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The Hand of the Cause Roy C. Wilhelm was born in Zanesville, Ohio, on September 17, 1875. Roy was a millionaire and a respected entrepreneur in the coffee business. His maternal grandmother believed that the promised day was near and counseled those close to her to watch out for this event. Roy's parents, although church members, held unorthodox views. When Roy was about 15 his mother, Laurie, became dissatisfied with Christian doctrine and began to investigate other religious teachings and philosophies. Like her mother, she became convinced that the "Great Day" was near. Around 1898 Laurie received from a friend some Baha'i pamphlets, selections from the *Hidden Words* and a letter about the Baha'i Faith. As soon as she read these, Laurie accepted the Baha'i teachings. Anxious to share the good news with her son, she sent him a photograph of Abdu'l-Baha and a short newspaper article about Him. Neither impressed Roy, who returned the newspaper clipping to his mother with the words "*Strange if true*" written in the margin. One evening, however, the routine of his life was forever altered: He was sitting on his bed, changing his shoes, when the room was suddenly transformed.....(see back)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Devotions 10am	2	3	4	5	6 7pm, Cluster Reflection Gathering at Edmond Baha'i Center	7 Devotions 6:30P, at M & M Lessani's
8 Devotions 10am Sunday school resumes today	9 BD, Tahmoores	10	11 BD, Jayden	12	13	14
15 Devotions 10am BD, Parvaneh	16	17 BD, Maryam	18 7pm, Feast of Sultan Maryam	19	20	21 6:30 pm, World Religion Day at the Center, Kevin Locke as guest speaker
22 Devotions 10am	23	24	25	26	27	28 6pm, Memorial for Ian Semple, UHJ member, at the Center
29 Devotions 10am	30 BD, Toby BD, Payman	31	1	2	3	4 Devotions 6:30P, at M & M Lessani's
5	6 7pm, Feast of Mulk M & M Lessani					