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## Major conquests ahead, says AC chancellor

### Class of '89 finishes year in Big Sandy

By Brian Tyson and Kerri Dowd

**BIG SANDY**—Graduation week activities were capped off May 17 when 212 sophomores received diplomas at Big Sandy Ambassador College's 22nd commencement exercises.

*Brian Tyson just completed his freshman year at Big Sandy Ambassador College. He is copy editor for the Big Sandy Portfolio.*

Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach delivered the commencement address. He challenged the class to put into action what they learned at Ambassador College.

Before Mr. Tkach's address Timothy Gander, sophomore class president, gave the discourse. Mr. Gander reminded the graduates that they came to Ambassador College to change their lives, to transform their lives into lives "full of concern for others, one of serving others and not self."

Mr. Gander concluded by saying that the transformation does not stop with graduation. "Let's take what we have been given and use it to benefit others; and through this we can continue the transformation of life."

#### Commencement address

"I would not want to mislead you," Mr. Tkach said in his commencement address, "the major conquest of your life yet lies ahead of you with all of its unusual trials and its obstacles."

The chancellor cited danger signs in the world and pointed out some of what the leaders of tomorrow will have to face.

"The world you enter is indeed a paradox. On the one hand it is a world of wonders with all of its glitter, and on the other hand it is a world of woes with all of its pitfalls," he told the graduates.

"Yours is a unique generation, which has known neither the horrors of worldwide conflict nor the depths of financial economic depression."

Mr. Tkach said that "recapturing true values [the college motto] is not an event; it is a lifelong process . . . Ambassador College is not a monument to the past but an ongoing laboratory and an institution to the future."

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**GRADUATION SMILES**—Left, Sharon Baltosser celebrates her two-year graduation from Big Sandy with her half brother, Andrew. Right: A group of British students, from left: Matthew Frohn, Lorna MacDonald, Simon Hodgetts, Elizabeth Adlington, Jonathan Jewell, Simon Baker, John Banks and Peter Francis, gather with evangelist Donald Ward, Ambassador College president (left), and Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach after Pasadena graduation exercises May 19. [Photos by Scott Smith and Warren Watson]

He told the graduates that they have been educated in the great issues of our lives—morality, emotional control, financial stability and peace.

Mr. Tkach closed by encouraging the class of 1989 to carry on the vision Herbert W. Armstrong, founder of Ambassador College,

began when the first Ambassador College campus opened in Pasadena 42 years ago.

#### Awards

Mr. Tkach then presented Sportsmanship Awards to Thomas Fryar and Karen Pelley; Academic Excellence awards to Stephen Allen

and Jo-anne Marshall; and the Watson Wise Incentive Award to Michael Deraas.

After the awards presentation evangelist Roderick Meredith, Big Sandy provost, presented the degrees, and evangelist Donald Ward, Ambassador College president, (See **BIG SANDY**, page 8)

## PERSONAL FROM

*Joseph W. Tkach*

Dear Brethren,

As of today [June 1], income for the year stands at 1.6 percent above last year at this time. This is an encouraging trend, and one I know we've all been praying about earnestly.

As God continues to meet our needs, let's continue to commit our lives to pleasing him.

Parents and guests joined graduates for Ambassador College commencement exercises in Big Sandy May 17 and in Pasadena May 19. Big Sandy graduated 219 sophomores, while 179 seniors and 135 sophomores graduated in Pasadena.

I presented 13 special awards to Pasadena students for excellence in various areas, and five to Big Sandy students (see articles this page). It was a busy and exciting week for all the graduates and their parents, and the smiles, hugs and tears evidenced the joy of success.

Now that the college year is complete, final preparations for our youth summer camps in the Northern Hemisphere are well under way. Also, many of our college students are traveling to faraway places to assist in our various Ambassador Foundation

projects. All in all, a fast-paced summer is getting under way.

#### Restoring families

As I wrote last issue, it is within our own personal families at home that the true evidence of God's Spirit in us is revealed. We cannot focus enough upon the importance of our family relationships.

How can we truly become one family as a Church if our own personal families are not in

parts of the two people who establish it. That commitment must be founded upon nothing less than true and devoted love.

One outstanding book on this subject as it relates to teenagers is *How to Really Love Your Teenager* by Ross Campbell. By the same author, *How to Really Love Your Child* is also excellent.

#### Foundation of love

As I have written before, equally destructive ditches for parents to fall into are relying solely on the rod of correction on the one hand, or permissive non-involvement on the other.

As humans, we are bound to make plenty of mistakes in car-

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unity? Restoring stability and love in one's own family wherever it may be lacking has to be one of the first priorities of any true Christian.

Much of the problem lies in not really understanding the depth of the responsibilities of parents to the emotional and spiritual well-being of their children, and of mates to one another. A family must be a lifelong commitment on the

rying out our family responsibilities, but when unconditional love is at the foundation of our family relationships, mistakes will not permanently mar them. "Love covers a multitude of sins."

Let's ask God for his help in replacing our selfishness and immaturity with love to make our family units strong and secure. In this way, the whole body of the Church will become stronger.

### 314 graduate on Pasadena campus

By Kerri Dowd

**PASADENA**—Two thousand purple and gold helium-filled balloons floated above the Ambassador Auditorium after 1989 graduation exercises here May 19.

In his commencement address earlier that afternoon Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach told the graduates, "I challenge every one of you to carry on the spiritual revolution toward a new and a better world."

Evangelist Donald Ward, Ambassador College president, opened the ceremony with prayer and told the audience that 314 students would receive two-year or four-year degrees. Of those, 50 sophomores and 90 seniors would graduate with honors.

The average grade point average (GPA) of Ambassador College students is 3.10—just above a B average, Dr. Ward said. "We are very pleased and proud of our young people."

#### Commencement address

Mr. Tkach told the graduates that while graduation day is a day of joy, there will be trials and challenges to come.

He detailed critical issues the world must face such as the healing of the earth's environment, food shortages, increased population and growing deserts.

"We all should be aware of these things," he said. "Our major enemy is ignorance."

Mr. Tkach said that ignorance leads to poverty, hatred and injustice. "Education is expensive, but what kind of a price tag can we put on ignorance?"

He told the graduates they were paused "on a bridge between youthful dreams and hopes and adult realities and responsibilities."

Mr. Tkach reminded them to hold on to the safeguard of God's law as they look over the sides of that bridge on a world that is at the boiling point.

The chancellor encouraged the graduates to be an asset to their families, communities and employers.

#### Student body president

In his discourse Kevin Brownlee, student body president, said that the moral and spiritual fiber of the world is collapsing because "the knowledge and education of this world offers no vision."

Mr. Brownlee explained that today's education is concerned only with the present, while the Ambassador education teaches vision toward the future.

"Our job is to communicate that vision to the rest of humanity," he said.

That job, he went on, should be done with the courage of David. Others felt that Goliath was too big to hit, but "to David he was too big to miss."

#### Awards

After his address, Mr. Tkach (See **PASADENA**, page 7)



## Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

### What a fine mess!

As a small boy fishing with my father, I would invariably get my line all tangled. When this happened he would say, "Here son, let me do it."

Then after a few moments, he would continue in his deep authoritative voice: "What a fine mess this is. How did you get yourself into this mess?" All the while, with great care, he helped me sort it out.

My father's words, "How did you get yourself into this mess," still ring in my ears. They always remind me of Samson the ruler-judge of ancient Israel. Samson illustrates three of the most common ways that we bring trouble on ourselves, ways that still foul up God's people today. Human nature is common to us all.

Samson made a mess of his life because he made some disastrous choices. Let's look at some of the things that got Samson into trouble, things that we can avoid.

#### Overcome weaknesses

First of all, we're asking for big trouble when we refuse to learn from our mistakes. Samson had two big weaknesses in his life, and he did not learn to control either of them. All of his life they plagued him, and finally they caused his downfall.

His first weakness was a bad temper. Samson killed because he burned with anger (Judges 14:12-19). He set a field afire just to get even (15:3-5). "I won't stop until I get my revenge on you" (verse 7, New International Version). He said, "As they did to me, so I have done to them" (verse 11, New King James).

Samson's life seemed filled with anger, and he couldn't get control of it. He refused to learn from his mistakes, so he just kept plunging into

one mistake after another.

The other area that Samson had a weakness in was an uncontrolled physical desire for illicit sex (Judges 16:1). He may have been physically strong, but he was morally weak. He did not really get control of this problem in his life either, and it caused his downfall. Samson's life was a cycle of failures over and over again.

For Samson it was kind of a game he played: "How close to the fire can I get and not get burned? How close to the edge of the cliff can I get and not fall off?" He deliberately ignored God's instructions and principles, particularly when it came to physical desires.

Samson played this kind of game with Delilah. He played with temptation and got burned. But how many of us tend to do the same thing when it comes to physical desires. We think, They'll never know, everybody is doing it, we can't get caught, it'll never happen, we are absolutely safe in doing this, there is no way anybody will find out.

None of us plan to be a failure—it

just comes on us gradually. It's a step-by-step process, as little by little we get weakened and deluded. Our whole lives don't fall apart in one day. The problem builds up over a period of time when we refuse to learn from our mistakes.

You may be saying: "How did I get myself into this mess?" "This is an area of my life that I have no control over. I'm defeated in it over and over again. I just don't know how to overcome it. That's just the way I am." "I'm human, give me a break."

#### Here's help

The good news is that God says He will give you the power to break out of that vicious cycle of failure, that mess you may have gotten yourself into—through and by His Holy Spirit.

As Paul told Timothy, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (II Timothy 1:7). When Samson finally realized that, God broke his chain of failure and gave him triumph.

There's another principle that we see in Samson's life, and this is really the most important one of all because we see it all through his life: We're asking for trouble when we refuse to take God seriously.

Samson was careless about his spiritual life. He was impulsive; he was impetuous. He took things totally in his own hands. He did not ask God for direction. He just went ahead and did whatever he wanted to do. He did it his way.

was a big mess before he finally turned to God? Samson truly reaped what he had sown.

There's something encouraging about Samson however: In Hebrews 11—God's hall of fame of people of great faith—Samson is included! Why? Because God can take a person who was a failure in different areas of his life and still use him.

If God only used people who were perfect, nothing would ever get done. But instead He uses ordinary people—like you and me—those

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nally fallen apart. He was captured by the enemy nation, they put his eyes out and they harnessed him to a grain grinder at a mill, a job normally reserved for beasts of burden.

Finally, Samson was forced to cry out in prayer: "O Lord God, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes" (Judges 16:28).

I wonder what kind of history Samson would have had if he had prayed from the beginning. Why did he have to wait until everything

who have weaknesses and have failed in life.

With God's help we can overcome and enter His Kingdom. If you are overwhelmed by a fault, go to God's Church, talk to one of His ministers. Allow God to give you the extra help you need spiritually to get out of the hole you're in.

Don't let your cry be "How did I get myself into this mess?" Give God all the pieces, and let Him as our spiritual Father say to you, the son or daughter, "Let me help you sort it out."

## West Germany leads new era in Europe

PASADENA—"The new Europe emerging from its long gestation will be as different as a butterfly is from a crawling caterpillar.

"No one is certain about the size or shape of the new Europe, or about exactly how it will function, but its evolution is already having an impact on the politics of member states and on the imagination of Europeans."

So wrote Jeane Kirkpatrick, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, in the May 13 and 14 *International Herald Tribune*.

Startling changes are indeed under way in Europe symbolized by the much publicized dismantling of the Iron Curtain between Hungary and Austria that began May 2.

The 40-year-old Cold War be-

tween the East and West is coming to an end, claim many officials in Europe. They add that we are now entering a new era—the post-post-war period.

Two nations are leading the way into the Europe of the 1990s, each pursuing its own national self-interest. They are the Soviet Union in the East and the Federal Republic of Germany in the West. Increasingly their interests are merging in the heart of Europe.

What is occurring now would have been impossible without the arrival of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev on the world stage in March 1985, just about 40 years after the end of the war in Europe.

Mr. Gorbachev has aggressively promoted the image of a reformed,

subservience to the Americans, British and the French, the West Germans now see room to maneuver.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher argues that "it would be a mistake of historical proportions if the West passed up an opportunity to achieve a turning point in the 40-year confrontation between East and West."

#### Germany assumes historic role

West Germany has considerable economic and geographical assets to bring to bear. While maintaining its crucial economic links with its Western trading partners in the European Community, it is once again beginning to assume its historic role as the dominant power in Central Europe.



## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

### Civilization in crisis; east wind in Germany

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Big things are afoot in Europe. During the Days of Unleavened Bread the British newspapers were teeming with prophetic news—international, national and personal.

The West German government wants no modernization of short-range weaponry. Bonn is encouraging disarmament negotiations with the Soviet Union—and this at a time when the Americans and the British urge modernization of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's short-range nuclear arsenal.

#### German viewpoint

Put yourself in the position of the West German people. In the event of a nuclear war, your country is flattened first.

Low-flying military aircraft have sometimes endangered your people. You are tired of 40 plus years of foreign soldiers resident in your nation—especially if you are of the postwar generation.

Essentially you are a bridge country between East and West—divided from your brothers and sisters to the East and even riven in your

chief city—Berlin. You are searching for your identity—torn between East and West.

One point is crystal clear. West Germany has a vested interest in the new Russian revolution. The Federal Republic wants to do everything possible to encourage it.

*Perestroika* and *glasnost* have given the West German nation a tremendous opportunity. Shelves are lightly stocked in the Soviet Union. Bonn sees itself as the natural supplier of a vast eastern market—the Soviet Union and the whole of Eastern Europe.

Yes, an economic vacuum has been created in the Soviet Union. The West Germans are anxious to fill this vacuum and, as a bonus, Bonn hopes for closer ties with East Germany, perhaps finally culminating in a federated union.

#### Eastward wind

The wind in West Germany is certainly blowing eastward as once again it contemplates a deal with the Soviets. Neutralism is a definite drift in the Federal Republic's policy.

This eastward focus, however, is

accompanied by an emerging neo-Nazi movement. The centenary of Adolf Hitler's birth brought a number of extreme right-wing organizations out of the woodwork.

Meanwhile back in the United Kingdom, Anglo-Saxon national life continues to deteriorate. The United Kingdom leads Europe in the divorce derby. The British rate is approaching America in its stark seriousness.

Twenty-five percent of the babies born in Britain are illegitimate. Child sexual abuse continues to increase. The family is in deep trouble.

Now comes the incredible news that a twisted mind (or minds) is putting slivers of glass, pieces of razor blades and caustic soda in baby foods. This is called consumer terrorism.

The plight of our planet is beginning to be of grave concern here in the United Kingdom. The April 3 "European Diary" covered the ozone conference sponsored by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Ecological Armageddon is finally being recognized.

Many observers realize civilization is indeed in crisis. As American historian David Burnett King warned in his book, *The Crisis of Our Time*: "Throughout the West today there exists a profound feeling of unease . . . we have, it is becoming increasingly clear, arrived at some sort of fundamental turning point . . . what is happening is . . . a crisis of the civilization itself" (page 17).

Clearly both the earth and humankind are in serious trouble. This Gospel must go to this sick and dying world as a warning and a witness. This is our calling.



By Gene H. Hogberg

more peaceful Soviet Union. He has backed up his words with streams of arms reduction proposals coupled with impressive unilateral cutbacks.

Western Europeans view Mr. Gorbachev as a man of action in the pursuit of peace. The Soviet leader made that image brighter by going to Beijing to heal the Soviets' 30-year rift with China.

#### U.S. caught off guard

But there is more to the story. Each of Mr. Gorbachev's directives on arms control has been shrewdly timed to catch the United States off guard. President George Bush was made to appear as an outdated cold warrior, reluctant to join the peace process.

"The warm sunshine from Moscow is melting our defense budgets," concedes a former U.S. Pentagon official.

No nation has responded more positively to the Gorbachev diplomatic offensive than West Germany. After 40 years of political

"West Germany is harnessing the economic and diplomatic strength it has built since World War II to take on leading roles in both halves of the divided continent," wrote Robert J. McCartney in the April 24 *Washington Post*.

In the May 23 *Los Angeles Times*, David Gress added that "what is happening on the threshold of the 1990s is that West Germany, for long Europe's economic superpower, is becoming its political superpower as well."

In the May 7 *Sunday Telegraph*, British journalist Peregrine Worsthorne explained that from now on it will be Germany that primarily sets the agenda among the Western powers in East-West relations.

"Britain and France, by virtue of their geographical position, are peripheral to what will be a new Central European settlement," wrote Mr. Worsthorne.

Mr. Gorbachev understands the (See EUROPE, page 3)

# Food poisoning: serious issue

Food poisoning is more common and more dangerous than most realize. Evidence now shows it can cause long-term effects such as headaches, muscle weakness, arthritis and other health problems, according to *Current Health* magazine.

Symptoms, which can include cramps, diarrhea, headaches and vomiting, are similar to stomach flu.

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Because potlucks and picnics are popular activities of God's Church around the world, brethren need to take extra care to avoid accidentally poisoning others at such occasions.

### Difficult to detect

Food poisoning is sneaky and hard to pinpoint because foods carrying harmful bacteria often don't have a bad odor, taste or appearance, and symptoms may not show up for several days.

Poor food preparation is a key factor in food poisoning, but bacte-

ria multiply rapidly at room temperature, so the way food is stored and the length of time before the food is served are also vital.

Some of the most common forms of food poisoning are staph, salmonella, perfringens and botulism. There are about 20 additional organisms, however, that can cause problems.

Staph, common in cooked and cured meats, cheeses and meat salads, is not destroyed by cooking. Food handlers and those who prepare food must be careful to avoid allowing bacteria to increase enough to be toxic.

Salmonella, which is common in eggs, poultry, meat and unpasteurized milk, is destroyed by cooking thoroughly. In severe cases it can be fatal to infants, elderly and those who are in a weakened state of health.

Perfringens grow where there is little oxygen. People with certain medical conditions—ulcers, for example—can be severely affected. This bacteria is common in cooked beef, gravy, dressing, stews and casseroles.

This bacteria grows in food served in large containers left for long periods at room temperature or

on steam tables.

Botulism attacks the nervous system. Without treatment a patient can suffocate since the nerves no longer stimulate breathing. Botulism is most common in improperly canned foods.

Signs to be aware of are milky liquid when it should be clear, cracked jars, loose lids and swollen cans or lids. Do not even taste foods from these containers. Dispose of them in a way that will protect other people or animals from accidental use—such as in a sealed plastic bag.

### What you can do

To prevent these toxins from developing, perishable foods (almost everything served at potlucks) should be kept hot (above 140 degrees Fahrenheit, 60 Celsius) or cold (below 40 degrees Fahrenheit, 5 Celsius) until they are served.

This means that you cannot travel from home to church or a picnic and let your food sit at room temperature for more than two hours.

If you are preparing food that must be reheated later, first cook it thoroughly, then cool it in a refrigerator, not at room temperature.

If the food is for a potluck after services it may be reheated in a crock pot during services (there is rarely time to do this after services). Be sure the food will be heated thoroughly at more than 140 degrees Fahrenheit (60 degrees Celsius). Covering the dish will help the food heat uniformly. Check to be sure there are facilities for reheating.

If there are not, plan to serve the dish cold.

If you are going directly to a social, wrap the hot dish in newspa-

## How to Avoid Food Poisoning

- Don't leave cooked food out and unheated for more than two hours. Chafing dishes and steam tables are not hot enough to stop bacteria growth.

- Cook food thoroughly.

- Don't cook food partially and then finish it later.

- Thoroughly reheat leftovers.

- Thaw meat and poultry in a refrigerator or in frequently changed cold water in the sink. When food is thawed on a counter the outside thaws first, allowing bacteria to grow there while the center is still frozen.

- Cool leftovers in the refrigerator, and separate large amounts into smaller portions so they will cool faster.

- Always wash your hands before food preparation.

- Use clean kitchen towels and cloths.

- Wash hands, counters and utensils between each step in food preparation. Be especially careful to wash your hands between touching raw meat and touching cooked meat to avoid transferring bacteria.

- Be careful about egg-rich foods. They should be served immediately after cooking or be refrigerated.

- Mayonnaise, often thought to be a culprit in food poisoning, can actually help food resist bacteria because of its acid content.

- Keep a separate cutting board for meat.

- Do not store opened cans in your refrigerator because lead in the cans may contaminate the food.

- Remember that the more food is handled the more chance there is for bacteria to grow, so keep handling to a minimum.

- Do not use cracked or broken eggs.

- Keep food away from pets, household cleaners, pests (mice, roaches), leaking pipes and seeping moisture.

Source: *The Safe Food Book: Your Kitchen Guide*, published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

## How Long Will It Keep?

### Refrigerated items

- Hamburger—one to two days
- Beef and lamb roasts or steaks—three to five days
- Liver—one to two days
- Cooked meats and meat dishes—one to two days
- Bacon and frankfurters (unopened)—two weeks
- Bacon and frankfurters (opened)—one week
- Luncheon meats (unopened)—two weeks
- Luncheon meats (opened)—three to five days
- Fresh poultry—one to two days
- Cooked poultry with broth or gravy—one to two days
- Cooked poultry without broth or gravy—three to four days
- Whole eggs—five weeks
- Leftover egg whites or yolks—two to four days

### Canned goods

(stored in a cool, clean, dry place)

- Low-acid canned goods—two to five years\*
  - High-acid canned goods—12 to 18 months\*
- \* Do not use food from cans that are leaking, bulging or badly dented, or from jars that are cracked or have loose or bulging lids. If canned food has a foul odor or spurts liquid when opened, do not use it. Don't even taste it. These are signs of botulism.
- Source: *The Safe Food Book: Your Kitchen Guide*, published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

pers and aluminum foil or towels. Serve as soon as possible.

If the food will be served cold, take it out of the refrigerator and place it on ice. Keep it cold until ready to serve. You can make a cooler from grocery bags lined with newspapers. Plastic bottles filled with ice will keep the bags cold.

Plastic disposable gloves are a good item to have on hand for the

servers, and those with colds, active allergies or cuts on their hands should not serve.

After serving, leftover foods prone to bacteria or spoilage should be refrigerated as soon as possible. The longer they remain at room temperature, the greater the risk. In cases where food must sit out and there is a lengthy trip home, leftover food is best discarded.

# 'Near and dear' widow dies

By Angela Kschesinski and Bonita Mason

KITCHENER, Ont.—Leah Martin Brubacher, who at 95 was the oldest member attending here, died May 2. She was considered the grandmother of the Kitchener congregation.

"Mrs. Brubacher was very near and dear to all our hearts here," said Terry Johnson, Kitchener pastor. "She loved little children and they loved her, as did the rest of us. She

attended regularly . . . and kept the minister on his toes with her ques-

*Angela Kschesinski and Bonita Mason are members who attend the Kitchener, Ont., church.*

tions and comments."

Mrs. Brubacher was born on a farm near Elmira, Ont. She first learned of the Church by listening to *The World Tomorrow* on radio in

the late 1950s.

She attended her first Sabbath service in Detroit, Mich., a four-hour drive, and was baptized in the Conestoga River in 1961 by Carl McNair, now pastor of the Helena,



LEAH BRUBACHER

Butte and Great Falls, Mont., churches.

Mrs. Brubacher attended her first Feast of Tabernacles in Big Sandy in 1964.

A widow for 33 years and a mother of six children, Mrs. Brubacher enjoyed daily visits from family members and friends and took pleasure in keeping her guest book up to date.

She lived in a senior citizen's building and suffered from a heart condition. Herman and Angela Kschesinski drove her to Sabbath services weekly.

"I've known Mrs. Brubacher for a long time, and she was very faithful to come to services every week in such pain," said Gary Antion, a professor of theology at Pasadena Ambassador College and former pastor of the Kitchener church.

Mrs. Brubacher is survived by three sons and two daughters; a younger sister; an older sister, who is 98; 19 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Mr. Johnson.

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## Europe

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deep German longing for national reunification of the Fatherland. He also realizes he needs German industrial and managerial powers to assist Soviet economic reconstruction.

Mr. Gorbachev, observed columnist Patrick Buchanan, is a new Soviet leader "who holds the key to what Germans think of always and speak of never: National reunification, the dream of a United Germany taking her place as dominant power in Central Europe."

Mr. Worsthorne senses a certain inevitability about the geopolitical shift under way in Europe. Germany, he said, "has a very special relationship with Central and Eastern Europe—and with Russia too . . . A German-Russian partnership . . . may be what Europe's future holds."

Mr. Worsthorne hoped that this time Germany's revived national mission would prove to be peaceful. But he didn't sound altogether convinced:

"Twice in the past Germany has done incalculable harm. Twice its dreams have turned into nightmares. Now its people have a new and incontrovertibly noble dream.

"Suspicion among the allies there is bound to be; fear, too. If there is one thing more dangerous than a

bad German, it is a good one. German idealism—almost as destructive as German militarism . . .

"If Europe, the cradle of civilization, is ever to become whole and healthy again, only Germany, in conjunction with the Russians, can bring this miracle about. But can she be trusted? A futile question since there really is no choice."

Summing it up, there are great

expectations of peace breaking out in Europe, ending four decades of confrontation. But this so-called peace at the end of this age will be short-lived.

"For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say 'peace and safety' then sudden destruction comes" (I Thessalonians 5:2-3).

Report from

## the Treasurer's Office

*Leroy Neff*

PASADENA—The income for May has continued in a positive trend. The month's figure was 13.2 percent more than last year. This good increase brought the year-to-date income to 1.6 percent more than last year.

The percentage increase in income compared to May 1988 fluctuated between positive and negative during the early part of the month. During the last part of the month the trend was continually positive. We hope that this upward trend will continue and improve so that we will meet our goal of a 6 percent increase for the year.

After the spectacular Spring Holy Day offerings we are now anxious to see what will happen with the soon-coming Pentecost offering.

The domestic and international audits for 1988 are now complete. Once again, the opinion by Arthur Andersen & Co. was unqualified. This means that the financial statements met generally accepted accounting standards and present fairly the Church's financial position.

The annual audit review meeting with Mr. Tkach and other Church representatives is scheduled to take place in a few days.

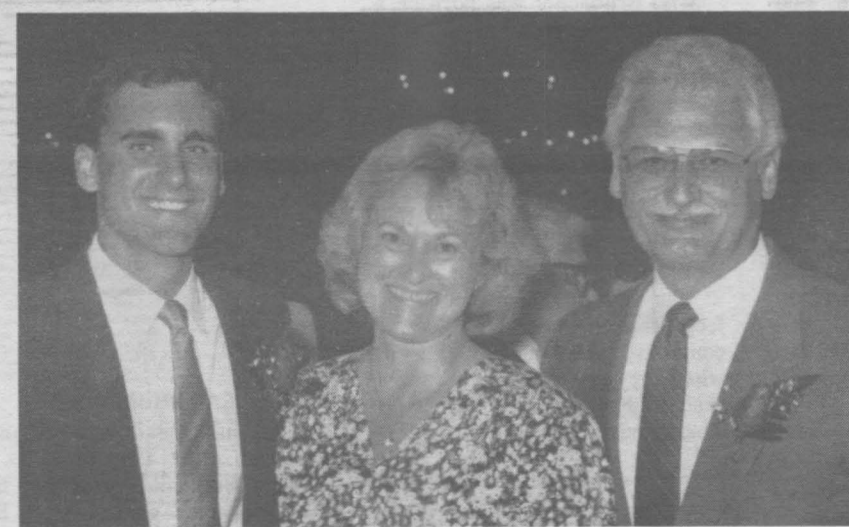


# Leaders of Tomorrow



## BIG SANDY PASADENA

**GRADUATION '89**—Pasadena (clockwise from above): Graduates gather on the Auditorium Mall to watch balloons being released; Student Body President Kevin Brownlee delivers his discourse; Dean O'Connor receives an award for sportsmanship; graduate Frederick Moore and his family gather with Donald Ward, Ambassador College president (left), and Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach after graduation; Robert McKinney receives his degree from Mr. Tkach; Chogait Elmore congratulates his sister Unchalee Rimando; Jeremy Ixton looks at Melanie Hunnisett's diploma; and John D. Schroeder directs the chorale. Big Sandy (clockwise from top left): Mr. Tkach congratulates graduate Naomi Fraser and her parents, Ian and Diana; William Stetter gives a graduation hug to Suzanne Farrow (left) and Tracy Weier; Roger Bryant leads the chorale while members of the college administration look on; Dennis and Lorraine Pelley congratulate their daughter Karen; Ben Smith shares a laugh with Dr. Ward; Michael Germano, academic dean, and his wife, Brenda, congratulate their son, Vernon; (front) Stacey Farrell, Linda Gebhard and Darline Siedschlag are all smiles. [Photos by Philip Aust, Nathan Faulkner, Charles Feldbush, Hal Finn, Jason Frantz, Scott Smith, Barry Stahl and Warren Watson]



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

**BERRY**, Chris and Laura (Yates), of Chico, Calif., boy, Joshua Nicholas, Feb. 20, 2:47 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

**BIALKOWSKY**, Andrew and S. Suzanne (Gillet), of Portland, Ore., girl, Elizabeth Maude, Jan. 15, 1:50 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

**BLOM**, Paul and Deborah (Kooistra), of Brisbane, Australia, girl, Nicole Jean, March 27, 10:39 p.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**BURCH**, Robert and Leslie (Ellis), of Grand Rapids, Mich., boy, Aaron Thomas, April 20, 5:50 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**COLUMBIA**, James and Lynne (Johnson), of Mesa, Ariz., boy, Zachary James, April 21, 4:20 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**GOOD**, Trace and Jeri (Kern), of Streamwood, Ill., boy, Garrett Robert, April 27, 4:16 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 3 boys.

**HESS**, Lawrence and Linda (Young), of Albany, N.Y., boy, Joshua Earl, March 12, 12:02 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys.

**MENDYGRAL**, Derek and Kerry (Main), of Wollongong, Australia, twin girls, Stella Mary and Jessie Ann, April 18, 1:49 and 1:56 p.m., 5 pounds 5 ounces and 4 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

**MILLS**, Clay and Renee (Grenter), of El Paso, Tex., girl, Leigh Anne, April 22, 7 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

**MOHLER**, Ken and Hope (Harkins), of Big Sandy, girl, Ashley Rene, April 23, 8:01 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 girls.

**NELSON**, Ken and Debbie (Montgomery), of Belmont, Miss., girl, Deborah Allison, April 23, 2:48 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**NELSON**, Arvin and Sandra (Guice), of Chicago, Ill., boy, David Alexander, April 28, 12:16 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

**OLSON**, Keith and Victoria (D'Amelio), of Pasadena, girl, Ariel Danielle, April 22, 12:28 p.m., 8 pounds, now 2 girls.

**PAIRITZ**, Jon and Tammy (Smith), of Walkerton, Ind., girl, Betsy Suzanne, April 15, 4:06 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 4 girls.

**SCHULZ**, Robert and Barbara (Daly), of Norfolk, Va., girl, Amber Jean, May 2, 11:58 p.m., 9 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**SQUIBB**, David and Florence (Mercer), of St. John's, Nfld., girl, Annie Sarah Florence, April 24, 3:17 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**TOBIN**, David and Mary (Servidio), of Erie, Pa., girl, Courtney Michelle, April 25, 2:44 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 girls.

**TOMICH**, Thomas and Beverly (Creager), of Cincinnati, Ohio, girl, Danielle Shree, March 25, 2:10 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

**WEBB**, Peter and Sylvia (Aldridge), of Munich, West Germany, girl, Sarah Rachel, Feb. 28, 5:37 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

**WHITTINGTON**, Glenn and A. Belle (Fuller), of Longview, Tex., girl, Linda Belle, March 20, 6 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

**WUBBEN**, Duane (deceased) and Nicole (Cardott), of Ridgefield, Wash., boy, Greg Duane, March 31, 11:08 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 3 boys.

**ZUCHOWSKI**, Bruce and Kathy (Katusha), of San Jose, Calif., girl, Michelle Lynn, May 4, 11:13 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Richard and Janice Bennett of Auburn, Wash., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Rose to James Allen Carter, son of James and June Carter of Houston, Tex. A July 23 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Backhus of Wyckoff, N.J., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Kymberly Joy to David Schurter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Schurter of Centereach, N.Y. A Sept. 24 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Smith of Reading, England, are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Debbie to Graeme Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wallace of Newcastle, England. A July 2 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Julio Gonzalez of Seattle, Wash., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lisa to Bret Lane, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lane of Boise, Idaho. An Aug. 27 wedding in Boise is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerardo Quintanilla of Yuba City, Calif., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Maria Soledad to Matthew Seth King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter King of Amarillo, Tex. An October wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry S. Girard of San Antonio, Tex., are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Mary Patricia to David William Beebe, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Beebe of Austin, Tex. A July 2 wedding in San Antonio is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. David Elder are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Julie to Steven Bearman. An Aug. 15 wedding in St. Albans, England, is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. James Myers of Lumberport, W.Va., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Karla Jo to Michael Amato of Brooklyn, N.Y. An Aug. 20 wedding in Clarksburg, W.Va., is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Temple of Houston, Tex., are pleased to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Jennifer, to Jeffrey Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hunter of Houston, Tex. An Aug. 20 wedding is planned.

Daniel R. Kampwerth of Trenton, Ill., and Angela L. Houseworth of Belleville, Ill., are happy to announce their engagement. An Aug. 5 wedding in Belleville is planned.

## WEDDINGS



**MR. AND MRS. C. BYRDSONG**

The Lucas children are happy to announce the marriage of their mother, Corine Lucas, to Cleveland Byrdsong. The ceremony was performed March 26 by James Servidio, Baltimore, Md., pastor. Eleanor Lampkin was maid of honor, and Larry Blount was best man. The couple live in Baltimore.



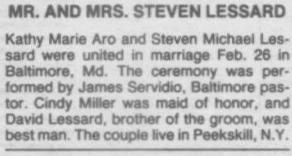
**MR. AND MRS. DOUGLAS TOMES**

Pamela Lannom and Douglas Tomes were united in marriage Feb. 25 in Clarksville, Tenn. The ceremony was performed by Franklin Tomes, a Bowling Green, Ky., minister and father of the groom. Sherry Sager, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Keith Tomes, brother of the groom, was best man. The groom is a 1984 Ambassador College graduate. The couple live in Clarksville.



**MR. AND MRS. PHILIP GISLER**

Lesley Millikin of Kelowna, B.C., is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter Ava Marie to Philip Leo Gisler, son of Max Gisler of Aitdorf, Switzerland. The ceremony was performed Jan. 28 by Thomas Ecker, Kamloops and Salmon Arm, B.C., pastor. Dana Schneider was maid of honor, and John Schranz was best man. The couple live in Merritt, B.C.



**MR. AND MRS. STEVEN LESSARD**

Kathy Marie Aro and Steven Michael Lessard were united in marriage Feb. 26 in Baltimore, Md. The ceremony was performed by James Servidio, Baltimore pastor. Cindy Miller was maid of honor, and David Lessard, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Peekskill, N.Y.



**MR. AND MRS. ROBIN WISDOM**

Kris Jarvis and Robin Wisdom were united in marriage March 14. The ceremony was performed by Don Lawson, Salt Lake City, Utah, pastor. Courtnee Jarvis, daughter of the bride, was maid of honor, and Bill Bryce was best man. The couple live in Murray, Utah.



**MR. AND MRS. DALE L. FISHER**

Judith Rivers of Marshall, Mich., and Dale L. Fisher of Hillsdale, Mich., were united in marriage April 2. The ceremony was performed by Glen Keeley, a Kalamazoo, Mich., minister. The couple live in Marshall.



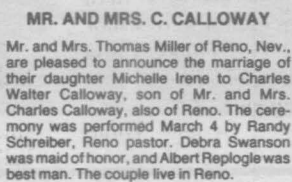
**MR. AND MRS. CLEAO BELL**

Mary Boerner of Beaumont, Tex., and Cleao Bell of Amarillo, Tex., were united in marriage Dec. 27, 1988. Rick Beam, Amarillo pastor, performed the ceremony. The couple live in Amarillo.



**MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL DIKEMAN**

Mary Elizabeth Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Hall of Grand Junction, Colo., and Michael Alan Dikeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loren J. Dikeman of Montrose, Colo., were united in marriage March 12 in Palisade, Colo. The ceremony was performed by Ross Flynn, Grand Junction pastor. Christy Alderfer was maid of honor, and Jeff Miller was best man. The couple live in Grand Junction.



**MR. AND MRS. C. CALLOWAY**

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Miller of Reno, Nev., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Michelle Irene to Charles Walter Calloway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Calloway, also of Reno. The ceremony was performed March 4 by Randy Schreiber, Reno pastor. Debra Swanson was maid of honor, and Albert Replogle was best man. The couple live in Reno.



**MR. AND MRS. KENDEL WOLAVER**

Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Cooper of Austin, Tex., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Katherine Jane Branch to

Kendel Barnes Wolaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell H. Wolaver of Italy, Tex. The ceremony was performed March 12 by Frank McCrady Jr., Dallas, Tex., West pastor. Susan McLemore was matron of honor, and Lori Cooper was maid of honor. James Wolaver was best man. The couple live in Italy.



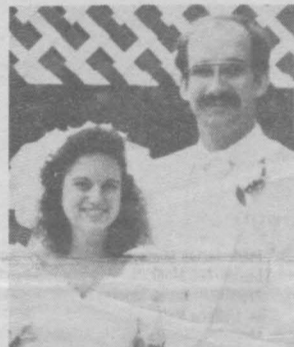
**MR. AND MRS. RICHARD FOSTER**

Eutopia Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nelson of Detroit, Mich., and Richard Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Holder, also of Detroit, were united in marriage March 19. The ceremony was performed by Vincent Szymkowiak, Detroit East pastor. Jeannette Bugg was maid of honor, and Roderick Stoudimire was best man. The couple live in Dunwoody, Ga.



**MR. AND MRS. CHRIS DAVIS**

Patricia Lynn Swartz and Chris Anson Davis were united in marriage June 26, 1988. The ceremony was performed in Big Sandy by Charles Crain, a Big Sandy minister. Attendees were Cheryl Strelow and Rex Davis, brother of the groom. The couple, both Ambassador College graduates, live in Winnsboro, Tex.



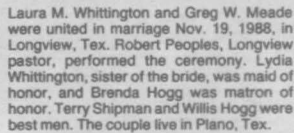
**MR. AND MRS. DAVID NOGGLE**

David Joshua Noggle and Rita Marie Raney were united in marriage Sept. 11, 1988, in Big Sandy. The ceremony was performed by Lynn Torrance, Big Sandy Ambassador College registrar. Michele Gould was maid of honor, and Randy Jackson was best man. The couple live in Big Sandy.



**MR. AND MRS. DARREL WRIGHT**

Vera Margaret Walston and Darrel Arthur Wright were united in marriage Nov. 24, 1988. The ceremony was performed by Rick Beam, Liberal, Kan., pastor. The Wrights live in Forgan, Okla.



**MR. AND MRS. EUGENE ROSS**

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ross celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary May 2. The Rosses have been Church members since 1969. Their son, Gerald Bowen, died in 1979. The couple have one grandson, Nathan Bowen. The Rosses attend the Fayetteville, Ark., church.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We'd like to let the readers of *The Worldwide News* know about your new baby as soon as it arrives. Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address given as soon as possible after the baby is born.



Our coupon baby this issue is Daniele Ramdial, daughter of Paul and Elizabeth Ramdial of Hatfield, England.

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## NOTICE

The Miami, Fla., congregations will celebrate their 25th anniversary Aug. 12 and 13. All Church members who formerly attended in Miami are invited to attend. If interested, please write to P. Garland at 17525 SW 84 Ave., Miami, Fla., 33157, or call 305-252-1757.

## OBITUARIES



**MR. AND MRS. F. ANDERSON**

Francis and Rebecca Anderson of Lowe Farm, Man., celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Dec. 4, 1988. The couple, Church members since 1968, were honored by family and brethren Dec. 3 at the home of their daughter, DeEtta Ives, in Winnipeg, Man., where they attend Sabbath services. A reception for relatives and neighbors took place Dec. 4. The Andersons have three children and three grandchildren.

**ULLMAN**, Carl B., 85, of Cabool, Mo., died April 1. Mr. Ullman, a Church member since 1964, is survived by his wife, Florence, and son, Ernest, both Church members; a daughter, Lynn Rust; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**HENDRIX**, Willie May, 65, of West Blocton, Ala., died April 26 of cancer. Mrs. Hendrix, a Church member since 1959, is survived by her husband, Robert; three sons, Larry, Eddie and David; and three grandchildren.

**ROBBINS**, Frances, 62, of Pontotoc, Miss., died April 15. Mrs. Robbins, a Church member since 1956, is survived by four daughters, Ouida Coker, Mona Quillian, Darlene Cranshaw and Gwen Robbins; and one son, Andy; all of whom attend Sabbath services.

**HAHN**, Jacqueline, 42, of Franklin, Pa., died March 29 after a long bout with cancer. Mrs. Hahn, a Church member since 1982, is survived by her husband, Wayne, and two sons, Curt and Cliff, both Church members.

**LEONE**, Beatrice, 63, of Erie, Pa., died May 7 after suffering a stroke two days earlier. Mrs. Leone, a Church member since 1974, is survived by her husband, one daughter and two sons.

**CHICHESTER**, Elbert, 68, of Sioux Falls, S.D., died March 31 after lifelong skeletal complications from polio. He has been a Church member since 1967.

**OLSON**, Stella Lavina, 79, of Farmersburg, Iowa, died April 18. Mrs. Olson, a Church member since 1973, is survived by her husband, Curtis; a son, Leland; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**ERICKSON**, William O., 45, of San Francisco, Calif., died April 24 from complications of diabetes. Mr. Erickson, a Church member for 22 years, is survived by his mother, Genevieve; a brother, Martin; four sons, Robert, Richard, James and Steven; and one daughter, Deborah.

**STEWART**, Norman T., 56, of Auburn, Calif., died April 24 after a lengthy illness. Mr. Stewart, a Church member since 1959, is survived by his wife, Patty, and daughter, Sharon, both Church members; and two other daughters, Susan and Judith. Mr. Stewart was preceded in death by his son, Nathan Alex, 13, in 1984.

**CONNELLY**, William A., 69, of Waco, Tex., died April 29 of cancer. Mr. Connelly, a Church member since 1970, is survived by his wife, Thelma J.; a daughter, Dianne Bergeron; two stepdaughters, Jeanne Patterson and Joan Bynum; a son, David; two stepsons, Stephen and Dan Haley; one brother; one sister; and 15 grandchildren. Thirteen members of Mr. Connelly's family attend Church services.

**REYNOLDS**, Jackie W., 57, of Anna, Ill., died March 19. Mr. Reynolds, a Church member since 1976, is survived by his wife, Ada, also a Church member; two sons, Jackie Jr. and Tony; two daughters, Cheryl Jedamski and Glenda Winn; his mother, Mamie Reynolds; three brothers; and 10 grandchildren.

**KELLER**, Eula M., 89, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., died April 12. Mrs. Keller, a Church member since 1972, is survived by six daughters, including Lemmie Smith, Rosland Washington and Helen Grant; all Church members; one stepdaughter; 23 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, John, seven brothers, three sisters, two daughters and one son.

**HOLT**, Penni L., 45, of Peoria, Ill., died April 14. Mrs. Holt, a Church member since 1971, is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Bob Jacoby, both Church members; and two sisters.

## ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD

Harmon and Sarah Ruch celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary Jan. 26. Mr. Ruch has been a Church member since 1966, and he attends the Bethlehem, Pa., P.M. church. The Ruchs have one daughter and three grandchildren.

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## Church News Clips

● Though the theme was the "Wild, Wild West," a pioneer attitude of law, order and service prevailed when the Shreveport, La., Spokesman Club met Feb. 26 for a breakfast meeting.

Seventy-two Church youths were guests at the event, and the speeches were on such subjects as cattle drives, the Pony Express, Pecos Bill and the importance of hickory wood. *Jim Juras*

● Fifty-seven Pasadena Auditorium P.M. brethren, including teens, parents and senior citizens, went to a Hollywood, Calif., studio April 2 to form an audience for a syndicated game show. The activity was a YOU fund raiser. *Ronald Reedy*

● After three months of inventories, chocolate and spice sales and a bottle drive, Peterborough, Ont., Church youths raised the \$5,000 necessary for a trip to Quebec City, Que.

Thirty-eight youths and parents left March 19 for Quebec City, where they took a cruise to Levis, toured the Old City, dined at a

creperie, skied at Mt. St. Anne and had dinner with the Quebec City YOU and parents. *Andrea Cameron*

● Twenty-three Church youths and 14 other brethren from Ireland traveled 500 miles (800 kilometers) by ferry and train to Paris for activities with the French YOU.

Paris brethren were hosts to a YOU dance, and youths came from all over France for the occasion. The YOU group visited the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe and Napoleon's tomb, among other sites. *Anthony Goudie*

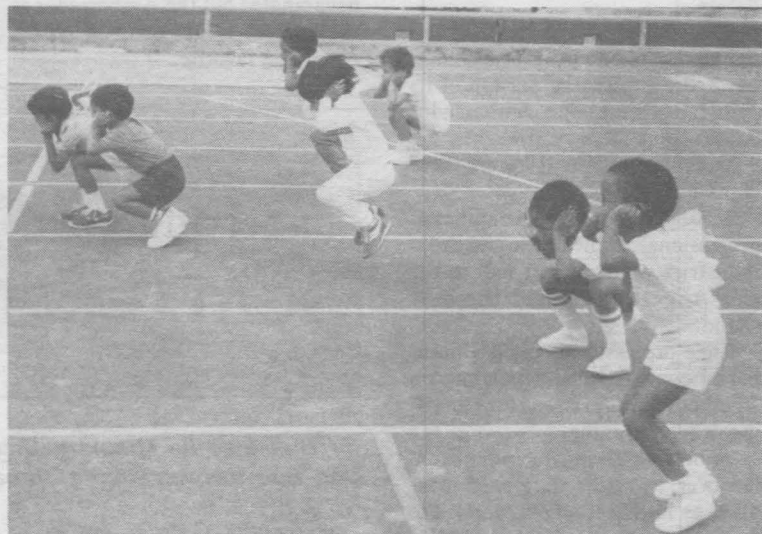
● YES-age children from Durban, South Africa, performed a Passover play during the lunch break on the first day of Unleavened Bread, April 20.

The subject of the play was the Israelites' response to Moses after leaving Egypt. Participants took turns narrating the story, which was followed by sketches and songs.

Jill Khoury, children's choir director, coordinated the event. *Trevor Paul*



LITTLE WESTERNERS—Children ages 4 to 19 attend a Spokesman Club breakfast meeting with a "Wild, Wild West" theme.



LEAPS AND BOUNDS—YES-age boys participate in a frog hop during the Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, church's fourth annual sports day March 26. Five hundred brethren gathered for the event. [Photo by Max Lai Leung]

## BIG SANDY CLASS OF 1989

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### Associate of Science Degrees

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\*\*\*With highest distinction (grade point average [GPA] of 3.8 or better) \*\*With high distinction (GPA of 3.5 or better) \*With distinction (GPA of 3.2 or better)

## Pasadena graduates

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presented awards to 10 bachelor of arts degree candidates and three associate of arts degree candidates. Each received a framed clock with a plaque and a check.

Sportsmanship awards went to Amy Burnett and Dean O'Connor. Debra Parrish and Michael Snellgrove received Leon Ettinger Music Awards.

Academic Excellence awards went to the two senior and three sophomore graduates with the highest grade point averages. Beth Rule and Susan Quinn were senior recipients, and Tim Finlay, Carla Pearson and Cynthia Reese were sophomore recipients.

Mr. Brownlee, Arlene Dion, Simone Lovett and Timothy Pebworth received Herbert W.

Armstrong Achievement Awards. After the award presentations William Stenger, dean of instruction, presented the degrees and Dr. Ward conferred them. Mr. Tkach presented each diploma, and he and Dr. Ward shook hands with each graduate.

The Ambassador College Chorale and Orchestra provided music during the ceremony.

A reception followed on the Auditorium Mall, where the balloons were released.

### Graduation week

Graduation week activities included a senior dinner at which Mr. Tkach was host, a party in the student social center, graduation ball and a brunch for graduates and their families.

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

# UPDATE

**BIG SANDY**—Verna Parish, chairman of the Ambassador College English Department here, retired May 17.

Evangelist Roderick Meredith, provost, and Danny Smith, a professor of English, presented Dr.



VERNA PARISH

Parish with an antique silver bowl and a plaque at a retirement luncheon May 16. Dr. Smith will take over Dr. Parish's duties.

Dr. Parish served the Big Sandy campus from 1976 until the college closed in 1977. She was rehired when the college reopened in 1981.

Her teaching career began in 1932 and included a post at the University of Kansas at Hays, where she was named an Outstanding Educator of America in 1971 and Outstanding Faculty Woman of the Year in 1973.

Dr. Parish plans to move to Marshall, Tex.

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**PASADENA**—Robert Collins, associate pastor of the Birmingham, Ala., A.M. and P.M. churches, is retiring from the ministry for health reasons after 20 years of service.

Mr. Collins has been diagnosed as having polycythemia vera, a chronic, life-shortening disorder that involves all bone marrow elements. It is characterized by an increase in red blood cell mass and hemoglobin concentration, which impairs blood flow. There are no known medical cures.

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**PASADENA**—A Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) operator took the two millionth in-home call for the *World Tomorrow* telecast April 2.

When the in-home program began in 1985 volunteers answered 3 percent of calls in response to the telecast. In-home operators now handle 50 percent of weekend calls.

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**PASADENA**—*The Plain Truth* goes into 194 of the 202 commonly defined countries and territories of the world.

Based on the latest estimate of worldwide population, *The Plain Truth* reaches an average of one out of every 783 people on earth, according to Media Operations.

The eight countries without subscribers are Albania, the Azores, the Cape Verde Islands, Guinea-Bissau, Kampuchea (Cambodia), Mongolia, Nicaragua and

Tokelau.

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**MANILA, Philippines**—The Church's regional office here announced that Ezra Raduban, a 1989 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate, will serve as a ministerial trainee in the San Fernando, Pampanga, and Angeles, Philippines, churches.

Mr. Raduban will serve a short-term assignment as a ministerial trainee in the United States and attend the Ministerial Refreshing Program before returning to the Philippines, his native country.

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**PASADENA**—The Festival Office here announced that the Norfolk, Va.; Pasadena; Spokane, Wash.; Vail, Colo.; and Wisconsin

Dells, Wis.; Feast sites will provide facilities for brethren who suffer from allergies or environmental poisoning.

Members in these rooms will receive the audio or audio and visual portion of services.

"We will attempt to eliminate some common allergens from the environment in special rooms at these sites, in hope that this will help those who have extreme sensitivities," said Mark McCulley, manager of the Festival Office in Church Administration.

"But we cannot guarantee that every possible allergen or pollutant will be removed."

Members who need to attend one of these sites and use these rooms should see their pastor or Feast adviser.

## Big Sandy

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conferred the degrees.

### Big Sandy arrival

Mr. Tkach arrived on campus May 16 along with Dr. and Mrs. Ward. Also traveling with Mr. Tkach were Michael Rasmussen, administrative projects coordina-

tor, and a television crew: Duane Abler, director, and Mark Broadwater, cameraman.

Serving as Mr. Tkach's BAC 1-11 flight crew were Ken Hopke, captain; Lawrence Dietrich, co-captain; Dean Mohr, engineer; Jay Brothers, steward; and Terence Wieclawski, chef.

Mr. Tkach and his party attended graduation brunch May 17 in the college dining hall.

Other graduation week activities

were graduation ball and a year-end success party.

The freshman class honored the sophomores at the graduation ball, which had a theme of "Life on the Mississippi." Music was provided by the Ambassador College Dance Band.

## Job open on Texas campus

**BIG SANDY**—The Food Service Department at Ambassador College here is taking applications for an experienced chef.

Applicants must have at least three to five years experience in the food service industry. Applicants should also have adequate competencies in handling meats and poultry, stocks, fruits, vegetables, kitchen tools and equipment, safety and sanitation. Some banquet skills are desirable.

Please send a resume or request an application through the Personnel Office at Ambassador College, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755.

## Area music critics laud Auditorium, performers

**PASADENA**—"The Ambassador Auditorium continues to draw positive comments from music critics and audio professionals," said evangelist David Hulme, vice president of the Ambassador Foundation.

*L.A. Audio File*, a Los Angeles newsletter for audio professionals, devoted a substantial portion of its January issue to the Ambassador Auditorium.

Included in the article were these comments:

"Last year, we asked a number of professionals in the music and audio industries what concert hall in the Los Angeles area had the best sound.

"The professionals cited a number of concert halls, depending on whether the criteria was for recording or live listening.

"For live listening purposes, however, two halls were cited most often as having the best sound: the Ambassador Auditorium and Royce Hall [at the University of California at Los Angeles].

"While Royce Hall was favored for full orchestra performances, the Ambassador was the choice pick for smaller ensembles.

"As a local landmark, the Ambassador is a relatively young structure. Situated in a quiet corner of Pasadena since 1974, the auditorium is part of Ambassador College and receives funding by the Worldwide Church of God.

"Since the Ambassador opened its doors fifteen years ago, the praise from critics has been virtually uniform. *Los Angeles* magazine called it the finest theater in town—"at least when it comes to listening to music.

"The size is perfect, the acoustics extraordinary and the decor magnificent. When Herbert von Karajan came to Southern California with the Berlin Philharmonic it was the Ambassador he and the orchestra chose for a concert hall. And he and the orchestra have probably never sounded better anywhere.

"Perhaps the best reason for Southlanders to consider concert

going at the Ambassador is the performers that it attracts.

"Von Karajan is not the only big name who favors this Pasadena concert hall. A number of other European conductors and performers have singled out the Ambassador as their West Coast or even North American favorite."

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## FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN

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

**PASADENA**—Evangelist Dean Blackwell and his wife, Maxine, traveled to Norway for the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread.

Mr. Blackwell made the following observations about Norway, where about 100 members are pastored by Peter Shenton.

The smallest Passover I have ever participated in—six women and five men—was conducted in a member's home in Stavanger.

Twenty-two celebrated the Night to Be Much Observed in the same home. Holy Day services took place in a Christian Seamen's hotel in Stavanger, with 24 in attendance.

My wife and I with our two grandsons, ages 12 and 10, had a 7½-hour train ride across southwest Norway on our way to Oslo for the last Holy Day.

There were no slums anywhere on the ride. Lakes, green mountains and clean, beautiful homes dotted the countryside.

We stayed with a Church family in Oslo and observed the last Holy Day with 34 in attendance.

In song services one man sang in French, three in German, some in Norwegian and the other half in

Texican. But God loves a joyful noise.

(Mr. Blackwell, who was born in Texas, calls his Texas accent Texican.)

Brethren face extremely high taxes. The high tax rate enables the government to provide dental and medical needs, as well as school benefits.

Stores are closed on Sundays as though the people were religious. But less than 10 percent attend church regularly.

One man said he thought Pentecost was a former Russian leader being honored with a holiday.

Good growth is anticipated in Norway with Sky Channel carrying the *World Tomorrow* telecast and *The Plain Truth* and booklets translated into the Norwegian language.

### Three farms lost

A deacon in Benin, Nigeria, lost three major farms with crops that would have been worth thousands of naira (Nigerian currency).

Prolonged dryness (called the harmattan) coupled with bush fires ravaged over half of Benin State's

farmland. Benin is a major food-producing state in Nigeria.

"The effect of nationwide bush fires this dry season is bound to worsen the dread of the high cost of food," said Josef Forson, pastor of the Lagos, Benin City, Enugu, Jos and Owerri, Nigeria, churches.

### Loss in Enugu

The Enugu congregation experienced a death in April, when Mr. and Mrs. Allswell Alalibo lost their youngest son on the first Sabbath of the month, while Mr. Alalibo was attending services in Owerri.

Mrs. Alalibo was at home with the child who had a fever. "We have visited them to comfort them and they are bearing up," said Mr. Forson.

### Unusual baptism

Two baptisms took place in Jos Feb. 26. One of those baptized is a member who needs a hearing aid. "We have been counseling him on paper," said Mr. Forson.

Before he was baptized he was shown the questions in the ceremony book, and he nodded in answer.

### Difficulties in Owerri

Attendance at Sabbath services in Owerri has been fluctuating because of Nigeria's depressed economy.

Conditions are likely to worsen when the government hikes fuel prices by another 40 to 45 percent, as is being speculated.

"Coupled with the present depression, members bring half of their families to church on alternate Sabbaths," said Mr. Forson.

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