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Television crew in Israel: on-the-spot exposure to news

By Keith W. Stump

TEL AVIV, Israel—It was a momentous time to be in Israel.

Our *World Tomorrow* television crew went on location here Feb. 28 to March 20.

During our stay, the government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir fell in a parliamentary vote of no confidence, triggered by a dispute over Mideast peace moves. It may well mark a turning point in the history of Israel and Israeli-Palestinian relations.

Keith Stump is a scriptwriter for *The World Tomorrow*.

The crew consisted of Duane Abler, producer; Mark Broadwater, cameraman; Tom Ivcevic, location sound; and myself as scriptwriter. *World Tomorrow* presenter David Hulme joined the crew for the first half of the trip. Richard Ames was on hand for the second half.

Our purpose was to videotape interviews and standups (on-the-scene commentary) for use on *The World Tomorrow*. We taped standups at 38 locations and conducted 10 interviews.

Some of the material will be used for a two-part series by Mr. Hulme on the Arab-Israeli situation, scheduled to air June 17 and 24. Programs on the city of Jerusalem, the authority of the Bible, and the life of Jesus are scheduled for the 1990-91 telecast season.

After obtaining press credentials and meeting with press liaison officials at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we began our work by gathering slice-of-life footage in the Old City of Jerusalem, March 2.

March 4 Mr. Hulme taped standups at Qumran, the Essene monastic community that produced the Dead Sea Scrolls, and at Masada, the mountaintop fortress where Jewish Zealots made their final stand against Titus' Roman legions in A.D. 73.

A standup was also taped at Jericho, where a new analysis of excava-

tions has yielded evidence to support the biblical account of the city's fall to Joshua about 1400 B.C.

March 5 Mr. Hulme did standups at the Shrine of the Book in Jerusalem, where many of the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed. He also interviewed Eleazer Tsafir, Arab Affairs adviser to Prime Minister Shamir.

The next day Mr. Hulme interviewed Israeli writer David Grossman, author of *The Yellow Wind*, a controversial study of Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Afterward we taped more standups on the Mount of Olives and in the Herodian Quarter of the Old City.

Patrol in Gaza

A highlight of the trip came March 7, when we accompanied soldiers of the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) on a foot patrol in the Gaza Strip. Since the onset of the Palestinian *intifada* or uprising, such patrols have become a familiar part of life in the tense Gaza district.

We were told that the chances of the patrol not being attacked were small. The previous day a rock-throwing attack on the same patrol caused Israeli injuries. Our patrol, however, proved unusually quiet. The only action came when the vehicles taking us back to battalion

headquarters were the target of a few poorly aimed rocks.

Afterward, Mr. Hulme interviewed IDF officers, including Brigadier Gen. Freddy Zach, deputy coordinator for the administered territories.

Benjamin Begin was interviewed at the Israeli Knesset, or parliament, March 8. Mr. Begin is a member of the right-wing Likud Party and son of former Prime Minister Menachem Begin. He emphasized that the Jewish state is here to stay and that no independent Palestinian state will be established west of the Jordan River.

The afternoon included a standup at the Knesset and a tour of the Temple Mount excavations with archaeologist Elat Mazar, granddaughter of archaeologist Benjamin Mazar. (Ambassador College students participated in his excavations in the south of the Temple Mount from 1968 to 1977.)

March 9 we traveled into the Israeli-occupied West Bank, visiting the Jewish settlement of Ariel, north of Ramallah. Ariel, population of 8,000, is the largest Jewish settlement in the West Bank. Palestinian Arabs who want an independent state in the occupied territories are alarmed by continuing Jewish immigration to settlements such as Ariel.

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MIDEAST TRAVELS—Above: Ali Shibli (left), mayor of the bedouin village of Shibli, serves lunch to evangelist Richard Ames, *World Tomorrow* presenter (center), Keith Stump, *World Tomorrow* scriptwriter, and the rest of the television crew after a tour of the village. Below: evangelist David Hulme is taped for *The World Tomorrow* at Masada. [Photos by Duane Abler]



PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Stach

Dear Brethren,

You have probably received a copy recently of our new booklet *Will Christ Return?*

One section I want to draw your attention to is chapter four, pages 14 to 20.

We need to realize that the conditions listed by Jesus in Matthew 24:4-13 have been the history of mankind. In times past we have made the mistake of looking carefully for the famine or earthquake that will be the beginning of the famines and earthquakes in diverse places, the war that will be the beginning of the wars and rumors of wars, etc.

Brethren, it is not strange that we are interested in when Jesus will return. The prophets wanted to know when these things would take place. They were told it was not for them to know (Daniel 12:9). The apostles wanted to know when these things would take place. Always, the answer was the same: It is not for you to know.

The Church has always looked for Christ to return soon. II Peter 3:3-18 contains encouragement for the brethren of the first century A.D. to realize that even though he had not come as soon as they had hoped, his coming

was nevertheless sure. Peter admonished the brethren to see that their lives reflect that steadfast hope.

For nearly 2,000 years the Church has been waiting. And it is good that God's people are always in eager expectation of Jesus' return (II Peter 3:14). But we should also realize that it is not appropriate for us to say we

know Jesus will come in our lifetimes. We do know he *might*, and we hope with great hope that he will.

But it is not scriptural to say, "Look, we have worked out all the chronologies and dates, and guess what, Jesus is coming back in this or that year, or within four to seven years, or in the next 20 years, or sometime in this decade," or whatever other assessment we may think we are on safe ground to make.

Christ will return

The safe and true assurance of all Christians is that Christ is coming back. *When* is not for us

to know. It may well *look* like the time is ripe and that he will come in our lifetimes, and it is always *possible*. In fact, it will always look *likely*. And we should, indeed *must*, live as though he is coming very soon!

But *that* is what we should be saying—that Jesus is coming back, that judgment is coming, therefore repent and believe the gospel—not that Jesus is coming back in four to seven short years, or some other specific pronouncement about the timing of his return.

We should certainly be alert to what is going on in the world and realize that the tribulation could begin in our lifetimes. But we should be even more alert to our own spiritual condition, to our own relationship to God, to be sure we are indeed *always ready* for Jesus' return!

Can we all begin to get that perspective into our thinking? There are enough doomsday prophets in the world proclaiming that Jesus is coming back in this or that year, or that some great disaster is going to fall somewhere in this or that year. But God's Church should not be among them.

To think we possess some special, infallible, inside information about the precise or nearly precise timing of prophecies concerning yet future events can be very alluring and exciting. But such thoughts are also misleading and are definitely not what Jesus promised that his Church would know, or that his Church should use as the main focus of

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Exam results measure effectiveness of college

By William Stenger

PASADENA—In late January graduating seniors on both Ambassador College campuses took The Academic Profile, a test jointly sponsored by The College Board and Educational Testing Service (ETS).

William Stenger is dean of instruction at Ambassador College in Pasadena.

The purpose of this exam is to measure academic skills such as college-level reading and writing, critical thinking and using mathematical data within the broader context of general education.

Assessment of academic skills is

part of the self-evaluation required for accreditation. The college uses the results of such examinations to improve its effectiveness.

According to the ETS, "The Academic Profile is specifically designed to provide institutions with information that will enable them to compare students' performance with that of others at the same or other institutions."

The average scores (means) of Ambassador College students were compared with students taking the tests at liberal arts colleges and at comprehensive colleges and universities. As the accompanying charts show, the two Ambassador College campuses achieved higher mean

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'Iron-clay' Europe needs German will

PASADENA—"The European challenge," says Hans-Jorg Rudloff, chairman of Credit Suisse-First Boston, "is to restore the Europe of 1914, when Europe was the biggest economic power of the world and had the best-educated population."

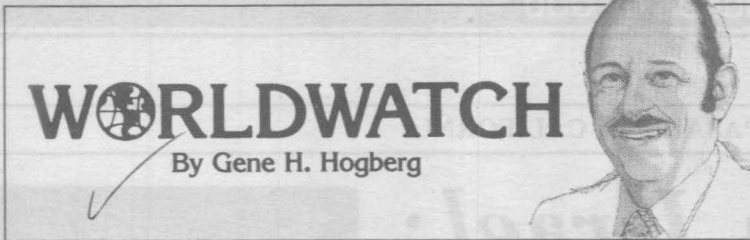
Early this century Europe was on top of the world. Then everything fell apart as World War I broke out.

"The campaign of 1914 turned the world upside down," writes Daniel David in his book, *The 1914 Campaign*. "The great dynasties of Eastern and Central Europe... those great families with names like Romanov, Habsburg, and Hohenzollern—were all swept away."

"It marked the end of European predominance in the world political arena and the beginning of global politics. It... led communism to triumph in Russia, and America to enter the global arena."

Starts with Germany

Now, once again, Europe is on the verge of greatness—but not



without apprehension on the part of Europeans themselves.

Competition in the global economic arena will be stiff. Japan is consolidating its dominant position in Asia and forging links of its own inside Europe.

In the Western Hemisphere, the United States and Canada have engineered a free trade pact. There are hints of bringing Mexico into the process.

Chief executives at several of Europe's largest corporations said in a series of interviews published in the *New York Times* that Europe's restoration process must begin with Germany.

But unifying East and West Germany will be no small task. Compli-

cations are anticipated in meshing different systems of law, property, taxation, public health and worker benefits.

The economic task is the most daunting of all. The price tag for unification could total one trillion deutsche marks, or \$600 billion.

Almost the entire communication and transportation infrastructure of East Germany must be rebuilt. On top of this, cleaning up one of Europe's most befouled environments could cost \$100 billion alone.

Rebuilding the East's archaic industrial plant could run into the hundreds of billions of dollars.

Some Western European leaders are concerned that for the next decade, Bonn could be preoccupied

with German-style *perestroika* in East Germany to the detriment of European integration.

Because of this anxiety, Chancellor Helmut Kohl traveled to Brussels earlier in the year to reassure European Community officials.

Chancellor Kohl, according to the *New York Times* April 9, told reporters in Brussels: "In five years, it will be completely evident that this German union will mean a push and not a decline for the Community. We don't want to be the Fourth Reich. We want to be European Germans and German Europeans."

Integration and centrifugation

Less obvious to those living outside of Europe, another integration process is under way, this time in the center of Europe, involving nations that had been previously divided by the Iron Curtain.

The foreign ministers from Italy, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and

Yugoslavia have met routinely to discuss problems specific to their region.

Some sources suggest that Czechoslovakia and Hungary are considering a loose economic union with Austria. The concept has been dubbed "Benelux East" after the 1948 customs union linking Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

The drive toward continental integration is being matched, however, by countervailing centrifugal forces of separatism.

A part of this resurgence may not be harmful. In East Germany, for example, there is a historic reawakening in the region of Saxony, in and around Dresden.

A leading Saxon nobleman, the Markgraf von Meissen, has announced his intention to return to Dresden from Swiss exile, thus joining the list of royalty and nobility anxious to play a role in restoring European civilization seriously scarred by Marxist-Leninist experimentation.

Unfortunately for Europe, re-
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Are you listening?

I collect old cameras and have a keen interest in photography. This hobby has taught me one simple, but important, rule. If you want to get a clear picture of what you're photographing, the camera lens has to be in focus.

The same rule applies to human communication. To hear what our children and teenagers are saying, we must use in-focus listening.

Too often we try to listen and do something else at the same time. That blurs our listening. What we hear is hazy and indistinct. When our children talk to us, they soon realize we're snapping a foggy picture of their problem. They conclude that we don't really have an interest in getting a clear photograph of their situation.

Let's look at a typical scene. Dad is watching his favorite television program. Seven-year-old Jonathan runs into the living room. "Bobby hit me! Bobby hit me!" he shouts.

Dad, still watching his favorite program, gives his son a glance and returns to the television.

Jonathan repeats himself. His voice is louder but eventually trails off when he realizes Dad is focused on something else.

Jonathan asks, plaintively, "Dad, did you hear me?"

Dad says, "Yes, I hear you." All the while he's trying to keep one eye on the television set and the other on Jonathan.

"Go on," says Dad.

Jonathan continues with a note of hope. "Bobby said a bad word so I spit on him. Then he... Dad, are you listening?"

Dad says, "Yes. Yes. I hear everything you say."

But Dad's attention is elsewhere. Jonathan, realizing that Dad isn't interested in his problem, throws up his hands and shouts, "You're not listening," and walks away.

Dad was content to see him go. He didn't want to refocus his interest from the television to his child.

Sometimes children take matters into their own hands when dads and moms don't focus their listening.

Eye-level listening

A colleague of mine told a story about eye-level listening. His young

daughter ran into the living room to discuss a problem. He was busy doing something else.

But his daughter was determined to be heard. She stepped directly in front of him, placed one hand on each side of his face and slowly and deliberately turned his head until he was staring directly into her eyes. Now, she was ready to tell him the full story. She had his full and undivided attention. She and Dad had eye-level, focused communication.

Hearing is more than listening to your child's voice. It's understanding what is being said and responding to it in such a way that your child knows he or she has really been heard.

A good doctor listens to the symptoms his patients are describing. He does more than listen, of

Focused attention is possible only if we step out of ourselves and into the other person's world.

course. He accepts that the patient is really experiencing a problem and tries to see it from his or her perspective. Focused listening demands we do the same for our children.

Listening is hard work

Said one parent in a program to improve communication skills: "I discovered that I never listened to my kids before. I'd wait for them to finish talking so I could say what I had to. Real listening is hard work. You have to concentrate if you're not just going to give a pat response."

Focused attention is possible only if we step out of ourselves and into the other person's world. We have to experience the situation from our child's perspective. That's the surest way to get a clear picture of what he or she is trying to tell us.

I read an interesting example about focused empathy in a magazine article, "Love at Eye Level." The writer related a time

when his children were on the patio wildly cheering. Dad needed some peace and quiet and wasn't too thrilled at the kids' boisterous exuberance. The verbal exchange went like this:

"What's going on out there?" I asked, mildly miffed at the noisy intrusion.

"Nothin,' Dad,' said my 6-year-old. 'We're just racin' caterpillars. Wanna join us?'"

"I politely declined, explaining that I had important stuff to do. But in the years since then, I've learned a simple, but profound truth: Racin' caterpillars with our children is important stuff."

Finally, Dad began to see his children not just as objects but as real people. He was seeing his children with focused eyes and experiencing life as they were.

Focus your listening

To improve your listening and make it more focused, here are four principles to remember when your children speak to you:

- Stop what you're doing. If you're reading, put the book down. If you're watching television, turn it down or off. Even if others interrupt an important activity, don't return the rudeness by only half listening.
- Look your child in the eye. Don't look through him or around

him. Develop the art of making your children and teens feel that they have your undivided and interested attention.

● Listen actively. Listen with your ears, your brain and your heart in gear. Repeat a child's thoughts back to him and ask questions. Don't make snap judgments.

● See it from their viewpoint. We humans are limited because we live in our own experiential shell. Your child is a separate personality from you. To communicate you must focus your mind on his or her viewpoint.

Above all, focus on what he or she is saying.

A student discovered this truth when he asked his teacher how he could learn to be a better communicator. The teacher said, "If you'll just listen, I'll tell you how."

A long and awkward silence followed. The student finally spoke up. "Well," he said, "I'm listening..."

"You see," said his teacher, "you are learning already."

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

AIDS, pain, tragedy: Christ's healing needed

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Romania, a country weary from oppression, shattered by upheaval, has to face yet another tragedy.

Some Romanian children have contracted acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) from an infected blood supply.

One photographer caught the pitiful expression of a baby boy with AIDS. The plight of that little boy struck me as a symbol of Romania's suffering. So much pain, but so little balm. For children with AIDS in Romania, care facilities are sparse and spare.

Also, Romania has many orphans because the Ceausescu regime made family planning nearly impossible. The orphans have learned that virtually no one cares for them. Crying brings no help. They are forced to grow up far before their time. No babyhood. No childhood. Nothing but impending death. Their faces show that they know sorrow.

Acute suffering is everywhere. Families are starving in Ethiopia. We see these images on television—fellow human beings, made in the image of God, with distended stomachs and protruding bones, surrounded by flies. There is so much suffering in this world that it's hard to take it all in.

There are other tragedies closer to home. Children 13 and younger are living on the streets in London. Teen prostitutes carry the AIDS virus. For extra money they will provide unprotected sex.

Those with money suffer too. Others may envy their wealth, but in truth some have "pierced themselves through with many sorrows." The apostle Paul said this is what happens to those who love money for its own sake.

Into such a world as this came Jesus. Sin and disease were commonplace. He saw pain everywhere. God is not the author of confusion and law breaking—the hurt, the inequality, the corrosion of what should be good and pure.

Only Jesus Christ can turn things around. The gospel accounts are full of the stories of his intervention in personal tragedies.

Jesus Christ was the advance emissary of the kingdom of God. He

was a living fulfillment of many Old Testament prophecies. Isaiah predicted that "the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing" (Isaiah 35:5, New King James throughout). We often apply this prophecy to the coming millennial reign—and rightly so.

But Jesus also applied this particular prophecy at his first coming. When John the Baptist's disciples asked Jesus if he was the Christ, he said, "The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have the gospel preached to them" (Luke 7:22).

Matthew, summarizing Jesus' healing ministry, said all who were brought to Jesus were healed of their afflictions and diseases (Matthew 4:24). People who had struggled to support the severely ill and disabled saw a light at the end of their tunnel.

In a world of unparalleled suffering and measureless anguish, such a light is desperately needed today.

Jesus asked us to pray: "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done." It is because God's will is not being done that the whole earth—plants, animals and mankind—is in agony. But relief and joy are on the way. The vital first step has been taken. Our Savior said, "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself" (John 12:32).

Christ will return but the time between now and then will not be easy. As moral laws are violated more frequently, evils will multiply in direct ratio.

We cannot completely escape the evils and the suffering of this world. We can ask for deliverance from each trial. We can request the strength to honor our calling. But we must also have deep compassion on the world about us.

Lasting joy and eternal life can only occur at Christ's return. But until the time of restoration we not only have to witness the sufferings of many others, but "we groan within ourselves" as we wait for the manifestation of God's kingdom.

Pastor general visits St. Louis, Mo.

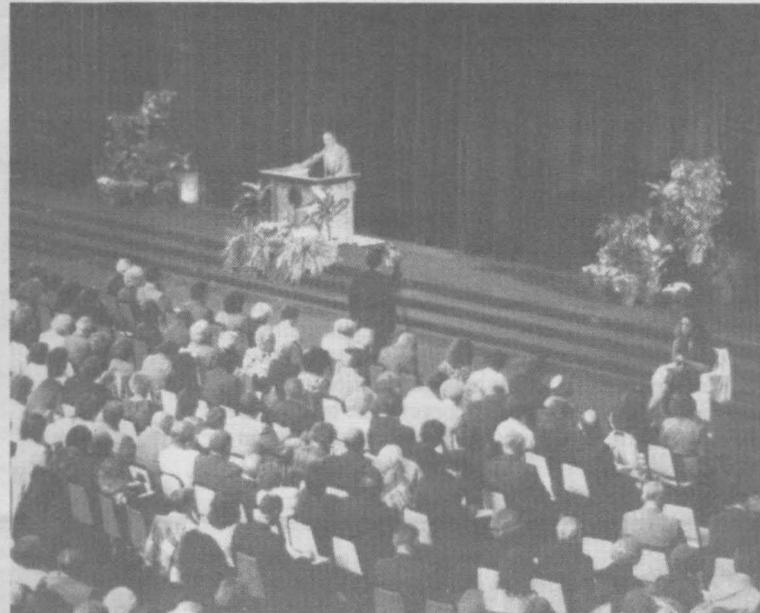


ST. LOUIS, MO.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 2,850 brethren March 31 from Alton, Belleville, Champaign, Macomb, Mt. Vernon, Peoria and Springfield, Ill.; Paducah, Ky.; and Cape Girardeau, Eureka, Poplar Bluff, Rolla, St. Louis North and South, and Wentzville, Mo.

Host ministers and wives were George and Karen Meeker, St. Louis North and Wentzville; Thomas and Patricia Blackwell, Jonesboro, Ark., and Poplar Bluff; Arnold and Patricia Clauson, Cape Girardeau and Paducah; Thomas and Lisa Damour, Champaign and Springfield; Lawrence and Bonnie Greider, Alton, Belleville and Mt. Vernon; Al and Suzanne Kersha, Rolla and Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.; James and Linda Lee, Eureka and St. Louis South; and Ronald and Patricia Lohr, Macomb and Peoria.

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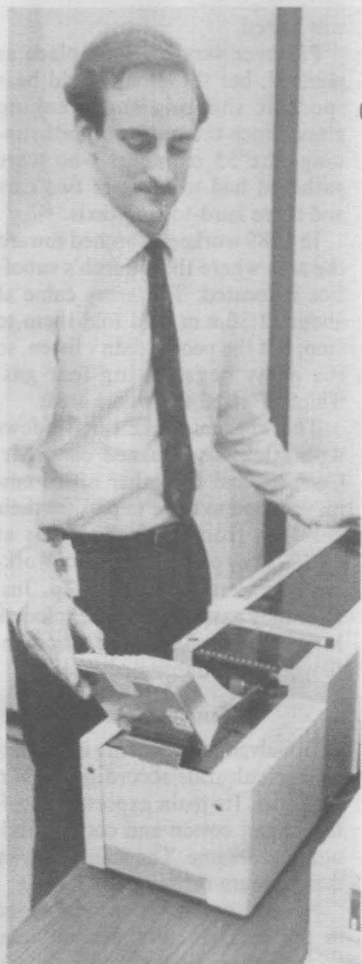
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SPEED READER—Mail Processing Center employee Rory Rentmeester sends literature reply cards through the Work's Duplo bar-code reader. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

Reader to computer: 6,000 names an hour

PASADENA—A Duplo bar-code reader was installed in the Church's Mail Processing Center Jan. 24.

The machine accurately scans the bar codes on about 6,000 reply cards each hour—the work of 10 to 12 employees.

The bar codes represent either the index numbers of current subscribers or identification numbers temporarily assigned to recipients of the Church's Plain Truth direct-mail offers.

Using the bar-code reader greatly reduces the manpower needed to manually enter names and addresses from coded reply cards into the computer.

The reader will help MPC eliminate much of its overtime work as well as reduce the need for on-call help. The Duplo processes only routine responses, so employees will handle more difficult requests.

The Duplo was purchased after extensive study by a bar-code task force headed by Eric Shaw, manager of the Church's Postal Center, and composed of representatives from the five media departments and Computer Information Systems.

This group has an ongoing responsibility to look at the possibilities of automating any functions of Media Operations through electronic data entry.

Photography Services also benefits from bar coding. Photography assigns bar codes to negatives in its film library, making it easier to keep track of the negatives when checked

out or returned.

Television Production may do the same with videotapes sent to television stations across the country. The Work could also use bar codes to inventory publications.

"It is important for Media Operations to know what new technologies are available," said Bernard Schnippert, director of Media Operations.

"That is a large and demanding job since our work is so diverse, encompassing print and broadcast journalism as well as advertising and mail processing."

Report from _____
the Treasurer's Office
Jeroy Neff

PASADENA—Income for March was 4.5 percent less than the same month in 1989, which was 1.5 percent under March of 1988. In other words the amount received this month was less than March of 1988 or 1989. The increases of January and February have eroded to a year-to-date figure of 5.6 percent more than last year.

If this trend continues, we will receive less income in 1990 than we did in 1989. Spring offerings last year were almost 30 percent more than the previous year. It will be difficult to match or exceed such good offerings.

The audit for Ambassador College in Texas by Arthur Andersen & Co. is complete. This report will be helpful with the application by the college for accreditation. The work on the other audits is proceeding on schedule and is expected to be completed about the end of April.

Fast-track approach

Big Sandy: building update

By Donald Ward
& Rick van Pelt

PASADENA—The last two weeks have been productive for the construction projects in Big Sandy, despite heavy rain.

Donald Ward is the president of Ambassador College and Rick van Pelt is the director of Facilities Services.

From the inception of the work we have adopted a fast-track approach to design and construction. This allows hundreds of design decisions to be made as construction progresses. Critical decisions are made as necessary; other decisions are delayed.

In this way, the foundation work has gotten under way while finish details are being completed.

Of course, overall concepts were developed first, then major systems were designed. As the projects proceed, many details are decided upon.

The order in which decisions are made is critical. For example, lighting design must occur early, but furniture layouts must be known before lighting arrangements can be made. Air-conditioning engineering cannot be completed until the lighting is designed.

The integration of all decisions into a building design is complex. Making decisions in the correct order is even more critical when so many projects are undertaken simultaneously.

Having the good team that we do makes this possible. The team includes people from many departments, ranging from Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach to maintenance personnel in Big Sandy and Pasadena who have years of experience in their fields, and offer valuable design advice.

Field house

The gymnasium-auditorium area is now asbestos free.

Abatement crews are removing asbestos from the Registrar's Office so that college crews can convert the office into the college bookstore. Registrar Lynn Torrance and his staff are working out of the Festival Administration Building and will move into the College Administration Building upon its completion.

Once the abatement contractor completes the registrar's area, they will move to the northern part of the field house. The occupants of offices there moved into the residence near the campus entrance. Their permanent offices will also be in the College Administration Building.

Reconstruction of the gymnasium-auditorium was not completed in time for the Ballet Folclorico concert April 3. It was decided that the contractor would recast the walls after the concert. Despite the incomplete work, the concert took place as scheduled.

College Administration Building

The foundation work on the administration building's basement is complete. The construction company is now forming and pouring the basement walls.

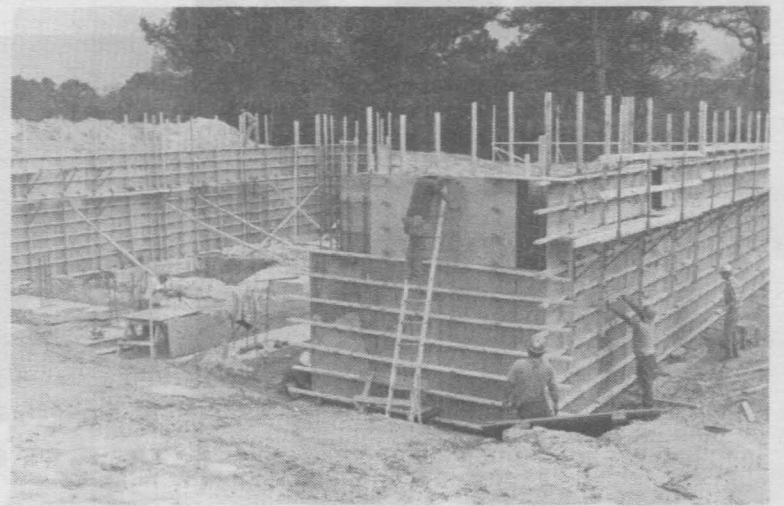
This work is no longer affected by the groundwater. The building elevation was raised during the design process to avoid water-related problems.

The schedule calls for the structural steel to arrive by the first week of May. All foundation and basement work should be completed by then.

Women's residences

Women's Residences B and D are nearing completion of all masonry work, including the load-bearing interior walls. This segment of the job has gone well. We are awaiting materials to begin interior work on the second floors of these buildings, and a subcontractor is ready to begin the

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PAGES FROM THE FAMILY ALBUM

"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit everlasting life." (Matthew 19:29, New King James)

El Salvador

By Kerri Dowd

El Salvador is a tropical land of beaches, of volcanoes and, as world news continually attests, of political struggles. It is the smallest Central American nation and is densely populated.

San Salvador, the country's capital, is overcrowded because many people have moved in from the countryside to seek a better life and to escape the ravages of the civil war. Most of El Salvador's Church members live in the capital city.

The war, in which leftist guerrillas are pitted against the government, has raged for more than 10 years. People are out from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., but after 7 p.m. it can be dangerous to be in the streets, according to Herbert Cisneros, San Salvador pastor. Most people stay at home in the evenings with their families.

Although times are not easy for the members in El Salvador, the country's problems help to tie the church family together.

Three men help Mr. Cisneros with sermonettes and with work in

the Church's suboffice in San Salvador.

Military service

Military service is compulsory, according to El Salvador's constitution, but young men who are recruited may request a waiver if they are students or contributing to their family's upkeep. The decision to grant such waivers is up to each commanding officer.

Forcible recruitment does sometimes take place in rural areas.

The government is trying to pass a law whereby each 15-year-old male must register. When he is 17 or 18 he may receive a letter saying he must render military service.

Women do serve in the military, but it is voluntary at this time, according to Mr. Cisneros.

Most of the brethren live in rented homes. Some have televisions, some have refrigerators, depending on their finances. Members gather for family activities such as sports, dance practice, beach parties and park outings.

Of the 22 young adults, 17 are attending universities. The government subsidizes higher education, but the national university has a relatively low enrollment and is politicized and affected by teacher and student strikes. So, many students attend one of several private universities, which charge about \$20 to \$30 a month, Mr. Cisneros said. In some cases, the Church helps with fees.

Most of the members learned of the Church through *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*). Many attended Bible lectures after receiving an invitation.

The first Bible lecture took place in 1983. More than 600 people attended. Several of those who attended the lectures were invited to Sabbath services, but only about a dozen became members.

One of the reasons so few have become members is that many live in cities around the country, and it is hard for them to get into the capital city, where services are conducted, because of the war.

Dangers of war

About the political situation, Mr. Cisneros said: "After a while you become accustomed to the situation, but it shakes you when something happens to someone you know. Ninety percent of the members have experienced, in some sense, risk to their lives."

Mr. Cisneros related this example: In 1980 on the morning before the evening Passover service a large group of people were going to bury a prominent religious leader who had been assassinated.

When they reached the cathedral just two or three blocks from the location for services bombs were set off. In the ensuing panic many people were killed. Others went on a rampage of looting, throwing rocks and burning cars and buses. Public transportation



CENTRAL AMERICAN DANCERS—San Salvador, El Salvador, brethren perform traditional dances.

was halted.

Passover services took place as planned, but the group could hear sporadic shooting and breaking glass. Since the buses stopped running, the 55 members who were gathered had to leave in two cars and three hard-to-find taxis.

In 1989 workers marched toward the area where the Church's suboffice is located. The army came at about 11:30 a.m. and told them to stop, but the people didn't listen, so the army began using tear gas, which affected the whole area.

The workers broke car windows with sticks and burned cars. Mr. Cisneros and the other office employees had to leave to pick up their children from the school bus at 12:10. They passed a group of workers who were burning a jeep. Just after they passed, the jeep exploded. It was a close call, but the office employees were unharmed.

Employment

El Salvador's economy is primarily agricultural, according to Mr. Cisneros. Its main exports are coffee, sugar, cotton and cotton products and sesame. The main industry is petroleum refining.

Several members are employed as teachers, doctors, accountants, architects, engineers and retailers. One member is a dentist.

Most of the members are working although they are earning low salaries.

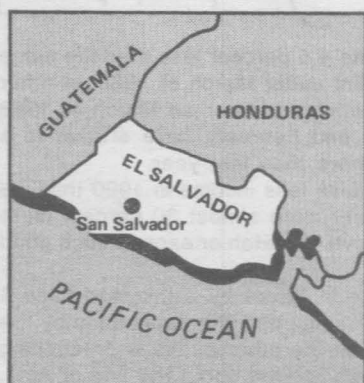
"Despite a decade of virtual civil war," said Mr. Cisneros, "two characteristics stand out, not just within the Church in El Salvador, but also among the population at large. The first is a noticeably stronger family unit."

For 10 years people have been unable to go out freely at night. In the beginning they distracted themselves with television, but eventually families began to spend time talking and playing together.

"The second notable development has been the work ethic," the pastor said. "Visitors comment on the relative scarcity of beggars."

The people want to work even in low income jobs, even if they have to walk to work when public transport is interrupted.

Mr. Cisneros said developments in Central America have given the people of El Salvador hope that the end of the fighting is within sight.



WE ARE ONE FAMILY

El Salvador	
Attendance	135
Local church elders	1
Deacons	0
Deaconesses	0
Teens	16
Children under 12	12
Singles	22
Over 60s	7
Spokesman Clubs	1
Graduate Clubs	0



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Are you drowning in an ocean of far too many obligations?

By John Halford

***Timecruptcy:** Obligation overload. Not being able to fulfill responsibilities or meet commitments.

You won't find *timecruptcy* in the dictionary. I couldn't find a word that meant what I needed to say, so I made one up. It's a useful word though, and it describes exactly what I want to write about.

John Halford is a senior writer for the Church's publications.

Life today is expensive, and life today is busy. So it is easy for life to become overloaded—both financially and with things that must be done.

We all know we must budget our money, and we have all made the mistake of going over budget. Some of us go way over, and find we cannot meet our obligations. In extreme cases bankruptcy has to be declared.

We also have to budget our time, and once again, many of us consistently go over budget. Some of us are not just over budget—we are hopelessly in debt. We have taken on far too much and now, behind in everything, we are in danger of having to declare timecruptcy.

This happens even when we have the best of intentions. We wanted to serve, to be a part of everything and take advantage of every opportu-

nity. At first it was fun. But the obligations piled up and life became a desperate struggle to stay ahead. Everybody had a claim to some of our time. What once seemed like opportunities become trials.

Suddenly, we have hard feelings



toward those we have allowed to have a demand on our services. We resent the Spokesman Club speech. We complain about the meeting we agreed to go to. We don't feel like contributing to the committee we said we'd serve on. We lose patience with the person we offered to help.

Out of time

What's happened? You are timecrupt.

Going over budget in time leaves you feeling like you are in debt. When you have more commitments than you can handle, even what you

do have doesn't seem as if it is really yours. You feel guilty about using any of it. If you are financially over committed, you have pangs of conscience whenever you buy something for yourself, or even go to a movie.

When you have over committed your time, you do not have enough hours in the day to get everything done. You are beaten before you start, and as the pressure builds, you feel guilty taking time out for anything.

It seems that whatever you are doing, you should be doing something else. You owe so much to so many projects. Life becomes a frustrating treadmill of obligations, assignments and responsibilities. Things to do, people to see, books to read, promises to keep and deadlines to meet, pile up. As so often happens in financial debt, you are forced to postpone the routine matters to take care of the emergencies. Soon even the routine becomes an emergency.

What can you do? What you can't do is walk away from the situation, any more than you can cast off financial debt. That isn't honorable. Maybe some things—self-imposed goals and self-determined standards—could be abandoned or modified. But usually, the person approaching timecruptcy is in trouble because of obligations to others.

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its message to the world.

The Church is told to proclaim the gospel and to teach all things Jesus has taught it. And one thing Jesus specifically did not teach the Church was *when* he would return.

The material in the new booklet sheds additional light on two elements of Jesus' words in Matthew 24 that we have not previously focused on. The first is about the specific sign of his coming. The second has to do with those who would come in his name. I draw your attention to this material so that by reading this particular chapter, you will be aware of the broader application of these verses.

The body of Christ

Now, I need to cover another important subject.

In the March-April issue of *The Good News*, an article appeared that does not fully and accurately represent the teaching of God's Church.

The article is titled "But Why the Passover Bread?" The article explains that the "Passover bread pictures the body of Christ, the Church."

Now it is true that the Church is called the Body of Christ by analogy, and that the members of the Church are in unity through Christ.

But when we partake of the bread at Passover, we are symbolically sharing in the body of Christ—Jesus' own body that

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If you have promised your time and resources, others are counting on you. They have a right to expect you to follow through.

Get out of time-debt

The book of Proverbs advises us to take urgent steps to get out of debt. "If you have shaken hands in pledge . . . you are snared by the words of your own mouth . . . So do this . . . deliver yourself; for you have come into the hand of your friend: go and humble yourself; plead with your friend" (Proverbs 6:1-3, New King James throughout).

The honorable thing to do if you have bogged down in obligations and deadlines is to negotiate. Go to those who are expecting something from you, and explain how you are over committed. Ask for their help, cooperation, even mercy.

But be careful. Some people, and some tasks, need you. It's not their fault you are over committed. They are legitimate, an unavoidable claim

on your time, and you'll have to find a way to fulfill them. The Bible tells us that God honors the person who "swears to his own hurt and does not change" (Psalm 15:4).

To get out of financial debt you make up a strict budget, and schedule of payments, and stick to them. Time-debt is no different. Make an emergency time-debt reduction schedule—a to-do list. Crossing off items does wonders for morale.

It's like paying off a debt. It takes discipline, as getting out from under any debt does, and it won't happen overnight. But persevere and eventually you'll see progress.

Also, it is important to resist the temptation to take on more until you are unencumbered. Make getting out from under your time-debts the obligation for a while. Then, when you have regained control of the situation, don't allow yourself to get into a mess again. Potential timecrupts need to realize that they may be obligation addicts too.

Israel

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While there we saw a colorful Purim celebration, commemorating the deliverance of Esther and the Jews from Haman in 473 B.C.

March 11 we taped displays and exhibits in the new Museum of the History of Jerusalem at the Tower of David in the Old City. Afterward, Mr. Ames did a standup at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, traditional site of the Tomb of Christ and of Golgotha or Calvary, the place of crucifixion.

That evening Mr. Hulme interviewed Faisal Hussein, a Palestinian Arab leader, at his home in East Jerusalem. Mr. Hussein said there can be no peace until the Palestinian people have territory on which they can raise their flag. Mr. Hulme returned to the United States the next day.

March 12 we took our cameras onto the Temple Mount, called Haram ash Sharif (The Noble Sanctuary) by Muslims. The Wakf (Muslim religious authority) arranged for us to tape inside the Dome of the Rock shrine and Al Aksa mosque. It is the third holiest site in the Islamic world after the Arabian cities of Mecca and Medina.

Muslims believe that the prophet Muhammad ascended to heaven from the sacred rock that lies inside the Dome. Afterward, Mr. Ames taped a standup at the Western or Wailing Wall, the holiest site in Judaism. It is the last surviving remnant of the retaining wall that surrounded the Temple area in Herod's day.

Hell freezes over

Fog and freezing winds made impossible the taping of Mr. Ames in the Valley of Hinnom (Gehenna), March 13. We did tape one standup at the Zion Gate of the Old City before the cold became unbearable.

The afternoon included a stop at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial. The Children's Memorial, dedicated to the 1.5 million children who perished at Nazi hands, was especially moving.

During the afternoon we learned that Prime Minister Shamir had triggered a political crisis by firing Vice-Premier and Finance Minister Shimon Peres. At the Knesset that evening, which was buzzing with activity, I interviewed Avrum Burg,

a Labor Party member of the Knesset.

Mr. Ames did standups on the Mount of Olives (scene of the Olivet Prophecy and of Jesus' ascension) and at the Garden of Gethsemane, March 14. In the afternoon we rented a helicopter to get aerial footage of Jerusalem and Masada.

March 15 Mr. Ames did standups at Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity (traditional site of Jesus' birth) and at Shepherds' Fields. The previously postponed standup in the Valley of Hinnom was also taped, as was a standup at the traditional Mount of Temptation near Jericho.

We then traveled up the Jordan river valley to Tiberius, built by Herod Antipas during the time of Jesus. Tiberius, on the Sea of Galilee, became our base of operations for the remainder of the trip.

Over the next few days, Mr. Ames did standups at Capernaum (center of Jesus' ministry), the Mount of Beatitudes (where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount), Mt. Tabor (traditional location of the transfiguration), the Horns of Hattin (where the Crusaders were defeated by Saladin), Nazareth (Jesus' boyhood town), Cana (scene of Jesus' first miracle) and Megiddo (Armageddon—the ancient fortress overlooking the Valley of Jezreel).

We also obtained video footage of the archaeological excavations at Hazor, a Canaanite city destroyed by Joshua and rebuilt and enlarged by Solomon and Ahab. Digging will resume at Hazor this summer, with the participation of Ambassador College students.

While in the Galilee we interviewed Mayor Ali Shibli at the Arab village of Shibli at the foot of Mt. Tabor. The people of Shibli are of bedouin Arab stock. They serve voluntarily in the Israeli army, and work to promote cooperation and understanding between Arabs and Jews.

After an overnight stay in Tel Aviv, we left Israel, March 20.

Our trip showed the value of on-the-scene exposure to the people and events making the news. Firsthand observation dispels myths and misconceptions, and brings issues into sharper focus. This added dimension is especially crucial in comprehending the turbulent Middle East, probably the most misunderstood region on earth.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST—Taking a break from serving breakfast to Pasadena West P.M. brethren March 25 are (from left) evangelists Richard Ames; Dean Blackwell and Leroy Neff, and Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach. [Photo by Thomas C. Hanson]

Europe

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gional nationalism is also having negative results. Historic feuds and rivalries, subdued under the fist of communism, are flaring anew, such as between Hungarians and Romanians and among Yugoslavia's diverse and factious peoples.

In the most comical occurrence, Czechs and Slovaks are engaged in a verbal hyphen war over the renaming of their restored democratic state. Slovaks, one third of the population, want to spell it Czecho-Slovakia to draw attention to their culture.

Strong hand from where?

Jacques Delors, president of the Commission of the European Community, warns that "we must be strong if we are to have any hope of

overcoming the national antagonisms which may well reemerge in Europe."

Where will this strength come from?

The Germans are aware of the need to impart muscle, stability and willpower to this new Europe. More than anyone else they will supply the iron of the iron-and-clay composition the last revival of the Roman system is destined to be made of, as Daniel 2 plainly reveals.

But even the Germans, in creating a Fourth Reich out of all Europe this time, not just a racially Germanic Third Reich, will not be able to prevail in the end.

The Fourth Reich will be "partly strong and partly fragile" (verse 42, New King James). And it will not be able to stand against the "stone cut out without [human] hands" (verse 44)—the coming kingdom of God.

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bore our sins on the stake (I Peter 2:24), that was pierced for our transgressions (Isaiah 53:5), that was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many (Hebrews 9:28).

Eating the bread and drinking

can be unified with one another only because we are each unified with *him*. And the Passover bread and wine symbolize suffering and his death.

The Passover bread does not symbolize the Church. If an analogy is to be drawn between the Church and the bread, it should be with the unleavened

It is not strange that we are interested in when Jesus will return. The prophets wanted to know. The apostles wanted to know. Always the answer was the same: It is not for you to know.

the wine show our unity with *Christ*, our recognition of our personal need for God's mercy and forgiveness and our acceptance of his sacrifice for our sins. The wine and the bread together picture Jesus' death (I Corinthians 11:26).

Without Jesus' death, there could be no Church of God. Without the sacrifice of the Savior, there could be no possibility of spiritual unity of the Church through the Holy Spirit.

Our acceptance of his sacrifice for our sins is what makes unity possible within the Church. We

bread of the festival of Unleavened Bread (see I Corinthians 5:7).

In I Corinthians 11 Paul explained to the Corinthians that their behavior toward one another at the Passover service illustrated the fact that they did not properly understand nor value the sacrifice of Christ. Many of them were being judged by God through sickness because of this wrong attitude.

If they had indeed understood and valued the sacrifice of Christ, they would not have been conducting themselves in the

manner Paul described in verses 21 and 22.

As the booklet *The Plain Truth About Healing* explains, "Paul had reminded them that the bread and wine taken during the Passover service symbolized the body and blood of Christ that make possible the unity and oneness of the members of the Body of Christ—the Church (I Corinthians 10:16-17)."

For the *Good News* article to appear in the form it did was a mistake. For this I must take the ultimate responsibility. The author's and the editors' intention was to emphasize a very important aspect of Christian responsibility—that members of the Church, as members of the Body of Christ, are in unity through Christ, and should therefore be reconciled to one another before Passover.

The author and the editors of *The Good News* certainly understand the true meaning of the Passover bread. Unfortunately, in this article's attempt to focus on a specific point about the unity of the Church in Jesus Christ, it made the incorrect assertion that the Passover bread pictures the Church.

Other ministers have made the same error. I felt it important to correct and clarify this vital point.

How the Work loses when checks bounce

By Richard Rice

PASADENA—The Mail Processing Center (MPC) receives hundreds of checks each month that must be returned because of insufficient funds. In 1989 checks that bounced were up 23.5 percent over 1988.

Richard Rice is the operation manager of the Mail Processing Center.

The Work loses in three ways when checks bounce. First, the Work does not receive the income from the check unless a replacement is written.

Second, it must pay for the time and labor to update donation records and notify donors of the problem. MPC employees spend dozens of hours each month handling these bounced checks.

Third, the Church's bank charges the Church a fee each time it processes a check for which there are insufficient funds in the contributor's account. Estimated bank charges to the Church in 1989 were \$15,480, up 7.5 percent over 1988.

The sender's bank charges a fee each time a bounced check is returned. Sometimes this fee is as

high as \$20. Because the Church's bank processes insufficient funds checks twice, the sender could pay several times the amount of the check in bank charges alone. Estimated bank charges to contributors were up 7.1 percent over 1988.

To avoid sending insufficient fund checks, MPC offers these tips:

Be sure funds are available to cover checks. Don't assume you'll have time to make a deposit to cover the check before it reaches the bank.

Some people forget this when preparing Holy Day offerings at the Feast. They return home to find that their checks have already bounced.

Keep your checkbook balanced. Keep careful records and maintain an up-to-date balance in your checkbook. This decreases the probability that you will bounce a check.

Be clear, complete and accurate. Improperly filled out checks can become insufficient fund checks. MPC or the bank may misread the intended amount and process it based on that error. Please fill in all details and write clearly.

If you feel more information is needed for proper processing, feel free to enclose a note.

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scores than other institutions in every category covered by the test.

Although this is the first time

Ambassador students have taken The Academic Profile and the test itself is a relatively new instrument, the results are encouraging and should dispel any misconceptions about the quality of education offered at Ambassador College.

Both are in their 90s

Couple married for 70 years

By Kathy Benedetto

SUNLAND, Calif.—Friedrich Jungs, 98, and his wife, Hedwig, 92, marked their 70th wedding anniversary March 6.

Kathy Benedetto is a member who attends the North Hollywood, Calif., church.

About 60 brethren met for an open house March 11. The couple received congratulations from President George Bush and Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach.

The Jungses, who were both born in what is now East Germany, attend the North Hollywood church when they are able. They began attending services in 1962. Mr. Jungs was baptized in 1963 and Mrs. Jungs one year later.

Mr. Jungs was born March 29, 1891, in Liebertwolkwitz, Germany. Mrs. Jungs was born Oct. 5, 1896, in Leipzig, Germany.

Mr. Jungs worked as a typesetter in Germany. He also served as a soldier for six years and fought in World War I. Although Mr. Jungs was not hurt he saw many men around him killed. He said he sees now that God had a purpose for him.

During his army career Mr. Jungs went to the home of Hedwig's brother for a visit. There he met Hedwig, a bookkeeper, and, at-

tracted by her red hair, vowed he would marry her.

Her father was a proprietor of a furniture store, and her mother

Friedrich moved to the eastern part of the United States. Since he spoke no English, Mr. Jungs worked as a dishwasher. Sixteen months later Mrs. Jungs obtained her visa and joined her husband.

"I wore an emerald green suit when he met the boat," she remembered.

Mrs. Jungs found work as a cook, housekeeper and nanny. Because of the hard work she miscarried twice and was told that she could never have children.

After moving to California Mr. Jungs worked as a gardener for the Los Angeles school system in Burbank. They bought the home they live in in 1950.

Now retired and looking back over their married years, Mr. Jungs says he was never the boss of the house but always the man of the house.



MR. & MRS. FRIEDRICH JUNGS

worked as a professional matchmaker. "This is a real man," Hedwig's mother assured her.

In 1920 Friedrich and Hedwig were married, and in 1923

Big Sandy

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finish work on the exteriors.

Residence A has a smaller crew of masons working on it, so work hasn't gone as quickly.

Residence C is ready for masons, and Residence E will be as soon as footings are poured. A shortage of masons has put us behind schedule.

The contractor's crews are engaged in a friendly competition to see who can lay the most blocks. This could help them catch up to the schedule.

The masons completing their work on Residences B and D will work on C and E.

Lecture hall

The working drawings for the lecture hall are undergoing a final check to assure their completeness and accuracy.

The structural steel is on order and a concrete contractor is being selected.

Plumbing, electrical and mechanical contractors are also being selected to allow them to complete the utility hookups under the new building.

Ground breaking took place during the second week of April.

Church language building

The language building project is still on the drawing boards in Pasadena. Engineering work is being done by firms contracted by Ambassador College.

Library remodel

Reconstruction work for the library is proceeding in accordance with a fast-track design. Design details are being furnished to the college construction crew as they are developed.

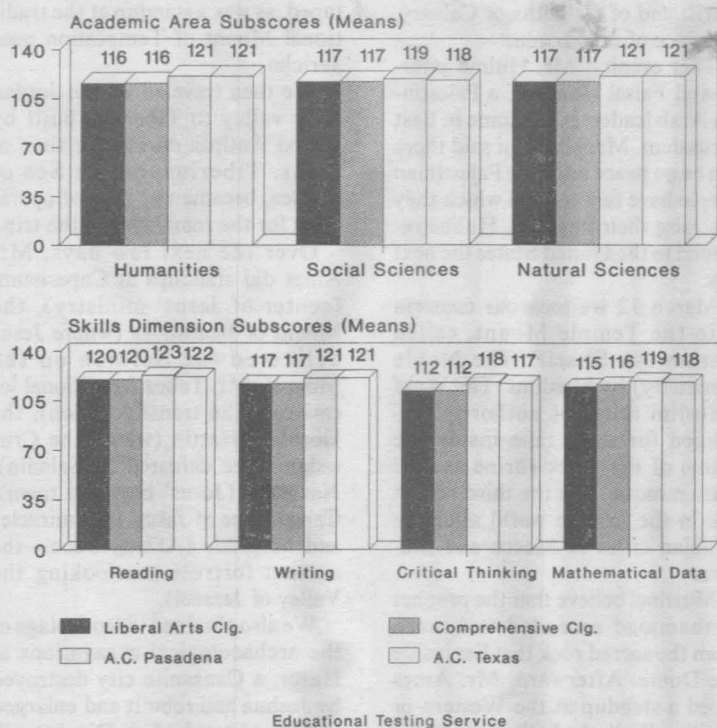
Meanwhile, the library is still in operation in the Redwood Room (formerly a student lounge) and other areas unaffected by the remodeling.

Utility distribution system

Work on the utility distribution system is proceeding well.

The college's construction crews are midway between the service area of the campus and the Science Lecture Hall. Once they get to the Science Lecture Hall they will go back to the starting point, east of the new College Administration Building. They will then hook the field house into the utility network.

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	Humanities	Social Sciences	Natural Sciences	Reading	Writing	Critical Thinking	Mathematical Data	Total
Liberal Arts Colleges	116	117	117	120	117	112	115	449
Comprehensive Colleges and Universities	116	117	117	120	117	112	116	450
AC Pasadena	121	119	121	123	121	118	119	465
AC Texas	121	118	121	122	121	117	118	462

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

AUERHEIMER, Tony and Audrey (Adams), of Salina, Kan., boy, Adam Charles, March 15, 4:23 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

BEHLERS, Rodney and Diana (Gloe), of Norfolk, Neb., girl, Kristen Denise, Feb. 4, 4:56 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BERTHOUT, Jean-Marie and Beatrice (Gefroy), of Rouen, France, girl, Sarah, March 8, 7 pounds, first child.

BLICK, Peter and Veronica (Mew), of Brisbane, Australia, boy, Timothy Matthew Bernard, Feb. 6, 10:54 p.m., 7 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, first child.

COUTO, Jose and Glynis (Mathieson), of Johannesburg, South Africa, girl, Talita Naomi, Jan. 2, 9:25 p.m., 3.37 kilograms, first child.

CREECH, Glenn and Ronda (Phelps), of Cincinnati, Ohio, boy, Aaron Alan, Dec. 6, 12:55 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 3 boys.

DIZON, Bermevon and Carmelita (Roberto), of San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippines, boy, Abel Bernie, Feb. 28, 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

DUCHENE, Donald and Nina (Lovely), of Little Rock, Ark., boy, Daniel Lee, Feb. 21, 11:56 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

FAJARDO, Mauro and Nora (Regaspi), of Makati, Philippines, boy, Gadi Regaspi, March 3, 1:15 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

FENECH, Joseph and Therese (De Bono), of Zurriq, Malta, girl, Tamara Jo, Dec. 22, 12:45 p.m., 3 kilograms, now 2 girls.

FRANK, Michael and Vicky (Sanders), of Tyler, Tex., girl, Victoria Patrice, Feb. 19, 1:01 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

GARRATT, Wayne and Ruth (Stauffer), of Sydney, Australia, boy, Zane Sterling, Feb. 14, 8:18 a.m., 8 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys.

GLEUE, David and Patricia (Garber), of Topeka, Kan., girl, Lindsey Marie, Feb. 17, 3:35 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

GONZALO, Dennis and Michelle (del Gaudio), of Vallejo, Calif., boy, Miles del Gaudio, Jan. 12, 2:05 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

GREDE, Timothy and Kristine (Schlegelmich), of Denver, Colo., boy, Syngeon Timothy, March 12, 2:43 p.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

HARRISON, Terry and Angela (Stacy), of Lenoir, N.C., girl, Lauren Amy, Dec. 4, 7:58 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

HEYKOOP, Cor and Leona (Wilson), of St. Catharines, Ont., boy, Alexander Joel, Jan. 29, 4:17 p.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

HUSSAK, Dennis and Debbie (Pope), of Buffalo, N.Y., girl, Larisa Janine, March 14, 12:24 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KAMMLER, Robert and Lora (Weaver), of Escondido, Calif., girl, Kylee Joyce, Oct. 24, 10:42 p.m., 5 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

LINDSEY, James and Penny (Pichette), of Fresno, Calif., girl, Jessica Ann, Feb. 5, 6:31 p.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

LOWRY, Rodney and Lisa (Boren), of Wichita, Kan., girl, Shelli Kay, Dec. 16, 11:11 p.m., 6 pounds 15 1/2 ounces, first child.

MACZEK, David and Jodie (Kavanaugh), of Brisbane, Australia, girl, Amy Kate, July 11, 6:29 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

McCOY, Kevin and Mabel (Salibad), of Dallas, Tex., boy, Daniel Trevor, March 1, 7:59 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys.

NICOLAU, Dean and Yolande (Vlaanderen), of Johannesburg, South Africa, boy, Tyrone Brent, Nov. 8, 1 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

RANDLE, Thomas and Deborah (Solberg), of Minneapolis, Minn., girl, Jessica Lynn, Dec. 13, 5:49 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

REED, Thomas and Bonne (Barfield), of Big Sandy, boy, Trevor Southard, Feb. 21, 6:31 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

SAGULA, Robert and Susan (Adongo), of Tororo, Uganda, girl, Susan Hamba, Feb. 18, 12:33 p.m., 2.6 kilograms, now 3 boys, 3 girls.

SIGURDSON, Tim and Carolyn (Siedschlag), of Tisdale, Sask., girl, Jessica Kristina Mae, Feb. 11, 5:49 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

SMITH, Jeffrey and Donna (Wilson), of Queens, N.Y., girl, Skyler Kay, Feb. 27, 10:36 p.m., 10 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

STOGER, Dale and Rosemary (Winters), of Irvine, Calif., boy, Joseph Edward, Jan. 24, 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

THOMSON, Roy and Merron (O'Neill), of Pasadena, girl, Samantha Lee, March 9, 6:36 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

THULL, Steven and Kimberly (Workman), of Minneapolis, Minn., boy, Christopher Steven, March 10, 8:51 a.m., 8 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, first child.

TOLMAN, Ernest and Ruth (Salmon), of Reno, Nev., boy, Thomas Nathaniel, March 16, 2:31 p.m., 8 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, first child.

VAN PELT, Leo and Jane (Patterson), of Yorkton, Sask., girl, Stephanie Alexandra, Feb. 16, 1:16 p.m., 9 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

WALSH, John and Pierann (Greive), of Pasadena, boy, Adam James, March 9, 7:32 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

WEIS, Perry and DeAnn (Snyder), of Long Beach, Calif., boy, Donald Dustin, Jan. 1, 12:45 a.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, now 3 boys.

WELCH, James and Mary (Jurkowski), of Waukesha, Wis., girl, Katherine Grace, Feb. 12, 6:14 p.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Deyton of Burnsville, N.C., and Irene Leadbitter of Newcastle, England, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Rebecca Gail Deyton and Stewart Leadbitter. A Sept. 30 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Brown of Melbourne, Australia, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Robyn Gayle to Wayne Packham of Prince George, B.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Packham of Tucson, Ariz. A July wedding is planned.

The parents of Tomra Leigh Eltrich and Shane Reuben Bazer are pleased to announce the engagement of their children. A May 27 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

It is with joy that Mr. and Mrs. David Holman of Villa Park, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter Mary Ann to Kent Humphry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Humphry of Oakland, Ark. A Sept. 23 wedding is planned.

James T. Wine and Tammera K. Grismore of Elkhart, Ind., are happy to announce their engagement. A May 27 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie North of Brandon, Man., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Olga Melody to Douglas Lloyd Atkinson of Saskatoon, Sask. A May 27 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Lateef Edalere are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Anthea to Leaford Kirk Henderson. A May 20 wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. JAMES LEONARD
Ruth Rector of Knoxville, Tenn., and James Leonard of Jacksonville, Fla., were united in marriage Feb. 13. The ceremony was performed by James Chapman, Jacksonville pastor. Diane Heller was matron of honor, and David Koch was best man. The couple live in Jacksonville.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID LOGAN
Susan Lona Bumbulis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bumbulis of Benton Harbor, Mich., and David Logan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Logan of Northridge, Calif., were united in marriage Dec. 17. The ceremony was performed in Pasadena by evangelist Ronald Kelly, Editorial Services operation manager. Wynn Patterson was maid of honor, and Charles Wilson was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. NEIL HUNTER
Mr. and Mrs. Russell G. Love of Marion, N.C., are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Wendy Kay to Neil Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunter of Winnipeg, Man. Gary Richards, associate dean of students at Ambassador College in Pasadena, performed the ceremony Feb. 18. Ruthie Baudoin was maid of honor, and Jim Little was best man. The couple live in Pasadena but will soon move to Vancouver, B.C.



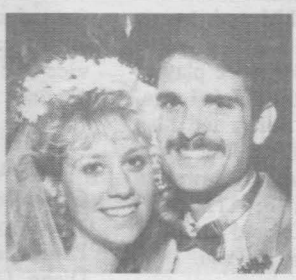
MR. AND MRS. EARL LEACH JR.
Maria Florida Sanchez and Earl Leach Jr. were united in marriage Oct. 8. The ceremony was performed by evangelist Burk McNair, San Antonio West and Uvalde, Tex., pastor. Hilda Alvarado was matron of honor, and Mario Lozano was best man. The couple live in Kerrville, Tex.



MR. AND MRS. R. HABICHT
Annette Wiehoff and Reinhard Habicht were united in marriage Nov. 1 in Beckum, West Germany. The ceremony was performed by Winfried Fritz, Bonn-Duesseldorf and Darmstadt, West Germany, pastor. Marita Wiehoff, Barbara Lee and Silvia Bruning were the bride's attendants, and Klaus Wiehoff, Friedel Schmeding and Manfred Kuester were the groom's attendants. The couple live in Hamm, West Germany.



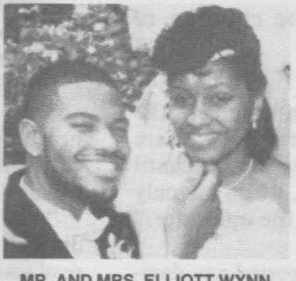
MR. AND MRS. F. LOMBARDO JR.
Robin Wilson, daughter of Ron and Doris Kennedy of Concord, N.H., and Frank Lombardo Jr., son of Margaret St. Jean of Manchester, N.H., were united in marriage March 17 in Concord. Robert Bragg, Concord pastor, performed the ceremony. Janine Urquhart was matron of honor, and Steve Urquhart was best man. The couple live in Concord.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID WEBB
Mr. and Mrs. Ted McCord of Broken Arrow, Okla., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Audrey Ellen to David Bryan Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Webb of Statesville, N.C. The ceremony was performed Jan. 14 by Delfino Sandoval, Tulsa, Okla., associate pastor. Kayla Kuykendall, Amy Cagle and Jessica Daum were bridesmaids, and Clarence Webb, Stephen Webb and Patrick Miller were groomsmen. The couple, both Ambassador College graduates, live in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. JEFFREY KORODY
Susan Faw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Faw of Wingham, Ont., and Jeffrey Korody, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson of St. Catharines, Ont., were united in marriage Oct. 1. The ceremony was performed by Dan Fuller, Buffalo, N.Y., North associate pastor. Barbara Swanson was maid of honor, and Daniel Rempel was best man. The couple live in Hamilton, Ont.



MR. AND MRS. ELLIOTT WYNN
Sandra Denise Forsythe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Dautruche of Manhattan, N.Y., and Elliott Delano Wynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott D. Wynn Sr. of Atlanta, Ga., were united in marriage July 30. The ceremony was performed by Craig Bacheller, Queens and New York (Spanish), N.Y., pastor. Susan Forsythe, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Wesley Webster was best man. The couple live in Brooklyn, N.Y.



MR. AND MRS. NICHOLAS WEIS
Kim and Deborah Myers of Portland, Ore., are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter Michelle Ann to Nicholas Weis, son of Vern and Eleanor Weis of

Loveland, Colo. The ceremony was performed May 21 by Brian Hoyt, instructor in psychology at Ambassador College in Pasadena. DeAnn Weis, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple live in Portland.



MR. AND MRS. DARRELL HOOGE
Shirley Antle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Antle of Surrey, B.C., and Darrell Hooge, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hooge, were united in marriage Sept. 3. The ceremony was performed in Langley, B.C., by David Cheperdak, Vancouver, B.C., associate pastor. Cindy Ausma and Alice Fisher, sisters of the bride, were maids of honor, and Andrew Antle, brother of the bride, was best man. The couple live in Coquitlam, B.C.



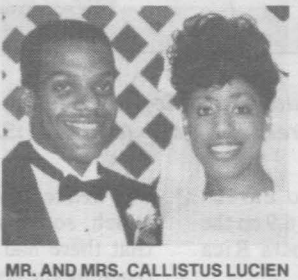
MR. AND MRS. JOHN R. ILLGEN
Melodie Marks and John Illgen were united in marriage Aug. 27. The ceremony was performed by Richard Anderson, a minister in the Waukesha, Wis., church. Raelene Nauer was matron of honor, and Bill Illgen, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Seymour, Wis.



MR. AND MRS. SCOTT FIGART
Linda Anne Baxter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Baxter of Warburg, Alta., and Scott Lee Figart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Figart of Charlotte, N.C., were united in marriage Oct. 30. The ceremony was performed by Richard Thompson, acting provost of Ambassador College in Big Sandy, Gary Pinder was best man, and Jean Baxter was maid of honor. The couple, both Ambassador College graduates, live in Reidsville, N.C.



MR. AND MRS. DEAN NEULS
Mr. and Mrs. Simon Dubois are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Murielle Linda to Dean Kelly Neuls, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Neuls of Courtenay, B.C. The ceremony was performed Aug. 20 in Kelowna, B.C., by the groom's father, a minister in the Courtenay church. Marguerite Dubois was maid of honor, and Ralph Bliewert was best man. The couple live near Kelowna.



MR. AND MRS. CALLISTUS LUCIEN
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gwinn of Alvin, Tex., are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter Phoebe Voncille to Callistus Lucien, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Joseph of St. Lucia. The ceremony was performed Nov. 12 in Houston, Tex., by Jeffrey Broadnax, Pasadena West P.M. assistant pastor. Brian Beddes was best man, and Karen Rivers and Sandy Francis were maids of honor. The couple, both Ambassador College graduates, live in Pasadena.



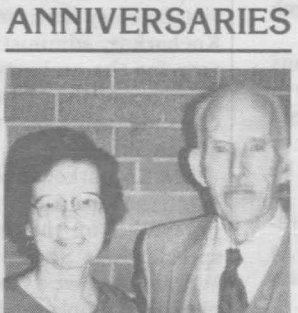
MR. AND MRS. REG BRINK
Reg Brink and Joan Bauer are pleased to announce their marriage, which took place Jan. 27 in Durban, South Africa. The ceremony was performed by John White, Durban pastor. Rogan Webster was best man. The couple live in Durban.



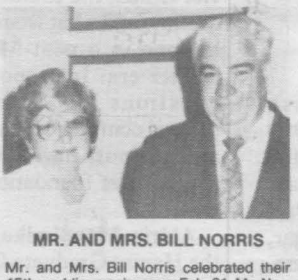
MR. AND MRS. OSCAR LAURETA
Marilyna G. Bermas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eufrocino V. Bermas Sr. of Caloocan, Philippines, and Oscar S. Laureta, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eusebio C. Laureta Sr. of Naga, Philippines, were united in marriage Jan. 6 in Quezon City, Philippines. The ceremony was performed by Jose Raduban, Quezon City pastor. Sally Borja was maid of honor, and Eren Dawal was best man. The couple live in Quezon City.



MR. AND MRS. WILFRED BARLOW
Lois Bishop and Wilfred Barlow of North Bay, Ont., were united in marriage Dec. 23. Jon Kurnik, North Bay pastor, performed the ceremony. Brenda Moore was matron of honor, and Murray Moore was best man. The couple live in North Bay.



MR. AND MRS. LEO MOORE
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Moore of Toronto, Ont., celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Feb. 16. Toronto Central brethren presented them with a gift. The Moores have two sons, Gary and Karl, and two grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. BILL NORRIS
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Norris celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Feb. 21. Mr. Norris is a deacon in the Rome, Ga., church. The couple have one daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Black, and two grandsons, Gary and David.



MR. AND MRS. KEITH HOWARD
The children of Keith and Joan Howard of Ballarat, Australia—Elizabeth and Michael, David and Hayley, Heather, Karen, Trevor and grandson Daniel—are pleased to announce their parents' 30th wedding anniversary, which took place Feb. 27.

The Brown family would like to congratulate Stu and Marg Brown of Calgary, Alta., on their 40th wedding anniversary. The couple were married April 10, 1950. They were baptized in 1968 and attended the Toronto, Ont., West church for 21 years. Mr. Brown is a deacon. The couple have two daughters, Pam and Connie; one son, Gerry; a daughter-in-law, Dot; and six grandchildren.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



MR. AND MRS. CLIFF MUNRO
Nov. 8 marked the 50th wedding anniversary of Cliff and Sadie Munro, who attend the Brandon, Man., church. Brandon brethren had a reception Sept. 10 to celebrate the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Munro have four children and five grandchildren. Mrs. Munro was baptized in 1970, and Mr. Munro in 1975.



MR. AND MRS. FRED MOUNTS
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mounts of Kansas City, Mo., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 6. Mr. Mounts was baptized in 1974, and Mrs. Mounts in 1976. They have two children and two grandchildren.

NOTICES

The Midland, Mich., church will celebrate its 25th anniversary Aug. 11 with Sabbath services, a historical review and a dance. Members who have attended in Midland through the years are invited to attend.

The churches in Portland, Ore., and Vancouver, Wash., will celebrate the area's 50th anniversary May 5. The church in Portland was founded by Herbert W. Armstrong. The program will include a historical video featuring locations significant to the church, including places where Mr. Armstrong lived and studied. For further information please call Howard Davis at 503-698-3133.

OBITUARIES

HARMON, Laura, 84, of Lombard, Ill., died Jan. 27 a few days after suffering a stroke. Mrs. Harmon has been a Church member for 26 years.

CRUMM, Sadie, 89, of Paintsville, Ky., died Feb. 11. Mrs. Crumm was baptized 23 years ago.

KASUNIC, Dorothy E., 81, of Overland Park, Kan., died March 2. Mrs. Kasunic, a Church member since 1972, is survived by four children, 18 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

MARTINEK, Mary D., 96, of Silver Lake, Kan., died Feb. 23. Mrs. Martinek, a Church member since 1968, is survived by three children, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



KELLY O'BRIEN
O'Brien, Kelly, 19, of Chesaning, Mich., died Jan. 31 of Hodgkin's disease, which was diagnosed three years ago. Miss O'Brien is survived by her parents, Bill and Renee O'Brien, two brothers, two sisters and grandparents.

MOON, William Henry, 76, of Brighton, England, died Feb. 28. Mr. Moon, a Church member for 10 years, is survived by his wife, Doris, two children and three grandchildren.

DeLEMONS, Winifred, 81, of London, England, died Dec. 18 after suffering several strokes. Mrs. DeLemos, a Church member for nine years, is survived by a niece, Yvonne.

BUFF, Rufus Claude, 90, of Austin, Tex., died March 2 after a lengthy illness. Mr. Buff, a Church member since 1984, is survived by his wife, Nannie, four children, 11 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren and one sister.

BARNES, Irvan A., 73, of Sequim, Wash., and formerly of Sacramento, Calif., died Jan. 31 after a bout with cancer. Mr. Barnes, a Church member since 1964, is survived by his wife of more than 45 years, Helvi; a son, Jeff; a daughter-in-law, Geneva; two granddaughters, Rebecca and Kristin; a brother, Earl; and a sister, Pearl.



VIRGINIA BLANCHE TOBIN
TOBIN, Virginia Blanche, 70, of Front Royal, Va., died Feb. 27 after a long bout with emphysema. Mrs. Tobin, a Church member since April 1987, is survived by her husband, Arthur; two sons, James and Charles Burke; a daughter, Dorothy Martin; a brother, Lewis Jenkins; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

HART, Ruth M., 47, of Marianna, Ark., died Feb. 14 after a two-year struggle with cancer. Mrs. Hart, a Church member since January 1988, is survived by her husband, Edwin.

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES & EVENTS IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

UPDATE

DAVAO, Philippines—**Moses Billacura**, a teen in the Davao church, received a trophy at the National Secondary Schools Press Conference Feb. 19 to 23.

Moses first received training in journalism at the 1986 Summer Educational Program in Baguio, Philippines. He is editor in chief of the *Panacea*, the student newspaper for Panabo Provincial High School in Davao.

The *Panacea* placed fifth in the English sports page category.

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DAYTON, Ohio—The Dayton A.M. and P.M. churches combined to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the church here March 3.

Eight hundred and forty-four brethren attended Sabbath services at the Dayton Convention Center.

Evangelist **Carn Catherwood**, who conducted the first Sabbath service in Dayton Feb. 27, 1965, gave the sermon. Mr. Catherwood is regional director for the Church in Italian-speaking areas.

Messages of congratulations came from ministers who have served in Dayton and from **Joseph W. Tkach Jr.**, associate director of Church Administration for the United States.

Activities included a video presentation of Dayton activities, a dance, cake-cutting and a gift presentation to the Catherwoods.

Seven pastors and 11 assistants have served the Dayton churches, which have met in 14 meeting halls through the years. The churches are now pastored by **Ray Meyer**. **Norm Myers** and **Phillip Rice** serve as associate pastors.

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PASADENA—The Spanish Department announced the 1990 Feast of Tabernacles sites for Spanish-speaking areas. They are Mar del Plata, Argentina; La Paz, Bolivia; Maitencillo, Chile; Melgar, Colombia; Ensenada, Guadalajara, Torreon and Veracruz, Mexico; Talavera de la Reina, Spain; and Barquisimeto, Venezuela.

Other sites still under negotiation are San Isidro, Costa Rica; Quetzaltenango, Guatemala; and Trujillo, Peru. These sites should be considered tentative.

The site in Argentina will provide English translations. Those planning to attend any other site should be fluent in Spanish.

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AUCKLAND, New Zealand—**Wayne Jones**, a member who attends the Wellington, New Zealand, church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, Feb. 24.

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PASADENA—Ambassador College's 10-year association with Bunkyo Women's Junior College in Japan concluded March 6 with a meeting between evangelist **Donald Ward**, Ambassador College president, and **Shogo Noguchi**, a Bunkyo faculty member representing **Kazuyuki Shimada**, Bunkyo president.

Kunitomo Tanaka, an Asahi Travel International representative, who has brought Bunkyo students and other groups to Ambassador College for 15 years, was also present.

The Bunkyo summer program was canceled because of the consolidation of Ambassador College in Texas.

According to **Arthur Suckling**, program director: "With all the numerous tasks to be accomplished

over the summer and preparations for the new school year, it was impossible for the program to continue in Pasadena.

"With the faculty and student body leaving after graduation there will not be the cultural and social interaction that made the program so successful."

On behalf of President Shimada, Mr. Noguchi conveyed Bunkyo's appreciation for successfully teaching English to Bunkyo students, the cultural exchange and the friendships that developed. He also expressed regret at the program's discontinuation.

"The possibility of utilizing the campus in Texas was discussed and may be examined at a later time," Mr. Suckling said.

Dr. Ward presented a plaque to Mr. Noguchi to commemorate the association.

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HARARE, Zimbabwe—**Oleg Tulkunov**, first secretary of the Soviet Embassy here, and **Alexander Kochurkov**, administrative secretary for the embassy, addressed members of the Harare Graduate Club and their spouses or dates at a March 5 meeting.

Mr. Kochurkov, who has a degree in international law, was the principal speaker for the evening. In his speech, "The Soviet Union From Within," he gave a view of the complexity of problems that had gone on for ages unaddressed.

The second half of the meeting was a question-and-answer session. Some of the questions were about the influence of the pope in the Soviet Union, the country's economic destiny and what would be likely to happen in a post-Mikhail Gorbachev era. In response to these questions Mr. Kochurkov expressed confidence that *perestroika* and *glasnost* have created a firm and positive foundation for the future.

Aldrin Mandimika, director of the Harare Graduate Club and pastor of the Harare, Zimbabwe, and Lusaka, Zambia, churches, con-

cluded the evening by thanking the two guest speakers.

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PASADENA—Editorial Services and Publishing Services completed work on three new booklets, according to evangelist **Greg Albrecht**, booklet editor.

The booklets, *Will Christ Return? Groping in the Light: Science Confronts Religion at the Frontiers of Knowledge*; and *Planet Earth: Beyond Repair?* will be automatically sent to the ministry and to all English-speaking heads of household.

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PASADENA—Two hundred eighty-one teams entered the 1990 Youth Opportunities United (YOU) family bowling contest.

Kermit Nelson, who coordinates YOU in Church Administration, announced gold level winners in three categories.

Division 1 (all players are members of the same family): **Terry, Cindy, Russell and Christine Finger** of Waukesha, Wis.; **Dave Sr., Darlene, Dave Jr. and Don Buchert**, Waukesha; and **Jimmie, Jessie, Courtney and Ervin Mapp**, St. Louis, Mo.

Division 2 (all players have bowled previously): **Bradford and Erik Rosenquist, Cynthia Jackson and Randy McKeegan**, Bakersfield, Calif.; **Marie and Daryl Braun, Larry DeFere and Jason Brown**, Waukesha; and **Mike and Robert Swagerty and Vikki and Aaron LaRocco**, Chicago, Ill.

Division 3 (one or more players had not bowled before): **Tom Laign, Lancer Hicks and Sarah and Lisa Simons**, El Paso, Tex.; **Jim, Alene and Annette Northup and Dawnetta Perry**, Fayetteville, Ark.; and **Martha Graham, Cal and Joe Bone and Amy VanCuren**, El Paso.

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PASADENA—The Festival Office announced that the Feast sites in the Bahamas; Christ Church, Barbados; Ocho Rios, Jamaica; and Goslar, West Germany; have reached capacity. No further transfer applications can be accepted.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—**Raymond Clore**, a local church elder who is a foreign affairs officer for



DECADE OF FRIENDSHIP—Evangelist **Donald Ward**, Ambassador College president, presents **Shogo Noguchi** of Bunkyo Women's Junior College in Japan with a plaque March 6 at the conclusion of 10 years of association. Also pictured are **Arthur Suckling**, director of the Bunkyo program at Ambassador College, and **Kunitomo Tanaka**, an Asahi Travel International representative. (See "Update," this page.) [Photo by Hal Finch]

the U.S. Department of State, received a meritorious honor award in December.

The award, which included a plaque and several medals, honored Mr. Clore for his work in nuclear nonproliferation, which means "halting the spread of nuclear weapons to countries that don't already have them," he said.

"We do things to encourage countries to make a commitment not to acquire them."

Mr. Clore has been working with U.S. nuclear nonproliferation efforts since July 1988. He has been employed by the U.S. Foreign Service and State Department since January 1977.

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PASADENA—The Imperial Choraliers performed for about 1,600 brethren March 16 to 19 in Phoenix and Tucson, Ariz., and San Diego, Calif. Sixty-three Imperial High School students make up the Choraliers.

According to **Dennis Pelley**, director of the Choraliers, the group stayed in the homes of Phoenix members Friday and Saturday nights, and the Tucson brethren were their hosts Sunday night. On the Sabbath they sang special Sabbath music at Phoenix East morning services and Phoenix North afternoon services.

Saturday night the Choraliers sang and danced the same program

of Radio 1350 Country in Rotorua, "contacted us and offered to play the broadcast free of charge every Sunday at 9 p.m.," said Mr. McNair.

Mr. Mitchell, who worked at Radio I in Auckland, New Zealand, when the broadcast aired there, "thinks very highly" of the program.

Here is one of the first responses from Radio 1350:

"I was fortunate to tune into your radio program last Sunday evening and was very impressed with what I heard. I would like to hear more and will be tuning in from now on every Sunday evening.

"As I find the Bible extremely difficult to interpret, I would like to read your interpretation of the book of Revelation, and any other literature you may have, such as *The Plain Truth*."

Regional director travels

Evangelist **Leon Walker**, regional director for Spanish-speaking areas, and his wife, **Reba**, returned in February from a five-week trip to Spain, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Honduras and Mexico.

In Honduras, pastor **Herbert Cisneros** brought them up to date on the civil war in El Salvador.

Mr. Cisneros reported that although brethren had been through many stress-filled days and nights—including suffering minor damage to their homes—they are in good spirits.



"That also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad." (John 11:52)

PASADENA—Two earthquakes measuring 5.5 and 6.9 on the Richter scale jolted Costa Rica March 25, injuring six.

Don Walls, managing editor of Spanish-language publications,



who was visiting Costa Rica at the time, said the damage downtown was mostly broken windows.

"About half the church was on a

bus headed for an outing at the beach, so we weren't even aware that there had been a quake until reaching the beach, which was only a few miles from the epicenter," said Mr. Walls.

No members reported any damage, according to the Spanish Department.

The quakes' epicenter was in the Pacific Ocean, 80 miles southwest of San Jose, the capital. The tremors, felt across all of Costa Rica and in Panama's Chiriqui province, were followed by 150 aftershocks.

The quakes caused a 45-minute power failure in San Jose and interrupted telephone service and water supplies.

Broadcast in New Zealand

The *World Tomorrow* broadcast is back on the air in New Zealand, reported evangelist **Raymond McNair**, regional director for New Zealand and the South Pacific.

Paul Mitchell, program director

they presented in Ambassador Auditorium in February. They performed the show Sunday night in Tucson and Monday night in San Diego.

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PASADENA—The Pasadena Church Choir presented its annual spring concert March 18 in the Ambassador Auditorium.

The choir, directed by **Gerald Bieritz**, performed sacred and secular songs and featured a men's chorus, women's chorus, women's ensemble, and soloists **Gary Childers, Ingrid Helge, Steve Hewko, Celestine Olive, Jimmy Stewart and Dan Taylor**. The choir provides special Sabbath music for the five Pasadena congregations and occasionally for other Southern California churches.

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PASADENA—Twelve Church youths received Gold Awards in the 1989 Youth Opportunities United National Journalism Contest.

They are: **Bret Dobson**, Olathe, Kan.; **Dawn Taylor**, Flint, Mich.; **Janell Patton**, Bellevue, Neb.; **Kim Park**, Lafayette, La.; **Kristina R. Prync**, Nampa, Idaho; **Lavon Carignan**, Flint, Mich.; **Lori Swihart**, West Carrollton, Ohio; **Sarah Schnoebelen**, Des Moines, Iowa; **Sarah Druen**, Macomb, Ill.

Shannon Ty Bontrager, Constantine, Mich.; **Tammy Shumway**, Rochester, Minn.; and **Timothy A. Barclay**, Wichita, Kan.

The entries were judged by Editorial Services staff members. Gold Award recipients will receive plaques.

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