many at Kettering for the Kettering College of Medical Arts graduation weekend events.

Playing harmonica, Keith Callendar, a physician and KMC anesthesiologist, joined the group for a hymn arrangement he recorded in California with the King's Heralds Quartet some 20 years ago.

JANICE DEATON



STARLA CRANDALL



# CUC education major works in classroom

**W**hen Wendy Mesaric says she is leaving for school, she doesn't pick up her books to head for the nearest Columbia Union College classroom in Takoma Park, Maryland. Instead, Wendy picks up lesson plans and heads to a local school where she does the teaching.

Wendy, a junior elementary education major and a graduate of Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg, Pennsylvania, is part of the Teacher Education Program operated by the education department at CUC. The program places every education major in actual classroom settings as teachers and assistants. Since her freshman year, Wendy has worked in special education classes and has had experience in both Seventh-day Adventist and local county schools.

The philosophy of the education department at CUC is based on Ellen White's statement, "It is the work of true education ... to be thinkers, and not mere reflectors," according to Elisabeth Wear, chair of the department. Wendy has found this philosophy has a real application to her own life. "I'm required to make up lesson plans for my methods class," she said. "Because of my teaching job, I have developed some really creative lesson plans—and I know they work."

"Challenging, but also rewarding" was Wendy's description of her placement in a kindergarten classroom. Beginning in January, the education department placed Wendy in a classroom that divided the students into learning groups of about six students each. Every day she met individually

with the different groups, teaching children the alphabet, basic writing and math. She found she definitely had a challenge. If a small set of eyes started wandering or if whispering started, the teacher better change her tactics fast. Basic arithmetic sometimes lost its appeal for her kindergartners. When this happened, Wendy gave the children unifix cubes (a block used for measuring lengths) and let her group count the length of different objects in the classroom.

Because of Wendy's exemplary job in teaching and managing the kindergarten class, her supervisor recommended Wendy to the school personnel director for the more difficult job of playground and lunch room assistant. She now has a summer job working at this same school five days a week.

Just like homework, Wendy doesn't stop thinking about "her kids" once she leaves school for the day. Recently she was assigned lunch duty in her old kindergarten class. It was a joyful reunion for both the class and Wendy. When they saw who had come for lunch, the kindergartners wanted to stay inside and visit with their long-missed teacher's aide rather than go out to recess. Finally the class was convinced to go outside and play—except for two. A girl and a boy stayed to help Wendy clean tables. When that was done, they wanted to clean the room; anything to be able to spend a few more minutes with "Miss Mesaric." After everything in sight was clean, the little boy presented Wendy with a makeshift hair ribbon and simply said, "I love you." With

students like this, Wendy finds it hard to remember that this is just a job. "Before the students will ever listen or respect you, you have to learn to be their friend," she said.

Columbia Union College's education department has one of Maryland's most active state-approved programs. "Our department is actually based in the area school systems," said Wear. By the time an education major graduates from CUC, the student will have fulfilled both Seventh-day Adventist and Maryland state certification requirements and accumulated more than 580 hours in the classroom.

The results of the education program are clearly positive. "In the past five years, 100 percent of the education majors who took the National Teachers' Exam passed on the first try," said Melvin Wolford, professor of education. Enrollment in the program has jumped from 47 students in 1988 to 72 this past year, with a significant number of those students on honor roll.

CUC graduates in the education field begin their teaching careers with years of experience. "My hands-on experience in the classroom has not only given me valuable experience and insight, but it has also reinforced the fact that more than anything I want to be a teacher," Wendy said.

*Starla Crandall is a junior English major at Columbia Union College*

**Wendy Mesaric interacts with kindergartners Katiria Ceballos and Kelvin Farley at the Rolling Terrace Elementary School in Takoma Park, Maryland. Photos by Starla Crandall.**





## Donors meet the challenge in Ohio

**O**ne hundred and three donors gave a total of \$272,600 to eight endowment funds during 1992, qualifying the funds to receive a \$5,000 challenge grant from the Worthington Foods Foundation in Worthington, Ohio.

The largest gift during 1992 was a \$200,000 deferred gift given through a charitable gift annuity. Two endowments will each receive \$60,000 from this gift at maturity, along with \$80,000 to Your Story Hour.

The largest current gift was the gift of a single-family residence located in Centerville, Ohio, valued at \$97,500. This gift by Ross and Marjorie Seasley, founders of Spring Valley Academy, will—through rental income—perpetually fund vocational education needs at SVA. In addition, the home provides low cost housing for an academy staff person.

The highest percentage of giving came from the Endowment Board of Trustees: 73 percent of the board gave a total of \$138,340. Next came the conference office and Adventist Book Center staff, where 72 percent gave \$3,112. Thirty-four percent of pastors gave \$1,855, while 32 percent of teach-

ers gave \$1,776, and 31 percent of the conference committee gave \$1,639.

Twenty-eight laypeople out of 300 who were asked to contribute gave \$269,097.

In mid-December, a direct mail appeal went to 362 church paid and lay leaders including—for the first time this year—local elders, lay advisory members and local school board chairmen. From this mailing \$9,300 in cash gifts were received, plus a number of payroll pledges from church employees.

Despite declining interest rates, last year the 10 active endowment funds paid out \$53,520 in interest earnings mostly for student aid while returning \$18,913 to partially hedge the funds against inflation.

“We are thankful to Worthington Foods for its special challenge gift, which inspired such significant giving for our schools,” said Ohio Conference President Edward Motschiedler. “We look to our alumni and others to make similar challenges for 1993 and beyond, thus encouraging giving from

### JEFF WILSON

ever larger segments of our membership and alumni.”

“Only with broad sacrificial support can our schools flourish in the difficult decade of the '90s,” added Motschiedler.

For detailed information on the endowments, how to start one for your school or to contribute to an existing fund, contact Jeff Wilson at the Ohio Conference.

*Jeff Wilson is director of trust services and development for the Ohio Conference.*

**Mount Vernon Academy is just one of the Ohio Conference schools to benefit from endowment support. MVA Principal Steve Davis (third from right) visits with students on the Mount Vernon, Ohio, campus. Photo by John Feltman.**

# Excited about the future

## Staunton church focuses on its youth

LURA DEMERS

**"I am excited about the future of our church!" stated Robert Clarke, pastor of the Staunton, Virginia, church in a recent sermon.**

### *Can you make that claim about your church?*

Clarke was referring to the outcome of a meeting where he and approximately 50 church members met to share their visions of the future. Their purpose was to develop a specific plan for the ministry of the church emphasizing youth involvement.

Using the North American Division's Valuegenesis study as the focus of their visions, the work group put into words what they wanted to see, hear and feel in the Staunton church of tomorrow. Goals were identified, and a three-year plan was developed.

Valuegenesis is a study of the influence of family, church and school on the faith, values and commitment of Adventist youth. Search Institute, a consulting company, used the data from this study to develop a specific set of strategies called Shared Vision for Mission. Dr. Skip Bell, former vice president for administration of the Potomac

Conference, was trained in these strategies and served as facilitator for this workshop.

The Staunton work group was divided into eight sub-groups and consisted of members of all ages.

Some ideas envisioned included greater reverence during worship services, all members operating as a team to finish God's work and a purified church reflecting the image of Christ perfectly.

All participants felt the entire church membership, regardless of age, had a strong relationship with Christ. They also felt the church members' love for God and each other was evident and that the name of Jesus was spoken often as one would speak of a dear friend.


Particular care was given to creating visions in which the youth would take active roles in leadership positions. Those positions included forming a choir, being active in outreach/witnessing activities, teaching Sabbath school and helping with the church service. The group felt adults should set an example and provide the climate for developing a loving, caring group of young people.

Participants studied many vision papers and chose what they saw as the most frequently occurring themes. Then they finalized on the following three goals: 1) To develop a positive and joyful church climate, 2) To engage the youth more actively in leadership positions and 3) To develop a positive spiritual environment.

The Staunton church has already started working on the goal of engaging the youth more actively in leadership positions. During the current church year, youth are serving on several committees and as deaconesses and deacons.

Specific actions necessary for the fulfillment of all goals and a schedule for accomplishing them are being finalized.

*Lura Demers is a member of the Staunton, Virginia, church.*



Approximately 50 Staunton, Virginia, church members met recently to share their visions of the future, a future that included youth being more active in the church.

BETTY GRIDER

# Backpack street ministry

**D**iane Miller made her decision to unite with God's remnant church in November 1991, after attending an Amazing Facts seminar in the Allentown, Pennsylvania, church.

Miller had been a member of various churches, but she always felt there was something missing. Almost

they are afraid to go to shelters, as they could be beaten up or robbed. They feel it is safer to sleep on the street.

Miller and church volunteers offer the men, women and children warm clothing, such as sweaters, socks, hats and gloves, warm soup, a hot



they were hesitant at first and wanted to know why the volunteers were there. When they explained that they were there to give them food, clothing and quilts and tell them that Jesus loved them and that they were cared about, the young woman responded tearfully, "No one comes down here to us, let alone to give things away." The volunteers promised to return every Tuesday evening, spring, summer, fall and winter.

immediately after joining the church through baptism, she became actively involved in church ministries and activities. Her main desire is to serve the Lord, with a burden in her heart for street and prison ministries.

This past winter, every Tuesday evening Miller and church volunteers packed their backpacks and headed for the inner city of Allentown in search of homeless people. They would look for them in a doorway, on a bench or in any kind of shelter. Miller would often find them using a piece of cardboard for a blanket and not being able to fall into a sound sleep for fear that someone would steal their belongings.

"Some have a little money," Miller stated, "so they rent a cheap room for the night, but they usually find it filthy with roaches scampering all about." The people Miller visits say

beverage, sandwiches, pillows and quilts. They also offer them spiritual food as well.

"Street people are passed by every day without hearing a hello or a kind word," stated Miller, "so volunteers pray with each individual. We also pass out literature that gives hope to those who express hopelessness."

Anyone who has not experienced the worry of wondering where the next meal is coming from can thank God. As long as there are street people in Allentown, they can count on Miller and her backpackers to minister to them.

Some may wonder why these Allentown church volunteers give of their time. Here's an example of one reward: A young couple was sitting on a bench at the Hamilton Mall in the inner city. As they were approached,

And the King shall say unto them, "Verily, I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

*Betty Grider is the Allentown, Pennsylvania, church communication secretary.*

**Every Tuesday evening, fall, winter, spring or summer you will find Allentown church volunteers helping the homeless. Many of these volunteers joined the church following an Amazing Discoveries seminar.**

VALERIE STRICKER

# Christian Record Services

## Assisting members in the Columbia Union

In the United States alone, 43 million people face disabilities. For more than nine decades, Christian Record Services has reached out to the blind, the deaf and others with physical handicaps. Today, CRS provides free services to nearly 100,000 persons in 70 countries.

In the Columbia Union, CRS assists people with numerous free services. Each year 13 area representatives visit nearly 6,500 individuals with visual and physical impairments. Visiting brings a sense of satisfaction because the representative knows he/she can help people enjoy this life to the fullest and also receive the hope of eternal life.

National Camps for Blind Children has served more than 34,000 blind and deaf campers since 1967. An outing held at Camp Blue Ridge in Montebello, Virginia, had 69 campers in 1992. They are not just recreational and fun camps. "My attendance at blind camp several weeks ago was a wonderful experience! Thank you, Lord, and Christian Record, for all that you have done for us," wrote one camper.

The camps are one way CRS shares the gospel with those served. Last year at one camp alone, 13 people were baptized. At another camp 16 persons made commitments for Christ.

The voice of Jesus speaks through Bible story/sign language coloring books and videos available to children who are hearing-impaired. He speaks to deaf adults through materials such as videos or Spirit of Prophecy books and Bible studies produced in easy English.

Christian Record Services is producing *Message* magazine on cassette because of the concern of a Columbia Union church member, Annie McEachirn. The magazine is free for anyone who is visually impaired (20/200 vision) or who cannot hold a magazine because of a physical im-

pairment. McEachirn, talking book machine coordinator for the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Cincinnati, Ohio, and herself visually impaired, says, "These mediums of information provide invaluable sources of leisure, academic, professional, educational and personal and religious support."

Christian Record is committed to helping handicapped people realize



### Support Global Mission through 13th Sabbath offering

It is a real privilege again for the Far Eastern Division to be the recipient of the 13th Sabbath offering on June 26. The challenge of Global Mission is very great! For the second quarter of 1993, three projects have been selected to be supported by the 13th Sabbath offering.

1. Kampuchea (formerly Cambodia) Global Mission Project
2. Kitaura San-Iku Junior High School Girl's Dormitory
3. Micronesia Global Mission Training School in Pohnpei

Being aware of the vast needs of Global Mission in the Far Eastern Division territory, we would like to solicit your continuous support for

the great goals they can accomplish and receive the everlasting gospel through the CRS Bible School, Spirit of Prophecy and other truth-filled books, 10 Christ-centered magazines, Bible studies and other special programs for those with disabilities.

"Columbia Union members can help the ministry of CRS through a number of ways," says Clarence E. Hodges, CRS president. "First, your prayers are needed. Second, refer the blind, the deaf and those with physical disabilities to CRS. Third, consider becoming an area representative.

"Another need is financial support," Hodges adds. "This ministry could win more souls to Christ if more funds were available to provide sectarian services."

Additional funds will help CRS provide the blind, the deaf and others with physical handicaps with materials such as the *Adventist Review* in braille and the Sabbath school lessons in braille, on cassette, on disc and in easy English for the hearing-impaired.

On July 10, CRS is having the annual offering. Gifts can be placed in a tithe envelope marked "Christian Record Services" or sent to 4444 South 52nd Street, Box 6097, Lincoln, Nebraska 68506; or by calling (402) 488-0981 or (402) 488-1902 (TDD).

*Valerie Stricker is assistant to the president at Christian Record Services.*

the advancement of God's work in this challenging area. You are invited to support our Global Mission projects by doing the following things:

1. Pray for the completion of Global Mission projects.
2. Promote our Global Mission projects in your respective churches.
3. Share with your friends and relatives the exciting 13th Sabbath projects.
4. Give a generous 13th Sabbath offering on June 26.

May the Lord continue to bless you as you serve as channels of blessings for others.

*Jonathan Kuntaraf is associate director for the Far Eastern Division church ministries department.*



Patricia Leon was baptized with her two children, Romer (13) and Quisindia (15), into the Cleveland Spanish church by Pastor José Guillen. Nine people were baptized into the church, May 1. Many were the result of the direct witness of the Pathfinder club members.

## School scene

### Educational fairs held this spring

Regional education fairs were held in four locations after students in every elementary school in Ohio prepared entries for the local school fair. Hosting

the regional fairs were: Griswold Christian Academy (Worthington), Toledo Junior Academy, Mayfair Junior Academy (Akron/Canton) and Cincinnati Junior Academy.

Students who had won at the local level met to display projects. Enthusiasm ran high among those participating. Each participant was given a ribbon for his or her project by Joan Yeary, associate superintendent of education.

Education fairs are a part of a plan in Ohio to permit the constituency to observe quality Adventist education. This event alternates yearly with a conference-wide music festival.

**JOAN YEARY**

*Associate Superintendent of Education*

Griswold Christian Academy student Nina Cooper points out the effects of smoking on one's health at a recent educational fair hosted by four Adventist junior academies in Ohio.



**Vickie Nicolaus**

### Nicolaus receives Zapara

One of the most prestigious awards given to Adventist teachers was presented to Vickie Nicolaus on Sabbath, April 24, at the Eastwood church.

The Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award has been presented to Adventist teachers in North America for the past five years. This award, founded by Tom and Violet Zapara, recognizes the value of the ministry of Christian education and Christian teachers.

Nicolaus was cited for her spiritual and professional leadership. Her nominees stated that Vickie models quality education by her consistency and spiritual example.

Nicolaus has been teaching grades one and two at Eastwood Junior Academy (Columbus) since 1976.

**ROBERT SKEGGS**  
*Director of Education*

### MVA teacher awarded NEH Fellowship

Judith C. Pearson, English teacher at Mount Vernon Academy, has been awarded a fellowship by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), a federal grant-making agency, to participate in the 1993 program of Summer Seminars for School Teachers.

Pearson will be an NEH Summer Fellow in a seminar entitled "Post War American Texts: 1945-1960." This five-week seminar will be held at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio.

Teachers selected for the program receive a stipend of \$2,825 to cover travel, study and living expenses.



**Judith Pearson**

### Hutapea is commissioned

During a special service at the Hamilton church in April, Christina Hutapea was awarded the Commissioned Ministry of Teaching Credential. This award, bestowed upon qualified and skilled teachers, recognizes their role as a special ministry to the church.

Born in Malaysia, Hutapea attended Southeast Asia Union College and graduated from Philippines Union College with a bachelor of science degree. She has spent a total of 11 years in denominational teaching. Currently, Hutapea serves as both principal and teacher at the Hamilton/Middletown elementary school.

In appreciation, on behalf of the Hamilton/Middletown Home and School Association, Starla and Steve Northcutt presented a dozen long-stem red roses and a gift of an attaché case during the service.

**JUDY NORTHCUTT**  
*Hamilton church*



**Christina Hutapea**

## A warm smile greets Beltsville parents



A hot drink was just what these early morning parents needed to cheer their day as they dropped their children off at the Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist School. As part of a plan to make parents feel appreciated, pastors Norman Yergen and Craig Heinrich gave hot drinks to road-weary parents who daily brave the crowded streets to bring their kids to school.

**CRAIG HEINRICH**  
*Youth Pastor*



Seminar class and staff at graduation included, back row from left: Patricia Courtney, Roberta Whary, Mrs. Tucker Jones, Marjorie Williams, Doris Lentz and Mike Robb. Front row: Pam Marks, Karen Syfert, Mary Olson, Kim Kent, Melissa Elliott, Kay Elliott, Tucker Jones, Margaret Tate and Virginia Pearson.

## Tappahannock reaches out with "Loving Yourself" seminar

"Loving Yourself," a health seminar on the vegetarian diet, was presented for 10 weeks at the Tappahannock, Virginia, church. Thirty men and women attended the first meeting, with more than half non-church members. Virginia Pearson directed the program, which presented talks on health, cooking demonstrations, informative videos and lots of hands-on training and good food to sample.

A graduation dinner was held on April 27, prepared by the students and staff of the seminar.

**VIRGINIA PEARSON**  
*Communication Secretary*

## Lord's Lunch—Still feeding the 5,000

Nearly every space available is loaded with box after box of lunches. Excited kids fill the remaining area, now cramped because the brown bags filled with sandwiches, juice, fruit and drink are taking up most of the room.

A camping trip? A hike with friends? No, it is a radical approach to the Sabbath afternoon blues. As many as 35 young people pile into vans, buses and cars for the trip down to DC to feed the homeless.

"I see one," yells 'Sneakers.' "Stop, I want to give him a lunch." 'Sneakers,' otherwise known as Tera, wriggles her way to the van door and literally bursts out, brown bag lunch in hand. With energy known only to youth, she sprints across the sidewalk to hand a lunch to one of D.C.'s homeless hunched under a blanket, sitting beside a high-rise building.

Most people assume the people of the street are crazy; others simply feel they are lazy; at a minimum, most people assume they are not worth helping. The Lord's Lunch program, sponsored by the Silver Spring Community Service Center and the

Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist Church, along with Takoma Park and others, is changing that stereotype image. The Lord's Lunch is a grass roots effort to put food in the hands of the hungry and sparkle into the lives of those who help.

Nearly every Sabbath one of the local churches in the greater D.C. area takes part in the Lord's Lunch program. Taking the gospel to the street, where the rubber meets the road. Over the past six months alone, more than 5,000 people have been fed through this program. With volunteer support from several local and national businesses, the program is making a



dent in the hunger problem as well as a change in the attitude problem some face on a "boring" Sabbath afternoon.

CRAIG HEINRICH  
*Youth Pastor*

## Montgomery County students helped by Community Services

Adventist Community Services, a local social services agency operated by area Seventh-day Adventist churches, assisted students of Montgomery Knolls Elementary School when their coats were stolen on a March 1 field trip. Principal Pamela Prue contacted Adventist Community Services for assistance in replacing winter coats which were stolen while the school bus was parked in downtown Washington, D.C., at the Museum of Natural History. The bus driver, having left the bus closed for only a few minutes, returned to discover that someone had pried open the door and made away with 13 winter coats. "He felt devastated," reported a school official. "None of the parents would be able to replace the coats."

"I'm just glad the school called us to

help," indicated Julie Grabe, a staff member who received the call. "Of course we wanted to help," she continued.

Adventist Community Services operates a food bank and clothing closet, along with case assistance and education programs. These programs provide ongoing service to people who need help in the Silver Spring/Takoma Park community.

Ralph Cooke, director of client services, indicated that "in the overall picture, providing a dozen or so coats to children seems insignificant. However, it is significant to be without a coat when it is still cold outside." The fact that Adventist Community Services had the ability to respond immediately is also significant.

"What a great gesture!" wrote Mont-

gomery County Council member Derick Berlage in a letter praising the center's efforts. "I am sure that the children and their parents are very grateful for the generosity shown to them by the Community Services Center," concluded Berlage, who spends a lot of time in the community and is known for his concern for the needs of the people.

The robbery is still being investigated while everyone still wonders how someone could take a child's coat, especially during winter. Fortunately, Adventist Community Services helped replace the coats in time for the "Blizzard of 1993," which hit the area two weeks later on March 13.

JOHN GAVIN  
*Adventist Community  
Services Director*

## Prayer vigil—prayer champions

A special blessing was enjoyed by the West Wilmington Seventh-day Adventist Church family. Our youngsters and teens led out in a 24-hour prayer vigil that began at 6 p.m., on April 2, and continued throughout Sabbath, April 3, until 6 p.m. What an experience to listen to our children during each one's hour of prayer; they are real "prayer champions." While taking a sober, yet enthusiastic, approach to their commitment by inviting parents and friends to join them during their designated hour, everyone who attended could, no doubt, feel God's presence; not to mention the blessings yet to be received by those on our prayer list!

Ranging in age from 5 to 16, each young member shared and invited personal testimony, scripture and inspirational reading, answered prayers, prayer requests and songs of praise. We have so many wonderful children who love and serve the Lord; and, of course, some were unavailable because of travel, illness or other reasons. Nonetheless, many were on hand to minister to and with our congregation; and we look forward to seeing new faces the next time.

Landon Schnabel began the vigil, followed in succession by Jody Anna Murtaugh (Michael Murtaugh volun-

teered but was ill with a fever), Christopher and Lauren Duke, Autumn Revels, Steven Thomas, David Oakley, Jesse Skaggs, Jennifer Skaggs, Erin Hoover, Ryan Hoover, Jodie Foster, Jeremy Sterndale (Michael Wallace volunteered but was unable to attend; next time,



Pictured are those who participated along with Pastor Jim Snell. Photo by Bonnie Smalley.

Michael!), Stephanie Smolarski, Tom Bacon, Sheri-Lee Green and Jessica Medori. Gerry Thomas, personal ministries leader, and the older children "manned" the wee-hours of the night, and the congregation united during Sabbath service hours.

Wilmington Junior Academy teacher, Amy (Fletcher) Cromer shared with us her experience of answered prayer lifted up to God from the lips of her classroom students. Each "prayer champion" expressed and has experienced answered prayer. Praise the Lord for blessing us so abundantly!

BONNIE SMALLEY  
*Communications Secretary*

## "People Come to Christ" workshop conducted by Hagerstown church

Norma J. Sahlin, a faculty member at Takoma Academy, in Takoma Park, Maryland, presented a three-hour workshop on May 8 at the Mount Aetna school on how to help people come to Christ. She discussed Maslow's "hierarchy of needs:" physical, safety, love, self-esteem and self-actualization and how we may help them fulfill these needs. Mentioning several "receptive times" in which we may reach people—among them a new baby, death of a loved one, changes in status, sickness and hospitalization—she had attendees act out varying life situations and discuss how a Christian can use each one to bring a person to Christ.

She also stressed the importance of the Christian's sensing a person's inner feelings from speech, facial expressions and body language and getting on the same wavelength in order to understand them better.

EUGENE LINCOLN  
*Communications Secretary*

## Pathfinders hold awareness fair

It was early in the morning on April 25 when the Chesapeake Pathfinders went public at the Cranberry Mall in Westminster, Maryland. More than 25 displays and events were part of the "Awareness Fair." The clubs displayed honors in the areas of arts and crafts, health and recreation.

There were special performances such as the Highland View Academy gym team, anti-drug skits, Pathfinder history, Rosemania III, the NAD booth and drilling and marching. Some of the guests that came to help with the fair were Dr. and Mrs. Plata from California, and storytellers Dwight Thompson, Steve Gatz and Dick Griffin. Other special guests included Congressman Roscoe Bartlett, Pastor Norman Middag and President Wayne Coulter. Community organizations such as the city police canine team and the city fire department gave rescue demonstrations.

Not only did the Pathfinders work hard, but they also made sure that the public was involved and knew who Pathfinders were and where they are going!

JOEY LYNN NORWOOD  
*Westminster Horizon Pathfinder Club*

Photos by Norman Middag

Left: The Glen Burnie Rangers booth depicting birds honor.



Right: Norman Middag and Heather Smith at the Rosemania III display.





# TAKOMA TODAY

Takoma Academy News

## Extracurricular activities round out education

In addition to the academic challenges, Takoma Academy students enjoy many activities that round out their education. TA's location in a suburb of the nation's capital provides some unique opportunities.



The Advanced Placement Government Class visited the Supreme Court building during a recent tour of the nation's capital. Students were given a behind-the-scenes look at how the United States government works.

For instance, on May 19, Tom Ballard took the Advanced Placement (AP) Government students to tour the Supreme Court building and to meet Senator Paul Sarbanes (D-MD). Topics of discussion included foreign policy, economics and environmental matters. In addition, Senator Sarbanes

gave advice on careers.



Takoma Academy students met Senator Paul Sarbanes (D-MD) in his office at the capital.

Tarun Sardana, a senior, participated in a week-long seminar entitled "Presidential Classroom." During this event, participants were given a behind-the-scenes look at how the United States government works. They attended caucus meetings, observed Capitol Hill committee hearings and visited the Supreme Court. They met with several elected representatives and senators.

U.S. foreign policy objectives were the focus of the briefing they attended at the Department of State. During lectures they learned about the executive agencies, the White House staff, the role of the media in the American political process and how lobbyists operate.

A series of "crossfire debates" presented different angles on community, national and international issues. Tours included the National Archives, the F.B.I., Ford's Theatre, Smithsonian museums, Capitol Building and Arlington Cemetery.

### Upcoming Events

#### Registration Dates

**August 2-4**  
9 a.m.-12 noon  
1-3 p.m.

**August 5**  
9 a.m.-12 noon  
1-3 p.m.  
5-7 p.m.

**August 9**  
9 a.m.-12 noon  
1-3 p.m.  
5-7 p.m.

**August 10**  
9 a.m.-12 noon  
1-3 p.m.

**August 15**  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Study Skills Seminar:**  
August 19, 8 a.m.

**School starts:**  
August 23, 8 a.m.

This special report on Takoma Academy was prepared by Norma J. Sahlin, director of advancement. For more information, contact: Takoma Academy, 8120 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912; (301) 434-4700. Larry D. Blackmer, principal. Dunbar Henri, vice principal. Karen Baldwin, vice principal for finance.

## Donkey basketball

Saturday night, April 3, turned out to be one of the most unusual entertainments TA has ever sponsored. The senior class hosted a donkey basketball game as a fund-raising event.

It was the faculty versus the students. The rules were fairly simple: passing and shooting had to be done while astride a donkey. Team members could drag or push their animal down the court but had to climb on when they were ready to handle the basketball. It was amusing to watch 10 donkeys milling about the gym while their riders tried to exert control over their actions.

The donkeys are owned by a commercial enterprise that schedules basketball games across the nation. To protect the floor, the donkeys wear leather boots.

**Playing basketball while on donkeys is challenging!**

Photo by N. Sahlin



## Maranatha

Students participate in a variety of ministries. One of the most interesting is the annual Maranatha trip. During spring break, 28 students and five adults built a church in Cachiman, Dominican Republic. Before they left, the walls were up and the roof was installed.

While construction was their primary focus, the group also found time to conduct programs in the public school across the street from the new church, distribute toys and gifts to patients at Children's Hospital and conduct worship services in the partially complete church.

## Drama

This year's drama class, under the direction of Myrna Candelaria, did a number of performances, both on campus and at area schools and churches. The highlight of the year was

the full-length production of "Cheaper by the Dozen."



**Takoma Academy drama group mimes the journey to Christ.**

Photo by N. Sahlin

## Piano teacher receives doctorate

**H**azel von Maack, piano teacher at Takoma Academy, received a doctor of musical arts from the University of Maryland in May 1993. Her area of specialization is music composition, and her dissertation was the composition of "Three Songs for Soprano and String Orchestra."

"The songs are written in a contemporary idiom—with dissonance and rhythms that evoke a folk flavor," stated von Maack. "One song has a waltz rhythm, another uses modal scales that were used in church music in the Middle Ages, and the third is like an ode to music with romantic lyricism."

The composition was based on poems written by her mother, Mercedes de Bernal.

A public performance of her works was held on May 17, 1993. Her compositions are now being considered by the San Francisco Women's Philharmonic Concerts for 1994.

Dr. von Maack earned a B.A. in piano performance from Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia; a master of music from the University of Georgia in Athens; and a master of music composition from the New England Conservatory of Music. She has been teaching piano at TA for four years.



The Alumni Homecoming potluck lunch provided time for visiting and enjoying tasty treats.

Photo by N. Sahlin

## Alumni Homecoming '93

**O**n April 23 and 24, alumni returned to Takoma Academy to renew friendships with classmates and remember their years at TA. Registration increased by more than a third, due in part to the efficiency of volunteers and some increase in attendance.

The Class of 1943 rallied 14 people for their 50-year reunion, setting a record. Other honor years included 1953, 1963, 1968, 1973 and 1983.

The Friday night program was organized by the Class of 1983. The Sabbath morning speaker was Dr. John



Alumni won the Saturday night basketball game.

Photo by N. Sahlin

Stout, '53. Prof. Laurence presented a diploma to Curtis Ross, '43, because he had missed graduation after being drafted. On a sad note, Laura Benn, P.E. teacher, read a tribute in memory of Margaret Laurence, who was a long-time presence in the front office.

The TA orchestra, choir and drama group added their talents to the Sabbath worship. During the afternoon, Principal Larry D. Blackmer conducted tours of the school. The evening concluded with a basketball game between alumni and the TA varsity team.



Catching up on old times was part of Alumni Homecoming 1993.

Photo by L. Blackmer



New student council officers for 1993-94 are (left to right): LaTonya Porter, treasurer; Jeremy Duerksen, president; Chuck Wallington, vice president; Vincent Smith, sergeant-at-arms; Carrie Chilson, secretary; Eugene Kim, pastor.

Photo by N. Sahlin

## Help with the challenge grant!

There are just a few more days to help TA receive a challenge grant of \$7,000. Each contribution is a vote of confidence in the school and a tribute to the students at TA. Send your tax-deductible contribution to the Alumni Office, TA, 8120 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912.

## Seniors run the school

As the school year winds down, a day is set aside when seniors assume the roles of teachers and administrators. For a day, students run the school.

"It made me feel more sympathy toward the faculty," commented Malini Meesarapu, who filled in for the principal. "I saw all the responsibility and felt the disrespect from some students."

"Teaching is not as easy as it looks," remarked Maurice Melbourne, who substituted for P.E. teacher Brad Durby. "As a teacher, you have to deal with others and deal with yourself at the same time."

Ron Faminu taught biology in place of Mr. Wilson. "Teachers influence students almost as much as their parents do. I feel that teachers are underpaid."

## Spring Picnic

This year's spring picnic included swimming, volleyball and softball games. Lunch consisted of hoagies, watermelon and chocolate chip cookies. The event was blessed with clear skies.

## Summer employment

Takoma Academy students are ideally located to find intriguing summer jobs. The guidance counselor regularly announces employment opportunities, scholarships and internships in the metropolitan Washington D.C. area.

Last summer, Ron Faminu spent a five-week summer internship in the neuroscience department at the National Institutes of Health. He helped with a study of the effects of the AIDS virus on the spatial and learning memory as well as the central nervous center.

"My mentor and I were one of only two groups that were doing that particular experiment," commented Faminu when he was asked about the significance of his work.



On Academy Day, 118 eighth, ninth, and 10th graders visited TA to look over the school. The biology lab was a popular stop on the tour.

Photo by N. Sahlin

# A Healing ministry

## Hospital employees are Special Friends

### *Shady Grove Adventist Hospital*

Patients who do not have friends or family to visit them are finding the comfort and friendship they need through Shady Grove Adventist Hospital's Special Friends program.

"During my daily visits to the different hospital units, I noticed that some of our patients seemed lonely and had no one to visit them," said Jan Roberts, the hospital's patient representative.

"Some were from out of town, others had no family living in the area who could visit, and several patients had no family at all. I found a need greater than I alone could fill, and I felt that meeting this need was part of the hospital's mission of bringing healing to others through a ministry of kindness, understanding and love."

That's why Jan and others started the Special Friends program, now in its fourth year. She began by recruiting employees

to visit patients who showed a particular need for someone to take a special interest in them.

What does it take to be a Special Friend? Although every employee in the program goes through a training session conducted by members of the "Special Friends Committee," the real qualifications come from the heart. "You need understanding, a lot of kindness, a willingness to



**As Special Friends, Shady Grove employees help the hospital fulfill its ministry of kindness.**

listen and the ability to keep information extremely confidential," Jan said. It includes doing the little things that can help someone feel welcome, such as taking a

patient flowers or simply listening to what they have to say and just spending time with them.

Special Friends have even assisted patients during their recovery at home. One Special Friend helped a single mother by doing her grocery shopping and taking her children for an afternoon trip to the mall so the mother could have some time alone to rest.

"Being a Special Friend can be a tremendous experience," added Jan. "Many of us have found a lot of satisfaction in it."

### *Jim and the twenty-third Psalm*

It was lunchtime for most of the hospital staff, but for Shirley McCracken, transcription supervisor in the medical records department, it was time for her first visit as a Special Friend. She had been asked to see Jim\*, a 25-year-old man with AIDS. He was blind, and his gaunt body was noticeably ravaged by the dreaded disease. His nurse had told Shirley that he was not expected to live much longer. Too weak to talk, Jim could only communicate by feebly squeezing someone's hand.

"I introduced myself and said I was here as a friend who would sit with him for a little while," she said. Searching for something to say, she turned to look outside and started describing the weather — how bright the sunshine was, how beautiful she thought the clouds looked. He seemed to enjoy this, so she continued until it was time for her to return to work. She rose to leave and told Jim she would visit him again before she left the hospital that evening.

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# A Healing ministry

## Editorial

### *Above and beyond the call of duty*

It's easy to see. The signs of the remarkable commitment our employees and medical staff bring to Shady Grove are everywhere. They work extra shifts, stay late, take on extra responsibilities, apply their best energies to solving problems and give of themselves in ways far above and beyond the call of duty. They do whatever needs to be done to ensure the care and comfort of our patients.



**Bryan L. Breckenridge**  
Shady Grove Adventist Hospital  
President

Of course, people who work in a hospital environment are in a giving profession. No amount of advanced technology or sophisticated facilities can begin to equal the value of these people and the impact they have on the lives of our patients. Adventist health-care professionals at Shady Grove are committed to bringing healing to people through a ministry of kindness, understanding and love. They strive to understand patients' physical, emotional and spiritual needs, then impart supportive care, treating them as guests of the hospital family.

The Special Friends program is a concrete representation of this ministry of kindness. Employees who participate in the program are visiting patients who have no friends or family to visit them, giving them the comfort and friendship they need.

On their own time, employees are befriending these members of our community — reading, talking, listening and praying with them when appropriate. Many of these friendships have continued after the patients return home, enhancing the hospital's growing interaction with the community.

Making Shady Grove a place where all members of our community can feel welcome is very important to us. Each department at Shady Grove strives to serve the community and in so doing exemplifies our ministry of kindness.

### *Special Friends, continued from page 17*

When she returned to his room later, she found him more responsive this time. "He realized this was someone who was coming just for him," said Shirley. "I told him I would pray for him and that I didn't want him to be alone."

"Do you remember when we were little we all learned the twenty-third Psalm?" she asked Jim. He squeezed her hand, so she began to say the familiar words, "The Lord is my shepherd," then suddenly Shirley realized that she hadn't recited that psalm for several years. Nevertheless, Shirley continued to speak with faith that the words would come back to her. "God

gave me the strength to remember every word," she said. Shirley noticed big tears coming out of Jim's eyes as she spoke, so she knew her words were having an impact. When she finished, Shirley continued to hold his hand and stayed with him as long as she could, then left to go home.

When she arrived at work the next morning, Shirley called the unit to see how Jim was doing. She learned that he had died within an hour of her last visit with him. "I was glad God had been with me when I visited Jim," Shirley said. "I felt very good when I realized that I had been there for him in his very last hours."

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# A Healing ministry

Special Friends, continued from page 18

## "Thank you for everything"

Sheila\*, a small woman with salt-and-pepper hair, looked very frail as she lay in her hospital bed. The effects of cancer and loneliness were beginning to take their toll on what was once a vibrant, happy woman.

When Danna Medosch, secretary in the pharmacy department, visited Sheila for the first time, she sat next to her bed, introduced herself and explained that she was one of the hospital's Special Friends. "She was so grateful for the chance to talk to someone that I saw a tear run down her cheek," Danna said.

She took Sheila's hand, and they began to talk about their families. "She told me about her 'special' granddaughter and how much she missed her," Danna noted. Sheila explained that her son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter lived too far away to visit her more than once a month. Her other friends had passed away, and she felt all alone. Danna told her that she worked at the hospital and assured her that she would visit every day. "If you ever need me, pick up your phone and call me," Danna added.

As the days went by and the two became close friends, Danna eagerly anticipated their visits together. Sometimes, when Sheila was unable to talk, Danna held her hand and read to her. Other times, when Sheila felt stronger, she talked about her childhood or how she met her husband and how they began their family in a small town in Wisconsin.

Gradually Danna noticed that Sheila began to feel tired all the time. It seemed an effort for her to breathe. Soon Danna did most of the talking, and Sheila could only listen. "I knew she heard me because there would be a gleam in her eye when I came into her room," Danna said.

One day, when she felt stronger, Sheila thanked her Special Friend for staying with her during her remaining days. "I was touched," Danna said. "I gave her a hug and thanked her for allowing me to be with her."

For about a month Danna visited Sheila

every day. "I looked forward to spending time with my new friend," she said. But in her heart she knew these visits would not continue much longer.

Then one day Danna noticed that Sheila was taking very shallow breaths, just barely alive. As she started to take Sheila's hand, she saw her chest rise one last time as she took her last breath and died. "I was surprised even though I knew she was dying," Danna said. "I just didn't expect it to be then."

On the table next to her bed Danna found a note that said, "I will miss you. Take care. Thank you for everything."

"I can't be sure if that note was meant for me, for a nurse or for all of us at Shady Grove," said Danna. "But I will always remember her as my special friend who taught me a special brand of love."

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*For more information on opportunities in Adventist health care, call the hospital or institution nearest you.*

*\*Patients' names have been changed.*

## News

### ADVENTIST HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

#### ■ AHHS opens office in D.C.

Adventist Home Health Services, Inc. (AHHS) has opened a new office in the District of Columbia to better serve its patients in that area. The ribbon-cutting ceremony took place in May.

In its 20th year of service, AHHS already has offices in Silver Spring and Rockville, Maryland, and has applied for a certificate of need for an office in Howard County as well. Expansion and growth in home health care seem inevitable as the nation continues to focus on cutting health care costs. For more information about home care, call Adventist Home Health Services at (301) 681-9760.

### HACKETTSTOWN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

#### ■ HCH offers new chemotherapy

Hackettstown Community Hospital now is offering Taxol chemotherapy to its cancer patients.

Taxol, one of the newer chemotherapeutic agents, is obtained from the Yew tree. Administered intravenously, the medication has been found to be very effective in the treatment of many types of malignancies.

In 1992, Hackettstown Hospital's cancer program was once again granted a three-year approval by the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons (ACS).

Established by the ACS in 1932, the approvals program encourages participants to equip and staff themselves so they are able to provide the best in diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

### KETTERING MEDICAL CENTER

#### ■ KMC employees honored for service



Of the 880 employees recognized for tenure at the March 11 KMC Service Awards Program, 16 celebrated 25 years of service. Here, KMC President Robert Willett congratulates that distinguished group. Front row from left: Dena Walker, Shirley Cobb, Reva Day and Myrtle Fugate. Back row from left: Eldon Hofacker, Bialquin Arellano, Marcia McCoy, Hazel Murley, Ruby Harvey, Robert Willett, Hazel Fry, Thomas Sych, Nemi Velasco, Gladys Benton and James Benton. Not pictured: 25-year honorees Linda Morris and Joyce Winans. Also honored at the annual event were employees who had, by December 31, 1992, completed five, 10, 15 or 20 years of service.

# A Healing ministry

## READING REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

### ■ Bicycle safety: helmet awareness program

Reading Rehabilitation Hospital's trauma therapists present RIDE SAFE, a bicycle safety and helmet awareness program, to local elementary schools. The children learn how to be smart cyclers,

about rehabilitation for bikers who sustain head injuries and about the importance of wearing a helmet.

Right ride on the right side with traffic  
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## Ways to Wellness

You can look better, feel better and add years to your life simply by beginning a fitness program. No one is too old or too out of shape! The benefits begin almost immediately and increase with every workout. Of course, be sure to consult your physician before beginning an exercise program. Here are a few tips to follow when you start:

\* Exercise "care" when working out — find a safe time and place. Then work out at a pace that allows you to carry on a normal conversation.

\* Stay in the comfort zone — exercise smart and sweat easy! Enjoy workouts that slowly build the strength, flexibility and fitness of your heart, lungs and circulatory system.

\* Use premium fuel — eat wholesome food, keep fluid levels up and work your motor muscles with exercise (don't stay still too long).

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital

## SHADY GROVE ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

### ■ Governor cites hospital in donor awareness proclamation

Maryland Governor William Donald Schaefer recently signed a proclamation declaring April 18-24 as Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week in the state.

The proclamation specifically cited Shady Grove Adventist Hospital for its dedication "to improving the quality of life of transplant candidates, recipients and their families by providing a support system, disseminating information and promoting increased public awareness about the vital importance of organ donation and transplantation."

Shady Grove is the only community non-teaching hospital in Maryland approved for kidney transplant surgery.

### ■ Sanders elected to eye bank executive advisory committee

Jeanne Sanders, Shady Grove's senior vice president for patient care services, recently accepted a position on the executive advisory committee for the Lions of District 22-C Eye Bank and Research Foundation. She joins other local business professionals who will advise the organization regarding current health issues. "It's a privilege to help an organization that has provided such a vital service to the community for 36 years," Sanders said.

### ■ Shell chosen as new SDAHCA

## president-elect

Penny Shell, chaplain at Shady Grove, was elected to leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Healthcare Chaplains Association (SDAHCA) during its recent annual meeting. She will be president-elect, followed by two-year terms as

president and immediate past president.

She is the first woman ever to be elected as president of the organization of over 200 Adventist health-care chaplains. She will succeed J. Harry Krueger, Shady Grove's director of pastoral care services, marking the first time that the two top offices of SDAHCA have been filled by chaplains from the same institution.



## WASHINGTON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

### ■ Recycling program expands

In addition to white office paper, the hospital is now collecting glass, aluminum and plastic items for recycling. The hospital currently collects 3,000 pounds of paper for recycling each week, and cardboard recycling is planned. The recycling program was initiated last year as part of the hospital's ongoing commitment to be a responsible member of its community.

### ■ Washington Adventist physician addresses White House on health-care reform

Director of Critical Care and Associate Director of Pulmonary Medicine Alfred Munzer, M.D., has been invited to visit the White House to address the staff on health care reform. Munzer, who is president-elect of the American Lung Association (ALA), will represent the views of the ALA and the American Thoracic Society.



## New products available

- **1250 Questions Women Ask**

This practical volume has been published to help women who have medical questions, \$55.95.

- **Good Behavior Made Easy**

More than 1200 sensible solutions to disciplining your child, from birth to age 12. Includes six cassettes with motivational charts. A must for parents who are concerned about raising children in today's world, \$149.95.

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## New products INCREASE literature evangelists' SUCCESS



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Part of this success has been made possible by the many new products FER has available for sale.

These products, which include Spanish language books on health, SING-ALONG videos for kids and a marvelous

health resource book for women, are making it even easier for literature evangelists to enter homes and share the good news of salvation.

Each of the unions participating in the Family Enrichment Resources organization has shown a sales gain of over \$223,000 for the first 20 weeks of 1993.

The last week of May was **Big Week** for the literature evangelists of FER. During those days they sold \$337,558 in books and videos, a \$227,000 increase over 1992's **Big Week**.

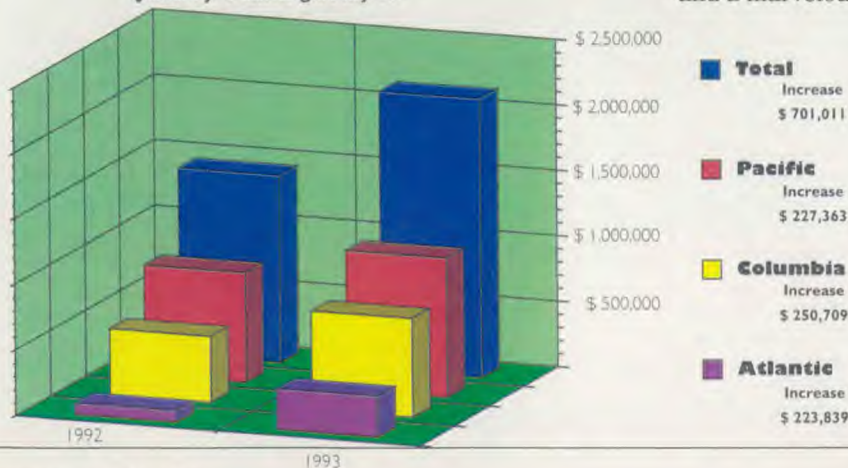
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Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Coleman share the proclamation honoring them with Ervin Glenn, first elder of the Ebenezer church.

### ALLEGHENY EAST Ebenezer church honors service to the community

"When we help others, we help ourselves," stated Maria Cureton, Community Services director at the Ebenezer church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, during the congregation's recent Community Services Day program.

Levels of consciousness were raised to the responsibilities of a modern-day "good Samaritan," and special recognition was given to two church members. John McLeod and Archie Perry provide weekly transportation for Sabbath nursing home visitation.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Coleman were also recognized during that day. They have been supportive and generous in helping the homeless. More than 1,000 meals are served every month for the city's homeless population by the Colemans and their staff.

The couple was officially honored for their untiring devotion and dedication by the city of Philadelphia with a citation from Mayor Ed Rendell for helping to improve the quality of life for others.

The afternoon service featured Georgie Woods, a prominent radio personality who has made several contributions to the city.

CHERYL LYNCH  
*Communication Secretary*

### CUC Respiratory care receives renewed accreditation

Accreditation for five years, the maximum length of time possible, was recently granted for the respiratory care program at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland.

The Joint Review Committee for Respiratory Therapy Education has recommended to the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation of the American Medical Association that the program be granted this extension.

The process was accomplished in two parts. One was an on-site evaluation and written review that was done by a referee, who gave a recommendation to the review committee. The other was a

self-study, which was given to the committee for its examination.

Continued accreditation is vital for the success of the college's respiratory care program. "Accreditation by a national agency is required for students to sit for board exams," stated Alvin Tucker, program director.

During the on-site review, the visitors documented the strengths of the program, including "clinical resources; dedicated and concerned faculty, medical directors and administrative support; physical space in both classroom and lab; and an admissions process that produces a cohort of bright, enthusiastic students."

"We're very pleased," Tucker stated. "We're incorporating all the recommendations to make our program even more effective."

The respiratory care major began at CUC in 1974, receiving its first accreditation in 1975. Columbia Union College offers both associate and bachelor degrees in respiratory care.

MARK YOUNG  
*News Writer*

### WORLD CHURCH

#### Adventist artists earn "angels' wings"

"Angels" still populate the It Is Written studios with Pastor Mark Finley in front of the television cameras.

The Seventh-day Adventist telecast garnered its 17th Angel Award from the Hollywood group, Excellence in Media, for the program, "When the Word Hit Moscow."

The Breath of Life TV ministry also was given an Angel Award for "Reflections on Los Angeles—A Chance for a New Beginning."

Other Adventist winners included the Heralds Quartet, another 17-Angel winner, for the album, *Homeward Bound*, and the Shalom Quartet from Newbury Park, California, for its newest recording, *Jubilosos Te Adoramos* ("Joyful, We Adore Thee").

DAVID SMITH  
*Correspondent*

### CUC Nursing grads all pass board exams

For the third year in a row, all baccalaureate nursing graduates of the Edyth T. James Department of Nursing at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, have qualified as registered nurses by passing the Maryland State Board of Nursing certifying examination, according to Shirley Wilson-Anderson, chair of the department.

She attributes this perfect passing rate to the rigorous academic program and a strong, competent faculty. "We're delighted for all our hard-working students," Wilson-Anderson said. "A 100 percent pass rate is the best possible reward for the new graduates."

According to Wilson-Anderson, the graduates of the nursing department have enjoyed a long history of perfect or near-perfect state board exam success rates.

PATRICIA NASH  
*Public Relations Director*

## HOSPITALS

### Shady Grove volunteers win awards

Two volunteers at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital are the recipients of the Montgomery County Outstanding Volunteer Award.

Nan T. Ackerman, one of the award winners, serves as a volunteer in the public relations office at the Rockville, Maryland, hospital. She has contributed more than 3,000 hours of volunteer service since the medical facility opened in 1979.

"Her resourcefulness, dependability and commitment make it easy to see why she deserves this award," explained Cheryl McKy, an employee in the office who nominated Ackerman for the award.

Sanders Gerson, the other winner, is a volunteer in Shady Grove's emergency department. He has put in more than 2,000 hours of service during his nine years at the hospital.

"Sandy is a real asset to our volunteer corps—and especially to the emergency room," remarked Carol Neckar, director of volunteer services for Shady Grove. "His work is exemplary, and his willingness to take on any task is outstanding."

The awards are given out each year by the Montgomery County Community Service Partnership, Inc., in recognition of individuals who provide exemplary volunteer service in the county.

Ackerman and Gerson each received their awards at a special reception during late April at Montgomery College in Rockville.

ROBERT JEPSON  
*Public Relations Director*

## COLUMBIA UNION

### VBS workshop draws 100 to Sligo school

About 100 interested Vacation Bible School leaders and teachers attended the inter-conference workshop held on April 3 at the Sligo elementary school in Takoma Park, Maryland.

Sponsored by the Columbia Union and the Allegheny East, Chesapeake and Potomac conferences, this workshop used learning centers to demonstrate different VBS themes, including "Kids in the Kitchen," "Bethlehem, B.C.," "God and Nature," "Windows on the World," "Camp Upward Bound" and the more traditional "Happy with Jesus."

A strong emphasis was placed on follow-up activities to keep contact with the families who come to VBS and find ways for the church to meet their needs.

The instructors included Noelene Johnsson from the North American Division; Judi Rogers, the author of "Kids in the Kitchen;" Edith Herzel, an expert on follow-up procedures; and Ron Hyrchuk, the developer of Camp Upward Bound.

Three generations of Vacation Bible School leadership were represented by:

Barbara Manspeaker, associate director of church ministries with the Columbia Union; her daughter, Lisa Seeders; and in their debut as workshop assistants, Krista and Karin Seeders, Lisa's daughters. Along with explaining the crafts on display from the various learning center themes that they had made, the youngsters assisted their mother and grandmother with preparing the workshop presentations.

Churches are strongly encouraged to get the young people involved in Vacation Bible School and other church-related activities. Young people are the church today preparing for leadership tomorrow.



Krista and Karin Seeders (right) oversee a display as a Vacation Bible School workshop participant examines a piece of literature.

## The Family Column

## Dr. Kay's Q&A

### *Cushioning the hurt of divorce*



Kay Kuzma

**Question:** I have a 4-year-old daughter who has been living with me since my wife and I divorced three years ago. She has just recently gone to live full time with her mother, and I'm worried about the effects this divorce will have on her. How can

I make it as painless as possible?

**Answer:** There is no such thing as a painless divorce as far as children are concerned. But it appears that children adjust best when their parents remain friends, even if they live separately.

My best advice to you is to stay involved with your daughter. Nearly half the divorced fathers tend to "disappear" from their children's lives after about two years. To children, Dad's absence means rejection. And children who feel rejected are emotionally hurt children.

Adjustment to a divorce is easiest for children when Mom and Dad live close enough so that as the children grow, they can have the same friends and attend the same school, regardless of custody. The more change that divorce causes in a child's life, the more difficult it is to adjust.

Here are a few ideas you might want to try in order to increase your "presence," even though your daughter isn't living with you.

1. Read stories over a cassette tape player that she can listen to, especially at bedtime. Tuck her in with some special messages like "Daddy can't be there right now, but I love you very much, and if I were there I'd tickle your toes and give you a butterfly kiss (touch your child's cheek with a flutter of your eyelashes)." And then you might want to have her close her eyes and fold her hands while you say a little "good night" prayer. The sound of your voice will give her a sense of re-assurance that you are thinking about her.

2. Call her at a special time each day so she can anticipate talking with you on a daily basis. It's only a few minutes out of your day—but for your child, it will become a very meaningful time.

3. Write her a love note each week so she can look forward to something coming in the mail.

4. Let her know you are looking forward to spending time with her. Let her hear messages like "I was thinking about you today and wondering if you'd like to go to the park and feed the ducks the next time we're together. I can hardly wait to be with you."

5. Say "I love you" often.

These simple ideas will keep you from slowly disappearing, like far too many fathers do.

[Read more from Dr. Kay Kuzma in the *Family Times* newspaper. For a free year's subscription, write to: Family Matters, P.O. Box 7000, Cleveland, TN 37320; or call (615) 339-1144.]



## PENNSYLVANIA

Michael Scheib (center), director of the Hershey-Lebanon Pathfinder club, and Ralph Scheib (left), Michael's father and a fellow club staff member, were both invested as Master Guides during an investiture ceremony on April 17. Nancy Ganther from the Pennsylvania Conference Pathfinder Executive Council was present to give the awards. Both men have been active in Pathfinder activities with the two-church club and the conference since 1984.—RH

## HOSPITALS

**KCMA staffer  
honored by  
Boy Scouts**

Curt Dolinsky, college relations director at Kettering College of Medical Arts in Ohio, was recently honored by the Boy Scouts of America with the prestigious William H. Spurgeon III Award. Established in memory of the Boy Scouts' founder, this award is presented annually to one person in the Dayton area for outstanding leadership in the BSA.

Dolinsky was commended for his five years with the coed career awareness division of the local scouting organization. He operates three medical exploring posts, one at Sycamore Hospital and two at Kettering Memorial Hospital. As many as 35 young people meet regularly during the academic year to explore the world of health care.

"This award really belongs to the staff at Kettering Medical Center," Dolinsky said. "They devote a great deal of time to touring and more specific career orientation for the Boy Scouts."

JANICE DEATON

KMC Communication Department

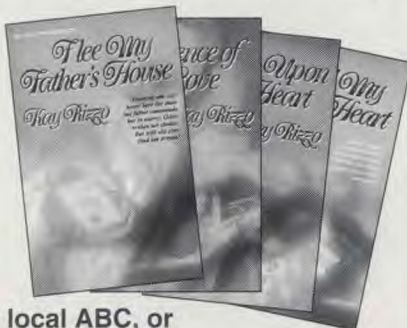
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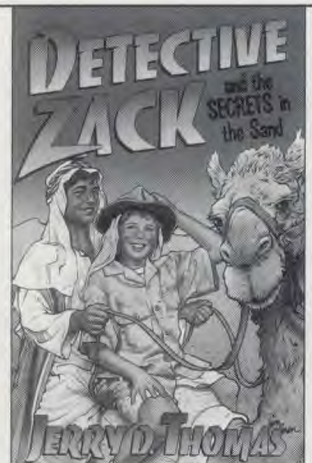
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## Young detective finds buried treasure

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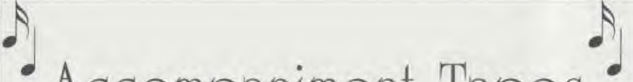

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"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ... Therefore encourage each other with these words."—*1 Thessalonians 4:16, 18 NIV*. The staff of the *Visitor* joins the church family in expressing sympathy to those who have lost loved ones.

**NICKUM**, Cula M., born April 29, 1894, Bethlehem, PA; died April 21, 1993, Bethlehem, PA. She was a member of the Beth-

lehem church. Survivors: daughter Dorothy Feinour, sons Maynard and Harold, five grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

**POSTLEWAIT**, Evelyn C., born September 7, 1915, Clarksburg, WV; died May 18, 1993, Clarksburg, WV. She was an active member of the Central Hills congregation in Clarksburg. Survivors: husband William, daughter Eleanor Green, sons Walter and William II, sisters Beatrice Dent, Betty Wright, Ruth Thomas, Dove Shuttleworth and Joy Payton, brother Lee Chicarell, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**REED**, Helen K., born November 23, 1902, Philadelphia, PA; died March 16, 1993, York, PA. She was a member of the Pottstown, PA, congregation. Survivors: daughters Elsie Wert and Billie Dana and sons Roy Kinckiner, Arden Kinckiner, George Kinckiner and William Kinckiner.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements and/or advertisements must be in the *Visitor* office four weeks before the date of issue.

### Single adults announce national conference

The National Single Adult Conference will be held at La Sierra University in Riverside, CA, from June 30 to July 7, featuring spiritual enrichment, Christian fellowship, seminars and recreation. Contact: Adventist Singles Ministries, 4467 King Springs Rd., Smyrna, GA 30082; (404) 434-5111.

### Connecticut church marks centennial

The Connecticut Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church, formerly the Hartford congregation, will commemorate its 100th anniversary the weekend of July 9-10 at the church in South Windsor, CT. Guest speakers will include previous pastors David Thomas (1984-1988) and Bruce Fox (1972-1978). Thomas will preach Friday night at 7:30 p.m., and Fox will speak at the Sabbath morning worship service at 11 a.m. For more information, please call (203) 683-0619.

### Andrews University hosts summer institute

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### Camp meetings slated throughout union

The following camp meetings are being held across the Columbia Union Conference territory: *Allegheny East*, July 1-11 at Pine Forge, PA, Academy; *Allegheny West*, June 23-27 at the conference campgrounds in Thornville, OH; *Chesapeake*, June 11-19 at Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, MD; *Mountain View*, June 18-26 at Valley Vista Camp in Huttonsville, WV; *New Jersey English*, June 18-26, and *New Jersey Spanish*, June 27-July 3, at Garden State Academy in Tranquility, NJ; *Ohio*, June 18-26 at Mount Vernon, OH, Academy; *Pennsylvania*, June 11-19 at Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg, PA; *Potomac English*, June 22-26, and *Potomac Spanish*, June 30-July 3 at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, VA.

## SUNSET CALENDAR

### Daylight Savings Time

	June 18	June 25	July 2
Baltimore	8:35	8:37	8:37
Cincinnati	9:07	9:08	9:08
Cleveland	9:03	9:04	9:04
Columbus	9:03	9:04	9:04
Jersey City	8:30	8:31	8:31
Norfolk	8:27	8:28	8:28
Parkersburg	8:55	8:57	8:57
Philadelphia	8:32	8:33	8:33
Pittsburgh	8:53	8:54	8:54
Reading	8:36	8:38	8:38
Richmond	8:33	8:34	8:34
Roanoke	8:43	8:44	8:44
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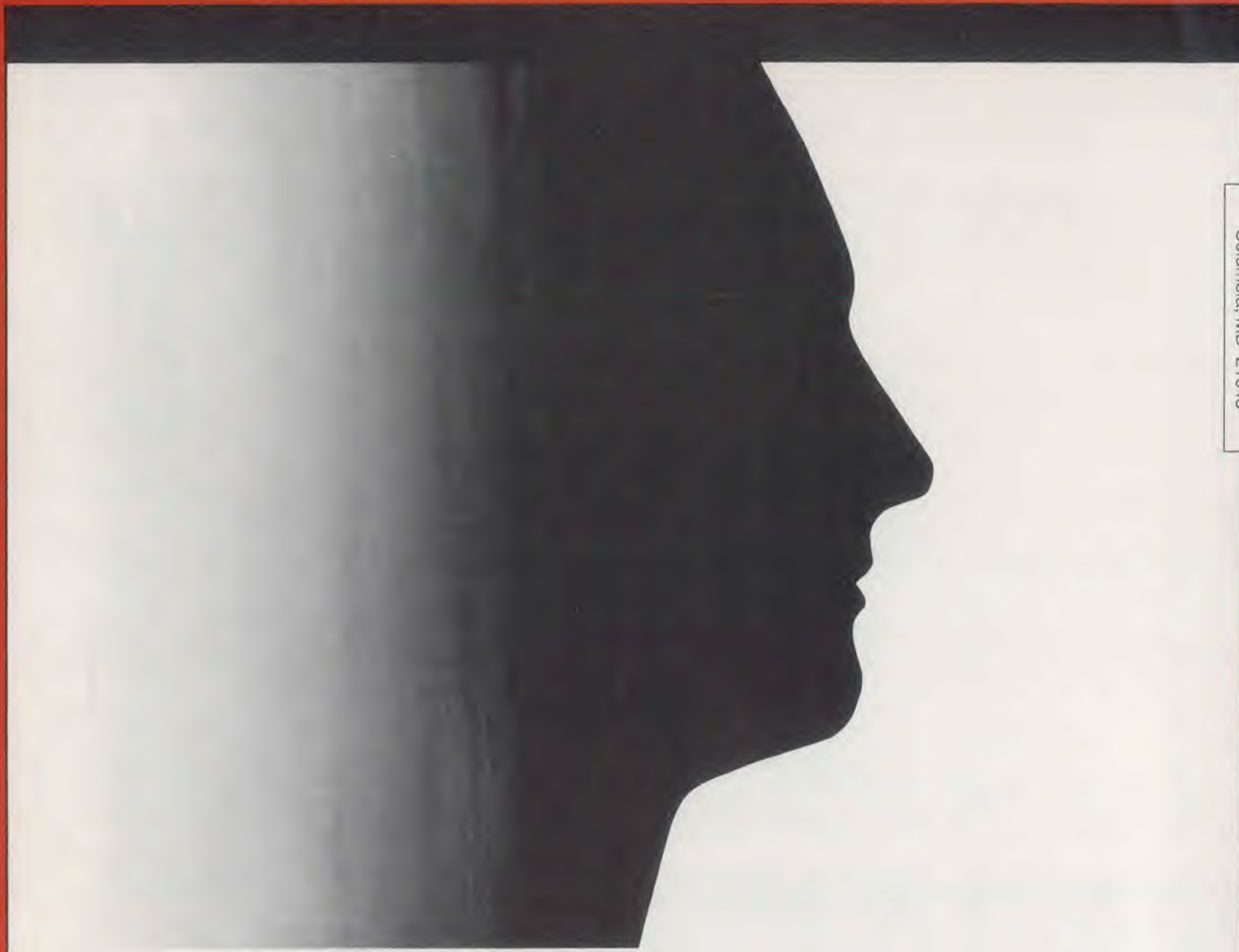
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# Chesapeake CHALLENGE

## COULTER'S COMMENTS



J. Wayne Coulter

Scattered throughout the cities of the world there are to be found memorials and monuments that have been erected as tributes to those famous men and women who have made their mark in history. Probably the most known of all is our nation's capital. One has only to stand before these monuments erected to the glory of man to be moved with

great admiration.

And yet, as famous as they may be, there's another monument forgotten by most that stands out, to me, head and

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### Chesapeake Challenge

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## Monuments

shoulders above those even of our own nation. You won't find it listed among the important things to see in tour guides or some famous sculptor's name identified with it. It is not much to look at, really. Its true significance is in the event of which it reminds us.

You will have little trouble finding it. Not many, if any, recognize it for what it really is. Thousands pass by it daily on this busy thoroughfare. Others perhaps lean against it while waiting for a bus. Birds rest upon it unnoticed and forgotten.

Years ago there was a beautiful 10-acre garden surrounding this monument, a huge boulder larger than the size of an automobile. Now the gardens are gone, replaced by high-rise buildings and business places. It lies there along the highway, only a rock, somewhat out of place in its present surroundings. But if you look closely enough, you will see the names of Huss and Jerome etched in the rock—a reminder of a dismal and dark past, identifying the spot upon which they were burned at the stake for their defense of the gospel.

As we were leaving Constance, I was reading from *The Great Controversy*, "...as he was being led away to the place of execution, the prelates said, 'Now we devote thy soul to the devil.' 'And I,' said John Huss, lifting up his eyes toward heaven, 'do commit my spirit into Thy

hands, O Lord Jesus, for Thou hast redeemed me.'"

And Jerome, "...his last words, as the flames rose about him, were a prayer. 'Lord, Almighty Father,' he cried, 'have pity on me, and pardon me my sins; for Thou knowest that I have always loved Thy truth.'"



Their ashes with the soil upon which they rested were gathered up and cast into the Rhine and thus borne outward to the ocean and to unknown parts of the world where the gospel would follow.

Each one of us who accepts the Lord, Jesus Christ, is a monument—a living monument. Each day people pass us by. Yes, maybe we may look a little odd at times, maybe a little out of place by the high-rise buildings and business places of this world. But if people look closely enough, they should see Jesus etched in our lives.

## Baltimore City/ Pigtown grows

Pastor Willis Dagenais recently conducted a crusade in the inner city of Baltimore. The Lord blessed this evangelistic series with 15 precious souls to date. The new members joined the rapidly growing new Baltimore City (Pigtown) church.

Dagenais has been blessed with special gifts of evangelism that God is using in Baltimore. They are presently in the pro-

cess of finding a church home for the new congregation.



Some of the members of the Baltimore City congregation. Photo by Neville Harcombe.

## Prayer vigil—prayer champions

A special blessing was enjoyed by the West Wilmington Seventh-day Adventist Church family. Our youngsters and teens led out in a 24-hour prayer vigil that began at 6 p.m., on April 2, and continued throughout Sabbath, April 3, until 6 p.m. What an experience to listen to our children during each one's hour of prayer; they are real "prayer champions." While taking a sober, yet enthusiastic, approach to their commitment by inviting parents and friends to join them during their designated hour, everyone who attended could, no doubt, feel God's presence; not to mention the blessings yet to be received by those on our prayer list!

Ranging in age from 5 to 16, each young member shared and invited personal testimony, scripture and inspirational reading, answered prayers, prayer requests and songs of praise. We have so many wonderful children who love and serve the Lord; and, of course, some were unavailable because of travel, illness or other reasons. Nonetheless, many were on hand to minister to and with our congregation; and we look forward to seeing new faces the next time.

Landon Schnabel began the vigil, followed in succession by Jody Anna Murtaugh (Michael Murtaugh volun-

teered but was ill with a fever), Christopher and Lauren Duke, Autumn Revels, Steven Thomas, David Oakley, Jesse Skaggs, Jennifer Skaggs, Erin Hoover, Ryan Hoover, Jodie Foster, Jeremy Sterndale (Michael Wallace volunteered but was unable to attend; next time,



Pictured are those who participated along with Pastor Jim Snell. Photo by Bonnie Smalley.

Michael!), Stephanie Smolarski, Tom Bacon, Sheri-Lee Green and Jessica Medori. Gerry Thomas, personal ministries leader, and the older children "manned" the wee-hours of the night, and the congregation united during Sabbath service hours.

Wilmington Junior Academy teacher, Amy (Fletcher) Cromer shared with us her experience of answered prayer lifted up to God from the lips of her classroom students. Each "prayer champion" expressed and has experienced answered prayer. Praise the Lord for blessing us so abundantly!

BONNIE SMALLEY  
Communications Secretary

## "People Come to Christ" workshop conducted by Hagerstown church

Norma J. Sahlin, a faculty member at Takoma Academy, in Takoma Park, Maryland, presented a three-hour workshop on May 8 at the Mount Aetna school on how to help people come to Christ. She discussed Maslow's "hierarchy of needs:" physical, safety, love, self-esteem and self-actualization and how we may help them fulfill these needs. Mentioning several "receptive times" in which we may reach people—among them a new baby, death of a loved one, changes in status, sickness and hospitalization—she had attendees act out varying life situations and discuss how a Christian can use each one to bring a person to Christ.

She also stressed the importance of the Christian's sensing a person's inner feelings from speech, facial expressions and body language and getting on the same wavelength in order to understand them better.

EUGENE LINCOLN  
Communications Secretary

## Pathfinders hold awareness fair

It was early in the morning on April 25 when the Chesapeake Pathfinders went public at the Cranberry Mall in Westminster, Maryland. More than 25 displays and events were part of the "Awareness Fair." The clubs displayed honors in the areas of arts and crafts, health and recreation.

There were special performances such as the Highland View Academy gym team, anti-drug skits, Pathfinder history, Rosemania III, the NAD booth and drilling and marching. Some of the guests that came to help with the fair were Dr. and Mrs. Plata from California, and storytellers Dwight Thompson, Steve Gatz and Dick Griffin. Other special guests included Congressman Roscoe Bartlett, Pastor Norman Middag and President Wayne Coulter. Community organizations such as the city police canine team and the city fire department gave rescue demonstrations.

Not only did the Pathfinders work hard, but they also made sure that the public was involved and knew who Pathfinders were and where they are going!

JOEY LYNN NORWOOD  
Westminster Horizon Pathfinder Club

Photos by Norman Middag

Left: The Glen Burnie Rangers booth depicting birds honor.

Right: Norman Middag and Heather Smith at the Rosemania III display.

## Second annual elders' retreat

A total of 75 people attended the second annual elders' Retreat at the newMount Aetna Camp grounds April 30-May 2. Special guest speakers included Frank Ottati, ministerial director of the Columbia Union Conference; Dick Duerksen, vice president of creative ministries for the Columbia Union Conference; Ron Smith, Chesapeake Conference trust services director; and Neville Harcombe, executive secretary of the Chesapeake Conference. Wayne Coulter, Chesapeake Conference president, concluded the retreat program with a challenge that all present unitedly work together to finish God's work in Chesapeake.



Carl Heim of the Linthicum church and Gabriel Shacka of the Glen Burnie church enjoy a brief break during one of the sessions at the elders' retreat.

Photos by Barbara-Lee Boyd

## Vacation Bible school time

At this time of year, many excellent vacation Bible school programs are being conducted across the Chesapeake Conference. The Norrisville church is an example of what can be done with a team of dedicated workers. Their church bulges at the seams when it comes to vacation Bible school time. With a church membership of only 68, they have an average attendance of 65 children at vacation Bible school, with over half of those being non-Adventist. The neighborhood children have been spreading the word about the excellent crafts and interesting programs planned by creative and dedicated leaders. Many of the non-Adventist parents attend the graduation program at the end of the two-week session. One mother has occasionally attended Sabbath church services. The Norrisville members are firm believers in using vacation Bible school as a witnessing outreach program to their neighbors.



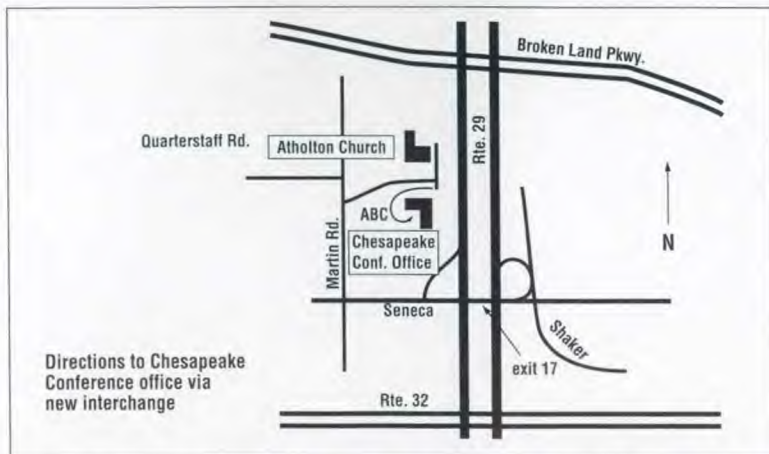
Left: A view of some who attended the second annual Elders' Retreat at Mt. Aetna Camp.



Above: Lisa Hedrick, director, and her mother, Peggy Brindle, help children make their selections from the Trading Post using points they have earned during the week. Lisa attended Norrisville vacation Bible school as a child and now enjoys leading children to Jesus. Below: Craft time is always a fun time. Here McDonald's french fry containers are being transformed into ladybugs. Photos by Nadine Owens.

## Important Notice !!! Road changes around the conference office

Many of you have had trouble getting to the conference office and the Adventist Book Center because of the many changes in the roads in this area. Below is a map that shows the new way of getting to us.



## New Aberdeen congregation

It was a beautiful Sabbath day on April 17, when Elders Wayne Coulter and Neville Harcombe formally organized the new group of Seventh-day Adventists in Aberdeen, Maryland, into a company. Richard Fearing, pastor of the Wilna and Norrisville district, officially requested that the conference recognize the request of two laymen, Dallas Ball and Manuel Lopez.

In November of 1991, the Wilna church board voted to plant a "church seed" in Aberdeen near a military proving grounds installation. A branch Sabbath school was



Left to right: Dallas Ball, Richard Fearing, Wayne Coulter, Neville Harcombe and Manuel Lopez officiating during the new company service. Below: There were 48 that officially signed up as charter members of the new Aberdeen company. Photos by Neville Harcombe.

soon organized. Dallas Ball and Manuel Lopez gave strong support to the fledgling group. Due to a strong Spanish element in the area, Israel Ramirez, the Baltimore Spanish church pastor, worked hard by giving Bible studies, visiting homes and preparing candidates for baptism. Eight people were baptized within a year.

A rented school facility is presently being used by the new company. There is a thriving Sabbath school program that provides for the needs of all young people from cradle roll to teenagers. A special Sabbath school class for the Hispanic members is taught by Manuel Lopez.

Dallas Ball reports that plans are being made for a strong evangelism thrust that will double their membership and thus make it possible to build or buy a new church home.



## Exciting things at Mount Aetna Camp

As spring jumps into full effect, things are starting to jump at Mount Aetna Camp. Young people are leaving schools and heading toward the best summer ever at camp. Mount Aetna Camp is taking form and getting ready to roll out the red carpet for our youth who are looking toward the great adventures of camp. As the youth roll in, they will set their eyes on the goals of achieving great fun and adventure. They will also meet new staff and form new friendships.

Mount Aetna Camp is soon to be on its way as the new lodge lights up for its maiden voyage of summer camp kids. The new basketball court and the sand volleyball pit are close to completion. The recreation line-up at camp is looking better than ever.

There will be new faces on the staff. We have added and updated past staff members to give the best possible summer program filled with fun, recreation and good food. Our summer staff are the "true

est and the best" and cannot wait to meet you at camp.

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BRENDON PRUTZMAN  
Mount Aetna Camp



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Other ideas were saving certain coins, selling produce, baby-sitting money, a donation for each "DX" call (an overseas contact made by a HAM [amateur radio] operator), money for each safe trip by a family that travels frequently. Business owners dedicated a certain amount for each month the business was free from robbery or vandalism. It is nice to note no businesses were bothered during this time!

The Cambridge church believes in being *Partners with God!*

EVELYN GATES  
Investment Secretary

## Grasonville center gets "face lift"

Sabbath, March 20, was celebrated as Community Services Center Day by the Grasonville, Maryland, church. New blue work smocks were donned by the ladies who joined Pastor Paul Gates on the rostrum for the church service. The women had scripture, prayer, called for the offering and provided the worship in music. Award pins and certificates were given to the many individuals who have, through the years, donated many hours to this important program of the church.

The center itself has been reorganized, with new working policies and methods of distributing the food and clothing each week. To provide space for fitting clients' clothing, four removable cubicles were made.

The center is planning to open one night a month for the individuals who cannot come in the daytime.

Good things are happening in the Grasonville Community Services Center, and we thank everyone who has had a part in all of its services.

PEGGY TOLSON  
Community Services Director

# Dateline

## What's happening around New Jersey

# New Jersey

Conference, 2160 Brunswick Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08648 / (609) 392-7131

**June 18-26**

New Jersey English Camp Meeting  
Garden State Academy Campus  
Tranquility, NJ

**June 20, 2:00 p.m.**

Garden State Academy Board  
Garden State Academy Library

**June 27-July 3**

New Jersey Spanish Camp Meeting  
Garden State Academy Campus  
Tranquility, NJ

**June 27, 10:00 a.m.**

Conference Executive Committee  
Garden State Academy Office

**June 29, 10:00 a.m.**

Hackettstown Senior House Board  
Hackettstown Senior House Board  
Room

**July 4-11**

New Jersey Conference Summer  
Camp, Classes by ages 9-17

**July 5**

ABC and Conference Office Closed -  
Holiday

**July 11**

ABC Open

**July 14, 2:00 p.m.**

Hackettstown Hospital Board  
Hackettstown Hospital Board Room

**August 1**

Boggess Evangelistic Meeting  
Begins

Riga, Latvia

**August 9**

ABC Open

**August 15**

Youth Recreation Day - Great  
Adventure

**August 20-22**

New Jersey Camporee

**August 23**

School Begins

**August 25**

HCH Executive Committee

**August 25-29**

ASI National Convention

**August 27-29**

Adventurers' Camp

**August 29-September 1**

Columbia Union Officers Retreat

**September 6**

ABC and Conference Office Closed -  
Holiday

**September 11**

New Jersey Sabbath School 101

**September 12**

ABC Open

**September 18**

New Jersey Conference Church  
Leadership Seminar



**Robert W. Boggess**

## Excellence in service to Christ

The seeking of excellence in our service to Christ has a high priority in Scripture.

"An excellent spirit was found in him," —*Daniel 5:12; 6:3.*

"Seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church," —*1 Corinthians 14:12.*

"Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice," —*Hebrew 11:4.*

"I pray that your love may abound yet more and more," —*Philippians 1:9.*

"I press toward the mark," —*Philippians 3:14.*

"Therefore, as ye abound in everything in faith, and utterance, and knowledge and in all diligence and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also (generosity)," —*2 Corinthians 8:7.*

Could it be that we are too casual about living up to the expectations of Christ? Might our own interests sometimes cause us to fail to take advantage of God's power to change us, like the school boys I once saw who were having trouble with their studies but were playing with paper airplanes in the school library?

Recently the pastors and teachers of New Jersey in their annual in-service training retreats spent some time reflecting on the meaning of excellence and were challenged to model excellence in a way that would help us all to be like Daniel, whose excellence was so outstanding that he was a court counselor trusted to assist three successive kings and two great empires.

Excellence in the service of Jesus means that we will examine and surrender ourselves so that grace may abound in our lives.

"And beside this, giving all diligence add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ," —*2 Peter 1:5-8.*

Excellence in the service of Jesus means that we recognize that the very best service to Jesus is that which we give to our neighbor.

"In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me," —*Matthew 25:40.*

Excellence in the service of Jesus means acceptance and tolerance for one another and a willingness to cooperate and labor together freely. It means bearing one another's burdens, not adding to them.

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another," —*John 13:35.*

Excellence in the service of Jesus means we surrender our will to His will so that His character shines through in our actions and interactions.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service," —*Romans 12:1.*

Excellence in the service of Jesus means that we will surrender to Jesus the petty bickering and unforgiving resentments that divide the body of Christ, bring tensions into our fellowship and frustrations into our church programs, resulting in paralysis for the church of the living God.

"I show you a more excellent way....

Love is patient;

love is kind and envies no one.

Love is never boastful, nor conceited, nor rude;

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never selfish, not quick to take offense

Love keeps no score of wrongs, does not gloat over other men's sins, but delights in the truth.

There is nothing love cannot face; there is no limit to its faith, its hope, and its endurance.

Love will never come to an end."

*I Corinthians 12; 31 NKJV.*

*I Corinthians 13:4-8 N.E.B.*

Excellence in the service of Jesus will change every aspect of our existence! Our family life, our church life, our work life, our leisure life, our study life and our prayer life; all will be transformed as we by faith seek to achieve excellence in our service to Christ.

"That he may grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with the fullness of God,"—*Ephesians 3:16-19.*

Excellence—to be filled with all the fullness of Christ—let it be to me according to thy will, oh Lord. Amen.

**Conference Committee notes**

The Wayne church application to the Columbia Union Revolving Fund was approved for \$196,000.

Ramon Canals and Kathy Grosse were appointed to fill vacancies on the constitution and bylaws committee created when members moved out of the conference.

Organization of the Indonesian company at Lake Nelson was approved. Their membership is over 40, and their projected tithe exceeds \$20,000 annually.

Education requests were approved for Pastor Bill Lindeman to enroll in the Andrews University Extension Program and Pastor Robson De Oliveira to attend the seminary at Andrews University.

The following conference consolidation plan was approved in order to more

effectively serve the field and maintain a balanced budget.

A. Only one of the two vacancies (youth and ministerial) will be replaced with a person who has expertise in both areas. Pastor Don Baker has accepted this responsibility.

B. The departmental needs of the field will be managed by the following office personnel.

a. Robert Boggess

President, communication, religious liberty, ASI, Community Services, health/temperance, church ministries director, family life, personal ministries, prison ministries, Ingathering, inner-city, women's ministries.

b. Dowell Chow

Treasurer, secretary, auditing, computer support, refugee ministries.

c. Paul St. Villiers

Trust services, stewardship, association secretary.

d. Ron Patterson

Education, classroom supervision, adult Sabbath school.

e. Frank Lopez

Spanish coordinator.

f. Herb Shiroma

Adventist Book Center manager, child evangelism.

g. Don Baker

Ministerial, youth/Pathfinders, NSO, summer camp.

C. Ideal membership and tithe minimums were established as a basis for planning and consolidation in 1993.

a. Multi-church district—200 members; \$150,000 tithe.

b. Single-church district—300 members; \$250,000 tithe, sustained over a three-year period.

D. District pastoral assignments will be reorganized to create two-x and three-church districts with the goal of maintaining the tithe/membership minimums as far as possible. This plan will enable a reduction of pastoral staff by at least three over the next several months as personnel shifts occur due to calls, education leave or retirement.

**New Jersey sponsors Soviet work**

Ivan Melnichuk, ministerial director for the Moldova Union, recently visited several New Jersey churches with greetings from our sister church in Beltsi, Moldova. The Beltsi II church was raised up at the conclusion of the evangelistic campaign conducted by New Jersey Conference President Robert Boggess. The pastor of the Beltsi church recently reported that all those baptized into the church last May are growing strongly except for a couple who have moved back to Russia but are still thought to be faithful.

Pastor Melnichuk visited both some English and some Spanish churches while presenting a brief report of the needs in his country. The three greatest needs noted were:

1. Houses of worship are badly needed so that the churches can conduct evangelistic meetings, Bible classes, cooking schools, youth meetings, etc. Presently they must rent one of the very limited halls or meet in private homes.

New Jersey churches have raised or pledged nearly \$10,000 to assist in the completion of two buildings already under construction in Marinesti and Zaradony and to provide a satisfactory church building for the new congregation in Beltsi known as the "New Jersey church." Additional funds are badly needed to complete these three projects. Just mark your tithe envelope "**Moldova - New Jersey Conf.**" and accept the thanks of our friends in Moldova.

2. Literature for soul-winning distribution, for the education of our church members, and for the organization and development of church programs like Sabbath school, Pathfinders, Dorcas, church officers, etc.

They have a little missionary journal *The Eternal Truth*, which is printed in Russian and Rumanian and could possibly be terminated due to lack of funds. The new publishing house in



**Ivan Melnichuk receives a gift from Frank Lopez, New Jersey Spanish coordinator.**

The proposed building site for the New Beltsi II (New Jersey) church showing some of the donated building materials.



Russia is years away from supplying all their needs.

New Jersey churches have raised or pledged sufficient funds to keep *The Eternal Truth* in print for the next 12 months, but only at its present schedule of once monthly. It is needed twice monthly. Additional funds are badly needed to expand this and develop other printed tools. To help, mark your tithe envelopes as noted above.

3. Training for ministers. Most pastors have completed only high school and the only training they have is by trial and error working with an older but still untrained worker. Several bright young workers want to attend our Russian seminary in Zaokski or in Romania, both of which have limited studies. Even better, some want to attend Andrews University for the finest training in order to return and teach others. The needs vary from \$2,000 per year in Russia to \$15,000 at Andrews. We need a sponsor or group of sponsors who would be able to make a commitment over a period of time to assure the completion of the courses. Call (609) 392-7131 and ask for President Boggess if you are able to help.

Today, the work is quite urgent in these former Soviet Union lands. Inflation is spiraling at over 700 percent annually, making things impossibly expensive. Most of the new republics are operating under an old constitution that does not guarantee religious freedom. Former communist leaders and many traditional church leaders are seeking election to government posts. It is feared by our leaders that the doors to Russia and all the former Soviet Union nations will swing shut as rapidly and unexpectedly as they opened. Let us pray and sacrifice so that when that time comes our church will be able to continue the good work our God has prospered in this little envelope of freedom.

## Pathfinder/Adventurer Kite Day

On April 4, approximately 300 Pathfinders and Adventurers representing 22 clubs gathered at Liberty State Park to fly kites. These clubs displayed their talent in building the largest, smallest, most unusual and most original kites. They had to fly, and they did fly!

Pastor Robert Boggess opened Kite Day with a welcome and prayer, and the fun began. Several clubs won Statue of



Liberty trophies, and others won Statue of Liberty banners. What a joy to watch Pathfinders/Adventurers and their staff working together as a team. All had a great day!



**Newly appointed Youth Director Don Baker helping an Adventurer launch a kite during non-competition time.**

**DON BAKER**  
Conference Pathfinder Director

## Newark Luzo-Brazilian and Elizabeth Filipino/English welcome new pastor

The Elizabeth Filipino/English and Newark Luzo-Brazilian churches have a new pastor, Dr. Amin Rodor.

Installation day, March 13, for the Luzo-Brazilian church was cold and wintry from the "blizzard of the century." But it was a warm and comforting day inside the hearts of the church members as they welcomed their new pastor, who

s u c c e e d s  
Joao Villas-Boaz as he returns to Brazil.

Installation day for the Elizabeth Filipino/English congregation on May 15 was a day of gladness and

s a d n e s s .  
G l a d n e s s because they welcomed their new pastor, Amin Rodor; but sadness because they bade farewell to Pastor Jeddy Hooker, who has been their shepherd for the past two years. This change was necessitated by rapid growth in the district and the need to realign the districts to achieve an equitable district balance.

Rodor comes from Brazil, where he spent several years as a district pastor before being asked to become the conference youth director. In due course, the administration asked him to complete his doctor of theology degree at Andrews University, and he returned to Brazil and spent several years teaching theology at our college there. Two years ago Rodor moved his family to the Washington, D.C., area, where he became the assistant pastor in the Brazilian church and was an official translator for the General Conference. He is also working on a manuscript for a book he has been asked to prepare for the G.C.

Rodor and his wife, Rita, have three children: Dianne, age 10; Luccas, age 3; and Michel, age 15 months. They will be moving to New Jersey when the school term ends.



**Above: Pastor Amin Rodor and daughter Dianne receive bouquets of welcome at Elizabeth.**

## Oradores Invitados y Participantes

- Pastor Carlos Puyol** Presidente de la Unión Adventista en España
- Pastor Eradio Alonso** Ministerial y Evangelista North American Division
- Pastor Frank Ottati** Ministerial y Evangelista Columbia Union Conference
- Dr. Amin Rodor** Ex-profesor de Teología Unión Este Brasileira División Suramericana Pastor - New Jersey Conference
- Pastor Don Baker** Ministerial, Jóvenes y Conquistadores New Jersey Conference
- Lic. Lillian López** Educadora de Salud y Nutrición Consejera Matrimonial
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Hora	Domingo	Lunes	Martes	Miercoles	Jueves	Viernes	Sabado	
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7:45		DESAYUNO						9:00 Escuela Sabatica
8:30		REUNION DE PASTORES - Capilla de Señoritas						
8:30		La Hora De Salud Amigos ! Lic. Lillian López						11:00 Culto Divino Pr. C. Puyol
11:15		La Hora De La Verdad I Pastor Carlos Puyol						
12:30		ALMUERZO						
3:30 5:15			La Hora De Pastor		Mini Feria De Salud 1:30 - 3:15		La Verdad II Carlos Puyol	1:30 - La Hora Del Testimonio Y Alabanza Pr. F. Lopez
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Teen Camp (ages 13-16)  
Camp Mohaven

**September 24-26**

Fourth Annual Seniors  
Retreat  
Camp Mohaven



Ed Motschiedler

## Joy of the journey

The theme of the 1993 camp meeting is "The Joy of the Journey." This thought-provoking theme reminds us that our journey toward the promised heavenly home should indeed be joyous!

Because we are living in a sinful world, some reading this article may have a terminal or chronic illness. Others may be unemployed or under-employed, may be going through a divorce or, perhaps, are in conflict with parents or children. As

long as we are living on this sinful planet, there will be many things that can bring sadness to our hearts.

Yet, there is still reason for joy!

We have the assurance of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord that He "is able to keep you from falling, and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy,"—*Jude 24*.

Let us rejoice in the assurance that God will be with us through the worst that life can bring, even as we walk through "the valley of the shadow of death,"—*Psalms 23:4*.

We can also experience the joy of helping others as they make their journey heavenward. Personally, my greatest joy has come in following the Golden Rule. At the end of our journey, what a blessing it would be if we each could say:

I was discouraged, and you supported me.

I was lonely, and you befriended me.

I hurt you, and you forgave me.

I was crying, and you comforted me.

I was spiritually weak, and you prayed with me.

I was angry, and you heard me out.

I was slow to change, and you were patient with me.

I was in need, and you shared with me.

We need to each be an encouragement one to another. As Paul wrote, "Help one another to stand firm in the faith every day,"—*Hebrews 3:13*.

My prayer is that God will so fill our hearts with love for Him and each other that we will not be content to *endure* the journey but will truly *enjoy* the journey.

EDWARD MOTSCHIEDLER  
President

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## Pathfinders reach out

### Pathfinders share their faith

For only the second time in seven years, there was not a drop of rain to interfere with the events of Pathfinder Fair 1993! Ohio Pathfinders, numbering 320, attended the fair held at the Clinton County Fairgrounds, near Wilmington, May 7-9. Hosts for this year's event were the Hillsboro and Wilmington clubs.

The weekend theme, "Sharing Our Faith," was emphasized in an unusual way during Sabbath afternoon. Pathfinders spread out through the towns of Wilmington and Hillsboro to witness. Included in these witnessing activities were: provision of a meal at a local homeless shelter; visitation to nursing homes; distribution of booklets and magazines; and presentation of a drug awareness skit in a public location.

Special guests were Rusty and his friend Dennis Crabbe, a ventriloquist. In speaking to the crowd, Rusty emphasized that he was certainly no dummy—he had learned many things, and the most important was to love Jesus and tell others about Him!

Other highlights of the weekend included three Sabbath morning "progressive" programs. One featured "Bible

Jeopardy," a Bible parable game. The drug education and awareness program "Dare" was presented by a local deputy sheriff at a second program. The third featured Rusty and his friend Dennis Crabbe. Rusty recounted miraculous stories about the power and love of God.

The highlight of the fair was the awards ceremony. On Sunday morning, trophies were given to the top-performing clubs. The Mount Vernon Hill club took first place in the Bible Bowl. The Cleveland Spanish Antillians won the drill team competition. There was a four-way tie for overall fair performance (Akron, Cleveland Spanish Antillians, Hillsboro and Mount Vernon Hill). Continuing with an unbroken record since the trophy was first awarded in 1987, the Akron Crusaders took home the Worthington Cup



Members of the Mansfield Mountaineers line up in fine form for the parade of clubs. More than 300 Ohio Pathfinders attended the 1993 Pathfinder Fair held at the Clinton County Fairgrounds.

(award for top club of the year) for having scored 597 points out of a possible 600.

DOUG HERDMAN  
Dayton Area Club Director

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OHIO CAMP MEETING '93



The newly organized Delaware Pathfinders, directed by Pam Farley, collected canned food to contribute to a local television food drive.



Patricia Leon was baptized with her two children, Romer (13) and Quisindia (15), into the Cleveland Spanish church by Pastor José Guillen. Nine people were baptized into the church, May 1. Many were the result of the direct witness of the Pathfinder club members.

## School scene

### Educational fairs held this spring

Regional education fairs were held in four locations after students in every elementary school in Ohio prepared entries for the local school fair. Hosting

the regional fairs were: Griswold Christian Academy (Worthington), Toledo Junior Academy, Mayfair Junior Academy (Akron/Canton) and Cincinnati Junior Academy.

Students who had won at the local level met to display projects. Enthusiasm ran high among those participating. Each participant was given a ribbon for his or her project by Joan Yeary, associate superintendent of education.

Education fairs are a part of a plan in Ohio to permit the constituency to observe quality Adventist education. This event alternates yearly with a conference-wide music festival.

**JOAN YEARY**  
*Associate Superintendent of Education*

Griswold Christian Academy student Nina Cooper points out the effects of smoking on one's health at a recent educational fair hosted by four Adventist junior academies in Ohio.



**Vickie Nicolaus**

### Nicolaus receives Zapara

One of the most prestigious awards given to Adventist teachers was presented to Vickie Nicolaus on Sabbath, April 24, at the Eastwood church.

The Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award has been presented to Adventist teachers in North America for the past five years. This award, founded by Tom and Violet Zapara, recognizes the value of the ministry of Christian education and Christian teachers.

Nicolaus was cited for her spiritual and professional leadership. Her nominees stated that Vickie models quality education by her consistency and spiritual example.

Nicolaus has been teaching grades one and two at Eastwood Junior Academy (Columbus) since 1976.

**ROBERT SKEGGS**  
*Director of Education*

### MVA teacher awarded NEH Fellowship

Judith C. Pearson, English teacher at Mount Vernon Academy, has been awarded a fellowship by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), a federal grant-making agency, to participate in the 1993 program of Summer Seminars for School Teachers.

Pearson will be an NEH Summer Fellow in a seminar entitled "Post War American Texts: 1945-1960." This five-week seminar will be held at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio.

Teachers selected for the program receive a stipend of \$2,825 to cover travel, study and living expenses.



**Judith Pearson**

### Hutapea is commissioned

During a special service at the Hamilton church in April, Christina Hutapea was awarded the Commissioned Ministry of Teaching Credential. This award, bestowed upon qualified and skilled teachers, recognizes their role as a special ministry to the church.

Born in Malaysia, Hutapea attended Southeast Asia Union College and graduated from Philippines Union College with a bachelor of science degree. She has spent a total of 11 years in denominational teaching. Currently, Hutapea serves as both principal and teacher at the Hamilton/Middletown elementary school.

In appreciation, on behalf of the Hamilton/Middletown Home and School Association, Starla and Steve Northcutt presented a dozen long-stem red roses and a gift of an attaché case during the service.



**Christina Hutapea**

**JUDY NORTHCUTT**  
*Hamilton church*

## Senior citizens convocation scheduled for September

The Fourth Annual Conference-Wide Convocation for Ohio Seventh-day Adventist Senior Citizens, spouses and friends will be held at Camp Mohaven September 24-26, according to Gene Cowling, president of the Golden Buckeye Fellowship, which sponsors the event each year. GBF President-Elect, Glen Bylsma states that plans are already well underway to make this the finest convocation yet.

The guest speaker will be Fred Fuller, pastor of the Centerville, Ohio, church. The theme of his message will be "Finding God's Purpose for My Life—At Any Age."

Fuller is a native of Tennessee and a graduate of Southern College. He served as pastor and youth leader in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference before going to be pastor and Bible teacher at Far Eastern Academy in Singapore. When the academy closed in 1992, Fuller accepted the invitation to pastor the Centerville church.

Other highlights for the convocation weekend include beautiful music, a Saturday night social, excellent food and fine Christian fellowship.

For reservation information, call or write to: GBF Treasurer Marge Seasily, 371 Marylhurst Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45459; (513) 433-1487.

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## Sabbath school class gives bicycles

Several months ago the members of Elizabeth Frank's adult Sabbath school class at the Mount Vernon Hill church agreed to contribute to a special offering (beyond their regular Sabbath school missions offerings) to purchase bicycles for use by pastors in Burma.

Though most of the members of the class are on a fixed income, they were able to raise enough funds for two bicycles. A check for this special missions project was sent to the General Conference with a request that the members of the class be informed as to who receive the bicycles and a photo of the pastors be sent, if possible.

In May, a letter was received from Do Hen Pau, treasurer of the Myanmar Union Mission in Burma. "Indeed we appreciated your help and generosity greatly. Workers living in remote areas indeed needed transportation. Bicycles are very handy for them to go about their work. They also are very grateful to you," he said.

Members of that class were blessed by news that the funds were received and used for the purchase of bicycles. Who knows how many additional souls will come to know the gospel as a result of the sacrificial giving shown by these Sabbath school class members?

SHARON TERRELL

*Associate Director of Development*

## Evangelism update

- **Springfield** meetings, conducted by Evangelist Don Barnt, opened during a heavy snowstorm. Many businesses closed early for the day. A radio station told inquirers that our building was closed, but 150 people came to the meetings. Of these attendees, 80 percent were non-members. Poor weather, insufficient heating and a closed street did not discourage attendance. The members at Springfield welcomed six new Adventist Christians in baptism, with several more individuals preparing for baptism.

LARRY MAYS

- Evangelist Don Barnt also conducted meetings in the **Madison/Wiloughby** district. The meetings were held at the Western Reserve school. Pastor Harold King reports that 10 individuals have joined the church through baptism and profession of faith. Others are studying and planning to be baptized at a future date.

## Calling children and teens!

If you would like to learn skills, have fun, meet friends and learn more about Jesus, don't miss

## Summer Camp 1993

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Summer camp applications are available through your church office, or you may contact Mary Parrett at the conference office by calling (614) 397-4665.

# Blue Mountain Academy COMMUNIQUE

## Bon voyage!

While the "storm of the century" bombarded the eastern United States this past March, a little group of 13 students and staff from Blue Mountain Academy waited it out in the John F. Kennedy Airport in New York City. It was during this chaotic time, waiting for our flight to Paris, that the group adopted as its motto, "What we obtain too easily,



Bon voyage, travelers!

we esteem too lightly." To be sure, when we finally boarded Air France Flight 009 at 12:30 a.m., 26 hours after the originally scheduled flight, we did not esteem it lightly!

These students and sponsors had been dreaming of this trip since October 1992, when

it was scheduled. Several students put in extra hours in Industry and sold posters, greeting cards and crafts in order to make money for their trip fees. As well, there are many relatives to be thanked for helping with the finances to make a dream come true for a niece or nephew, granddaughter or grandson. The countdown began about a month before the group was to leave, and the excitement mounted with each passing day. There was foreign currency to be exchanged, electric adapters and French pocket dictionaries to buy, maps to peruse and suitcases to pack, but finally the day came.

After the somewhat traumatic ordeal of waiting out the blizzard in an airport, alleviated only by the family of one of the participating students who took 13 extra people home to Brooklyn for the night, the group was quite excited and relieved to arrive in Paris to sunshine and 70 degree weather! Over the next eight days we were fascinated by Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe and the traffic on the Champs-Elysees, awed by

the Palace of Versailles, astonished at the speed of the TGV (Train of Great Speed), wide-eyed at the beauty of the Alps surrounded by breathtaking glacier lakes and open-mouthed at the splendor of the Franciscan church in Lucern.

Although we were happy to be going home when the time came, we were most assuredly bringing pieces of Europe back with us in our minds and hearts. For some, perhaps it is the kindness of a waitress in a cafe near the Eiffel Tower or playing basketball with some Swiss teens or the people from Texas who were so interested in our youth and what they believe. One thing is for certain—all of us are left with a sense of how big the world is and how much there is yet for us to do before the Lord can come.

"I learned so many things about European cultures . . . so many things I wouldn't have ever been able to learn unless I went to Europe,"—Sarah Beagles.

"I can't say how much it is worth to see the things for ourselves."—Masae Hatano.

"There are many people living in this world. Their languages and characteristics are very different, but if we can learn to understand other people, we can help each other under the name of 'children of God,' " —Yun Seong Lee.

Our next European tour in March 1994 will be to London, Paris and Italy. If you are interested in going with us, contact Karyl Kramer for details.

**KARYL L. KRAMER**  
Trip Sponsor

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## Edison receives Zapara award

Nancy Edison, M.Mus., music department chairman, has received the Zapara Award for Excellence in Teaching for 1993. Along with the recognition certificate, she will receive \$1,000.

Mrs. Edison, who is in her 33rd year of teaching at Blue Mountain Academy, is the third BMA teacher to receive this award since its inception four years ago.

## Successful clout

More than 40 community adults attended a six-week, one-night-a-week course offered in the computer lab at Blue Mountain Academy.



Mrs. Streidl and the C.L.O.U.T. student teachers

Hands-on WordPerfect 5.1 was taught by C.L.O.U.T. ministries and offered free as a community service.

C.L.O.U.T. (Computer Lab Outreach for the Understanding of Technology) is a community outreach project planned and presented by eight students and the business education instructor, Marion Streidl.

Some 70 adults requested the advertised course. As a result, the C.L.O.U.T. group taught

two sections each evening to accommodate the huge response. The course was well received and appreciated; and the group requested other courses be offered in the future. To show their appreciation for this opportunity, the adults donated \$400 to be used for computer lab improvements.

## Meals on wheels

With a commitment to service and a desire to help the elderly in their community, the "Meals on Wheels" family group is making a difference in the lives of senior citizens in the Hamburg, Pennsylvania, area.

The local senior citizen center is just four miles from campus. With only two paid staff members and depending heavily on volunteer labor, the center provides a hot meal each weekday for more than 50 citizens, as well as delivering meals to the area's handicapped and shut-in population.

Blue Mountain Academy students saw a way to make a difference in their community and wanted to be involved. Students became "runners" every Tuesday and Thursday to help with the home delivery program. What they found was house-bound

## A Message from the Principal



I'm going to use this space to do a little business with you this month.

There is a long distance phone company that shares its income with non-profit organizations. Amer-I-Net is giving 10 percent of my home long distance phone bill to Blue Mountain Academy. I have found their service to be high quality and reliable. I am getting good long distance service, and Blue Mountain Academy is benefitting from the 10 percent given to BMA by Amer-I-Net.

I do not want this to be a high-powered commercial, but I do want to let you know that this opportunity exists. The advertisement on this page gives you a few more details.

Yes, they are making money if you use their service. However, so do the other major phone companies. The difference is that Amer-I-Net gives Blue Mountain Academy 10 percent of your bill and the others give us nothing.

Ten families have signed up, and Blue Mountain has received several hundred dollars over the past few months. Just think what can happen if the number of families grows!

Please call or send for their information. They say there is no risk. If you are not satisfied, they will switch you back at their expense. I don't want you to use a company with which you are not satisfied, but my experience is that what they advertise is true.

The Lord has provided many new ways to help Blue Mountain Academy strengthen its financial support. I believe this is another opportunity that can grow to be a regular source of additional income for our school.

**STAN ROUSE**  
 Principal

## TELE-A-GIFT

Let your fingers do the giving



### Exceptional opportunity

- Ten percent of your long distance phone bill is sent to the non-profit organization of your choice.
- You enjoy a 10 to 30 percent discount off your standard long distance phone rates.
- Your long distance phone service is routed to the carrier providing the highest quality and most competitive price.

### Exceptional Service

- Amer-I-Net's contracts with national long distance carriers assure you of high quality connections, full operator service and your normal one-plus dialing.
- There is no charge to you for joining.
- 100 percent guaranteed. If you are not completely satisfied, you may return to your previous carrier at NO COST.

*"What a blessing to evangelism and all branches of the work if every Adventist would use this plan,"—Elder D. Schneider, president of the Northern California Conference.*

*"The phone quality and service are first class. It costs less than AT&T, Sprint or MCI. Best of all, 10% of my monthly bill goes to our schools. Every Adventist home should be on this system,"—Elder W. Brace, Southern New England Conference.*

lonely people whose only visitor on some days was the person who delivered their noon meal.

Brian Becker, a freshman group member, explains, "I have to deliver from eight to 10 meals in an hour. Often I'm the only person they see all day. Sometimes it's really hard to get away from each house. These people are so lonely. It makes them feel good when I can spend a little time and visit."

That was the beginning. In addition to delivering meals twice a week, the students have become involved at the center. They decorate for holidays, wash windows, help with crafts, play games and join in the group activities. But mostly, they enjoy spending time.

Katie Weisher shares, "I used to be afraid of old people. I thought they'd be grouchy and that we'd have nothing to talk about." Now we share lives and memories. "They love to tell us stories," adds



Senior citizens feast on a special vegetarian meal prepared and served by Shannon Bakken, John Alner and Lori Bakken (left to right).

John Alner. "I've even learned to tell the weather by watching chickadees."

There is also a sign-up sheet for various chores the senior citizens need help with in their homes. The students have stacked wood, raked leaves and helped with inside chores.

Recently, the students prepared and served a vegetarian meal. The senior citizens feasted on nut balls, broccoli surprise, whole wheat rolls and peach cobbler. The meal was a huge success!

The center's management is delighted. "The students are an asset to us. I look forward to seeing them. They are vital, willing workers...they really energize us. When they leave, there are smiles on everyone's faces."

**CARON OSWALD**  
*Director of Advancement*

## Bachelor survival skills

Flour was everywhere, and the level of concentration was high. Thirteen guys, some clad in ruffled aprons, were creating individual masterpieces of apples and cinnamon. In spite of skepticism by some, the end result was a smashing and delicious success. Each of the 13 students was very proud of his apple pie.

Part of second semester will be used to expose the guys to Bachelor Survivor Skills in the kitchen, which include cooking healthy versions of the normally high-fat foods. Oven fries were a real favorite and proved to be an acceptable alternative to french fries. Lemon poppy seed muffins, sunflower seed patties and 100 percent whole wheat bread were also big hits.

The crowning achievement was making a complete meal and serving it to special guests. Contrasting flavor, texture and color were all considered in their planning of the meal, which was based on the four food groups. The planning also included table cover, centerpiece and meal-time etiquette.



The bachelor survival class shows off their delicious success pies!

**DONNA ROUSE**  
*Home Economics Teacher*

## Rations for Russia

When BMA Food Service Director Chuck Allen answered the phone a few weeks ago, he was little prepared for the challenge that awaited him. It seems ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) had gained access to a ship bound for Russia that would carry 36,000 pounds of food free of charge. His mission was to find that 36,000 pounds of food.

Mr. Allen began by calling his commercial suppliers and contacting churches and individuals in three states. He collected dry food, canned food, cereal and cash to purchase food. At this writing 24,000 pounds of food have been sent from here, and more is promised. Thanks to all who helped with this voluntary assistance program!



Chuck Allen

**LOUISE CORBIN**  
*Accounts Payable Clerk*

## Juniors presented

Junior presentation was shared with more than 500 friends, parents and fellow classmates. The audience enjoyed an evening program consisting of entertaining skits, vocal and instrumental musical numbers and a class member-produced video.

"All Things Are Possible Through Christ" was announced as the class's motto and "To Keep on Climbing" as their aim. The juniors concluded the evening by singing their class song, "Keep On Climbing" written by Seventh-day Adventist Pastor and singer Wintley Phipps.

**DAVID STONE**  
 Junior Class Sponsor



### Did You Know?

#### - Blood drive -

BMA students and staff participated in the annual Berks County Blood Drive. Participants donated one hour of their time and one pint of blood.

#### - F.O.C.U.S. -

The spring student focus week, a time when students focus on Christ's ultimate sacrifice, was presented by Andy Van Arsdale, freshman; Altorro Black, junior; Paul Figard, sophomore; and Tony Rodriguez, junior.

#### -Board revises family discounts -

Beginning with the 1993-94 school year, families with more than one student enrolled at Blue Mountain Academy will benefit from family discounts as follows:

- Second Student - Dorm = \$761; Village = \$463 (10% of fees)
- Third Student - Dorm = \$1,142; Village = \$695 (15% of fees)

#### - Early down payment discounts -

Payment received by:

July 1	\$50.00
July 15	\$35.00
August 1	\$25.00



Ed Eberhardt, physical education teacher, participated in the Berks County blood drive at Blue Mountain Academy.



Student focus speakers, left to right: Andy Van Arsdale, Altorro Black, Paul Figard and Tony Rodriguez.



# Potomac People

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## What's happening around Potomac

**Hispanic Camp Meeting**  
*Shenandoah Valley Academy*  
June 30-July 4

**Couples Retreat**  
*Williamsburg, VA*  
July 23-25

### Summer Camp Schedule

**Adventure Camp**  
(ages 7-10)  
June 27-July 4

**Junior 1**  
(ages 10-12)  
July 4-11

**Junior 2**  
(ages 10-12)  
July 11-18

**Super Teen Camp**  
(ages 13-17)  
July 18-25

**Scuba Adventure**  
(ages 12-17)  
July 1-11

**Teen Outposts (6 camps)**  
(ages 12-17)  
June 27 through July 18

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**Ralph Martin**

## Lessons from Waco

Like millions of other Americans, I watched as NBC broke in to regular television on Sunday, February 28, with a special report on a gun battle between a religious cult and the ATF in Waco, Texas. Seventh-day Adventists of my age associate Waco with the Shepherd's Rod. "Please, God, don't let them link the Seventh-day Adventist Church!" was my instant fervent prayer. That prayer was not answered.

All that day, and for almost a week, every news release identified my church with that wicked cult. It was excruciating! For three generations my family has joined other Adventists to position our church as conservative, Christ-centered Christians who have a reasonable, logical, biblical view of life. Now a century of work was lost as we were dragged back into the intellectual marshlands of cults,

weirdos and the lunatic fringe.

Fortunately, as time passed, we got some separation from Waco; but the damage may have already been done. Our friends will quickly recover their respect for the church, and many will continue to join our fellowship. But those who wish us harm for our doctrinal preaching will use this catastrophe to close minds and hearts to our remnant message. The devil had a field day.

The worst losers are those poor deluded seekers for truth who were led astray by a false prophet. They were good people looking for a deeper spiritual life. That they found death instead of life should challenge each of us. At least two lessons leap out from this catastrophe:

1. Just because a person can spout dozens of Bible texts does not guarantee that he/she is teaching Bible truth. David Koresh is the perfect example of a Bible student out of control or in the control of the devil. After a lifetime of urging Adventists toward individual Bible study and pointing out the danger of blindly trusting the church to tell us the truth, I now see a higher value in the blended wisdom of church teaching. The church is not infallible, but it does represent deep Bible study and honest research by hundreds of Adventist scholars over several generations. The church is much less likely to lead us into error than an individual or a small group of believers. The church cannot save us, but it can guide us; and it is not likely to veer off in some wild, dangerous course that is destructive to the membership.
2. The church must protect its good name, even by legal means if necessary. I do not want my church name attached to former Adventists, or offshoot Adventists, or radical Adventists. Those who opposed the legal action in Hawaii may now wish we had started with the Shepherd's Rod in the 1930s. It might have saved us heartache, embarrassment and lost opportunities to preach the gospel. Please, church leaders, protect our Seventh-day Adventist name from other Davidians.

With all the problems, this is still God's church. I claim the promise "that all things work together for good ..." I am watching intently to see what good God will make of this sad experience.

**RALPH MARTIN**  
*President*

## Preston leads Pennsylvania Avenue church in prayer and action

Under the leadership of Pastor Louis Preston Jr., the Pennsylvania Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church (PASDAC) is quickly becoming known as "prayerful" and "powerful."

Before coming to PASDAC, Preston satisfied his desire to enter mission service by accepting a call from the British Union. After outstanding service there, he later accepted a position in the church ministries department of the Eastern Africa Division, located in Zimbabwe.

Preston arrived at PASDAC in August of 1991. The congregation immediately saw that they had been blessed with a man from God, a strong leader who stimulated leadership in others. Preston's prayerful Bible-studying spirit is contagious. He has incorporated three-hour prayer meetings on one Saturday night of each month from 9 p.m. through 12 midnight. By the time the clock strikes 12, the excitement of prayer has developed such a momentum that no one wants to stop praying until at least 1 o'clock in the morning.

PASDAC's Community Services and personal ministries outreach programs are reaching far into neighboring communities and helping many;

however, the church also has a very unique "inreach" program that is healing many spiritually.

PASDAC has an ongoing Bible study, "Profiles of Faith," instructed by the caring and energetic prospect care coordinator, Lorine Bellamy.

Bellamy initiated this topical study group, which is designed for adults preparing for baptism, the newly baptized, visitors unfamiliar with what the church believes or individuals just wanting to get back to basics. The study group is held Saturdays from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Bellamy expanded the study group to include a study period for youths



Louis Preston

from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. Youths between the ages of 7 and 12 who are preparing for baptism are given in-home studies.

Working closely with Pastor Preston, Bellamy coordinates the topical study groups and, as a result of their combined efforts, Preston baptized 10 souls in June 1992. Since that time, by faith, PASDAC has opened the baptismistry each month and

the Lord has provided a total of 21 baptized souls. PASDAC gives praise and thanks to God for His spirit in the church.

SHIRLEY J. RANDALL  
*Communication Secretary*

## Chaplain Jonathan McGraw

*Taken from the February Roanoke church newsletter*

The parents of Captain Jonathan McGraw are John and Marguerite McGraw. They received word January 8 that their son, who is an Army chaplain assigned to a transportation battalion in Kaiserslautern, Germany, had been nominated with his assistant as the Unit Ministry Team of the Year for their local army area.

On January 12 word was received that Jonathan and his assistant have been chosen as the Unit Ministry Team of the Year for the whole of the Army European theater. (There are about 500 Army unit chaplains in Europe.) Jonathan told his parents that this experience had really humbled him.

The captains who are the chaplains for the basic units provide 90 percent of the one to one ministry for the servicemen and their families.

Chaplain McGraw served in Desert Shield and Desert Storm. During all of his service in the Army, he has provided Sunday services for soldiers and their families; moreover, sought out Seventh-day Adventists and where there was no local church has had Sabbath services for them. While in Saudi Arabia, from 12-15 Seventh-day Adventists met with him each Sabbath to worship and spend the Sabbath hours together.

John and Marguerite want to thank all of those in the Roanoke church who prayed for their son while he was in Saudi Arabia. They did not find out about these prayers till they moved here but were so appreciative of all the prayers offered on behalf of their son.



Chaplain McGraw has developed effective means to provide support and fellowship for families through activities and support groups. When he was stationed at Fort Bragg, John visited some of his battalion in Honduras and there taped the servicemen and had them send messages by way of video to families. Two weeks after this, four of those men were killed in a helicopter crash. Copies of these videos were given to each family after the memorial services.

The same program was used to keep families in touch during Desert Shield. Chaplain McGraw wrote this program up and it is used by many Army chaplains now.

The first week in March the Army will bring together in St. Louis, Missouri the six to eight Unit Ministry Teams of the Year from around the world and choose from them the Unit Ministry Team of the Year for the Department of the Army. Jonathan feels it is a great honor to have been chosen as one of the six to eight *Unit Ministry Teams of the Year* in the U.S. Army.

McGraw was a pastor in the Potomac Conference for eight years. He served in the Wytheville/Pulaski district as an intern and pastored the Buena Vista/Lexington district in Virginia and the Rockville, Maryland, church before entering the Army as a chaplain.

*Footnote: Jonathan's brother, Paul, is pastor of the Woodbridge, Virginia, church; and their father, John, is a retired pastor who also served in Potomac.*



Lorine Bellamy

Part 2 of a series

# Profile

## Potomac Executive Committee

### Vimala Abraham

Last year, Vimala Abraham cut short a visit to London after a business trip to Nigeria, Africa, just so she could return in time for a meeting of the Potomac Conference Executive Committee.

As a member of Potomac's executive committee, Vimala takes her role as one of the representatives of Sligo church (Takoma Park, Maryland) very seriously. As a lay person, she brings a unique perspective to the work of the committee. She is truly a world citizen who exemplifies the meaning of the expression: "Think globally; act locally."

Born in India to parents who served the Adventist church all their lives (Her father was an ordained minister.), Vimala finished her college education at Spicer Memorial College in Pune, India, with a degree in biology.

She came to the United States in 1965 and enrolled as a student at Columbia Union College, where she received a B.A. in business education. After that she joined the World Bank in Washington, D.C., where she served as a disbursement officer in the Africa Region until 1992. Currently she serves in

the East Asia Region. Her work has taken her to several major African countries; and in her new assignment, she will be traveling to the Far East several times a year.

Vimala is married to Robinson Abraham, president and chairman of the board of Health Management, Inc., a health-care consulting firm owned by the family in Washington, D.C. The Abrahams have two children: Nirmala (a junior at Columbia Union College) and Seelan (a freshman at Newbold College in England).

Together with her husband, Vimala has always been actively involved in the activities of the Washington Adventist community. She has served on the Parent-Teacher council of the Sligo Adventist School in Takoma Park, from where both her children were graduated. She is a member of the Sligo church, where she has been on the church board and has been a Sabbath school leader in kindergarten and earliteens for about 12 years.

In addition to her role on Potomac's executive committee, Vimala also serves

as a member of the Columbia Union's executive committee.

For the past four years, she has been the coordinator of Sligo's "Hospitality Dinner" program, which provides a hot meal after church services on Sabbath for approximately 20-30 visitors each week and other large groups throughout the year. Vimala also sings in the church choir and is an active member of the Southern Asia Adventist Association, Inc., a Maryland-based, tax-exempt, non-profit organization serving the needs of Adventists from Southern Asia.

Vimala says that being on Potomac's executive committee has increased her understanding of the church's needs and problems. She currently also serves on Potomac Conference's commission on secondary education, an ad hoc group that is studying funding issues for both Takoma Academy and Shenandoah Valley Academy.

Even though all these official duties keep Vimala very busy, it is not unusual to see her involved in many other activities at home and in her community. She is willing to help organize receptions for friends and relatives. Her yard is always bright with seasonal flowers, indicating her interest in gardening. She makes sure that the friends of her children are well fed when they visit the Abraham home. Close friends and relatives are carefully remembered on their birthdays and anniversaries. Paraphrasing the Bible, Vimala's friends and neighbors can truly call her blessed!

HARRISON JOHN



Langley Park stop-smoking class baptizes two

The Langley Park Spanish church increased its service to the community by conducting a Five-day Plan to Stop Smoking, an addition to the weekly food bank that they already operate.

This seminar, under the direction of Pastor Juan Sicalo and Alicia Robertson, a dentist in Silver Spring, Maryland, the clinic helped seven people to stop smoking. Five of the successful ex-smokers are now attending church, and two have been baptized.

One of the fastest-growing churches in the conference, the Langley Park church began four years ago with 40 people and now has 252 church members. God has done marvelous things.

ALICIA ROBERTSON

Pastor Sicalo, left, and Dr. Robertson, right, with four from the stop-smoking class.

## A horseback wedding



## Christian Record Services reaches the handicapped

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CLARENCE HODGES  
President



On March 6 the Arlington, Virginia, church was filled with members of the church as well as family and friends of Ralph Denton and Sandra Copenhaver. They had come to witness the baptism of the couple by Keith McNabb, pastor of the church. After the baptism, a fellowship dinner was held in their honor.

The couple was introduced about three years ago by Ralph's daughter and Sandra's son. Ralph had been a Seventh-day Adventist for a number of years; and, as their friendship pro-

gressed, Sandra became interested in the Advent message. They asked Pastor McNabb for Bible studies.

And so it was on a bright Sabbath morning that one candidate was baptized and another rebaptized to show the world their dedication to their Lord and Saviour. This in itself is a story of love. However, the story does not end there; because at five o'clock in the evening this couple became husband and wife.

Since they both share a love for horses, the wedding took place in a sale barn in Gambrills, Maryland. Wearing black suede western attire, they exchanged vows on horseback. Pastor McNabb, who officiated, was on horseback, as well as the bride's brother, Butch Copenhaver, who gave his sister in marriage. Other attendants included the bridegroom's son, Ralph Denton Jr. of Baltimore, and the bride's sister-in-law, Joyce Copenhaver. The bride's horse wore flowers braided in her mane, and a

bouquet made by Linda McNabb, wife of the pastor, was draped over the horse.

There was only one hitch in a lovely wedding. Just as the reception was about to start, Sandra's horse decided to take a gallop through the woods as she was being loaded on a trailer. The bride and groom, along with some of the wedding guests, had to search the woods for the mare.

A traditional wedding cake, made by Sandra, was served at the reception.

Jim Wilson, a member of the Arlington church, played his guitar and sang for the reception, as well as Andy McCann, who sang "Happy Trails to You" to the newlyweds.

As Sandra and Ralph begin their life together, we wish them God's richest blessings. They started their new life first by dedicating their hearts to Him, and then they gave their hearts to one another. That is a beautiful beginning for their life ahead.

EVELYN S. ROBINSON  
Communication Secretary

## Radford feeds the police ...



## ... and gives fruit to the public servants



**The Radford Police Department enjoyed a meal from the Radford church and then received two boxes of oranges for their staff from the New River Valley Adventist school in Radford.**

On Tuesday evening, January 26, the Radford City Police Department was honored by the Radford church with an appreciation dinner at the church. Police officers and their families were invited to the dinner as an expression of

appreciation for the fine job they do every day for the citizens of Radford.

The guests were served a totally vegetarian meal prepared and served by members of the church's social committee: Chairperson Judith Shaver, Cindy

Carroll, Edna Prescott, B.J. Hamman and Olivia Raines. This group was assisted by deacons Danny Shaver, Larry Prescott and Jeremy Cultice and by Pastor Phil Hamman. At the conclusion of the meal, each officer was given a loaf of home-baked bread to take home.

The sergeant in charge of the department was so touched by this expression of appreciation that he was moved to tears as he told the hosts that no one had ever done anything like that for them before. Then he asked eagerly, "When are you going to do this again?" to which he received the enthusiastic reply that the church would like it to become an annual event. The officers are already looking forward to next year's meal!

During the Christmas season of 1992, two boxes of fresh Florida oranges were delivered to the Radford Fire and Rescue Station on Wadsworth Street in Radford, and two boxes to the Radford Police Department on First Street. The boxes of fruit were delivered by four students from the New River Valley Christian School: Jeremy Cultice, Tony DiNitto, Kevin Cressell and Collin Barker, who were accompanied by teacher Cindy Carroll and parent Vicki DiNitto.

The fruit was purchased by the school from the Pulaski church's fruit program and was presented to the fire and police departments as an expression of appreciation from the school. It was enthusiastically received by the members of the two departments.

WINIFRED HOWELL  
*Communication Secretary*

## A warm smile greets Beltsville parents



A hot drink was just what these early morning parents needed to cheer their day as they dropped their children off at the Beltsville Seventh-day Adventist School. As part of a plan to make parents feel appreciated, pastors Norman Yergen and Craig Heinrich gave hot drinks to road-weary parents who daily brave the crowded streets to bring their kids to school.

**CRAIG HEINRICH**  
*Youth Pastor*



**Seminar class and staff at graduation included, back row from left: Patricia Courtney, Roberta Whary, Mrs. Tucker Jones, Marjorie Williams, Doris Lentz and Mike Robb. Front row: Pam Marks, Karen Syfert, Mary Olson, Kim Kent, Melissa Elliott, Kay Elliott, Tucker Jones, Margaret Tate and Virginia Pearson.**

## Tappahannock reaches out with "Loving Yourself" seminar

"Loving Yourself," a health seminar on the vegetarian diet, was presented for 10 weeks at the Tappahannock, Virginia, church. Thirty men and women attended the first meeting, with more than half non-church members. Virginia Pearson directed the program, which presented talks on health, cooking demonstrations, informative videos and lots of hands-on training and good food to sample.

A graduation dinner was held on April 27, prepared by the students and staff of the seminar.

**VIRGINIA PEARSON**  
*Communication Secretary*

## Lord's Lunch—Still feeding the 5,000

Nearly every space available is loaded with box after box of lunches. Excited kids fill the remaining area, now cramped because the brown bags filled with sandwiches, juice, fruit and drink are taking up most of the room.

A camping trip? A hike with friends? No, it is a radical approach to the Sabbath afternoon blues. As many as 35 young people pile into vans, buses and cars for the trip down to DC to feed the homeless.

"I see one," yells 'Sneakers.' "Stop, I want to give him a lunch." 'Sneakers,' otherwise known as Tera, wriggles her way to the van door and literally bursts out, brown bag lunch in hand. With energy known only to youth, she sprints across the sidewalk to hand a lunch to one of D.C.'s homeless hunched under a blanket, sitting beside a high-rise building.

Most people assume the people of the street are crazy; others simply feel they are lazy; at a minimum, most people assume they are not worth helping. The Lord's Lunch program, sponsored by the Silver Spring Community Service Center and the

Beltville Seventh-day Adventist Church, along with Takoma Park and others, is changing that stereotype image. The Lord's Lunch is a grass roots effort to put food in the hands of the hungry and sparkle into the lives of those who help.

Nearly every Sabbath one of the local churches in the greater D.C. area takes part in the Lord's Lunch program. Taking the gospel to the street, where the rubber meets the road. Over the past six months alone, more than 5,000 people have been fed through this program. With volunteer support from several local and national businesses, the program is making a



dent in the hunger problem as well as a change in the attitude problem some face on a "boring" Sabbath afternoon.

CRAIG HEINRICH  
*Youth Pastor*

## Montgomery County students helped by Community Services

Adventist Community Services, a local social services agency operated by area Seventh-day Adventist churches, assisted students of Montgomery Knolls Elementary School when their coats were stolen on a March 1 field trip. Principal Pamela Prue contacted Adventist Community Services for assistance in replacing winter coats which were stolen while the school bus was parked in downtown Washington, D.C., at the Museum of Natural History. The bus driver, having left the bus closed for only a few minutes, returned to discover that someone had pried open the door and made away with 13 winter coats. "He felt devastated," reported a school official. "None of the parents would be able to replace the coats."

"I'm just glad the school called us to

help," indicated Julie Grabe, a staff member who received the call. "Of course we wanted to help," she continued.

Adventist Community Services operates a food bank and clothing closet, along with case assistance and education programs. These programs provide ongoing service to people who need help in the Silver Spring/Takoma Park community.

Ralph Cooke, director of client services, indicated that "in the overall picture, providing a dozen or so coats to children seems insignificant. However, it is significant to be without a coat when it is still cold outside." The fact that Adventist Community Services had the ability to respond immediately is also significant.

"What a great gesture!" wrote Mont-

gomery County Council member Derick Berlage in a letter praising the center's efforts. "I am sure that the children and their parents are very grateful for the generosity shown to them by the Community Services Center," concluded Berlage, who spends a lot of time in the community and is known for his concern for the needs of the people.

The robbery is still being investigated while everyone still wonders how someone could take a child's coat, especially during winter. Fortunately, Adventist Community Services helped replace the coats in time for the "Blizzard of 1993," which hit the area two weeks later on March 13.

JOHN GAVIN  
*Adventist Community  
Services Director*

**Gentle hands of Jesus**

The gentle hands of Jesus  
 In a time when earth was new,  
 Brought forth the soaring mountains  
 And green valleys wet with dew.  
 Into a simple ball of clay  
 Modeled by these hands  
 He breathed a living Spirit  
 And thus created man.

Endowed with power and healing  
 those hands have calmed the sea,  
 Caressed the little children  
 As they climbed upon His knee.  
 Touched the head of Mary  
 As she knelt to wash His feet,  
 Broke bread beside the traitor  
 As he practiced his deceit.

The gentle hands of Jesus,  
 Pierced and stained with red,  
 Have healed the unclean leper  
 And the cripple on his bed,  
 In the hillside garden,  
 His disciples fast asleep,  
 He raised His hands to heaven,  
 Fell on His knees to weep.

Christ's hands have touched the mighty;  
 The poor widow as she wept.  
 Have soothed the little baby  
 In his cradle as he slept.  
 Comforted a sinner  
 As he wrote upon the sand,  
 Were nailed upon the cross  
 As he gave His life for man.

On that black day those gentle hands  
 their final task to fill  
 Carried a heavy wooden cross  
 As He walked up Calvary's hill.  
 Thanks be to God those living hands  
 Are lifted up for me—  
 To plead my case in heaven,  
 My advocate to be.

When pain and desperation  
 Assail my soul today,  
 I trust the hands of Jesus  
 To cleanse the pain away.  
 And when at last I see His face  
 In that Eternal land,  
 I'll only ask to touch the scars  
 Within those gentle hands.

—Ruby King Phillips



**N' Harmony**

N' Harmony, formerly Homeward Bound, was organized in March of 1990 by Steve Dunlap. Steve, Baritone singer and bassist, along with Russell Ballweg, tenor and guitarist, teamed up with Shane Dunlap (Steve's son) as lead singer to form the Homeward Bound trio. In August 1990, they won best trio at the Annual Virginia Gospel Singing Convention.

In 1992 the group was blessed to have Terry Wilkins, accomplished singer, songwriter and pianist, join them. That October, as N' Harmony, they won first place at Homecoming in Williamston, North Carolina, hosted by the famed Perfect Heart. From there, they went to Nashville, Tennessee, where they won overall honors.

The Lord has opened many doors for N' Harmony. They have just recently signed a recording contract with Horizon Music Group, one of the fastest growing Southern Gospel music labels. Their first single, released in April, is "Won't Let Go," a song about Jacob wres-

ting with the angel. It recently made 90th on the Southern Gospel charts.

A member of the Tidewater Gospel Music Association, N' Harmony has performed in many churches of many denominations in the Columbia Union territory and beyond. They sing for conventions and other get-togethers and are featured in a Saturday night concert for young adults at Potomac camp meeting this year, June 26.

As dedicated Christians, their deepest desire is that their ministry be used for God's purposes. For booking information, call (804) 463-9948



**Hyattsville hears Sally Ettari**

The Women's Ministries of the Hyattsville, Maryland, church, featured Sally Ettari in concert on May 15. Ettari, a Chapel Records recording artist, presented a well-attended program of light, contemporary, Christian music that was deeply inspirational.

HAZEL MALCOLM  
 Communication Secretary

**About the author of Gentle Hands ...**

A member of the Waynesboro, Virginia, church, Ruby Phillips has been Primary division leader and teacher for more than 25 years. She has had a profound influence upon the children of the church, some of whom, having "grown tall," return to the beautifully decorated Primary room to reminisce with her.

Phillips is an artist whose interests include painting, crafts, knitting, crocheting, collecting antiques and classical music. She began writing poetry at the age of 12 and has no idea of how many poems she has written.

BILL DODGE JR.

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