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Joseph Benjamin, a Sabbath school teacher in the fourth grade junior room at Pioneer Memorial Church, leads his class in a dramatic reading of the story of David and Goliath from their Bibles. Each student read the part of one of the characters in the story as suggested in the new *GraceLinks* Sabbath school curriculum. See story on page 6. *Herald* photo.

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EDITORIAL

I'm Obsessed

BY DON SCHNEIDER, LAKE UNION
CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

The airline ticket agent was wrong. She had no right to treat me like that. When I asked about using an old, unused ticket on a flight, she told me that the useful date had now expired. But along with that explanation came a lot of questions about where I was on a certain day a month ago, how I had flown to Los Angeles the evening before (that was my son, Don) and gotten back already to make this flight ... and a lot of questions that seemed to be actually inappropriate. Mostly it was her attitude. I could hardly believe that it was happening. She was acting like a prosecuting attorney, and I seemed to be guilty of some crime.

When I left the counter to get on the airplane, I was distressed. No, that is not the right word. I was irritated. No, I was angry and obsessed. For the next several hours I thought about it almost constantly. I went over and over the letter that I wanted to send to her supervisor and thought about who should be copied in on the letter.

After several hours, a night's sleep, and some time with my Bible, it dawned on me how senseless it was to allow this incident to become such an obsession with me. Thinking about it constantly was not making me more like Jesus. It was not making me a kinder person. And reviewing the episode certainly didn't make me feel better. I was not enjoying life more because of this obsession.

The subject of my Bible reading that day was about the sanctuary in the wilderness. As I came to the section about the mercy seat, it struck me that I want to be obsessed all right—obsessed with being like Jesus. I want to spend time reading about Him. I want to spend time just thinking about Him. I want to spend time talking to Him. Wow, I don't have *time* to be obsessed about poor treatment at an airline counter ... even if I wanted to!

While I was focused on the ticket agent's interrogation, I didn't have even a passing thought about Jesus. The poor treatment acted like an aching tooth and consumed all my thoughts. But I looked in the Psalms and saw the text, *Great peace have they that love thy law, and nothing shall offend them.* I read about David's meditating about God both day and night. I thought about Paul's words, *I am determined to know nothing among you save Jesus and Him crucified.* And I remembered Isaiah's promise, *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.*

You know, it is a lot more fun being consumed by thoughts of Jesus. I want to be obsessed with Him. By the way, what is your obsession?

Vacation Bible School 1999

In response to the lifestyles of not only their own members, but also those of the communities where they are located, several Lake Union churches have developed a variety of interesting and innovative ways of presenting Vacation Bible School (VBS) to meet the needs of the children and their parents. We collect the ideas that are submitted and publish them in the February issue. If your church does something unusual or innovative, you may submit a story describing it, with good photos depicting the activities. Perhaps you'll see it in the next February issue. In preparation for this summer's VBS season, you are encouraged to take advantage of the training that is offered by your conference this spring.

INDIANA

Indianapolis Glendale—An Olympic theme, "Go for the Gold" captured the interest and energy of 55 children ages 4–14 as they were challenged to develop healthy bodies and minds by choosing to enter the most rewarding event ever—the Heavenly Olympics—with Jesus as their coach and eternal life as their reward.

VBS leader, Eileen Howell, and her enthusiastic staff of 35 volunteers planned a variety of high-interest indoor and outdoor activities. Each evening special featured a theme song, "Running for the Prize," and Bible lesson skits, dramatically presented by Glendale youth. Other favorite highlights were making "Go for the Gold" T-shirts during craft time, fruit



Elizabeth Lund carries the flaming torch for the primary-age children at Glendale's VBS closing ceremony as Marshall Howell, VBS volunteer, watches.

kabob snacks, and outdoor athletic events such as relay races, hurdles, and long jumps.

At the closing program on Friday evening, each child received a certificate, an American flag, and a medallion which symbolized that in heaven's eyes everyone is a winner. As the sun set, all VBS children paraded around the church driveway with a child from each grade level bearing a flaming torch as an impressive conclusion to another enjoyable VBS community outreach at Glendale.

Barbara Bryant, Glendale Church communication leader

The **Greencastle Church** held their first ever vacation Bible School using the "Kids in the Kitchen" program. Attendance grew to 23 children who

were led by dedicated adults from 6:30–8:00 each evening. A nature video was played as the children entered the sanctuary. After a rousing song service, the children went to their various divisions. One group went to their room for the Bible lesson, while another group went to the kitchen for their kitchen craft, and a third group went to their health and exercise department.

The closing program was enjoyed by parents, relatives, and children so much that the children wanted to come back. A monthly Kids Korner is now held every second Sabbath afternoon, and the same enthusiasm is there as was seen at the VBS. All these interests will be invited to the next NET event.

Joan Stewart, Greencastle Church communication leader

The **Lewis Church** had a delicious time at their VBS this year with the theme "Kids in the Kitchen." Participants had a great time donning their chef's hats and aprons. Some of the goodies made included nutty putty, bread, yummy peanut butter crackers,



Lewis young people enjoy "Kids in the Kitchen."

and breakfast oatmeal bars.

Besides spending time in the kitchen, the children learned that their bodies are a temple of God. They learned the importance of exercise, eating right, and saying "no" to things that are harmful to their bodies.

A program concluded the busy week, and the kids enjoyed fellowship by sharing their cooking abilities with family and friends.

LAKE REGION

"Life is Fresh! Live It with Jesus" was the theme for the **Indianapolis Eastside Church's** VBS. Each evening began with dinner and a devotional period. The children were taught the meaning of living their lives with Jesus in the midst of negative influences and the assurance of Christ's love through daily lesson studies and applicable crafts.

In addition, the adults were invited to stay each evening for Bible study lessons about living spiritually in an unspiritual world.

The co-directors, Dorothy Arnold and Edna Sanders, were assisted by members from both the Eastside and Haughville churches. VBS was held only for one week, but after receiving such a positive response from the children, we plan for a two-week VBS this year.

Edna M. Sanders, Eastside Church communication secretary

During the fun-filled VBS week at



The VBS queen was Jamisa Anderson who brought five guests, and the king was Clarence Anderson who brought 15 guests.

Chicago's **Beacon of Joy Church**, children heard several presentations. Police officer Preston Ross spoke about street dangers. Nutritionist Edna Ellen Harris talked with the children about healthy eating habits. There were arts and craft classes where key chains, wooden airplanes, and T-shirts were made.

A king and queen were selected based on who brought the most guests to VBS.

Tanya Williams, Beacon of Joy communications secretary



The rocket-building class launched their hand-assembled rockets into the sunny sky.

Since the **Berrien Springs All Nations Church** is a church that enjoys children, there was great enthusiasm about VBS. More than 40 volunteers offered their time and talents to help make the week a success, including organizing a fund-raising program to cover the expenses.

More than 120 children attended the VBS, including several whose

parents are members of a nearby non-Adventist church. The VBS leader had visited the church earlier in the summer to extend a personal invitation to their children.

On Friday night, a spaghetti supper was served to 250 parents, children, and volunteers. A program was presented by the children, and classrooms were open to visitors. Each child received a graduation certificate.



Sharon Church VBS children practice their sign language skills.

Instead of the usual VBS curriculum, the **Sharon Church, Inkster, Michigan**, planned a program that revolved around mini workshops that the children could choose. There were workshops in creative writing, commercial drawing, no-bake cooking, sign language, phonics, stories,



Wenique Blake instructs a group of VBS children in commercial drawing.

pottery, rocket-building, crafts, and sewing. The meeting room was filled with youngsters from the church and community with an average attendance of 60 children.

The closing program was held at the 11:00 a.m. Sabbath service. Visiting parents received a copy of *Steps to Christ*. The sign language class signed during the service as the VBS children rendered several songs of praise. After lunch, the children received their completed projects plus several gifts.

J. Blake, Sharon Church communications leader

MICHIGAN

VBS is an exciting time at the **Ithaca Church**. Pam Prouty, VBS director, and her staff have contagious enthusiasm that spreads to the whole church. As a result, many members contribute their time and talents to make this a week of spiritual learning,



The Noah's ark sign in front of the Ithaca Church attracted attention to their VBS program.

as well as a fun experience for children of the church and community.

This year 47 children learned the story of Noah. Every evening began with a

lively song service and a skit. Each child was provided with a paper hand with his or her name on



Children enjoyed opening exercises and placing paper hands with their names on them into a pair of large hands that represented the hands of Jesus.

it to place in a pair of large hands representing the hands of Jesus. Lesson study and crafts were conducted in tents, which was great fun. The highlight of each evening was a trip to the gym, which had been transformed into "Noah's ark." The children enjoyed ending each day by eating fresh bread, which they had a part in making.



The highlight of each evening during VBS was a trip to the gym, which had been transformed into "Noah's ark."

Parents were invited to attend the last evening of VBS with their children. It was really hard to determine who was having the most fun—children or parents! As a church, our prayer for the children is that long after the tents



Lesson study and craft time during VBS was held in tents.

are down and everything is put away for another year, the lessons they learned will remain in their hearts and they will love Jesus more for having attended VBS at Ithaca.

Jan Davis, Ithaca Church communication secretary

Twenty-nine children at the **Vassar Church** enjoyed Bible stories, singing, interacting with one another, craft projects, snack time, and more as they studied the theme, "Jesus is My Friend."

One of the most interesting aspects of this year's VBS was the rapt attention of the kindergarten class.

Julie Boyles, their enthusiastic teacher, kept the children interested and active as they heard Bible stories and participated in learning activities, singing, and fellowship.

Carol Leach, Vassar Church communication leader



Kindergartners get to know one another during recess time at Vassar Church.

WISCONSIN

The weather outside is frightful, to dream of a warm Vacation Bible School is so delightful. Barbara Manspeaker, author, seminar speaker, and retired children's ministries director for the Columbia Union will be the featured speaker for the Wisconsin VBS workshop. The workshop will be held at the conference office in Sun Prairie on May 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Participants will receive hands-on training in music, lesson study, games, story-telling, presentations and planning a VBS. This seminar will be of value to first-time leaders as well as seasoned veterans.

To make reservations for this free workshop (free lunch included), call Kitty Cray at (608) 241-5235 or e-mail britrose1@yahoo.com.

GraceLink

It's a new day for Sabbath school

BY NOELENE JOHNSON AND
SHARON WRIGHT

On January 1, junior and earliteen Sabbath school departments around the world welcomed not only a new millennium, but also a new page in Sabbath school history with the distribution of the first *GraceLink* Sabbath school materials.

Where did *GraceLink* come from?

The *GraceLink* lessons resulted from careful market research conducted in 1995 among children's leaders in five key locations across North America. A surprising number of Sabbath school teachers reported that they were dissatisfied with current church-produced lessons. Children's leaders, however, overwhelmingly

avored an Adventist curriculum, Bible-based and appropriate for children. They insisted that student materials be colorful and attractive to kids. They also wanted leader/teacher guides to actively engage children in the learning process and lead them to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

When church administrators learned that the religious education of a growing number of Adventist children was being entrusted to non-Adventist publishers' materials, they voted to allocate the necessary resources to develop something completely new. In 1996, the World Curriculum Committee accepted a proposal for a new curriculum, and the General Conference Sabbath school department set in motion a vast project now known as *GraceLink*, under the leadership of Patricia Habada.

The name *GraceLink* was chosen because all 654 lessons over 12 years, for children ages 1–13, revolve around Adventism's central belief—grace. *Grace links* all of the curriculum, just as it does all facets of a Christian's life.

The *GraceLink* lessons for junior and earliteen divisions were introduced January 1, 2000. Primary will follow in 2001; kindergarten and beginner (formerly cradle roll), in 2002.

North American Division and local conference children's ministries departments are working to provide information and training for the leaders who actually implement the new curriculum. Colorful brochures announcing upcoming training events have been mailed to every church; additional information is available on the NAD children's ministries web site. See <http://northamerica.adventist.org/cm>.

Children's Ministries Convention

A children's ministries convention was held recently in Northbrook, Ill. Sponsored by the North Pacific Union, North American Division children's ministries, AdventSource, Pacific Press, and the Review and Herald, the four-day workshop was an empowering and inspirational experience, allowing participants to expand their relationships with families and children in their churches and communities.

The theme for the children's ministries convention was, "Grace: It really is for kids." It's content included seminars, resource materials, and fellowship time which left participants motivated, challenged, and supplied with a wealth of ideas. It was also an opportunity to fellowship, pray, network, and share in learning how children can experience the grace of Jesus.

The conference provided an opportunity to meet and talk with other children's ministries leaders, and it also supplied unique and new ideas on ways to teach children. It

allowed an understanding of how each child can have an opportunity to grow and savor a loving relationship with our friend and savior Jesus Christ.

Noelene Johnson, North American Division children's ministries director says, "Today, leadership is a shared responsibility. All of us benefit when each of us shares our skills and expertise. Today's children's ministries leaders must understand today's child. Children's ministries covers a wide range of programming, including Adventurer leadership, Sabbath school leaders, VBS leaders, and children's evangelism."

The ultimate goal of the convention was to use creative ideas coupled with individuality to allow creative juices to flow and help bring children to Jesus. It renewed energy and commitment to the local church and community. Approximately 75 members from the Lake Region Conference attended the convention.

Tanya Williams, Beacon of Joy communication leader

What in the new curriculum stays unchanged?

Within the *GraceLink* materials, many basic aspects of Sabbath school remain:

- Mission, prayer, and praise keep their places of importance.
- Lessons are Bible-based—a Bible story plus Bible study.
- Christ is at the center of every story and lesson.
- All 27 fundamental beliefs are covered as appropriate to the age level.
- Developing a relationship with Jesus is a priority.
- Memorization of Scripture is encouraged.



Chloe Lewis uses a marker to write her fears on a balloon. The *GraceLink* lesson for that Sabbath was on conquering fear. After drawing a picture of their fears, the students wrote their fears on a balloon, then they prayed that the Lord would help them to overcome those fears. Later the balloons were popped to demonstrate that the fears could be conquered.

- Christian values and lifestyle are portrayed as “cool.”

What changes in *GraceLink*?

Today’s leaders and parents would be disappointed if there were no changes in Sabbath school materials and programs. Changing times and changing generations demand new methods and materials. The main changes in *GraceLink* include the following:

Stories are organized for their message, not their Biblical order, with themes grouped by months. Four themes—grace, worship, community,

and service—rotate throughout the curriculum, each topic being studied for four consecutive weeks at a time. While the stories may vary across the age divisions on any specific Sabbath, the themes are always coordinated. So, when primary studies *GraceLink* next year, their lessons will focus on worship when junior lessons do. This commonality will assist parents in family worship.

The whole time is focused to the lesson. From the first readiness activity to the last application craft, everything on Sabbath morning teaches the main idea of the lesson. The hands-on activities and class discussions teach the main idea for

each of the learning styles.

The leader is now the teacher; the other adults are facilitators who help kids do what the teacher asks their group to do. It will be easier to get volunteers, because they do not have to prepare anything—just study

the lesson.

The lesson is taught at Sabbath school first, so it is new to every child. The Sabbath school program serves to whet kids’ appetites to go home and learn more on their own.

What is special about *GraceLink*?

Sabbath school leaders have much to look forward to in the *GraceLink* era. Juniors have already discovered that their lessons are based in a Bible story. The new curriculum is designed with a number of special features in mind:

Salvation themes are emphasized every year. Children will no longer go for eighteen months without a Sabbath school lesson about Jesus. Everyone will study some aspect of Christ’s birth in December—every year. Every March or April Adventist children will study about Jesus’ death and resurrection.

The leader-teacher materials are expanded. The new *GraceLink* leader-teacher guides offer each week a whole range of multi-sensory activities. Instead of 32 pages of helps for the quarter, *GraceLink* provides leaders with nearly 150 pages—and for nearly the same cost.

Division lines are re-drawn. When the new curriculum is fully implemented, the beginner division will follow a two-year cycle for children from birth to age 2. Kindergarten, ages 3–5, will also follow a two-year cycle. Primary, ages 6–9 (grades 1–4) and junior teens (grades 5–8) will both have a four-year cycle.

Thanks to *GraceLink*, a new generation of Adventists has the opportunity to focus on the four aspects of a growing Christian experience—grace, worship, community, and service. Everything they see will be fresh and exciting. They will be constantly challenged to apply Biblical teachings to everyday life.

Teachers and parents can feel confident that children will celebrate the beautiful, distinctive Adventist teachings in a positive, inclusive learning environment that encourages their active role as members of their church and their world. Parents will enjoy the fresh approach. *GraceLink* is for them too, to make easier their task as their child’s primary spiritual teachers.

For more information, visit our web site: <http://northamerica.adventist.org/cm/gracelink>.

Noelene Johnsson and Sharon Wright are the North American Division children’s ministries director and editorial assistant respectively.



Dwight K. Nelson, Pioneer Memorial Church senior pastor, will be the host of a new Faith For Today program called *The Evidence*.

The *Evidence*

A new concept for Faith For Today

BY THE EDITOR

A brand new series of programs is in the concept stage for the *Faith For Today* television ministry. Dwight K. Nelson, senior pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC) on the campus of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, will host *The Evidence*, a 30-minute program targeted at secular, urban, thinking Americans, which will present evidence for a belief in God. With these programs, *Faith For Today* will be going back to its spiritual roots while moving into a new dimension. The programs will talk about faith, the "faith" for which the *Faith For Today* ministry was named.

"The driving premise behind *The Evidence* is to lead people a) to discover the truth about God; b) to pursue a personal relationship with Him; and c) to discover that the very truths that the Seventh-day Adventist

Church has been raised up to share with this nation are the truths that will bring them the deepest fulfillment in life," said Dwight.

The idea for *The Evidence* was the brain child of Jeff Wood, long-time producer and director of *LifeStyle Magazine*. Dan Matthews, recently

retired speaker/director of *Faith For Today*, thought it was a good idea and shared it with the new management team at *Faith For Today*. Then in August 1999, Dwight met with Dan Matthews and Stew Harty, the new chief executive officer of *Faith For Today*. Stew shared the concept for *The Evidence*, and Dwight was immediately interested in the idea. Since the end of NET '98, he and the PMC media task force had been praying to find out what kind of a new or existing ministry the Lord wanted PMC and him to undertake. Should it be a worship service or perhaps another kind of media outreach? "When Dan called and the conversation developed, I felt that perhaps God had His hand in this," Dwight said.

The next step took place in September during a teleconference between Dwight, the officers of the North American Division, and the presidents of the union conferences. Dwight

noted that the Adventist Church has historically not targeted the secular, urban thinkers in the United States, and consequently has not been able to effectively reach them. Even most well-known media ministries have not reached them. "Either we have ministries that do not talk about God at all, or we preach to viewers from studio or congregational pulpits. But people who are attracted to preaching services generally are already Christian believers," Dwight explained. "While we need the full gospel evangelistic media ministries of the church, we also need a means to reach these thinking, urban Americans, and I believe that this new program *The Evidence* can meet this need," Dwight concluded. At the end of the teleconference, the division leaders voted to support the concept.

While *The Evidence* is the newest program to be produced by *Faith For Today*, *LifeStyle Magazine* with host Dan Matthews will still be produced and shown. *The Evidence* will be modeled after the popular news magazines currently seen on the national networks. The plans call for interviewing high-profile people on location in their laboratories, offices, or places of business, who will share their discovery of evidence that has led to their personal belief in God. In this setting every interview will draw the viewer to the conclusion that there must be a God, and that He cares



Faith For Today is celebrating fifty years as a television ministry. Surrounding Virginia Fagal—who along with her husband, William A. Fagal, founded the ministry—are Dan Matthews, left, who has recently retired as the speaker/director, but will still host LifeStyle Magazine. Stew Harty is the new chief executive officer of Faith For Today, heading up a new and youthful administrative team. Dwight Nelson, at right, is the host of The Evidence, Faith For Today's new media ministry.

about them. "If viewers, who do not know God but have respect for the person being interviewed, hear him or her say 'This is what God means to me,' and then explain why, we hope they will stop and listen and think about such evidence," said Dwight.

"The mission of *The Evidence* is not just to bring people to God and then stop. We have a very Adventist mission. We believe that Jesus Christ is returning soon to this planet,"

Dwight said. "Those three angels that streak across the midnight heavens of Revelation 14, are the premise for *The Evidence*. We will go to people where they are and will address the issues that can engage their minds, hopefully engaging them long enough for the Holy Spirit to lead them to an encounter with God, and through that encounter and by the grace of God, lead them to a discovery of Biblical truth."

Dwight continues, "There is no question that this will be a production

of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We are not interested in simply being out there and being an unknown neutral entity. The Adventist Church has a mission. God has raised us up to share the earnest, joyful, but urgent tidings that the world is soon to end, that Jesus Christ is returning to this planet. Now more than ever, the millennial thinkers are asking questions like 'What is next?' 'Where do we go from here?' And so, *The Evidence* will seek to meet this society where it is, leading it to a full encounter with Jesus Christ, the Christ of the Apocalypse."

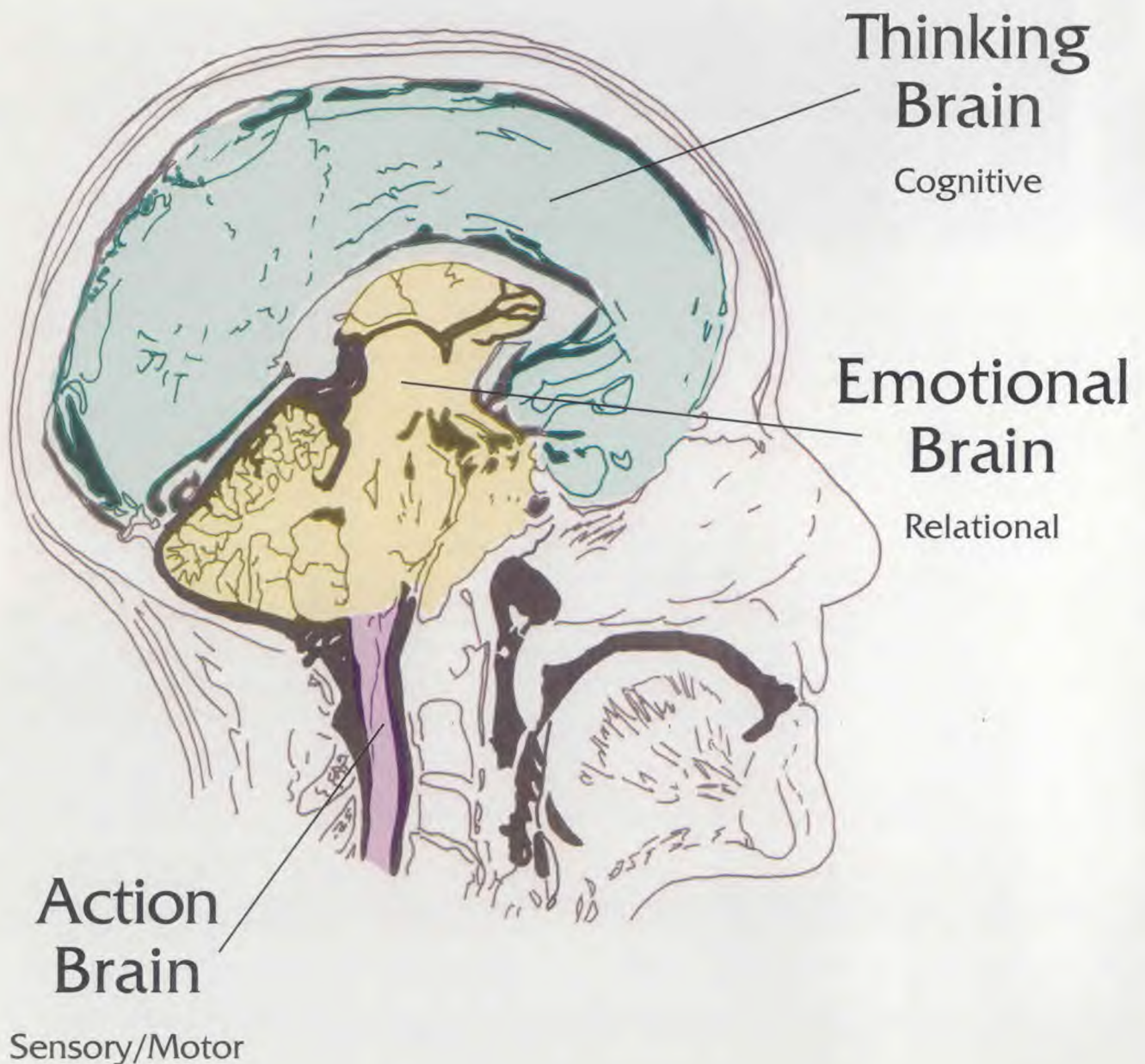
Pastor Dwight, as he is affectionately known on campus, will continue on as pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church while taking on the task of hosting *The Evidence*. He feels that the members will not notice the difference. "We have a strong pastoral staff," he says, and a host of empowered and committed lay leaders. So while it is true that I will have to go out

and do some taping several times a year, my actual involvement in parish life will not lessen at all."

By May, two pilot programs need to be completed that will show what *The Evidence* will look like, and soon after, taping will begin on the weekly broadcast.

Pastor Dwight asked a special favor of the members in the Lake Union Conference. He said, "I would like to solicit the prayers of the Adventist Church in the Great Lakes area. This is the seed bed of Adventism. This is where God raised up the remnant community of faith over a century ago. Who would be more likely to be impassioned to reach these great bastions of secular urban Americans in Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Minneapolis/St. Paul and other cities than the members of our Lake Union family of churches. Let's join together and earnestly intercede with God on behalf of these unreached neighbors, colleagues, and friends. Please pray that God will use *The Evidence* right here in the Great Lakes states to open a mighty door of opportunity for the Adventist Church to reach the secular, urban public for the sake of our Savior."

What Goes in—



May Come Out

BY ARLENE TAYLOR

An ancient proverb states, "By beholding we become changed."

The discussion in many circles today is whether this applies to the beholding of violence. Does exposure to violence affect the brain, and, if so, does this subsequently influence behavior? Difficult questions. Most would agree that human behaviors result from a complex constellation of factors. Since one's brain function is as uniquely different as one's thumb print, so exhibited behaviors can be equally varied in response to a similar stimulus. Having said that, there is a growing concern that the old proverb may contain more truth than fiction.

THREE BRAINS IN ONE

Our "brains" really consist of three separate, though interconnected, brains. They are the action brain, the emotional brain, and the thinking brain. The **action brain** is instinctual and provides us with a sense of "I belong here." It contributes energy and the *fight, flight, or freeze* reactions to stressors. The **emotional brain** is the seat of emotions and provides us with a sense of "we belong here together." The **thinking brain** is the home of conscious thought and enables us to engage in the rational/logical processing of information. If the functions of these three brains are not well coordinated (e.g., brain injury or damage due to trauma/abuse), human beings may

exhibit behaviors that are destructive to themselves and/or to others.

Emerson believed "*the ancestor of every action is a thought*." This "thought" does not have to be conscious. Information that comes to the brain with a strong emotional component, especially when two or more of the senses are involved (auditory, visual, or kinesthetic) may pass directly into the subconscious. Because of the nature of the stimuli, conscious decision-making control over what is going to be stored in long-term memory can be bypassed. Stored sensory impressions can return later on as a subconscious stimulus toward behavior. An individual may, at the conscious level at least, be totally unaware of these memories and may not even be able to recall or verbalize any recollection of the original incident. In addition, emotions generated by watching violence may interfere with memory recall, a research finding recently reported by Dr. Dean Edell.

The human brain is not equipped to handle large amounts of raw emotion, whether in the actual reality of one's environment or in the virtual reality of television, movies, and videos. Continual exposure to large amounts of raw emotion (present in all forms of violence) can cause the brain to shut down its sensitivity to emotion. This phenomenon may explain, in part, how individuals can initiate or participate in violent acts with little, if any, apparent remorse.

And what about the effect on an immature brain? Myelination (sheathing of the nerve pathways) may not be completed until age 20 or 21. In addition, when responding to questions, teenagers tend to use the emotional brain (whereas adults tend to use the thinking brain). The good news for parents and teachers is that teenagers aren't yet operating with a full deck. The bad news is that thought processing and resulting behaviors may be even more erratic in an immature brain.

Although scientists estimate that they understand only about 10 percent of how the brain really functions, exposure to violence appears to be one of the factors contributing to violent behavior (at least for some individuals). Not all violence can be prevented. Violence for sale, however, is a different matter. There's no question that it *sells*! The issue at stake may be whether society as a whole is willing to pay its price.

Arlene Taylor, PhD, RN, is founder and president of Realizations Inc., a nonprofit corporation pledged to promote brain-function research and to provide related educational resources. She is to be a speaker at the 2000 Summer School of Addictions, June 5-8, sponsored by the Institute for Prevention of Addiction at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan. Call (616) 471-3558 for further information.

Pillars of the Community

And He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. Rev. 21:6

Towering above other animals and reaching for the tender leaves at the tips of the uppermost twigs of acacia trees, the 18-foot Giraffe bull, or male, is Earth's tallest animal. There is one species of Giraffe (*Giraffa camelopardalis*) in the world, and it comprises nine subspecies. One subspecies, the reticulated form, is the most identifiable. It has large, distinct, liver-colored spots shaped like polygons and outlined by white lines.

The Giraffe lives in Africa on the open savanna. The few trees growing on the grasslands provide food for this statuesque creature, and the open expanses give it a clear view of the surrounding area. Closing its nostrils to avoid being jabbed by branches and thorns, the Giraffe spends most of its time nibbling the buds, leaves, and twigs of acacia trees, which make up the bulk of its diet. Tender shoots at the tops of trees are especially tasty.

The Giraffe usually swallows its food whole. The food passes into its stomach, where digestive juices break the vegetation down into soft balls of partially digested food called cud. The Giraffe completes the digestive process when it rests; the animal coughs up the cud, chews it, and swallows it again. To get the minerals it needs to stay healthy, the Giraffe chews on bones that it finds in the grass.

The Giraffe gets most of the water it needs from vegetation, visiting a water hole only when absolutely necessary. Why?

Giraffes must kneel to drink. A kneeling Giraffe cannot stand up quickly, so an alert enemy, such as a hungry hyena, could find it an easy target. For this reason, the Giraffe spends most of its time walking with the herd, sitting for only a few minutes at a time.

Structurally speaking, its long neck—and the rest of its body—make the Giraffe extremely well-suited to life on the

African plains. The long legs

and 6-foot neck allow it to reach leaves and buds high in the trees. The 15-inch tongue grasps branches and strips them of leaves. (The tongue is dark at the tip to protect it from getting sunburned!)

The animal's keen vision and hearing allow it to detect enemies lurking in the grass. When a herd of Giraffes gallops away (at up to 35 miles per hour), the zebras and other animals in the area know to flee, too. And the 6-foot tail ending in a 3-foot-long hank of wiry hair swishes away annoying insects. Its 8-inch-wide hooves (almost as wide as this page!) give the animal stability. And its strong legs and shoulders allow it to run quickly, giving it a kick powerful enough to knock off a lion's head!

Living in the clouds, so to speak, means that the Giraffe's body is equipped with special features. There are seven neck bones, just as we have; but the Giraffe's neck bones are much larger than ours. In addition, the Giraffe's 25-pound heart pumps blood, against the force of gravity, up to the head and brain. Its extra-large lungs have the capacity to pump air up and down the extra-long windpipe. In addition, special valves in the neck control the flow of blood. When the Giraffe extends its neck upward, the valves help to push blood up to the brain so that the Giraffe is never dizzy. When the Giraffe lowers its head, though, the valves prevent the blood from rushing to its head.

For more information and more activities about giraffes, see the November 1999 issue of *Natural Learning*.



With James and Priscilla Tucker

Water from Leaves

Trees lose water through their leaves through a process called transpiration. Giraffes get most of the water they need by eating leaves. See transpiration in action.

What you need:

- ✓ twig with leaves
- ✓ small jar
- ✓ small plastic bag and twistie

What to do:

- 1 Put the twig in the jar and fill the jar halfway with water.
- 2 Put the bag over the leaves, and use the twistie to close the bag at the stem. Do not cover the top of the jar.
- 3 Watch what happens. Check the level of the water as well as the bag.

The Tuckers have written four daily devotional books (most recently *In His Hands*) and publish *Natural Learning*, an exciting new magazine to help home-schooling parents, classroom teachers, and youth leaders use the motivating forces of nature to integrate faith and learning. For further information, write to the Institute of Outdoor Ministry, P. O. Box 670, Niles, MI 49120.



Adventist Health System Midwest Region

Adventist Health System President/CEO Retires

Winter Park, Fla.—Mardian J. Blair, who has served as president and CEO of Adventist Health System since 1984, retired Jan. 1.



Mardian J. Blair, president and CEO of Adventist Health System since 1984, retired on Jan. 1.

This date marked his 40th year as a healthcare administrator. On Jan. 1, 1960, Blair began his administrative career as vice president of Hinsdale Hospital and later served as the hospital's president for seven years. In 1970, Blair served as president of Portland Adventist Medical Center and later as president of the Northwest Medical Foundation in Portland, Ore. In 1979, Blair accepted the position as president of Florida Hospital. During his five years in that role, Blair was instrumental in much of the growth and expansion of the hospital. His leadership and talents also shaped the Seventh-day Adventist Church healthcare ministry both in the United States and internationally.

"I have greatly enjoyed my work through the years. My experience with Adventist Health System and the health work of the Adventist

Church have been tremendously enjoyable—more fulfilling than I ever dreamed it could be when I started. For these reasons, retiring is a difficult decision for me, but I feel the timing is right," said Blair.

Though Blair will no longer serve as president and CEO for Adventist Health System, he still plans on being actively involved with the company. Blair will continue to serve as chairman of the board for HealthMagic, Inc. and MEDai, Inc., both subsidiary companies of Adventist Health System, as well as provide consultation for other business operations.

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Serving Patients with a Smile

The thought of a hospital volunteer might conjure images of an older woman wearing a candy-cane-colored uniform, delivering flowers to patients, or operating the cash register at the hospital gift shop.

Today's volunteers, both men and women, have ditched the candy striper uniform and can be found in several departments at Hinsdale Hospital.

"A generation ago the average volunteer was the 40-plus unemployed woman," said Sher Fox, director of volunteer services at Hinsdale Hospital. Today the "traditional volunteer is hard to find. Greater opportunities and need for volunteers has grown as more organizations find themselves operating with smaller budgets," Fox added. "While the volunteer pool is shrinking, the demand is growing."

In the past decade Fox said that she has seen an increase in the number of retired men who join the volunteer force. Wayne Scott of Westmont became a volunteer at Hinsdale Hospital approximately four years ago after he had spinal surgery and was unable to return to his job. Scott volunteers 16–20 hours a week delivering hospital mail and assisting with clerical duties in the physical therapy/rehabilitation office. He also just began volunteering for pastoral care.

"I have fun there," Scott said. "I meet new people every day!"

When she lived in Belgium, Martine De Geest worked as a physical therapist with new mothers in a hospital. Today, De Geest caters to the needs of new mothers at the hospital. "I'm a new mom myself, so I know how women feel just after giving birth," she said.

Having been a volunteer for six years, De Geest now helps nurses with whatever must be done for new mothers, such as making their beds or bringing them water. "I think it's a great opportunity to give something back, not only to the community but to people in general," De Geest said.



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Andrews University

Andrews Receives Continuing Accreditation

Three weeks before Christmas, Niels-Erik Andreassen received his favorite Christmas gift. As president of Andrews University, Andreassen was notified that the university was granted continuing accreditation by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA).

"The accreditation process enables us from time to time to see ourselves as others see us ... and helps us stay on target with our institutional planning and initiatives," said Andreassen. "That, in turn, has the potential of strengthening the university, with students as the main beneficiaries."

As the primary accrediting body for institutions of higher learning in the Midwest, the NCA team studied five criteria during their May 1999 visit to Andrews: the university's mission; the organization of human, financial, and physical resources in regards to accomplishing the institution's purpose; outcome in attaining educational and other goals; its ability to achieve its goals and strengthen its educational effectiveness; and the demonstration of integrity in its practices and relationships.

Few institutions of higher learning are granted a ten-year accreditation. However, such a positive review by the NCA "is not an invitation to rest on institutional laurels," says Andreassen. Rather, it is an opportunity for Andrews university to chart its course into the next century without having someone look over its shoulders at regular intervals."

The next scheduled accreditation site visit is in 2008-09.

Crayon Box Shows Its Colors

A surprise inspection by a state licensing inspector was only one problem Angelina Cameron encountered when she arrived at work the Monday after Thanksgiving break. As the

director of the Crayon Box, Andrews' on-site children's learning and day care center, she was also faced with finding substitutes for three sick employees.

Despite the unannounced in-

spection, the Crayon Box passed the surprise examination with flying colors. No infractions were found at the center.

"The inspector arrived while the kids were having worship," said Cameron, director of the learning center since 1993. "He praised us for our emphasis on music and said he could tell that our children feel safe with the staff. One of the best things about the Crayon Box is that many of our teachers are long term. Some have been here for 15 years or more."

Known as Andrews' youngest scholars, approximately 100 children between the ages of two weeks and eight years old are cared for by ten full-time teachers and an average of 40 part-time student workers.

"We have a solid program, but we're always trying to improve," Cameron said. "We (the full-time staff) meet for 30 minutes, Monday through Thursday, to pray for our school, our teachers, our kids and their parents, or to discuss any personal problems. This has a lot to do with our success and our unity."

Faculty Publish Books

The following is a synopsis of two books recently published by Andrews University faculty members.

Altar Call, by Roy Gane, theological seminary associate professor of Hebrew Bible and ancient Near Eastern languages.

To many Christians, Christ's prolonged absence since He ascended to heaven is a mystery. But the Bible reveals that He is continuing to save us, and it invites us to get in touch with Him where He is now—in His sanctuary in heaven. By clearly explaining the meanings of the Old Testament sanctuary services, **Altar Call** answers questions that have an enormous impact upon the way we relate to God on a daily basis and to salvation through Christ's sacrifice.

Altar Call is available at the Andrews University Bookstore and ABC Christian Book Centers. To preview portions of the book, visit www.andrews.edu/~gane.

The Millennium Bug, by Jon Paulien, theological seminary professor of New Testament interpretation.

Stepping into the arena of Y2K mania, Paulien boldly rebuts those who tout sensational conclusions about the millennium that are unsupported by the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. With humility and clearheaded scholarship, Paulien shows how to avoid the twin traps of overplaying the nearness of the end or ignoring the evidences that the final events are upon us. Maintaining the proper balance between expectancy and "occupying" until the Lord comes is what this book is all about.

Currently selling in the top 25 percent of books sold through amazon.com, an Internet retailer, **The Millennium Bug** is available at the Andrews University Bookstore and ABC Christian Book Centers.

A. Monise Hamilton, University Relations assistant director



Angelina Cameron, Crayon Box director, is surrounded by some of the "youngest scholars" at Andrews.

EDUCATION NEWS

Lake Union Prayer Conference

Michigan—Students attending Battle Creek Academy (BCA) recently enjoyed a three-day weekend of prayer and fellowship at the Lake Union Prayer Conference. BCA students and faculty sponsors joined nearly two hundred of their peers for lessons in how to improve their walk with God and share their faith with those around them. Camp Au Sable, located in Grayling, Mich., provided an excellent setting for students wishing to get closer to Christ through worshiping with their peers.

Leaving on Thur., Nov. 4, 1999, a select group of BCA student leaders headed to Camp Au Sable a day early to get an idea of what the weekend's emphasis would be. Arriving at camp just before the dinner bell rang, with stiff legs and growling stomachs, students moved into their allotted cabins and began preparation for the evening events.

The next day, Friday, was a day for getting acquainted with one another and preparing the Sabbath services with other Adventist youth attending from all corners of the Lake Union, such as Hinsdale and Broadview academies in Illinois, Wisconsin Academy (whose students spent nearly ten hours on the road to join the conference), Indiana Academy, and Andrews and Great Lakes Adventist academies in Michigan.

Students were divided into small groups in order to allow everyone a chance to meet new people and make new friends from other schools. The small groups' focus was to learn better ways to pray, how to become closer to God, and how to better share their beliefs with others.

Bible study was also an important part of the groups' activities. New ways to study the Bible were discussed, and each study group spent hours pouring over familiar stories heard since childhood. By dissecting the chapters verse by verse, the readers gained many new insights and learned new concepts about God from group sharing. Some of the most powerful testimonies of the weekend were from students who had never considered themselves the "evangelist type."

On Sabbath, buses and vans filled with young people eager to share what they learned during the past two days scattered throughout the region surrounding Camp Au Sable. Students led song services, congregational prayers, and spoke in many of the surrounding area churches. After a hearty potluck meal, groups of students participated in food drives, visited nursing homes, or enjoyed a quiet Sabbath by the lakeshore.

After a full day of worship and service, the buses returned their tired occupants to camp, and then began a Saturday evening of fun-filled activities, including hayrides, basketball, and enjoying the company of others.

The sound of reveille came far too soon for most of the

campers! Students were tired and ready to go home, but all would remember the weekend as a highly positive experience to be brought back and shared with friends and family.

The BCA students would like to thank pastors Gary Thurber, Oliver Archer, and Paul Yeagley for their uplifting talks, and Larry Blackmer, associate director of education for the Michigan Conference, for keeping everything organized and running smoothly. Although there

were a great many reasons to attend the prayer conference, some of the best would have to be the fellowship of other Adventist teens and the opportunity that provided for all the student bodies to draw closer to one another and to God. On the whole, the weekend was a remarkable success for all who were involved.

Tom Barrett, Battle Creek Academy senior

BCA Music Student to Tour Europe

Michigan—Ryan Clinite, a 10th-grade flutist at Battle Creek Academy (BCA), was recently invited to tour Europe with the United States Collegiate Wind Band (USCWB), hosted by Purdue University in Indiana.

Only two students from each state are selected yearly to participate with this organization. Normally, student auditions are the basis for participation; however, Ryan was invited to tour with the group based on the recommendation of Christine Smith, professor of flute performance at Western Michigan University.

The U.S. Collegiate Wind Band will be the official ambassador from the United States while on a 21-day, 11-concert tour of Europe.

As American ambassadors, the students positively represent their country in both dress and decorum. They will have the opportunity to perform in countries such as France, Belgium, the Netherlands, England, and Italy, while touring famous musical and historical sites of these countries.

Tom Barrett, Battle Creek Academy senior



Meloney Parker, BCA senior, prays with a community member during afternoon outreach at the 1999 Lake Union Prayer Conference.



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Fekete Wins Scholarship

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Announced by President Clinton and administered by the Corporation for National Service, the President's Student Service Scholarships are awarded to high school juniors and seniors for an exemplary record of community service.

According to Harris Wofford, Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National Service, "With their idealism, optimism, and energy, young people are a great resource to the community, and the president's Student Service Challenge Program impresses on young people the importance of service by giving back to students who serve their communities."

Fekete will graduate in 2000 from Wisconsin Academy and plans to attend Andrews University to pursue a career in the medical field.

Jessica is the daughter of Emery and Alberta Fekete of Arpin, Wis.

Sue Rappette, Wisconsin Academy administrative assistant

Bethel Student Achieves Highest Book Sales

Wisconsin—This past summer a group of young people represented the Wisconsin Conference as student evangelists. The Bethel group did very well with Stacy Clements receiving the highest sales out of all the student colporteurs in the Lake Union. Her final sales totaled over \$6,600.



At the Wisconsin Conference Committee meeting in November 1999, Stacy Clements was presented with a set of the SDA Bible Commentary for achieving the highest sales among the student colporteurs in the Lake Union.

Stacy is a graduate of Bethel Jr. Academy and is now a student at Wisconsin Academy. Some did not expect Stacy to do well because she is so quiet. But she is an example for all of us to show what God can do with those who are willing to serve and obey, and to go where He asks.

The magabook program is a highlight of the

summer for students all over the Lake Union. Academy students can earn thousands of dollars for their school programs while placing truth-filled literature in the communities. Any student can apply to be part of the magabook program. Whether shy or outgoing, bold or retiring, a young person with dedication can be a success in this program. Ask Stacy, she knows!

"With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen and soon coming Savior might be carried to the whole world!" (*Education* 271).

Atha Steffen, Bethel Church communications secretary

A Matter of Priorities

Wisconsin—If you ask Tom "T.J." Razer Jr. to list his priorities in life, he'll say, "God first, football second, and fishing third." Razer, a Chippewa Falls, Wis., high school senior, plays defensive tackle for the school's Cardinals football team. However, although Razer practices with his teammates week-in and week-out, he is noticeably absent come game night. So when the season was scheduled to be wrapped up with a Thursday night home game, Razer was excited.

This was big news, not only for Razer, but also for his hometown newspaper, the Chippewa Herald Telegram. One Friday evening, there was a phone call for Razer. After a lengthy conversation, he emerged from his bedroom and informed his parents that he had just spent the last several minutes talking to a reporter from the Chippewa Herald Telegram about why he doesn't play in football games on Friday nights or Saturday afternoons. His parents, Tom and Shelly Razer, nervously waited for the article to be published. The Sabbath following the publication of the article a very proud and teary-eyed mother read it to the church congregation.

So what did the Chippewa Herald Telegram reporter learn about this young Adventist defensive lineman who doesn't play on Friday nights or Saturday afternoons?

"It's hard for me," Razer says about not being at the games. "I love being with the guys and love the game. But I believe it would be a double standard for me (to go)."

"Anyone who assumes that Razer's religion prohibits him from participation is missing the point, not only about the religion, but about Razer himself.

"I choose not to play (on Fridays)," Razer says. "Even if my parents were to say that it was okay, I still wouldn't. To me, it would be like betraying your best friend."

The newspaper article concluded, "While Tom Razer may not show up on any of the clips in the Cardinal football highlight tapes at the end of the season, his willingness to sacrifice for his beliefs just goes to show that not all Friday night heroes can be seen on Friday nights."

Cheryl Brunner, Eau Claire Church communication leader



High school football player Tom Razer Jr. demonstrates that God comes first in his life.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

Bagel Choir Ministers to the Homeless

Illinois—The Bagel Choir is an outreach program where the youth of the Burbank Church have a chance to help the homeless in Chicago. For the past two years, fresh bagels, soup, cookies, and literature have been distributed. Also various winter and summer clothes were donated by generous people and given out. This program is a blessing for the homeless and for those who help as well.

Each time the homeless in Chicago are visited, many miracles are experienced—

too many to even count or realize! One miracle took place when the soup was running low. A prayer was sent up to God to provide enough to feed everyone. After prayer, serving was resumed, and there was

more than enough soup for everyone. Another amazing miracle was when one of the vans would not shift into park, causing the driver to keep his foot on the brake continuously. One of the homeless men noticed the problem, came over and asked us if he could help. He happened to be a mechanic and temporarily fixed the problem with a metal coat hanger! These homeless look forward to our monthly visits and even join in the singing and praying service.

The Bagel Choir is growing in many

exciting new ways. Donations are being received from many stores, churches, and families. The Hinsdale Church's primary class has packed personal care items like toothpaste, soap, and toothbrushes, and have also written encouraging letters to the receivers. Other groups, including the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Junior Academy Bible class, Southern Illinois youth group, Battle Creek (Mich.) Prayer Warriors, and other churches are soon to be starting their own outreach programs. This idea



Bagel Choir members fix food to take to Chicago's homeless.



When one of the Bagel Choir's vans broke down, it was fixed by one of the homeless men.

is growing and branching out to others who are touched to help the less fortunate in their towns.

I had the privilege of being with the Bagel Choir as they tended to the homeless here in Chicago. What a great ministry for our young people! Hats off to the Burbank Church young people for their efforts in a sharing ministry.

Larry Schneider, Illinois Conference church ministries

Casino Proposal Defeated

Wisconsin—In early September 1999, plans were jointly announced by an Indian band and the Columbus, Wis., city council to sell property to the band for the purpose of building a very large gambling casino.

The worst news was the proposed location: the new casino would be built about one and one-half miles from Wisconsin Academy! What would parents think about sending their children to academy within two miles of a major gambling casino with its associated vice and social corruption?

Alan Carlson, head elder of the academy church; John Thomas, academy principal; and Brian Hamilton, Wisconsin Conference treasurer, joined with concerned citizens in Columbus to form a registered political action committee called "Casino Free Columbia County." This group made presentations to the county board and its executive committee, went door-to-door canvassing voters in the county, and generated materials to inform citizens.

On Nov. 11, 1999, the county executive committee heard presentations for and against the Casino and voted unanimously to recommend against a casino permit. The pro-casino forces mobilized a major effort to push the initiative through the full county board on Dec. 15. **Casino Free Columbia County** held a press conference on Sun., Dec. 5, on the campus of Wisconsin Academy with over one hundred and fifty people in attendance. Newspaper and television coverage of this press conference generally reflected the strong anti-casino sentiment of our group.

Even if the county executive denied the request for a permit, some individuals among the pro-casino forces indicated a willingness to try to bring the matter to a county wide referendum. The driving force in such a movement is money:

- The casino owners promised top dollar for the properties which they will purchase (some properties from members of the city council).
- The casino owners promised annual payments of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the city of Columbus and Columbia County.
- The casino owners promised two hundred and fifty new jobs and new income being added to the area.

In their December meeting, the full Columbia County board voted overwhelmingly (26 to 3) to deny a permit for a gambling casino in Columbus. Pray that our academy area and community will continue to be Casino-free.

James Fox, Wisconsin Conference communication director

Polish Church Grows

Illinois—During the last three years, the Polish Adventist congregation has more than doubled its membership—from 16 to 34! We are averaging about 45 persons attending Sabbath school, and believe that next year our church will have over 40 members!

A recent baptismal ceremony was performed for Alina Luberda. She had a dream several months ago in which she was told to visit the Polish Seventh-day Adventist Church where she would find “the truth.” She never before had even heard of a Seventh-day Adventist. Alina was a seeker and had visited many churches including Jehovah Witnesses with



From left: Staszek Kulakowski, Pastor Palla, and Alina Luberda stand in the baptistry at their baptism.

whom she spent some time. She found our Polish family in the phone directory and visited us. It happened that I was holding a Daniel/Revelation seminar at that time. She joined the class, completed the seminar with Staszek Kulakowski, and they both were baptized. There is at least one more person who wants

to be baptized yet this year, and there are several other interests.

Alfred Palla, Polish Church pastor

Seventy-six Years of Teaching and Still Teaching

Wisconsin—At the age of nineteen, Leah Graham was all packed to go to college when the Bethel school board asked her to teach the church school. Forty youngsters! She has been teaching ever since, and in addition has taught a Sabbath school class each Sabbath. Even the two years when she was librarian, she taught library science and music.



Leah Graham, who began teaching church school at 19, is still teaching her children's Sabbath school class at 95.

When Graham discontinued teaching formal church school, she began teaching home school in her home. Now at age 95, she said, “That’s it! I quit!” But has she actually quit teaching? No, she continues teaching Sabbath school every Sabbath. Graham’s class of four-

to six-year-olds listen spellbound as she unfolds simple truths to their listening ears. She can’t remember when she hasn’t taught Sabbath school to youngsters or the young at heart.

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WORLD CHURCH NEWS

Adventist News Network’s Year in Review

ANN stories in 1999 reflected the diverse make-up of the 11 million-strong Seventh-day Adventist Church. With members in some 207 countries, the Adventist Church is a vibrant community encompassing an extraordinary range of cultures, languages, and environments, but held together with strong bonds of faith and compassion. From this global community of faith came stories that highlighted the church and its members in action, organizing religious liberty campaigns, spearheading humanitarian efforts, and developing new evangelistic initiatives. Here are just a few of ANN’s 1999 headline stories.

Religious Liberty Initiatives:

The Adventist Church sponsored a number of major religious liberty conferences around the world in 1999. The first Angolan human rights conference, which coincided with the 75th anniversary of the Adventist mission in Angola, convened in January. A meeting of the International Religious Liberty Association (ILRA) met in Madrid, Spain, during May. Co-sponsored by the Adventist Church, it opened a high-level dialogue on the issue of proselytism.

“Religious freedom means choice,” said John Graz, IRLA secretary general, “and free choice requires pluralism and free expression. Our meeting has encouraged a definition of proselytism which avoids a partisan point of view.”

Throughout the year ANN followed the mixed fortunes of the United States Religious Liberty Protection Act, which Adventists helped draft and have supported. This bill to protect religious freedom passed through the House of Representatives in July, but by December had still not been voted on by the Senate.

Social Issues:

Adventist Christians strive to be active participants in their communities, working to find compassionate solutions to society’s problems. From tobacco and alcohol addiction to family relationships and the social costs of gambling, many ANN stories in 1999 highlighted the proactive role the church and its members are taking in dealing with these important issues.

In a February ANN story, youth behavioral expert Gary Hopkins shared his findings on the importance of cultivating close family relationships. Hopkins, an Adventist, reported that close relationships between parent and child protect against risks such as drug use, suicidal thoughts, emotional distress, violent behavior, and early sexual activity.

A North American Race Summit, held at the Adventist Church world headquarters in October, brought together a

broad representation of lay members, pastors, educators, and leaders to discuss race relations in all areas of church activities.

Health:

ANN continued to follow breaking stories in health and health research in 1999. As longtime proponents of a vegetarian, alcohol-free and tobacco-free lifestyle, Adventists promote the concept of holistic health—emphasizing not only the body, but emotional and spiritual health as well.

In April, ANN reported scientific findings reaffirming earlier studies that suggest an Adventist lifestyle leads to a longer, healthier life. Adventists “who eat a plant-based diet, exhibit a more favorable blood lipid profile, lower blood pressure, and a lower risk for type-2 diabetes ...,” the study concluded.

Adventist health professionals applauded the United States ban on billboard cigarette advertising that came into effect Apr. 23. Noting that Adventists have promoted a smoke-free lifestyle for more than 130 years, Tom Neslund, associate health director for the Adventist Church in North America, said, “If as much money was spent on advertising smoking dangers as in promoting it, we would have a much healthier society.”

A May edition of the *U.N. Special*, a publication of the United Nations, singled out Adventists and other religious groups as a “strong moral force” in helping prevent the tobacco habit and in helping those already addicted to quit.

People and Events of 1999:

Jan Paulsen was elected on Mar. 1 as president of the General Conference. A native of Norway, Paulsen has lived in Europe, Africa, and the United States and brings to the position his experiences as a teacher, pastor, administrator, and college president. Paulsen replaced Robert S. Folkenberg, General Conference president since 1990, who resigned on Feb. 8, citing the controversy over allegations arising from his relationship with a California businessman.

Other ANN reports in 1999 highlighted the broad range of activities of church members and workers around the world. In April, the world’s largest gathering of Adventist lay people—75,000 people—convened in the Philippines.

The General Conference hosted ConneXions 99 in April, which brought together hundreds of young adults to discuss strengthening existing ministries and to form new ones. Church president Paulsen praised the initiative of the young people, saying “The church is yours. The church needs you, and the church is going to use you, your dreams, your talents, and your enthusiasm.”

ANN reported in September that 4,500 Romanian youth from Adventist congregations throughout the country, meeting in the capital city of Bucharest, wrote out the entire Bible from memory. “Our youth wanted to demonstrate that the Bible means very much to them,” said Adrian Bocaneanu, president of the Adventist Church in Romania.

In October, more than 3,700 Adventist young people in Florianópolis, Brazil, repeated the feat. It took participants just 25 minutes to write out the Bible, from memory, on a three-kilometer (almost two-mile) piece of paper. Udolcy Zukowski, communication director for the Adventist Church in the South Brazilian region, explained that the city, known for its distinctively-designed bridge, was especially chosen for the event.

“We all came to build a human ‘bridge of hope’ in the community,” he said. “It’s symbolic of what we were interested in doing—reaching out to those among whom we live.”

The *Adventist Review* celebrated its 150th anniversary in July. As the oldest continuously published Adventist paper, and one of the oldest religious magazines in the United States, church president Jan Paulsen praised the *Review* as “a major contributor and expression of Adventism.”

Among other Adventists to make the news in 1999 was Neil Watts, Adventist leader in the Western Pacific, who survived when the plane he was traveling in ditched into the sea near Vanuatu in May. One of eight passengers to survive, Watts spent six hours in the water and led prayers with the other survivors before finally reaching land. (His story was featured in the Dec. 9 edition of the *Adventist Review*.)

Humanitarian:

In 1999, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) provided emergency relief to thousands around the world—from victims of earthquakes in Columbia and Turkey to Congolese refugees in Zambia and to people affected by the Balkans conflict. ANN also reported on the aid agency’s ongoing development programs, which included a system of rural health care clinics in Naxcivan, a mountainous enclave of Azerbaijan, and major AIDS education programs in Thailand and Africa.

Global Outreach:

Global Mission launched a major new initiative called “Finish 14K” in February, a goal to plant 1,000 new churches around the world in the 500 days between February 1999 and the Toronto General Conference session in July 2000.

In June, ANN reported that the official Adventist web site at www.adventist.org was receiving approximately 20,000 hits per day, adding up to an estimated one-third of a million individual hits annually. ANN also launched a new e-mail system for distributing the church’s world news, and in November began releasing its on-line news bulletins in Spanish.

The *Adventist Review* went on-line in October, signaling what its editor William Johnsson called a “new day” in the paper’s contribution to the mission of the Adventist Church.

Major satellite evangelism initiatives in 1999 included ACTS 2000, a series of eight evangelistic programs featuring speaker Mark Finley, which kicked-off in January in the Philippines. NET New York ’99, fronted by Doug Batchelor, ran from Oct. 15 to Nov. 13. Both series drew thousands of people to live satellite uplink venues and reached hundreds of thousands more in downlink links around the world.



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MILEPOSTS

Within the Lake Union contact your church communication leader or pastor to obtain an official form for submission of information to this column. To obtain forms, persons who now live outside the Lake Union may contact the conference communication director where their membership was held when they lived in the Lake Union. See the conference addresses and phone numbers on page 31.

ANNIVERSARIES



Philip and Betty Edgar celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 20, 1999, by having a family picnic at the home of their son, Keith, in Charlotte, Mich. They have been members of the Troy (Mich.) Church for 60 years.

Philip Edgar and Betty Snyder were married June 26, 1949, in Ferndale, Mich., by Pastor Donald Jacobs. Philip has been a factory worker, literature evangelist, and cemetery worker. Betty has been a teacher and office worker.

The Edgar family includes Karen and Dave Fishell of Grand Junction, Colo.; Kevin and Julie Edgar of Berrien Springs, Mich.; Keith and Joanne Edgar of Charlotte; and 7 grandchildren.



John and Marian Mendel celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 25, 1999, by an open house reception at their home in Berrien Springs, Mich.

They have been members of the Chikaming (Mich.) Church for 12 years.

John Mendel and Marian Spohr were married Sept. 25, 1949, in Western Springs, Ill., by Halvard Thomsen. John has been a teacher in public schools, academy and church schools. Marian has been a secretary, bookkeeper, and foster home manager.

The Mendel family includes Michelle and Winston Nwoke of Berrien Springs, Mich.; Leanne and Micheal Sauers of Indianapolis, Ind.; and one grandchild.



James and Irene Smith celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 13, 1999, at a brunch in Asheville, N.C. They were members of the LaGrange (Ill.) Church for 42 years and are now members of the DeKalb (Ill.) Church.

James Smith and Irene McKiness were married July 13, 1939, in St. Louis, Mo. James has been a welder for two tractor companies and retired in Feb. 1991. Irene has been a homemaker.

The Smith family includes Sonja and George Grosball of LaGrange, Ill.; Betty and Larry Vergamini of Downers Grove, Ill.; Barbara and Dale Male of Malta, Ill.; 9 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.



Frank and Teora Ullrich celebrated their 50th wedding an-

niversary on Oct. 24, 1999, with a dinner reception at their home in San Antonio, Texas. They were members of the Brookfield (Ill.) Church for 35 years.

Frank Ullrich and Teora Brietzke were married Oct. 25, 1949, in Houston, Texas, by Elder Johnson. Frank has been in the literature evangelism ministry and after retirement in 1980, a *Listen* magazine representative. Teora has been an administrative secretary for the Illinois Conference until her retirement in 1986. They moved to Texas in 1993 and work with the *Discover* Bible course ministry in their local church.

WEDDINGS

Jennifer A. Flanagan and Paul M. Britain were married Sept. 5, 1999, in Madison, Wis. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Buell Fogg.

Jennifer is the daughter of Dan and Karen Flanagan of Stoughton, Wis., and Paul is the son of Norman and Joy Britain of Clear Lake, Wis.

The Britains are making their home in Kettering, Ohio.

Kathryn M. Gordon and Michael A. Sanchez were married Oct. 17, 1999, in Berrien Springs, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Roy Castelbuono.

Kathryn is the daughter of James and Pamela Gordon of Linden, Mich., and Michael is the son of Tony and Lydia Sanchez of Hanford, Calif.

The couple are making their home in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Betina Mercado and Paul A. Middleton were married Oct. 10, 1999, in Wyoming, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Phil Colburn.

Betina is the daughter of Francisco and Betina Bulnes of Dallas, Texas, and Paul is the son of Geraldine and the late Howard Middleton of Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Middletons are making their home in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Christa Stone and Michael Mollohan were married Aug. 22, 1999, in Kalamazoo, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Sandy Elfring.

Christa is the daughter of Jerry and Alma Stone of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Michael is the son of Dan and Donna Mollohan of Kalamazoo, Mich.

The Mollohans are making their home in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mary J. Wilson and Terry L. Heglund were married Aug. 1, 1999, in Eau Claire, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Leroy Bruch.

Mary is the daughter of Warren "Bud" and Phyllis Davis of Berrien Springs, Mich., and Terry is the son of Vernon and the late Dorothy Heglund of Brainerd, Minn.

The Heglunds are making their home in Buchanan, Mich.

OBITUARIES

ARTIS, Marvin L., age 83; born Oct. 9, 1915, in Wayne County, Tenn.; died Aug. 22, 1999, in Punta Gorda, Fla. He was a member of the Kalamazoo (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Cassie (Walker); sons, Jerry, Tommy, Larry, and Jimmy; brother, Paul; sisters, Carlene Brasher and Pauline Spears; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Michael Nickless, and interment was in Cooper Township West Cemetery, Kalamazoo.

DORGELO, Gerald F., age 92; born May 12, 1907, in Holland, Mich.; died Oct. 16, 1999, in Holland. He was a member of the Holland Church.

Survivors include his daughters, Shirley Perock, Ruth Bredeweg, and Sharon Plooster; brothers, Howard and Bill; 13 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Ray Hamstra, and interment was in Pilgrim Home Cemetery, Holland.

ERLANDSON, Oliver "Alex", age 89; born Dec. 27, 1909, in Westby, Wis.; died Oct. 29, 1999, in Baraboo, Wis. He was a member of the Baraboo Church.

Survivors include his wife, Viola (Van Zile); son, Virgil; brother, Christian; 2 grandchildren;

and 1 great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Willis Graves, and interment was in German Methodist Cemetery, Caledonia, Wis.

GRAFF, Majorie V. (Morgan), age 103; born Sept. 2, 1896, in Dodge Center, Minn.; died Oct. 31, 1999, in Menomonie, Wis. She was a member of the Menomonie Church.

Survivors include her son, Clebourne; daughters, Avis Crow and Myrna Franzwa; 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Arthur Miller, and interment was in Town of Lucas Cemetery, Town of Lucas, Wis.

HALL, Edwina M. (Ellis), age 70; born May 4, 1929, in Dinuba, Calif.; died Oct. 14, 1999, in Chattanooga, Tenn. She was a member of the Battle Creek (Mich.) Tabernacle.

Survivors include her son, Bruce Jackson; sister, Erma Jane Cook; and 3 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Larry Yeagley and LaRue Cook, and interment was in Wilcox Cemetery, Nashville, Mich.

HAYDEN, Ruth L. (Jupp), age 77; born Dec. 7, 1921, in Milwaukee, Wis.; died Oct. 9, 1999, in Kalamazoo, Mich. She was a member of the Kalamazoo Church.

Survivors include her husband, Lester H.; son, Mark; daughter, Lesley Artis; 6 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Michael Nickless, and interment was in Grand Prairie Cemetery, Kalamazoo.

NUSSBERGER, Thelma L. (Yarrington), age 89; born June 16, 1909, in Weston, Wis.; died June 13, 1999, in Eau Claire, Wis. She was a member of the Eau Claire Church.

Survivors include her son, Donald; daughter, Beverly Peterson; brother, Albert Yarrington; sisters, Elizabeth Metcalf and Beatrice Slagle; 8 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Arthur R. Miller, and interment was in Lakeview Cemetery, Eau Claire, Wis.

REHLING, Thelma O. (Peek), age 87; born Nov. 26, 1911, in Bangor, Mich.; died Sept. 17, 1999, in Alamo Township, Mich. She was a member of the Kalamazoo (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Robert; daughters, Annabell King, Lois Forrester, and Elizabeth Overacker; 8 grandchildren; 2 step-grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and 2 step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Michael Nickless, and interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Comstock, Mich.

STANDLEY, Hazel N. (Edmonds), age 82; born Oct. 18, 1916, in Dowling, Mich.; died Oct. 1, 1999, in Augusta, Mich. She was a member of the Urbandale Church, Battle Creek, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Arthur R.; sons, James N. and John A.; daughter, Judy Bradley; brothers, Horace and Hugh C. Edmonds; sister, Hilda Jackson; 8 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Charles Hanlong, and interment was in Day Cemetery, Augusta, Mich.

STREU, Oscar J., age 92; born Aug. 19, 1907, in Bay City, Mich.; died Oct. 29, 1999, in Shiawassee County, Mich. He was a member of the Owosso (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Pearl I. (Hartley); son, Paul; daughter, Joycelyn High; stepdaughter, June Luczhesi; sister, Alice Farnsworth; 5 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Elder Larry Pumford and Pastor Danny Velez, with private inurnment.

VOEGELI, Wilbert E., age 89; born May 14, 1910, in Eau Claire, Wis.; died Nov. 11, 1999, in Eau Claire. He was a member of the Eau Claire Church.

Survivors include his sons, John and David; daughters, Elizabeth Crip and Sally Burdett; 10 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Arthur Miller, and interment was in Forrest Hill Cemetery, Eau Claire, Wis.

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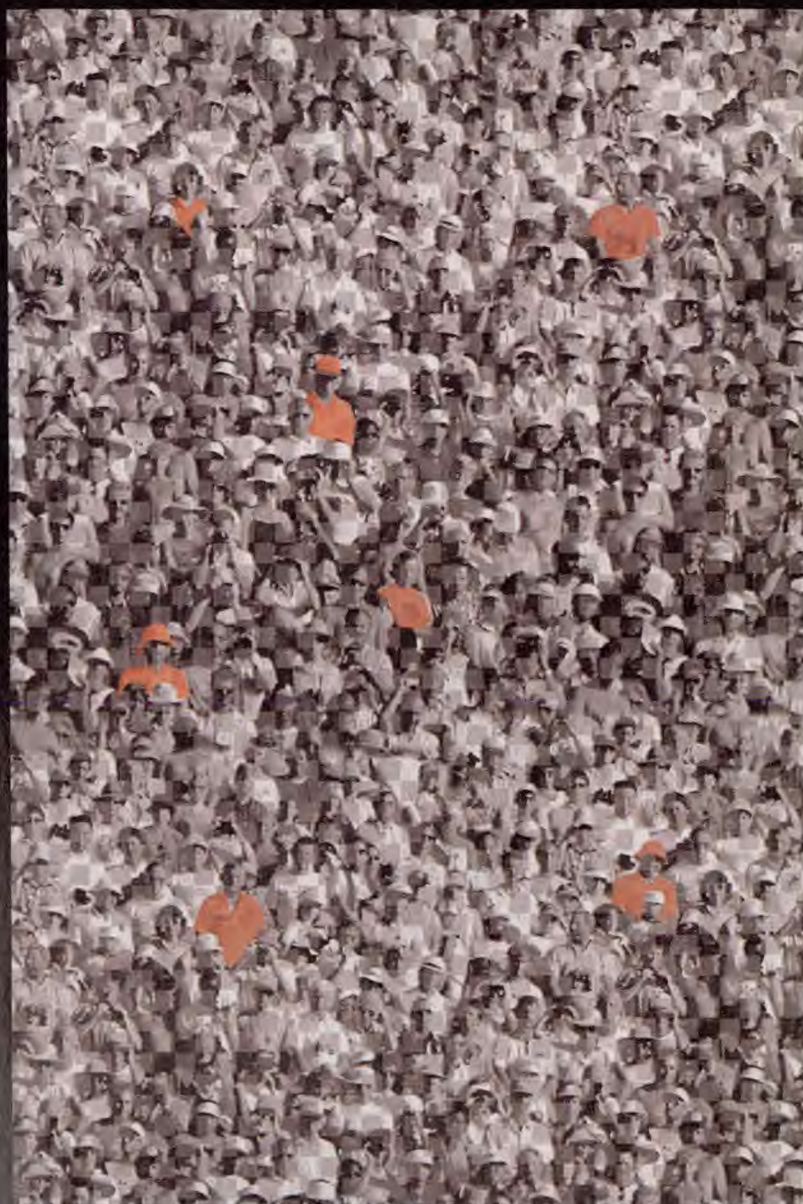
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Feb. 5—Andrews University orchestra concert, conducted by Carla Trynchuk, 8:00 p.m., Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC); **10**—Architecture lecture: Gregory Wolfe presents "Art, Faith, and the Stewardship of Culture," 4:00 p.m., Division of Architecture amphitheater; **11-13**—*Black History Weekend*: "Let There Be No Division Among You" (see announcement); **22-26**—Creative Arts Festival. A variety of arts events. Check the Andrews web site: www.andrews.edu; **24**—Architecture lecture: Patrick Pinnell presents, "Shadow Play: Typology and the Secret Life of Yale," 4:00 p.m., Division of Architecture amphitheater; **25**—Vespers: *Friday Festival of Faith* presents the Andrews University Wind Symphony, conducted by Alan Mitchell, 7:30 p.m., PMC; **27**—*Esprit 2000*, the third annual benefit dinner and auction hosted by

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Homecoming for the Elkhart Church, May 6. All former members are invited. For information call: (219) 522-0372 or (219) 264-5879.

MICHIGAN

Florida's ninth annual Michigan academics alumni reunion will be held on **Mar. 4**, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Forest Lake Academy. Alumni and friends of all Michigan academics are invited to attend. Bring your own picnic lunch to be eaten in the cafeteria. Dessert and drink will be provided. For more information, contact Andrews Academy, Battle Creek Academy, Great Lakes Academy, or Sheryl (Howell) Vandenberghe at (813) 681-3293.



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Michigan's Satellite Teleconference

On February 26, 2000, the Michigan Conference will air its annual satellite teleconference.

This year it will air live from the Battle Creek Tabernacle!

**11:00 AM - 12:00 noon
5:00 - 7:00 PM**

**3ABN—Gal. 3, Ch. 23
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(morning program only)**

**WHT—Gal. 6, Ch. 15
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Please plan to join us for this important event!

The Wuttke Educational Endowment has been established in honor of Richard and Joyce Wuttke's upcoming retirement after forty-one years of educational service. Staff and former students of So. Lancaster Academy, Atlantic Union College, Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Blue Mountain Academy, Cedar Lake Academy, and Great Lakes Academy are invited to show their appreciation to this couple who made an enormous impact

Lake Union Conference Tithe Comparison Year-to-date 48 Weeks Ending November 30, 1999

Average Membership Basis				Increase		%			
31-Mar-99	1998	Conference	1999	1998	(Decrease)	Inc.	-Decr.	1999	1998
11323	11282	Illinois	7,114,645	6,939,533	175,113	2.52%		628.34	615.10
6039	5816	Indiana	5,044,867	4,453,031	591,837	13.29%		835.38	765.65
23319	22842	Lake Region	7,989,559	7,465,851	523,709	7.01%		342.62	326.85
23466	23294	Michigan	20,433,199	19,786,832	646,366	3.27%		870.76	849.44
6281	6219	Wisconsin	4,483,870	4,074,497	409,373	10.05%		713.88	655.17
70,428	69,453	Totals	45,066,141	42,719,744	2,346,397	5.49%		639.89	615.09
Tithe per Week			938,878	889,995	48,883	5.49%			

2000 Sunset Calendar

	Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 18	Feb. 25	Mar. 3	Mar. 10
Berrien Springs, Mich.	6:04	6:13	6:22	6:30	6:37	6:46
Chicago	5:07	5:16	5:25	5:34	5:43	5:52
Detroit	5:47	5:56	6:05	6:14	6:25	6:33
Indianapolis	6:05	6:14	6:22	6:30	6:39	6:47
La Crosse, Wis.	5:17	5:26	5:36	5:46	5:56	6:05
Lansing, Mich.	5:53	6:02	6:11	6:20	6:31	6:39
Madison, Wis.	5:11	5:20	5:30	5:39	5:50	5:58
Springfield, Ill.	5:19	5:28	5:36	5:44	5:53	6:01

on Adventist Christian education. Donations to the endowment and notes of appreciation may be sent by May 15, to Wuttkie Endowment, GLAA, P.O. Box 68, Cedar Lake, MI 48812.

WORLD CHURCH

Union College homecoming weekend, Apr. 6-9. *Serving the World in the Next Millennium, Reunion of the Golden Cords* is the theme for this year's homecoming at Union College. All Union College alumni and Golden Cord recipients are invited to return. Honor classes are '30, '40, '50, '60, '70, '75, '80, and '90. For reservations or more information, contact the UC Alumni Office at 3800 S. 48th St., Lincoln, NE 68506; (402) 486-2503; or alumni@ucollege.edu.

Shenandoah Valley Academy alumni weekend Apr. 14-16. Speaker for Sabbath worship service will be Tom Decker, '80. Other events: Fri. golf tournament, Sabbath afternoon choir reunion of Robert Young's choir (1975-79), road rally Sun. Call Jan Strickland Osborne (540) 740-3161, ext. 213 for more information.

Spring Valley Academy homecoming reunion, Apr. 14-16. Our theme is "Celebrating 30 years!" Honor classes are the classes of '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, and '95. Honor class members and interested alumni please contact Cheryl (Gilbertson) Bair ('79), development director, at (937) 433-0790 or tcbair@prodigy.net; or Christa (Meelhuysen) Carlson ('75), at (937) 294-6953 for information.

The Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians (ASDAL) is taking applications for the \$1,000 D. Glenn Hiltz Scholarship until May 15. To qualify, applicants must be accepted into a library science program accredited by the American Library Association and must expect to complete their degree within the next two years. For information and application forms, contact Paulette Johnson, chair, ASDAL Scholarship and Awards Committee, Pacific Union College Library, One Angwin Ave., Angwin, CA 94508-9705; (707) 965-6244; fax 965-6504; or e-mail pjohnson@puc.edu.

Plainview Academy, formerly of Redfield, S.D., alum-

ni reunion set for June 23-25 on the campus of Dakota Adventist Academy in Bismarck, N.D. Special recognition will be given to those who graduated from or attended the classes with years ending in 5 or 0. A special invitation is extended to all former PVA students, faculty, staff, parents and friends. For information, contact PVA alumni secretary Charlene Binder at (402) 489-1702; or RDBINDER@Juno.com.

The Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians (ASDAL) will hold its 20th annual conference **July 11-16** at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. Highlighting the special needs/contribution of SDA libraries, the theme of the conference will be "Transforming Libraries: Exploring the Library's Role in the Changing Teaching/Learning Environment." Related activities include a pre-conference workshop for international librarians (July 9-11) and a series of post-conference seminars (July 17-21) presented by the staff of the James White Library, Andrews University. For information, check the ASDAL web site at www.asdal.org, or contact Linda Mack at James White Library, Berrien Springs, MI 49104-0230; mack@andrews.edu; (616) 471-3114.

The conference follows the General Conference session in Toronto, Canada, and will be attended by librarians from all over the world.

ADVENTIST COMMUNICATION NETWORK

All times are Eastern Time.

Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon — *Adventist Worship Hour*; Analog: Galaxy 3, channel 18. Check the ACN website <www.acnsat.org> for speaker and order of service.

Feb. 5, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. — *Community Impact Series*; Analog: Galaxy 3, channel 18. "How to run an effective, accredited ACS project" is the topic of this month's help for churches wanting to make a positive impact on their community through service.

Feb. 12, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. — *Voice of Prophecy Homecoming Concert* (see announcement below); Analog: Galaxy 7, channel 2.

Feb. 12, 19, 26, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. — *Friendship Evangelism*

Series: "Friendship—the Bridge to all Nations" a look at the Native American work in North America.; Analog: Galaxy 3, channel 18. See the ACN website for details.

Mar. 1, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. — *First Wednesday*

Mar. 3 - April 15, 7:15 - 8:45 p.m. — *ACTS 2000: "Revelation of Hope"* series to be uplinked from Buena Park in greater Los Angeles.

Third VOP Family Reunion Program by Satellite, "A New Name in Glory." The 21 songs in the program were taped in Chattanooga last August but were not included in the live event, "Family Reunion at the Tivoli." Besides Del Delker and most of the surviving members of the various combinations of the King's Heralds quartet, the telecast includes many other musicians who have sung for VOP broadcasts or public events through the years.

In order to receive technical support or last-minute information, churches are encouraged to register as downlink sites by phoning (800) ACN-1119, ext. 6. Videos, CDs, and cassettes of "A New Name in Glory" will be available for purchase in February North American Division.

ary at Adventist Book Centers and through Hosanna House, the *Voice of Prophecy's* music and book sales division.

Friendship Evangelism Series, "Friendship—the Bridge to all Nations." It has been said that the hardest people to win to God are Native Americans because of the broken promises within the past 200 years. Yet in the past three years, something dramatic has begun to happen as tribal leaders and language groups turn their hearts toward the Adventist health message and the gospel of Christ through a fresh approach.

This back-to-the-Bible program offers a thought-provoking look at what Jesus asks of each person, what the disciples experienced that propelled them into service, and what moved those to action who thought they had little or nothing to offer in sharing their faith. Hear testimonies and learn how the Holy Spirit is moving through people to finish the gospel commission in the North American Division.

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The Pharisees had rule-keeping down to a science. They had strict regulations to keep them from breaking not just the ten commandments, but all the extra rules of Exodus, Leviticus, and Deuteronomy. They believed you couldn't be too careful, lest you break God's law without even realizing it.

Jesus confused them. Here was a man who kept all the commandments, just like they did, yet still hung out with sinners—commandment breakers! Didn't he realize they would contaminate him by their very presence?

A law expert addressed Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

He waited expectantly for Jesus' answer. If Jesus said the Sabbath, then he could ask, what about not worshiping idols? If Jesus said to not kill, then what about honoring your parents?

The answer Jesus gave, though, was not one the Pharisee expected. Instead, Jesus replied, "The most important one is this . . .

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and all your strength.' This is the first and the greatest commandment. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

The Pharisee was impressed. Jesus made sense! "Well said," he replied. Love for God and other people is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices, he agreed.

When Jesus heard this wise answer, he said, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that, nobody dared to ask Jesus any more questions.

People forgive nobody's faults more than their own, telling themselves, "I'll do better next time. If only people could see what I really mean." If we loved and forgave others as much as we do ourselves, that'd be a lot.

But that's not all. In John 15:12, Jesus tells us to not only love our neighbors as we love ourselves, but also, "Love one another as I have loved you."

That's a lot of love—love that's unselfish, love that gives of itself. It's love that lasts. And a great rule to live by.

Tompaul Wheeler



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PROFILES OF YOUTH



Rachel Lemons

Rachel Lemons, a Broadview Academy senior, is a hard-working student who for six months carried the duties of the business office in the absence of a business manager. She was in charge of the school store, the student bank, student payroll, and other responsibilities. She is currently the editor of *Encore*, the school yearbook.

An active member of the Maywood (Ill.) Church, she plays the piano when she attends on home leaves. She plays the clarinet in the band. Rachel is an accelerated senior with enrichments in English and Spanish.

She says, "God became the best thing in my life when I realized what a passionate person He is. He came alive when I saw his sense of humor and realized how He longs for me to love Him the way He loves me."

Rachel plans to take one year out of college and serve as a student missionary and later pursue a career in international business. She is the daughter of Mack and Keena Lemons of Maywood, Illinois.

Loren Small is a senior at Broadview Academy where he is noted for his knowledge of computer technology and his helpfulness with audiovisual needs. "He is always willing to help," says a student. "Loren has a great sense of humor. He is reliable and responsible. We really appreciate him," says Susan Gilbert, administrative assistant.

Loren is vice president of the Student Association, Drama Club captain, and secretary/treasurer of the Boys' Club. He is involved in clown ministry, web site design, writing, golf, and playing various harmonicas. The school has greatly benefitted from his technological skills in web site design, computer technical support, and sound engineering.

Loren says, "Broadview has made a major difference in my life. It has given me a new perspective on God and strengthened my relationship with Him." He plans to attend Andrews University and major in English/computers and minor in communications. Loren is the son of Clarence and Ginger Small of Moline, Illinois.



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