New Armstrong church threat to father's?

Gannett News Service Garner Ted Armstrong, excom-unicated evangelist for the contro-ersial Worldwide Church of God, is live and well and living near Tyler,

auve and well and living near Tyler, Tex. Herbert W. Armstrong, 86-year-old patriarch of the 44-year-old Church and father of Garmer Ted, is alive and living in Tucson, Ariz, But is the well? For that matter, is the entire mul-time of the transmission of the transmission plaqued church members, financial supporters and curious outsiders for several years. They came to a head and headlines — months ago when the senior Armstrong pat his son out of the senior Armstrong this son out of the church, severed familal ties and warmed church members to have no contact with his "disfellowshipped" aon, let they also be excommunicated whose a member is disfusion.

When a member is disfellow-hipped, he is forbidden to contact ther members, who, in turn, must void him. He also is subject to eter-al damnation.

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Rader, a convert, gave up a lucrative law actice in his rise to become general

In 1971, Garmer Ted acknowledged a transgression "against God, his church...and the wife God gave me' exangelist of covert philandering. He was pronounced a repentent. In 1974, in the highest echelons of the church. The members of the ministry again made in the highest echelons of the church. The as a tremendous drawing factor and members care in the totarch after satisfies and the state of the state radio and television show, "The World The outing of Garner Ted has seen

hearing Garner Ted on the Church a radio and using of Garner Ted has sent waves of Speculation about the church's general well-being. In recent months, the church has sold two of its three jets, closed its Ambassador College campus in Big Sandy, Texas, (a campus in England, also is up for sale), cut enrollment at its Pasadena, Calif. campus by more than two-thirds and its selling more than two-therbership has reported Pasadena, Merbership has reported Techert Armstrong, the church's founder, has remained elusive and refuses to talk to the press. In September, Garner Ted added to Wordwide's woes when he formed his own breakaway church, the Church of God, International in Texas. Mary

counsel and treassurer of the 75,000-member church. During a four-hour interview, there was obvious question he declined to answer – the exect amount of this salary. Wy salary was always a little more than fed Armstrong's," Rader says. It is known that he son received \$85,000 a year plus such perquisities as private planes and trips abrod. The Worldwide Church's build account

abroad. The Worldwide Church's lavish spending on its leaders has been a sore point with its ministers and members. Some have quit in protest.

we're quite wealthy," Rader says. Last year, the fundamentalist sect grossed \$68 million; this year it will be closer to \$78

Yet, the church spends more than it gets - last year \$1.2 million more - but Rader insists it goes to the church's prime mis-sion, to spread the word of a second coming of Christ.

Most money comes in tithes from embers and "coworkers," non-members



think Garner Ted and his new church WOAI in San Antonio, Texas, which will siphon off a significant portion of tworldwide's memberahip and some of memory of the significant portion of its income. Herbert Armstrong has from listeners every day and just warned members of his sect not to be frow letter" ted, sk, said he is church is doing well. He said he is through the mail and expects to bring thom list ontower swho

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Nevertheless, Stanley Kater, gen eral counsel and spokesman for Worldwide, said Garner Ted and his new church are not a threat to World-

hurch." If Worldwiders leave the group to ollow Garner Ted, it could leave the Vorldwide organization with added inancial difficulty and perhaps alter he lifestyles of those in the upper

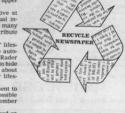
nbers are expected to give 10 percent of their annual to the church, though m ers feel obligated to contrib

memors recent. As for his and other leaders' lifes-tyles (which include expensive auto-mobiles and art collections), Rader said the church had never tried to hide them and doesn't feel guilty about them despite the much poorer lifes-tyles of many members.

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doing everything in the be way and I assume not eve ay and I assume not every concerned about it," he sa The church teachings are

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Son in whom he is well pleased "My background was jewish, but I was not in any religion," Rader says. "It wasn't something I thought about much." By the middle 1909s he had become close with Armstrong, he recalls. "Mr. Arm-strong asked me to give up all my commit-ments and devote my talent, energy and time to him. In 1969 I said yes." who contribute. Rader met Herbert Armstrong in 1966 something 1 By the mic Plains, N.Y., as a young lawyer and began handling church legal matters. But he did to tbecome a church member for nearly 20 ments and 2 ments

Rader claims, that when Herbert suf-fered a heart attack in 1977, Garner Ted tried to seize control by claiming his father was semile and dying. "I think he believed his father was so sick and so weak he would

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