OF INTEREST TO TEACHERS

SDA Heritage Calendars Still Available

"Not just another calendar; not just another year" is the motto of the SDA Heritage Calendars for 1994, the 150th anniversary of the Great Disappointment. The prices have been cut on the four-color calendars, which commemorate people and places from Adventist history: 50 calendars now cost $100, post paid. A case of 225 costs $275. The current calendar includes more than $50 worth of coupons for health foods and Adventist books.

The 1995 calendars will feature Adventist women and minorities, and will also include money-saving coupons for a variety of popular items. They will be available in September 1994.

Teachers desiring more 1994 calendars for classroom use or fundraising, or who wish additional information, should contact SDA Heritage Calendars, P.O. Box 1697, South Lancaster, MA 01551; telephone (508) 422-7889.

Educational Inspiration at Family Life International

Revitalize your teaching by attending Family Life International! Celebrate FLI’s 20th year of teaching educators at Andrews University, July 10-18. Join Doctors John and Millie Youngberg, along with hundreds of teachers, parents, family-life educators, and ministers from around the world. FLI excels in providing God’s ideals for educators to pass on to their students. FLI ’94 offers two areas of study for participants: Parenting (teaching child self-control, understanding, prenatal preparation, lifetime parenting) and methodology (methods of family-life instruction). Those attending FLI can receive either two or three credit hours to be applied toward teacher recertification and toward Andrews University Certification of Family Life Educators.

Outstanding speakers fill the FLI agenda, including Stephen Glenn (teacher/parent motivational speaker, White House speaker, and author of Raising Self-Reliant Children), and Nancy Van Pelt (author of The Compleat Parent). David Myers brings his “happiness research” from Hope University, and Margaret Sawin, international speaker/author on family systems and clustering, only start the list! Campus housing is available. Prices vary according to conference sponsorship plan. For more information, call (616) 471-6366 or write Family Life International, Andrews University, Bell Hall Rm. 214, Berrien Springs, MI 49104-0100.

SDA Drug Needs Assessment Tool Now Available

To develop a drug-free school, one must first assess student attitudes toward and use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. Until recently, this has been an expensive process, feasible only for larger schools. The Institute of Alcoholism and Drug Dependency has used comprehensive needs-assessment surveys to study the prevalence and correlates of Adventist youth in North America, Inter-America, and Africa, and has provided contract assessment services to local public school systems. An inexpensive drug survey tool has recently been developed by the institute with the cooperation of the Andrews University Center for Statistical Services. The survey is intended for use with Adventist students, grades 7-12.

The survey contains questions validated on national surveys by the University of Michigan High School Senior Survey. Special question features include inquiries into attitudes, practices, and factors that motivate Adventist youth to choose abstinence. Completed surveys are optically scanned and computer analyzed, with full protection of student anonymity.

The needs-assessment service includes a full report, with data tabulations and graphs, which is presented to the contracting school. Schools may use the results to educate staff, students, parents, and church members about the facts revealed by the survey. They will thus gain important insights into how students think about chemical substances. For more information, contact Dr. Patricia Mutch, Institute of Alcoholism and Drug Dependency, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104-0211. Telephone (616) 471-3558; fax (616) 473-4414.