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**A "Top Cop"  
in Washington, D.C.,  
is Adventist elder**

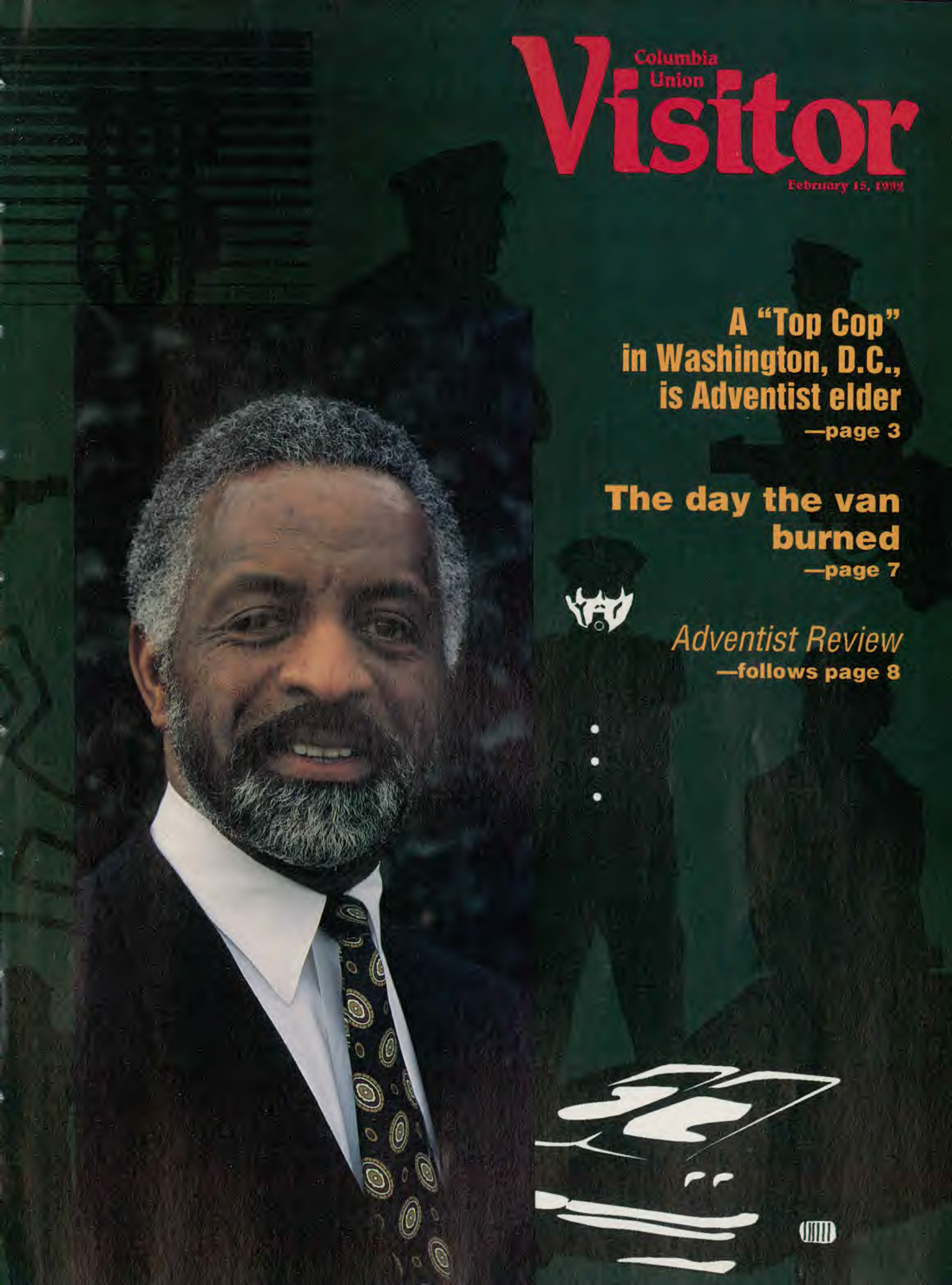
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**LET'S  
WARM UP  
WORSHIP!**



**RICHARD DUERKSEN**  
Editor

**T**here are some in our

world who would try and convince us that "celebration" is a sinful word. There are others who are no longer active in church worship because they find no joy or blessing in our dead and dying churches.

I am personally convinced that there is a middle ground where we can "warm up" our worship services while maintaining an active, traditional Adventist theology.

But I am saddened that some of our members seem to be more concerned about "not celebrating" than they are about sharing the love of Christ with members and guests.

For instance: It was raining. Hard. The parking lot was full when the young family arrived for Sabbath services. They parked down by the trees, locked the car and began the soggy, cold journey to the church doorway. A thoughtful deacon, noticing their plight, hijacked a dripping umbrella from the foyer and dashed out to protect them from the rain.

Watching it all, a "concerned brother" turned to his friend and said, "See, I told you. This is becoming a celebration church, too!"

My friend, if that's celebration, may we all catch it! In fact, may it become an epidemic in each Columbia Union Adventist church. It's time that we open our hearts to each other and our God. It's time that we become known for the warmth of our love, even more than we are known for the correctness of our doctrine.

Ellen White faced this issue squarely, with words that should challenge each of us to "warm up" our corner of the church today:

"With the grand, ennobling theme of salvation before us, shall we be as cold as statues of marble? If men can become so excited over a match game of cricket, or a horse race, or over foolish things that bring no good to anyone, shall we be unmoved when the plan of salvation is unfolded before us? *Let the school and the church henceforth have festivals of rejoicing unto the Lord,*"—*Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students*, page 371.

Said another way, "Let's not worry about words. Let's warm up in His love!"

**COVER:** Rodwell Catoe, assistant chief of police in Washington, D.C., also serves as head elder for the Breath of Life church in Fort Washington, Maryland. The cover photo and those accompanying the article about Catoe on pages 5 and 6 were taken by Visitor Editor Dick Duerksen. The cover design was provided by Reger Smith Jr.

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# VISION 2000

## Vision 1:

The local church will be the central focus and driving force of the denomination.

## Vision 2:

The joy and celebration of worship will attract people to our churches, allowing the Sabbath to become a major evangelistic tool.

## Vision 3:

Church fellowship will be so vibrant that member retention will improve and conflict over lifestyle issues will decrease.

## Multimedia crusade wins nine in Charleston

An evangelistic crusade conducted by Pastor Dale Tunnell and members of the Charleston, West Virginia, church in the Mountain View Conference combined sophisticated technology with a personal touch to win nine people for Christ.

Communication Secretary Tommie Bailey stated that the outreach series was advertised over two television and four radio stations. And the church's use of technology didn't stop there. Tunnell utilized nine projectors, a computer and a large screen to add visual impact to his messages on a wide variety of subjects, including the battle of Armageddon and the need to accept Jesus as Saviour.

However, the use of high-tech equipment doesn't mean that Tunnell and the church members ignored the "human dimen-

sion" in their effort to win souls. One person who supported the crusade through direct contact with people was Randy Dustin, who put on an eight-week Revelation Seminar before Tunnell's evangelistic meetings began. Several individuals in the group of 13 have made the decision to keep the Sabbath, and some have already been baptized.

Along with nine baptisms, the crusade drew back several members of the congregation who had not attended church in some time, Bailey said.

"We praise the Lord for the renewal of the Spirit of God in the Charleston church," Bailey concluded. "We see a fire burning in the Charleston area to finish the work so that Jesus can come soon."—RH

## FACE TO FACE: Profiles of newly baptized people



**Daniel Smith**, Philadelphia Boulevard, Pennsylvania. One of the reasons Daniel was baptized during November of 1991 was to surprise a member of the congregation: his mother, Bernice.



**Ida Paige**, Germantown Philadelphia, Allegheny East. Ida was baptized in August of 1991 after attending the Last Days Revival, which was conducted by Oscar Lane from Atlanta, Georgia.



**Sabrina Meadows**, Collingwood Park, New Jersey. Sabrina gave her heart to the Lord and was baptized into the Adventist church in July of 1991 with her brother, Ronald, and her sister, Melissa.



**Ronald Meadows**, Collingwood Park, New Jersey. Bible studies with Pastor Robert Janssen led Ron to accept Jesus and be baptized with his sisters, Sabrina and Melissa, during July of 1991.



**Melissa Meadows**, Collingwood Park, New Jersey. Because Melissa wanted to know about Christ, she studied the Bible and was baptized with sister Sabrina and brother Ronald in July of 1991.



**Wilbur Davis**, Akron Bethel, Allegheny West. Wilbur heard the call, took his stand for the Lord and was baptized during March of 1991 in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.



**Michael Walburn**, Winchester, Potomac. March of 1991 was when Michael joined his wife as a member of the Adventist family after studying the Bible with Pastor Denis Segebartt.

# Real men ski black



"Yes, I skied Cannonball yesterday. It's a black diamond, you know. The steepest and hardest and most exciting run on the mountain. Solid white terror. It took me 20 minutes to crawl down."

The skier on the lift next to me smiled through his frost-covered beard. "Never been so scared in my life," he continued. "All the signs say, 'Black Diamond—extremely difficult skiing.' But I went anyway."

Under his ski parka I could see the design on his sweat shirt. "Real Men Ski Black," it shouted from under a giant Black Diamond sign.

The bruises on his forehead and the ache in his voice were adequate warning for me. I got off at the next hill, looked for a "Green—easy skier" slope and "swoosh-tumbled" back to the bottom. My companion traveled on uphill for another look at disaster from the inside.

Two safe runs later I was back on a lift with my daring mountain friend. His coat was torn, his voice scratchy and his bruises black. He wasn't smiling. "I think I'm making progress. At least it doesn't take as long for me to slide down the moguls anymore, and I'm managing to miss more of the trees," he said.

As we passed above his "Black Diamond" slope, two brightly colored apparitions passed beneath us.

Amazement caught in his throat like two linemen after the snap. "I don't believe that!" was all he could

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finally grunt from his twisted position on the seat.

Below us, on the most dangerous and wonderful run of the mountain,



skied a man with no legs! He was seated on an aluminum contraption that slid on a single ski. In each hand he held a ski-tipped pole, steadying himself expertly as he exploded from mogul to mogul.

Behind him, attached by a lengthy safety cord, skied an expert ski instructor, softly calling out directions, encouragement and challenges to his legless friend. The smiles of both men brightened the run called "Cannonball."

Directly behind this awesome duet came an even more amazing sight: a

girl and an adult. Both were wearing brilliant yellow vests over their ski jackets. The vests read "Blind Skier" and "Blind Skier—Instructor." My friend practically fell from the lift.

"Blind?" he cried. "I couldn't ski it if I had six eyes, and she's doing it with none!" I stared, too, envious of the ease with which she was gliding down the mountain. She looked more confident than anyone I had seen all day, and yet she had no eyes.

Well, maybe she did have eyes. The "Blind Skier—Instructor" was at her side, matching turn for turn, calling out encouragement and guidance, urging her on down the black diamond called "Cannonball."

"I'm a good skier. I've been doing it for years, and I've done real well." My bruised and bearded friend was speaking very softly, almost to himself. "But I can't ski the black diamond runs. Too hard for me alone. I keep trying, but I'm sure not succeeding!"

Shouts of excitement echoed across the mountain below us.

I smiled at him and said the only thing that came to my mind.

"Maybe even 'Real Men' can't ski the Cannonball alone. To ski this mountain, you've got to accept your inadequacies and follow the leading of the Guide. In fact, maybe that's how you become a 'Real Man.'"

*Dick Duerksen is the editor of the Columbia Union Visitor.*

REGER SMITH JR.

## Law enforcement at Breath of Life

Pictured with Assistant Chief Rodwell Catoe are some of the law enforcement persons who attend the Breath of Life church.

Front, left: **Dewayne**

**Anderson** recently retired from the District of Columbia police force after 21 years. An elder at Breath of Life, he was one of the first policemen to join the congregation and has influenced many others through his witness, including Chief Catoe.



Front, right: **Leon Schenck** is an FBI agent, a supervisor at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, and an adjunct professor at the University of Virginia. He was a police officer for 14 years and is working on his doctorate in public administration.

Rear, right: **Steven Spencer** works under Chief Catoe as a sergeant with the Washington, D.C., narcotics special investigation division. A supervisor and interdiction specialist, Spencer is taking Bible studies and plans to be baptized.

Rear, left: **Vernon and Cheryle Jackson** just took their stand to join the Adventist church January 11. Vernon is a Secret Service officer assigned to Vice President Dan Quayle. Cheryle worked in offender aid and restoration with the New Jersey justice department before their recent move to Washington and their new baby.

Others not shown:

**John Littles** retired along with Anderson after 23 years with the Washington, D.C., police department. Since being baptized with his wife and daughters, Littles has been an active deacon and lay preacher and now serves as an elder.

**Nathan Smith** is a sergeant with the Washington, D.C., narcotics/special investigations division, specializing in financial investigation and asset seizures.

**Melanie Smith** is a lieutenant with the patrol officers in the first district of the Washington, D.C., department.

**Sandra Peters** is a lieutenant and director of the administrative unit of D.C.'s narcotics/special investigations division. She is attending Breath of Life and studying for baptism.

**Larry Covington**, a former officer with the D.C. force, is attending Breath of Life and preparing for baptism.

**Danny Davis** is an officer with the Prince George's County police and is active, along with his wife and four children, in the church.

# The law meets GRACE at Breath of Life



*On January 1, 1990, Rodwell Catoe became first elder of the Breath of Life church in Fort Washington, Maryland. On June 7, 1991, Catoe became assistant chief of police for the District of Columbia.*

When Rodwell Catoe joined the Washington, D.C., police department at age 21, it wasn't just a job; it was a chance to succeed and excel. He graduated from the police academy with academic honors and, after his first assignment, became a sergeant, one of a few black officers in a supervisory position in the 1960s.

The next step, lieutenant, also came quickly and smoothly. Moving to captain proved a bit tough, but the obstacles were eventually overcome. Then, the department's first black police chief, who was also a friend, assigned Catoe to the position of planning and development director, the first black person in that position, and promoted him to the rank of inspector.

A few years later, when Catoe became deputy chief of the third district, things were moving very well. He had good health; his wife and children were doing just fine; professional progress had been rapid. But then came a glitch.

A new police chief who "knew not Catoe," didn't seem to give him his due; career progress went into neutral. That slight disruption caused Catoe to realize he was missing something.

Little by little, he began to look at himself—quite literally. Standing in the restroom in his office, he would stare into the mirror, thinking, "Who am I? I'm really a nobody." Then his mind recalled the words of his father, now deceased, who before his death

didn't mince words. "Son," he said, "you've got to be born again."

Catoe had become a Christian before, but this time he really found Christ; he became born again. Yet his search continued.

At an evening graduate class, Catoe met a fellow student, an Adventist. She began mentioning the Sabbath in routine conversation and Catoe asked her about it. For the next several months, she provided him literature and, at the same time, he was also becoming friends with an officer who worked in his division, Dewayne Anderson, another Adventist. Catoe, always a student, turned his energies to this question and began an intensive personal Bible study.

One day at his church, the pastor talked about Jesus walking through the fields with his disciples on *Sunday*. That remark woke him up. Catoe knew what he had to do. Writing a note to the Baptist church, he told them he appreciated their fellowship, but he had to find a church that kept the Sabbath.

"I had visited the Breath of Life church during my search," said Catoe, "but, for some reason, I hesitated to join. Then one Sabbath the pastor made an appeal. I know there is someone out there who has been keeping nine commandments who needs to keep 10." The pastor, Alfred Johnson, had never met me, but I knew he was talking about me. I found myself standing and going down front."

That was eight years ago. Catoe soon became a deacon in the church, a Sabbath school teacher, then an elder and now first elder of the 689-member

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church. And the Lord did not stop his progress in the police department. His latest promotion to assistant chief of police places him and three other assistants one level from the chief of police. He is directly responsible for more than 500 officers, six divisions, and a bureau which is allocated 11 percent of a total department budget of \$254 million.

But now, says Catoe, "I don't need a position for satisfaction. I'm content to let the Lord put me where He can use me. And He has."

Catoe's secretary of many years began talking with him about the Bible. She started coming to the Breath of Life church at his invitation and, four months ago, was baptized.

An officer was assigned to his office staff who one day started a discussion about food. The officer, Nathan Smith, and Catoe had never really liked each other, but Smith took all the information Catoe shared with great interest. He started coming to church and was baptized soon afterward. Then Smith's girlfriend, a patrol officer named Melanie who was a Christian, saw Nathan's change and she came to church, too. She was baptized in a few months and shortly afterward, they were married. Smith and Catoe are now good friends.

Anderson and John Littles, another Adventist officer, ran into a little problem about Sabbath duty at a football game. Their commanding sergeant said they couldn't refuse this duty. The sergeant went to Chief Catoe for advice. Not knowing Catoe was Adventist, the sergeant explained the problem. Catoe said, "Jerry, what day is the seventh?" The sergeant, a Christian, looked at the calendar for a long time without saying a word. Then the chief explained that the sergeant *could* find a way to let these men keep the Sabbath like the Bible said. Jerry Kaigler and his family are now members of the Metropolitan Adventist church in Hyattsville, Maryland.

Another young lady whose work involved police issues was invited to church by Catoe and is now an active member of the Capitol Hill church in Washington.

Catoe feels strongly that God has put him and other Adventist officers on the Washington, D.C., force to influence many others to know the truth. In May, Chief Catoe will

## Ephesus celebrates 80 years in Richmond

W. FRED VAUGHAN

*"I'm so happy I found the truth in 1943 and stayed with it this long."*

*—quote from Ephesus member Ina Starks, 84, on the anniversary day*



also a former pastor. Evangelist George Rainey from Los Angeles, California, spoke for the morning worship service. Rainey is a native Virginian as well as a former pastor.

The 489-member church was nearly full during a day filled with activities and music. Laddie Bell, former minister of music and choir director, conducted the Ephesian church choir, and Fern Cheek led members of the original Ephesian choir during the church service.

That afternoon, local artists from Ephesus and other area churches provided a concert and, later that evening, a homecoming banquet was held at the Holiday Inn-Kroper Center.

The mission of the church was not forgotten during the celebration; during the sermon, Rainey reminded the congregation that after 80 years, there still is a job that remains unfinished. When he made an appeal to follow the Lord at the end of worship service, two individuals responded, wishing to be baptized.

In its present location since the late sixties, the church operates a school and has an active day care center. Under the present pastor, Stephen Boyce, the congregation has spawned a new mission in the Church Hill area of Richmond.

The Ephesus church has kept the light burning in Richmond for 80 years and, by God's grace, the members intend to finish their work and soon enjoy the ultimate homecoming!

W. Fred Vaughan is communications secretary for the Ephesus church in Richmond, Virginia.

It was a little taste of heaven's reunion when former members of the Ephesus church family gathered to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the church in Richmond.

The anniversary, held this past October 19, featured four former pastors who returned to renew acquaintances. U.S. Willis, now retired, taught the Sabbath school lesson. William Scales Jr., director of the North American Division ministerial department, and his wife, Lois, also participated in the program, as did Scales' father, William Scales Sr.,

receive a Ph. D. in human development/education from the University of Maryland. Unless the Lord says otherwise, he plans to retire in about a year, after completing 30 years on the force. His dream is to teach and particularly touch disadvantaged youth in Washington, D.C.

Reger Smith Jr. is a free-lance graphics designer and writer from Oxon Hill, Maryland. He works with the staff of the Visitor.

George Rainey, evangelist and former pastor, was the guest speaker for divine worship service.

*"The students and staff at Shenandoah Valley Academy haven't been the same since that day in December. Prayer time at the school is not taken lightly now and, every time we see the students and teacher on campus who survived that day, we realize just how fragile life is and how fortunate we are to be under the watch care of such a loving God."*

—Dean Hunt, SVA principal.

It was the start of Christmas break at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Virginia, and everyone was in a rush to leave the campus and get home. All the traditional Christmastime events had taken place and now it was time for goodbyes and hugs.

John Henline, physical education teacher, traditionally drives West Virginia students home for Christmas, using the opportunity to also visit his parents there. This year he loaded eight students in the school's 1986 Ford van and their luggage in a trailer. The sun was shining late in the morning as they started out for Charleston—a perfect day to see the beautiful mountain scenery along Interstate 64.

It was a few hours into the trip, after they had crossed from Virginia into West Virginia, when Henline passed a large tractor-trailer and noticed the driver frantically waving at him. The driver was yelling that the van was on fire! Looking in his mirror, Henline saw flames shooting from the back of the van, past the trailer. He quickly pulled the van around the truck and onto the narrow shoulder, but when he applied the brakes, nothing happened. Screaming at the students to get out of the van, he held the brake pedal to the floor. All of a sudden, the brakes grabbed.

Flames were already engulfing the van, making the metal hot and sending choking black smoke through the interior. While students were bumping each other in their haste to get to the exit, the double side doors swung open on their own. The students spilled out of the van. One girl fell, but another student scooped her up and continued running to safety. It wasn't until they were standing in the nearby woods that Henline was sure everyone was safe.



In just a few moments, flames were shooting high and both van and trailer were burned to the pavement along with most of their belongings.

It was later that the students and Henline realized the completeness of the miracle that saved them.

The truck driver who warned them, Roy Smart of Zanesville, Ohio, said later he felt the Lord had put him on the road that day with the purpose of saving the students in that van. He even stayed with the group for several hours beside the road until all of the students were safely on their way home.

It was later found that a fuel line had begun leaking, dripping gas on the hot exhaust system. The first flames burned through the brake line, causing loss of the brakes. There is no physical explanation why the brakes suddenly worked at the last moment.

The double doors on the side of the van were of the type that become a bit balky at just the wrong moment. In addition, flames had heated the doors quickly, making them too hot to touch by the time the van came to a stop. The doors opened without anyone touching them.

The group had stopped to fill the fuel tank with gas just before the fire. Ironically, this was a blessing because the full tank had no air in it, which

# Miracle

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would have provided oxygen for a catastrophic explosion.

And then there were the many miracles of hospitality. A policeman drove the remaining 90 miles to Charleston to meet parents and personally explain what happened and that their children were safe. Many motorists stopped where the students huddled by the highway without coats and some without shoes. They let the students stay warm in their cars while awaiting their parents' arrival from Charleston. Some even volunteered to drive students home, but Henline chose to keep them together.

In the aftermath, students and staff are still moved to tears more than a month later when relating the event. The power of God has become real in their lives, with a new appreciation for His gift that we call life.

The students with the first-hand experience were Heather Howes, Althea Spears, Chris Crider, Shandra Stone, Alison Shyab, Jennifer Scott, Ben Gaskins and Samala Gaskins.

*Story provided by Dean Hunt, principal of Shenandoah Valley Academy, and Rashelle Stirewalt, administrative secretary.*

**Top:** One student happened to have her camera when she escaped from the van and she took this picture. **Bottom:** Trucker Roy Smart with his wife, Sharon. Like the scene in the picture behind him, Smart believes that God led him to be in the right place at the right time to save the lives of nine people. *Photo courtesy of the Times Recorder in Zanesville, Ohio.*





## Church float wins Rose Parade award

Judges for Pasadena's 1992 Tournament of Roses Parade presented the Adventist church float their national award for "best depiction of life in the United States." The float featured two Columbia Union members among its 10 riders; Elvina Tomenko, a Columbia Union College student from St. Petersburg, Russia, and Ben Carson, the world-renowned pediatric neurosurgeon from Baltimore, Maryland.

Using the theme, "Discover the World of Service," the float portrayed five child-like figures exemplifying service: a fireman, a nurse, a doctor, a teacher and a Pathfinder.

With a potential world television audience of nearly 700 million, the Rose Parade float represented the largest single media exposure in the history of the Adventist church, said Lynn Martell, North American Division church ministries director.

Three Pathfinder Master Guides carried the Adventist banner in the parade, the first time parade officials permitted anyone other than Eagle Scouts to carry award banners.

Many Pathfinders and their leaders worked around the clock for days before the parade, decorating the Adventist float and, through a special request, helping with the Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate company float. The 870 volunteers donated 13,617 hours for the two floats.

A close working relationship developed between Fiesta Parade Floats, a float-building company, and the Adventist workers during last year's parade. This season Fiesta Floats requested that Adventist Pathfinders decorate all nine of their floats because of the Pathfinders' experience and excellent workmanship.

"We agreed only to do ours and the Better Homes and Gardens float," said Lyndeen Wright, the volunteer scheduling coordinator from Hunting Park, California. "The income from the second float paid for our workers' food." Both floats won awards.

The project provided a focal point for inquiry about Adventist beliefs, and church members were encouraged to use the float as a conversation opener. After remaining two days at Victory Park for viewing after the parade, the float was returned to the building site and several items were salvaged to be used in a future Pathfinder museum in Loma Linda, California.

Many donations helped to make this year's float possible, but float costs have not yet been entirely covered. If you feel this has been a worthwhile outreach project, you may send a contribution to "Roses" through

your regular church offering envelope or mail it directly to Box 10550, Silver Spring, Maryland 20914.

## CUC needs

You can make life better for students at Columbia Union College—with just a few dollars. The main entrance to the cafeteria needs new carpet, the lab needs some new microscopes, and the theology students need a video camera to help them learn how to preach effectively. And there's more.

Please. Take a moment. Review the list and choose a project. Then send your check to the Columbia Union Visitor. Be sure to identify the project on the check. We'll be publishing pictures of the improvements as soon as we are able.

- \$2,400 New furniture for lobby area of men's residence hall.
- \$1,400 Sponsor a room of new furniture in women's residence hall refurbishing project.
- \$2,000 Drapes for the men's worship chapel.
- \$2,000 Quality portable public address system for student activities and general campus use.
- \$300 New International Commentary on the Bible for religion department.
- \$2,000 Apple computers for education department to directly improve instruction.
- \$20,000 New chairs and tables for college dining room. (They'll enjoy it three times a day for years.)
- \$1,200 Video camera for practice preaching in the religion department.



Left: The float as it begins the parade route. Right: Elvina Tomenko and Ben Carson stand on board the float as it prepares to make its 5.5-mile journey through Pasadena for the 1992 Rose Parade. Photos courtesy of Gene Clapp. © 1991 Gene Clapp





# The Fairchilds walk into the news

When Chris and Dale Fairchild of the Erie, Pennsylvania, Adventist church began, they didn't plan to be the subject of so much attention. But when the retired former missionaries, married for 36 years, passed a total of 500 miles walking, the *Erie Morning-News*' feature writer, Liz Allen, decided to tell about their achievement in her column, "From the Heart."

The January 13 issue of the newspaper told of how they were inspired by a neighbor's parents who, at age 79 and 80, were regular walkers. Four years ago this couple, Honey and Bill Snell, invited Chris to walk with them just after she had retired as a church school teacher at nearby Lake Erie Academy. Soon Chris, 64, and Dale, 62, were walking longer and longer distances. This past Memorial Day, they reached a goal of walking a marathon—26.4 miles.

The article explained that walking is more than just exercise for the Fairchilds.

"They've discovered old cemeteries filled with Erie history and learned that some roads listed on maps no longer exist.

"They've taken time to smell the wildflowers and kept a log of which ones they've seen in bloom, including coltsfoot, bloodroot, violets, trillium, myrtle, mustard and may apple.

"Sometimes they take a tour of a deserted home, imagining the occupants from long ago.

"But mostly they just talk. ... They may reminisce about how they met in Southern Rhodesia (now

Zimbabwe) at a Seventh-day Adventist mission or tell funny stories about their five grandchildren."

The newspaper found out about the Fairchilds when their daughter, Biz Fairchild Reynolds of Kingsville, Missouri, wrote the editor a letter about their accomplishment of 500 miles. Their son, David, who is also proud of them, gave them a special plaque when they completed their 20-mile anniversary walk.

Now that Dale has recently retired, they plan to devote more hours to walking and soon reach 1,000 miles.

Dale and Chris Fairchild of Erie, Pennsylvania, relax for a few minutes in front of mementos from their missionary years in Africa before they're off and walking again.

## POTOMAC

### Shenandoah Valley students are mission-minded

Students at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Virginia, are performing mission service in a number of interesting and exciting ways.

In October, 20 students led by Guidance Director Dennis Stirewalt went to Middleboro, Kentucky, to do repair work on the houses of three families with minimum income. Along with Stirewalt and his wife, one parent and a church member from Harrisonburg, Virginia, the youth spent more than three days fixing roofs and replacing floors.

On December 26, 17 students, three staff members, two church members and Lynn Schlisner, pastor of the New Market church, left on an 11-day trip to Mexico as part of a Maranatha project.

Under the direction of Buz Menhardt, the associate pastor of the New Market congregation, the group raised the walls and installed the roof of a new church on the outskirts of Mexico City.

Working under the handicaps of having no electricity or running water, the group still mixed and poured the cement floor for the church. Work began on Friday. On the second Sabbath the workers met the members in their new church, which was already full with people.

Another mission project was participating in the Special Olympics in Woodstock, Virginia. For 12 weeks the SVA students helped handicapped youngsters take part in several competitions.

The Student Association's Christmas party was funded entirely by students

purchasing individual gifts for 35 underprivileged children. These children were picked up at their homes and taken to SVA, where their student "parents" took charge of them while they enjoyed a nutritious meal. Then they all went to the party to meet Santa Claus and open up their presents.

These are just some of the ways that the youth at Shenandoah Valley Academy are ministering to other people in their community and at the same time gaining valuable experience doing mission work.

WILLIAM STRICKLAND  
Public Relations Director



Top: Wisam Karim built a friendship with Rebecca while helping build a church in Mexico. Above: SVA students put a new roof on a house in Kentucky.

## HOSPITALS

### Real estate agent and family donate to Shady Grove

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, located in Rockville, Maryland, is the recipient of a gift from RE/MAX 1000 and the Craig Dart family.

Craig Dart has been the broker/owner of RE/MAX 1000 since 1988. He was the top agent in Maryland for 1991, proving that good guys do finish first.

While many other real estate agents are experiencing a loss of sales volume, Dart had a 50 percent increase in sales over the previous year.

Dart and his family decided that the best way to celebrate was to invest in the

community through the Shady Grove Adventist Hospital Foundation. His five-year pledge will be used to help finance the expansion of the emergency department at the hospital.

"This is where my family and I live and work," said Dart. "One of the best ways to make sure that our health needs are met is to make sure that our hospital has what it needs to do the job. I hope we never need to use the emergency department—but I'm glad it's there!"

If you would like to obtain further information about the Shady Grove Adventist Hospital Foundation, please call (301) 279-6570 during regular weekday business hours.

TAMARA RUSSELL  
Public Relations Director

## CUC

### College alumni return for April 3-5 Homecoming Weekend

Get reacquainted with friends and teachers at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, during Homecoming Weekend, April 3-5.

"In addition to the Golden Anniversary Class of 1942 and the Silver Anniversary Class of 1967, CUC will honor the 1932, 1952, 1962, 1972 and 1982 classes," said Esther Burrow, alumni director.

Events will include a Friday evening vespers on student missionaries, a mini-concert by Pro Musica, a church service with Will Eva, '67, and a Saturday night banquet with pianist Mac Frampton.

## WORLD CHURCH

### "Dollar Day" offering turns 80 years old on March 28

This Thirteenth Sabbath marks the 80th anniversary of the first official Dollar Day offering, which was collected on March 30, 1912, for cities in India. That offering totaled \$7,674.33.

It took another quarter, however, for time to produce the first *Mission* quarterly leaflet, which featured the Selukwe Mission in Africa. The first page of this historic quarterly indicated that Dollar Day already had been adopted by several conferences once a quarter.

Mission fever in the Sabbath schools had begun with the raising of funds for the Pitcairn ship, which was completed in 1890. A recorded action simply made this practice official. Two short paragraphs slipped onto the fourth page of the minutes of the 80th General Conference committee on November 22, 1911—likely the most significant action taken that fall day—simply read:

"Special Sabbath School Gifts:

"The suggestion having come from the Sabbath School Department that it would add to interest in Sabbath School offerings if one Sabbath every quarter could be designated as a time for giving toward some special enterprise. It was felt that the treasury could arrange this without embarrassment, and it was—VOTED, that the treasurer be authorized to designate four enterprises, or fields, each year, to be made special objects for contributions in the Sabbath Schools on one Sabbath in each quarter."

That is all. No reference to the action appeared in the *Review and Herald*, nor can any comment by Ellen G. White be located anywhere.

In fact, recognition of this 80th anniversary appears to be the first remembrance of the first official Dollar Day. Not even its 50th or its 75th anniversary received special notice, despite the millions of dollars Sabbath school missions has raised for mission projects.

The largest special projects offering (the specific division's portion of 25 percent of the entire Thirteenth Sabbath Offering) so far reported is \$459,971.86, which was received in the fourth quarter of 1990 for the Far Eastern Division.

The March 28th anniversary offering has been designated for a trio of projects in the Euro-Africa Division: a chapel in Maputo, Fomento, Mozambique; a center for evangelism in Paris, France; and the reconstruction of the primary/secondary school in Lisbon, Portugal.



Mozambique, home of these happy lads, will benefit from your offering March 28.

When this quarter's special projects were chosen back in 1989, it could not have been guessed that the Eastern Bloc countries in this division would be open for freedom of religion. Therefore, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia and Romania are not special projects offering recipients this Thirteenth Sabbath. But if you've followed the mission reports this quarter, you know that the projects selected represent crucial needs in Europe and Africa.

Sabbath school members, let's make this 80th anniversary of Dollar Day a "Half-Million Dollar Day" for both our beloved church family members and unreached friends in Lisbon, Mozambique and Paris. Accordingly, the total offering raised March 28 must be \$2 million, of which 25 percent will be forwarded to the division for its special projects.

The term "overflow" has been obsolete since the early 1970s, when a recession in the United States reduced the entire offering by a third, wiping out the "overflow." The 25 percent plan, which was voted in order to continue the project giving, has been in effect ever since.

JANET KANGAS  
Mission Editor

## PENNSYLVANIA

### Women's retreat draws 80 attendees closer to Jesus

Eighty women attended a spiritual retreat in Kittanning in western Pennsylvania at a former Jewish synagogue,

which is now being rented out as a branch Sabbath school, on January 19.

These women came that Sunday afternoon from eight churches in the greater Pittsburgh area: Brockway, Butler, Distant, Ethnan Temple, Hillcrest, Leechburg, Richland and Shadyside. Three women came from as far away as Pine Forge Academy and Hamburg.

The theme of the retreat was "The Women Who Followed Him." Snippets from the life of Jesus were portrayed in which Christ walked into the lives of women and then touched them with His virtuous love.

Women from both the Allegheny West and Pennsylvania conferences joined together in the effort as the retreat opened with heartfelt singing and praise.

The message was preached from the gospel of Luke, where the importance of being a woman who ministers to Jesus was clearly set forth. There was heart-searching repentance, then sweet communion with Jesus.

While kneeling in two large circles, the women began pouring their petitions forth to God for a lady named Nancy who had received a sobering health report from her doctor. While women were lifting their voices in prayer and supplication for each other and themselves, the Holy Spirit was poured out and the presence of Jesus was sensed pervading the place. Christ touched those women with His virtue that day.

After that prayer vigil, the group of women divided into eight smaller groups for burden-bearing prayer. Many specific needs were addressed and lifted into the throne room of the Father. One 19-year-old lady named Melinda wept as she was lifted into the presence of her God by the nine women in her group.

After hearing a message about Mary anointing Christ with ointment, some of the women wrote a letter to Jesus. Each one specified to God what her "alabaster box" was, how it needed to be broken and that they determined to fill their "rooms" with the fragrance of praise.

The retreat closed with a supper prepared by husband volunteers. The ladies were served at their tables and gave a standing ovation to the men, who served in chef's aprons.

What a blessed day it was to be at the retreat, where women from different denominations came together to sense the presence of Jesus and left determined to be a true disciple of the One who said, "Follow Me."

JOHN AND SHANNON PIFER  
Butler Church

**ALLEGHENY EAST****Morgan State University  
choir sings for  
G.E. Peters elementary**

The world-renowned and ever-popular Morgan State University Concert Choir performed at Northeastern High School in Hyattsville, Maryland, to raise funds for Christian education under the direction of Nathan Carter.

This concert of classical, gospel, spiritual and contemporary music benefitted the building fund of the nearby George E. Peters Adventist elementary school by raising over \$8,000.

The choir thrilled its audience with renditions of works by Ludwig van Beethoven, Grother Clydesdale, William Dawson, Phill McHugh and others. The program also featured one of the outstanding student singing groups at G.E. Peters: Promises, a sextet composed of eighth-grade young women.

Since it was founded in August 1987, the school has endeavored to provide the finest Christian education possible for Adventist youth living in the Washington metropolitan area.

Student enrollment tripled from its original 66 students by the fourth year, resulting in three constituent churches: Emmanuel in Brinklow, Maryland; the First church in Washington, D.C.; and Metropolitan in Hyattsville. All agreed to launch a school building program.

The estimated cost of the new school is \$1.3 million, and it is anticipated that the building will be ready for student occupation sometime early in the 1992-93 academic year.

GLENN PHILLIPS  
*School Board Chairman*

**ALLEGHENY WEST****Members gather  
for fellowship dinner  
at Christmas**

Sharing love, friendship and fellowship as 1991 came to a close, members of the Bethany church in Charlottesville, Virginia, came together for a spiritual and physical feast on December 21.

This Christmas dinner was held at the Jefferson Park Avenue church, and a special message, "Born to Die," was presented by Steve Valles, who pastors the Afton and Staunton congregations in Virginia.

The food had been prepared by the church members, with a special turkey made by Gwen Pierce, health and temperance leader of the Bethany church.

Seated at the head table was Bethany's new pastor, Harold Gaskins, who was presented with the welcome gift of an address book containing necessary information on all of his members.

After feasting on spiritual and physical foods, the members and friends exchanged Christmas gifts.

A renewed commitment was made to work together in the coming year to do all that God would have the Bethany church do to finish His work.

ANITA ROSS  
*Communication Secretary*

**WORLD CHURCH****ADRA starts emergency  
education program  
for Liberian refugees**

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency is beginning an emergency education program for thousands of Liberian children who are refugees in Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), according to David Syme, ADRA's director for the Africa-Indian Ocean Division.

ADRA signed a contract in code of law on January 14 with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees to start the education program. The project has an annual budget of \$1.6 million and

is expected to run through December of 1992. The project could be extended into 1993, depending on the refugee situation, Syme said.

ADRA plans to build 100 schools in Ivoirian villages along the Liberian border. "Some of the schools are completed, and classes began immediately," Syme said. "Our goal is to finish the school by mid-February." Approximately 15,000 primary school children will benefit from the project.

UNHCR is providing the books and school supplies and has hired more than 350 teachers, most of whom are also Liberian refugees.

"These refugees have been waiting months for this project," Syme remarked. "Schools in Cote d'Ivoire have been unable to cope with the influx of refugee children, so most of the refugees have been without education."

Thousands of Liberians have fled to Cote d'Ivoire since 1990 to escape civil war and hunger in Liberia. "During the week I spent near the border in January, 3,000 new refugees, mostly children, crossed into Cote d'Ivoire," Syme said. "The living conditions are primitive, and they need as much help as possible."

NINA MARTINEZ  
*Correspondent*

**COLUMBIA UNION TREASURY****Union revolving fund  
nears all-time high of \$30 million**

It was back in the mid-1960s that Albert Baker, then union treasurer, established the revolving fund. This union was one of the first to set up such a fund. Now I believe that a similar fund is being operated successfully in each of the unions in this division.

The concept of the revolving fund is to provide an investment opportunity for people who would like to see their funds working for their church and to provide an investment vehicle for funds that are placed in trust with the conferences of our union. These funds are then available to finance church and school construction projects, as well as purchase parsonages and school buses.

Interest paid to depositors is kept at a level slightly higher than comparable investments, and the rate charged on loans is generally less than prevailing commercial rates.

The growth of this fund was slow in the early years. In fact, after 10 years of operation the fund had attracted less than \$2 million in deposits and could not begin to handle the loan demand from the field.

In 1982 we dramatically raised the rate of interest to 10 percent and developed an attractive brochure that was widely circulated in an effort to help the fund grow. It was gratifying to see it take off and to sustain steady growth through the years. Today deposits have grown to almost \$30 million, and we are able to meet the many growth demands throughout our union territory.

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DONALD RUSSELL  
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**ALUMNI BASKETBALL WEEKEND** at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, VA, will be March 13-14. There will be a welcome and refreshments for all alumni Friday evening at 7:00 in the Student Center. The basketball game will be held Saturday night at 7:30 in the gymnasium. We look forward to having our alumni return for this special weekend. (31)

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**ALUMNI WEEKEND AT SHENANDOAH VALLEY ACADEMY** will be held April 17-18. The guest speaker for the weekend will be Dr. Ben Carson, director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital. The weekend begins Friday evening at 6:30 with registration and light refreshments in the lobby of the Administration Building, followed by vespers at 7:30. After church there will be a potluck dinner. We ask that alumni and visitors bring two salads or one salad with one dessert. We hope that you're making plans to be here for this special weekend. (41)

**THE POSITION OF PROGRAM DIRECTOR** for day care will become available June 1, 1992. Seventh-day Adventists meeting the minimum standards set by the Department of Social Services may apply to the chairman of the Day Care Advisory Board at 300 Poplar Dr., Petersburg, VA 23805. Applications will be taken until the end of February. (215)


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**OBITUARY**

"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first,"—*1 Thessalonians 4:16 NIV.*

**WASH, Elsie,** born August 8, 1916, Yale, VA; died September 7, 1991, Newport News, VA. She was a member of the Hampton Roads congregation in Hampton, VA. Survivors: husband Charles, daughter Faith Cameron, son Wesley, sister Eunice Carter and brother Jay Shanko.

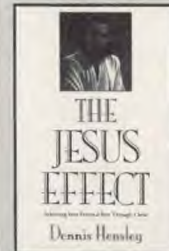
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Cleveland	5:50	5:58	6:07
Columbus	5:58	6:06	6:14
Jersey City	5:21	5:29	5:38
Norfolk	5:36	5:44	5:51
Parkersburg	5:54	6:02	6:10
Philadelphia	5:27	5:36	5:44
Pittsburgh	5:45	5:54	6:02
Reading	5:29	5:38	5:46
Richmond	5:40	5:47	5:55
Roanoke	5:51	5:58	6:06
Toledo	5:58	6:07	6:16
Trenton	5:25	5:33	5:41
Washington, DC	5:36	5:44	5:52

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