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COVER: Horseback riding — it's a memory being built for these young people. How can you build good memories? Read, "Make These Your 'Good Old Days,'" on page 7. Photo by G. A. Belluche Jr.

Letters

"The New Kid in Town"

Thank you for the article in the August issue, "So You're the New Kid in Town..." I understand how it is to be new because my family has moved a great deal.

I would like to share what I have learned from the experience of moving. For a while I was so upset about moving so often, but then realized that feeling sorry for myself didn't do any good. So I decided to make the best of it and have a positive attitude about it.

I have learned to be friendly instead of shy. After all, you can't avoid people forever. I've also learned to appreciate friends and make the most of the time with them. [Now] I realize how precious and special each person is.

I thank God for the opportunity to live in different places. It has broadened my horizon and helped me to have many close, forever friends.

Jewel Kilgore
Seymour, Mo.

I would like to thank you so very much for the article, "So You're the New Kid in Town..." After I read it I realized that there are a lot of people that move.

I'm going to miss lots of good friends, but it will be nice to make new ones. I have been quite shy, but maybe I can change, with God's help. Because if people don't accept me the way I am, they would not be real friends. Now I think moving will be a lot more adventurous!

Rachelle Pennington
Fort Smith, Ark.

Article hit home

In your last issue one [article] hit home very *deeply*! You see, in the past four months I haven't been exactly an angel! What I mean is that I've done some things without my parents' approval. When they asked me why I did it, I just said I wanted to try something new! (I didn't think it would hurt!)

Your article, "Come On, Try It! It Won't Hurt You!" [July], came straight home to me! Since then I've started to read the Bible every night. I haven't gotten very far, but I feel that I've gained part of my parents' trust back and a better, newer and greater understanding of God and why we were put here on earth!

I thank you very much for that article! Thank you for sending your magazine to me!

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Love, Marriage and Sex

Why Humans Have the Sense of SHAME

What is the real source of the attitude of shame in humans? Part four.

By Herbert W. Armstrong

In the Western World we take for granted that the sense of shame came from the teachings of the Bible. Indeed it does stem from the forbidden fruit incident in the Garden of Eden — but the real author of shame is not God!

Genesis 3 reveals who the real author is!

The incident in the Garden of Eden set the course of human history from that moment. It determined the direction followed by humanity from the beginning until now.

God had told the first man, Adam, that he, as a man, was wholly physical. Here was the newly created man. Grasp the significance if you can! Suddenly, a full-grown adult MAN received consciousness.

He looked around. Everywhere he saw BEAUTY!

There were colorful flowers, stately trees, green lawns, entrancing shrubs, shimmering pools, the audible laughter of a rippling stream. He was sur-



rounded by breathtaking magnificence. Then the man looked at himself. He must have wondered, "WHAT AM I?" Once, I remember, I fainted. Then, when consciousness again came suddenly, the question was gasped, involuntarily, "Where *am* I?" But Adam must have wondered, not only where, but *WHAT!*

And God told him. "You are DUST." After the man had sinned, God said, "...out of [the ground] wast thou taken: for DUST *THOU* ART, and unto dust shalt *THOU* return."

God did *not* say, "Dust your BODY is." He said the conscious MAN was dust — composed of matter. The revelation of God is plain: "God formed MAN of the dust of the ground" (Genesis 2:7).

This man, composed of physical matter from the ground, *became* a soul (same verse). This scripture does not say God put an immortal soul *into* a material body. It says God breathed BREATH into his nostrils — into the MAN'S lungs. God breathed this breath — this air — into the man's nostrils, just as all men breathe air in and out of their nostrils — just as

dumb animals do!

This man, composed of matter out of the ground, *became* a breathing, living soul. The soul, then, came out of the ground. The *soul* is composed of *matter*, not spirit. The word *soul* is translated from the Hebrew *nephesh*. It means "life of animals."

But what has all this to do with

Nothing in God's instruction [to Adam and Eve] had caused them to experience any sense of shame in regard to sex.

the origin of this teaching that sex is evil?

IT HAS *EVERYTHING* TO DO WITH IT!

History's first recorded lie

Satan uttered the first recorded lie in the history of mankind. He told mother Eve she would *not* surely die — or, in other words, that she was an “immortal soul.” But GOD says souls that sin *SHALL DIE* (Ezekiel 18:4 and Ezekiel 18:20). God said to Adam and Eve that if they took of the



Satan lied to Eve, discrediting God's instructions. Satan's influence led Adam and Eve to take the forbidden fruit, and to feel ashamed of their physical bodies that God said were “very good.”

forbidden fruit, “Thou shalt surely die.”

Notice how SATAN HIMSELF put in human minds the sense of shame and guilt toward sex.

In the creation chapter, Genesis 1, it is written that in creating man, God created the physical sex organs — “... male and female created he them” (verse 27). “And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was *VERY GOOD*” (verse 31). The physical organs of sex, then, God pronounced “*VERY GOOD*.”

God gave the first man and his wife full instruction in regard to His intended purposes and uses of sex, as we shall cover in detail later. God *ended* His instruction — His teaching — of necessary basic spiritual *and* physical knowledge, as recorded in Genesis 2:24:

“Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.”

Then follows verse 25, “And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.”

NOTICE CAREFULLY! God had been personally *with* Adam and Eve. The three had been talking together. Adam and Eve were naked. *Nothing* in God's instruction regarding husband-and-wife relationship had caused them to experience any sense of shame in regard to sex. In the privacy of this one married couple, bound in marriage by the Holy God who was speaking with them, there was absolutely no sense of shame in regard to sex.

Now continue right on — next verse! See what now happened!

Remember, as originally inspired and written, the Bible was not divided into chapters and verses. These were added by uninspired men much later, as a matter of convenience in biblical study. The very next verse, continuing immediately, is verse 1 of chapter 3:

“Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of

every tree of the garden?”

Immediately Satan begins to discredit revelation as the fountain source of knowledge — that is, God's teaching. He subtly and craftily implies: “Look! God knows better than that! God was misrepresenting!”

God had told Adam and Eve that the wages of sin is *DEATH* — for eternity — *ETERNAL* punishment! God told them they were *MORTAL*, and could *DIE*! Satan uttered the first recorded lie of history:

“Ye shall not *SURELY* die!”

In other words: “Why, God was deceiving you. He knew you are *IMMORTAL SOULS*!”

Satan implants sense of shame

The Genesis account is exceedingly brief and condensed. It merely *summarizes*, in fewest words, these conversations and events. We learn much from later passages, and from history.

Filling in the omitted gaps and details, what Satan said becomes clear.

As soon as Satan got in his lying, deceptive talk, and the woman had obeyed him, eating the forbidden fruit, and her husband deliberately had eaten it with her, the next verses tell us this:

“And the eyes of them both were opened, and *they knew that they were naked*; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons” (verse 7).

Now continue, next verse:

“And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, *WHERE ART THOU?* And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I *WAS AFRAID, BECAUSE I WAS NAKED*; and I hid myself” (verses 8-10).

Notice God's answer!

“*WHO TOLD THEE THAT THOU WAST NAKED?*” (verse 11).

Yes, *WHO* put the sense of
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HURT FEELINGS?

Who Needs Them?

Here's how you can make your life happier.

By Clayton Steep

Has this ever happened to you?

There is someone that you like very much. You go out of your way to be helpful and agreeable to this person.

And what do you get in return? Very little thanks. Maybe no thanks at all. Maybe this "friend" doesn't treat *you* like a friend. This person may even do you wrong by talking behind your back or "using" you or taking

things that belong to you.

The result is your feelings are hurt.

What should you do about it?

Or perhaps your problem is with more than one person. Oh, you have tried to be friendly to others. Sometimes they respond. But they don't really accept you. Come lunchtime at school, you don't know which table to sit at because you don't feel welcome by any of the established groups or cliques. Maybe you are one

others laugh at or call names. Or even beat up physically.

Not only are your feelings hurt, but your body may hurt too.

Or maybe your problem is at home. You may think your parents are too strict or too protective. Or, on the other hand, that they don't care about you.

After all, don't the kids you know get to do all kinds of things you aren't allowed to do? Perhaps you have a brother or sister who seems to get more attention from

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your parents than you do. You feel this is really unfair.

More hurt feelings.

Or is it the opposite sex that is responsible for your hurt feelings? You can't make that certain person notice you no matter how hard you try. Or you have a friend who is popular with the fellows or girls, but you aren't even noticed.

Again, hurt feelings. Disappointment.

To make matters worse, you may feel you have no one who understands how hurt you are. You may lie awake at night worrying about it. Or cry yourself to sleep. But the next morning the problem is still there. You have to face it again. Is that the way it is

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for good.**



supposed to be? Does your happiness have to be ruined by other people? Or by circumstances?

No, not at all!

You can avoid hurt feelings if — and it's a *big* if — if you have God on your side.

Or, the way it really is, if you are on God's side! A person who does not want to bring God into the picture is on his or her own.

He is cheating himself of the help he needs.

You see, God is real. He actually does exist. He knows you. And if you are trying to please Him, it doesn't matter what other people around you do. It doesn't matter what problem you face. God has the power to change things and make them work out for good. That's why the Bible asks: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31).

The principles you need to know to avoid hurt feelings are found in the Bible. The Bible says those who love God's laws have great peace and nothing shall offend them, which is another way of saying nothing shall hurt their feelings (Psalm 119:165, Authorized Version).

That's a promise. It's practical. And it works. Here are ways you can avoid hurt feelings:

1. *Be friendly and forgiving.* Don't do to others as they do to you. Rather, do to others as you *wish* they would do to you. We must love even our enemies (Matthew 5:44). How much more should we love those who aren't our "enemies," but who just are not our close friends?

Of course it's not always easy to do this. But it is God's law. If you want God to make things work out right in your life, this is the only way to treat others. The Bible says that when you are kind to those who are unkind to you, "the Lord will reward you" (Proverbs 25:21-22).

Does someone act stuck up or snobbish or treat you badly? Don't be the same way to him or her. Be forgiving.

On the other hand, you don't have to push yourself on those who don't want to be your close friends. You are better off taking a hint and making close friends with someone else.

2. *Stay away from trouble.* Avoid problem situations. If someone calls you names or tries to beat on you, do your best to stay away from that person.

If discussion of certain subjects tends to develop into arguments, don't discuss those subjects.

Learn to steer clear of conflicts and situations that create hurt feelings (Proverbs 22:3). Pray for help in doing so.

3. *Be willing to give rather than trying to get.* So many hurt feelings are caused by people selfishly wanting to get or do things for their own pleasure. And when things don't work out, there is great disappointment.

You can avoid this by not pinning your happiness on *things* in the first place. It's all right to want what you should have. You should even pray about your desires. But realize that there is the possibility you may not get exactly what you want.

Do your parents refuse to give you permission to do something you want very badly to do? Pray about it. God can change your parents' minds. On the other hand, maybe God doesn't want you to do it either! Ask Him.

Let God decide and be willing to go by His decision. Meanwhile, be grateful each day for the good things you have. Get your mind off yourself and try to make other people happier.

You will be surprised how much happier this outlook will make your own life.

4. *Be patient.* Don't worry about things you cannot change. You've only been alive a short time. Even if you were to live to be 100, that time would pass quickly. Look ahead! It is what comes after this life that counts.

So what if you do not win popularity contests now. So what if you are not as beautiful or handsome as a movie star. So what if you do not impress other human beings. God looks at what is inside your heart. And if God is impressed by what He sees there, nothing else matters.

If you really try to serve Him, God will make everything in your life work out for good (Romans 8:28). Oh, you'll still face problems and difficulties. But God will give you the strength to overcome them all.

Hurt feelings? Who needs them? You don't. Get rid of them! □



If You Don't Know Where You're Going— How Do You Know When You Get There?

These often overlooked tips can help make the difference between frustration and happiness in your future career.

By Wayne Becker

Seventeen-year-old Joey is sure that computer programing is just the job for him.

It's not that he's had a lot of interest in or much experience with computers. His aptitudes don't seem to lie in that area. But he read that "by 1985 every third business desk will have a computer." There's got to be security in an industry

growing like that! Right?

And, of course, the money is attractive, too.

In spite of not knowing much about it, Joey is confident that working full-time in the computer field will make his working life happy. Job security and a high income — what else could be more important? What about you? On what basis are you choosing your future work?

Security and money should be

considered carefully. But if these are the only factors determining your decision, you're likely to make some serious blunders.

It's probably safe to say that most people pick their employment according to how much money it pays. Another fact of life is that most workers are dissatisfied, bored, unchallenged or generally fed up with their jobs. Could there be a connection?

How would you like to have a

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career that so inspired you, so excited you, that eight hours a day would not seem to be enough time to satisfy your creative desires?

You can find the area of work that's best for you. If you take to heart the following principles, you will be headed in the right direction.

1. Know yourself. What are your interests and aptitudes? What are you naturally good at? What would you rather do more than anything else?

If you're unsure of what your natural gifts are, ask for help from your parents, close relatives and friends — those who know you best. Your school guidance counselor can also help you.

It's important to identify your strengths because these are signposts pointing the way to what you should be doing with the next 50 years of life. If your future job fits hand-in-glove with your dominant talents, it's far more likely that you will discover, invent, design, build, accomplish — that you will achieve excellence.

2. Excellence will pay off. We live in an expensive world, and it takes money to pay the bills. So

without thinking about money all of the time?

A 20-year study (entitled *Getting Rich Your Own Way*) by Dr. Srully Blotnick explodes some myths about getting rich. The business lives of 1,500 individuals, 83 of whom eventually became millionaires, were studied. Plus, 200 other millionaires were interviewed to find out why they had become wealthy.

This study's findings? Those who love money, live for money and would do anything for money rarely accumulate much money. And when they do, they tend to lose it quickly.

Those who do succeed monetarily tend not to make getting rich a goal, of and by itself. Their wealth, in a sense, creeps up on them and they frequently do not know how much they are worth — nor is that their primary concern.

What the millionaires did care about was having the opportunity to be involved in a work that they dearly loved. These people typically entered a career that appealed to them very much. Often they earned little money for a long period of time. But they studied. They improved themselves.

One day, they and the rest of the world realized that they had become experts in their chosen fields. Everyone then beat a path to their doors to obtain the goods and services that they produced better than anyone else. Competence was their best form of advertising. And, of course, the world was willing to pay well for their superior workmanship.

Money was a natural by-product of a career they loved.

By the way, the occupations of the millionaires were not always what you might assume. Many became well to do at projects that you might not expect, such as designing a scarf or managing a warehouse. It's not true that the only way to become wealthy is to become a lawyer, doctor or banker.

There can be money in any needed service that's organized

efficiently and rendered competently. So don't pick a career *just* because you believe it will make you a good income.

If your work consists of doing what you'd gladly do for nothing, eventually the world may pay almost anything to own what only you can so expertly produce.

3. Service. If you choose a profession that perfectly reflects your aptitudes, and if you strive for excellence, accomplishing great things in your field — you will experience a certain measure of happiness from your work. But, still, something will be missing.

Striving for excellence and accomplishing great things is fine. But without something more, these virtues can be mere selfishness. And people who are selfish make themselves unhappy.

What is needed is an attitude of service. Don't forget this vital factor when you choose your career. Determine to use your abilities to make life better for others, not just for yourself.

This simple idea contains the secret of true happiness.

Albert Schweitzer, humanitarian, showed he had discovered this law of happiness when he said: "The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve."

One article cannot cover the entire subject of career planning. Besides putting these points into practice, be sure to get advice from your parents and school guidance counselor. Also, in the "News & Reviews" section is a review of the career guidance book, *If You Don't Know Where You're Going, You'll Probably End Up Somewhere Else* (see page 19).

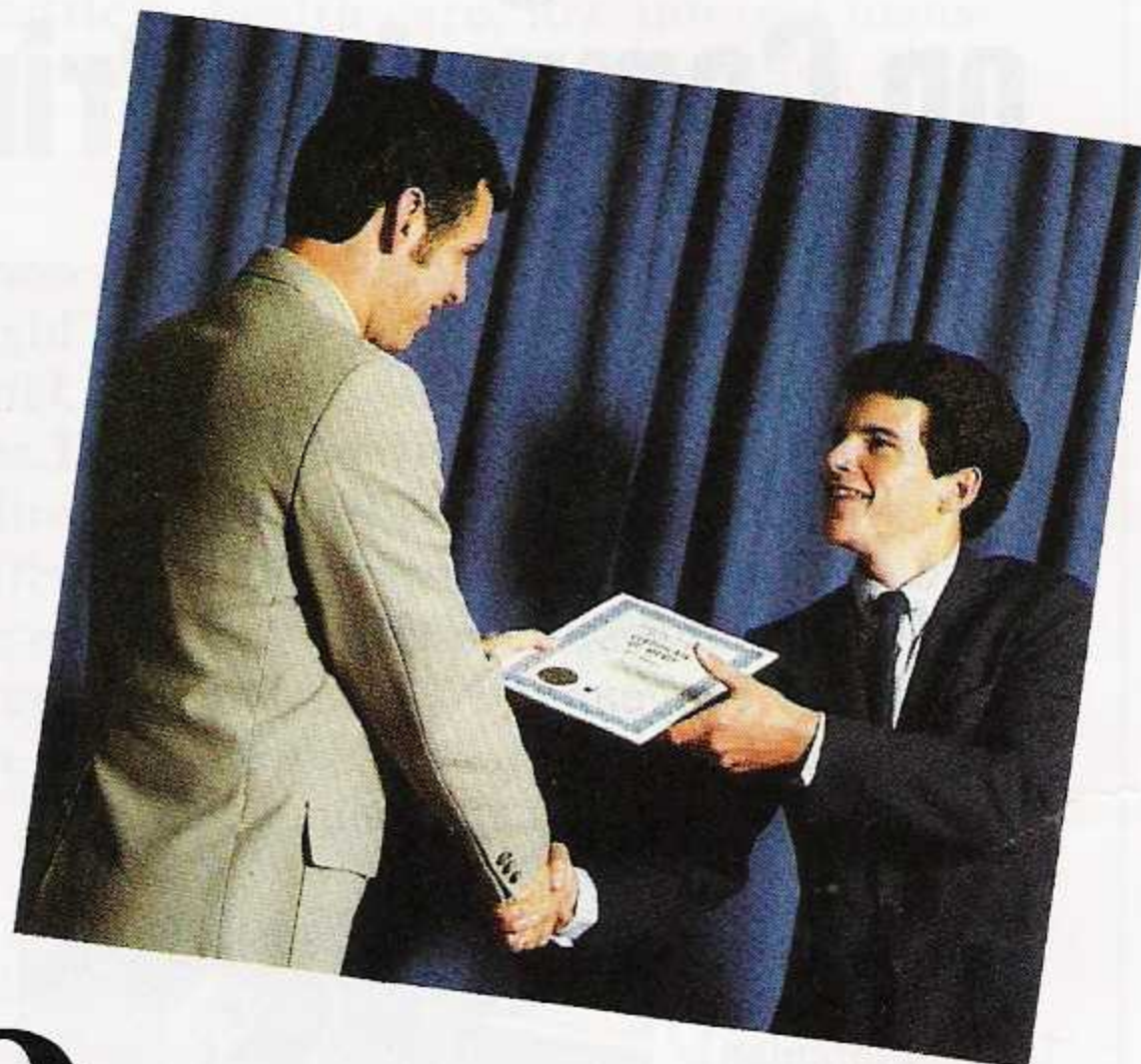
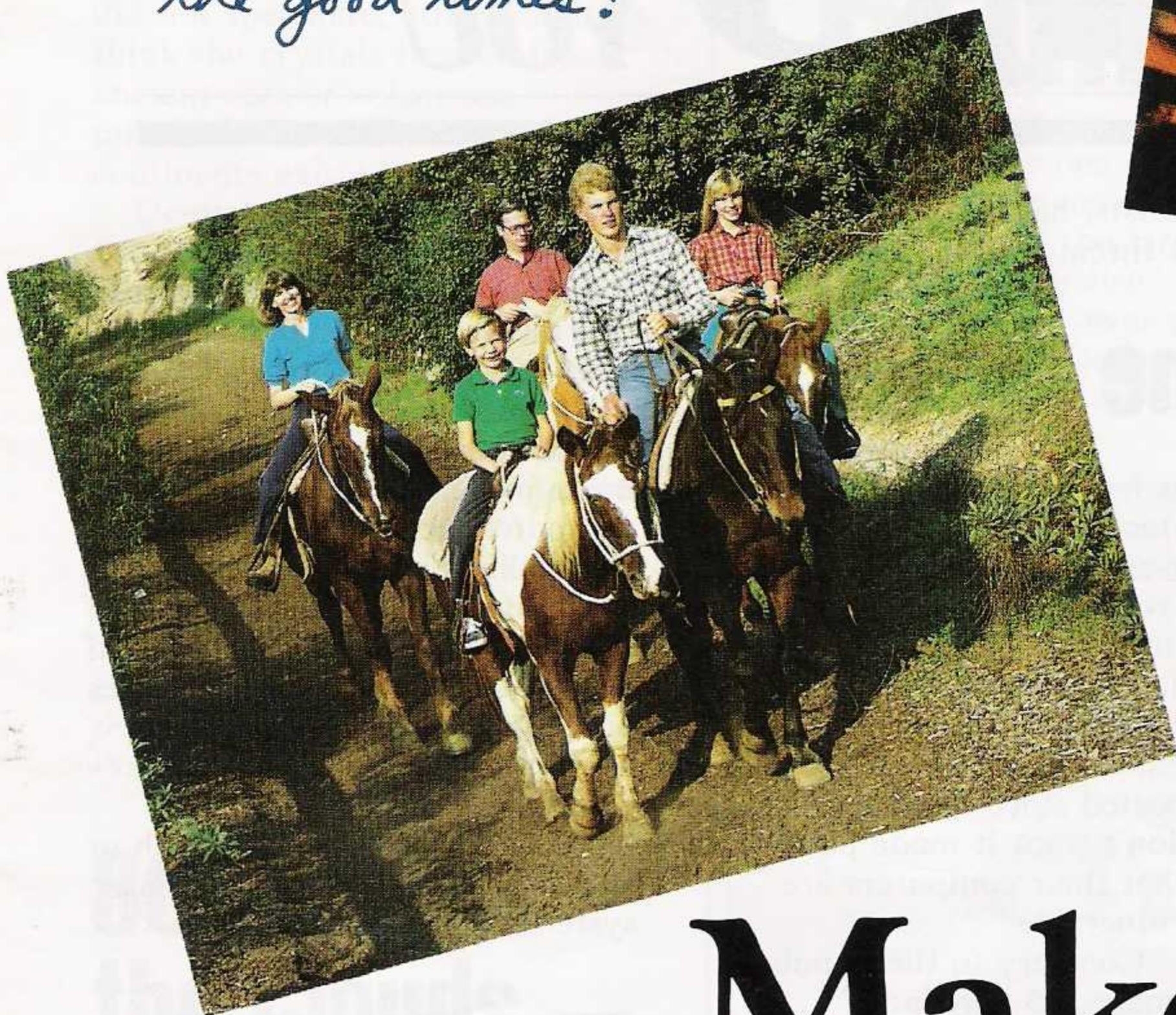
If you'd like to know more about the steps that lead to achievement in every aspect of life, including careers, send for our free booklet, *The Seven Laws of Success*. Check the inside front cover for addresses and phone numbers. These principles are also being covered serially in the "Teen Bible Study" section of the magazine (see page 21). □



What things should you consider in choosing a career?

doesn't it make perfect sense to have money as a No. 1 goal? With all the economic ups and downs in today's world, isn't it smart to try to get a job that will pay the greatest amount of money (preferably, in the shortest period of time)? After all, isn't it true that no one ever became wealthy

Remember horseback riding with Uncle Ron? The next week was the youth group bonfire and Jeff's award at the talent show! Those were the good times!



Make These Your 'GOOD OLD DAYS'

You weren't born too late for the "good old days"!

By Darris McNeely

You've probably heard your parents, grandparents or other adults talk wistfully about the past as a time when life was simpler, cheaper and better.

Maybe you think that living in the carefree, rollicking fun days of the 1950s was the ideal

life. Or do you think that "Putting on the Ritz" in the Roaring Twenties would have been more fun?

Well, you can't get in a time machine and go back to these nostalgically remembered "good old days," but you can make sure you have some "good old days" of your own to look back on.

What we have to work with is

the here and now — our present life. How we use today's opportunities determines how successful, happy and prosperous life will be.

You can't go back and live in the past. Wise King Solomon warned against this in Ecclesiastes 7:10: "Do not say, 'Why were the former days better than these?'"

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NEWS *THAT AFFECTS YOU*

Cracking Down on Computer Crime

• Until the movie *WarGames*, you may not have heard of hackers, those computer enthusiasts who use their wits to gain unauthorized access to large, sophisticated computers. This movie of last summer involved a 16 year old who used his home computer to break into

specialists, hackers are not the worst threat. Most hackers are in it for the adventure, not to steal secrets or money.

The biggest security threat comes from a new breed of high-tech criminals — the Jesse Jameses of the computer age. Last year they stole from \$100 million to \$5 billion* — estimates are uncertain. Some experts say that less than 1 percent of such electronic crime is reported since most companies don't want it made public that their computers are vulnerable.

Contrary to the popular image, 85 percent of computer crimes are committed, not by outside hackers, but by current and former employees who

so steps are being taken to increase security.

Some predict computer crime will increase, especially since by 1990 half the U.S. work force will probably have to know how to use computers. And this will mean more growth in the computer security field.

Breaking into other peoples' computers, even just in search of a good time, may soon carry stiff penalties. Already 21 U.S. states have adopted laws to fight computer crime. The U.S. Congress may soon make it a federal offense to tamper with or steal information from computer systems. — *By Jeff Zhorne* □

For *WarGames* hero David Lightman, everything worked out all right in the end. But if the FBI has its way, real-world hackers may have some hard times ahead. Photos courtesy United Artists Corporation.



a secret U.S. Air Force computer by telephone long distance.

Since then, the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation has gotten tough on hackers. In October, they raided the homes of more than a dozen suspected hackers, taking computers and telephone equipment as evidence. Although no charges were made at press time, the FBI suspects the teens of wire fraud, the use of telephones to obtain computer services without payment.

But to computer security

already have computer access. Huge sums of money are pilfered in this way. Last year \$21.3 million was stolen by computer from a California bank. U.S. banks move \$400 billion by computers every day,



The Earth Gets a Little Older

• The earth just got a little older. Geologists announced the discovery of rocks in Western Australia that are 4.1 billion* years old. This is at least 300 million years older than any other known rocks.

The rocks, crystals of the mineral zircon, were found near Mt. Narryer, about 400 miles (650 kilometers) northeast of Perth, by Australian National University researchers.

Their age was determined by a process known as radiometric dating. The crystals contain small amounts of uranium, a radioactive element. Like all radioactive elements, uranium is gradually disintegrating at a steady, measurable rate. As it

*Thousand million, British usage.

disintegrates, it turns into lead. Scientists were able to measure the age of the zircon crystals by measuring the amount of lead in them.

Although the Australian team did not speculate, other scientists think the crystals formed from ancient seas or volcanoes, millions of years before today's continents existed.

Does this fit in with the Bible's account of the creation of the earth? Did God create the whole earth just 6,000 years ago, as some believe? If He did, did He somehow create these crystals so that they *looked* like they were much older — just to fool the geologists?

For clear answers to these and other questions about the creation, write for the free booklet *Answers to Questions from Genesis*. — By Lowell Wagner Jr. □

80 Years in the Clouds

- Today it's easy to take for granted. We think nothing of hanging 35,000 feet above the ground, casually eating lasagna and watching a movie. Flying? Nothing to it.

It's almost impossible to imagine a time when man wasn't able to fly. But not too long ago man had just the opposite problem: We didn't know for sure if we would ever get off the ground.

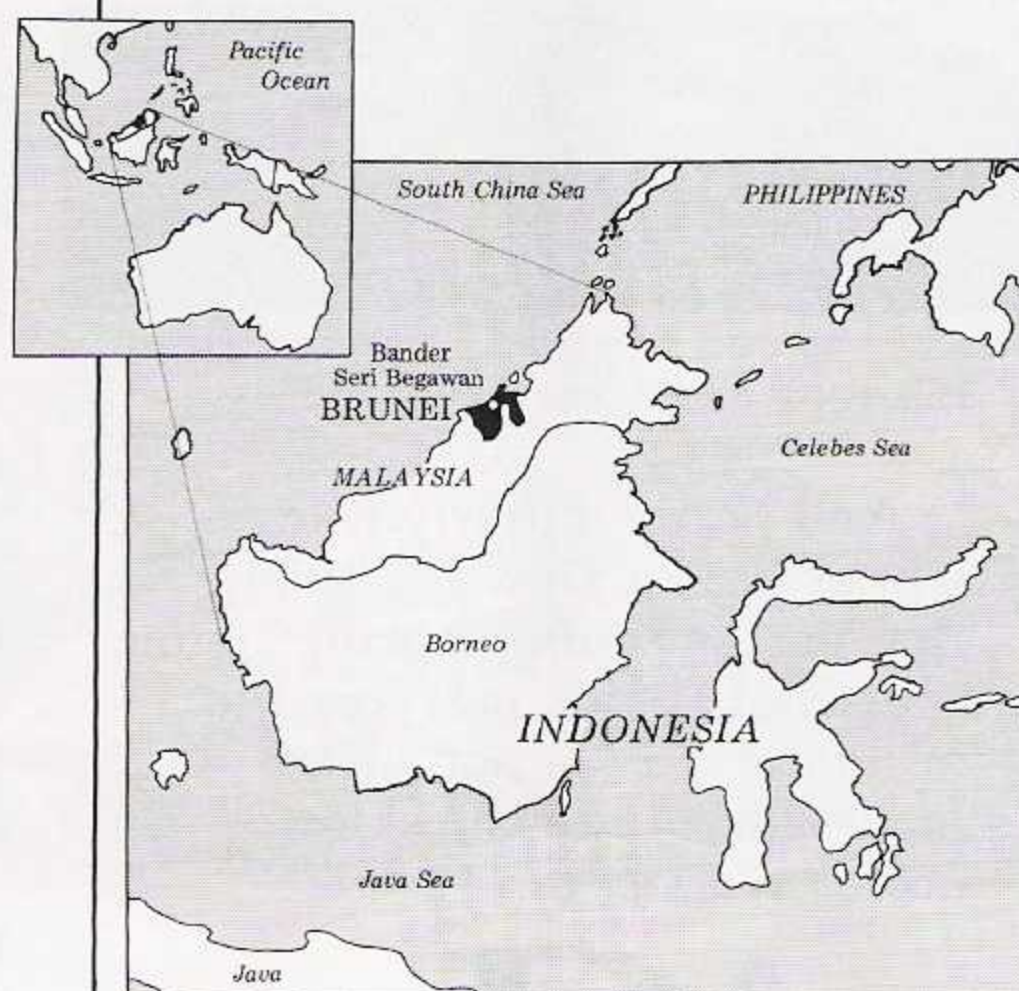
Even Thomas Edison gave up in despair saying, "The flying machine is bound to come, but it will take some time at the rate we are going."

Not too long after he said that, two brothers from Dayton, Ohio, changed the history of mankind. Eighty years ago this month, the Wright brothers learned how to fly.

Since the late 1890s, Wilbur and Orville Wright had been

COUNTRY IN FOCUS: Brunei

- Brunei boasts one of the highest average incomes in the world. It is one of the largest oil producers in the British Commonwealth. It owns a cattle ranch larger than itself. And, on



Jan. 1, 1984, it will somewhat reluctantly gain full independence from Britain.

At one time, Brunei, a small British-protected Islamic sultanate, was an empire that ruled much of Borneo and the Philippines. But European nations reduced its size and influence. Today Brunei is about the size of the state of Delaware, about half as large as Jamaica.

For almost a century Brunei has been a protectorate under British control. But since 1971 it has run its own affairs, subject only to British responsibility for its defense and foreign policy.

Oil was discovered in Brunei in 1929 and now forms the backbone of the economy, providing nearly all Brunei's export earnings. And those earnings are considerable. As the richest small country in East Asia, Brunei has accumulated

more than \$9 billion* in oil and gas revenues than it is able to spend.

Such a strong economy enabled the government to pay cash in advance for jets for its airline. The country bought a ranch in Australia that is larger than all of Brunei to ensure that it has enough beef.

The government also shares its wealth with its citizens, providing free education, free health care, low-interest loans and free housing for civil servants and farmers. However, farming is on the decline, and 80 percent of all food is imported.

Most of the population of about 200,000 live near the oil fields or in the capital city of Bandar Seri Begawan. Half of those living in the capital live in houses built on stilts over the Brunei River.

Since the country is Islamic, a gold-domed mosque is a main feature of the water village. The mosque was built by Sir Omar Ali Saifuddin, the father of today's ruler, Sir Muda Hassanal Bolkiah.

Few developed roads exist in Brunei, and the ones that do link only the major cities and the capital. In the country's interior, rivers are the main means of transport.

For defense Brunei relied on a corps of British soldiers called *Gurkhas*, provided by Britain for an estimated annual fee of \$12 million. Its coming independence from Britain has left Brunei concerned about defense because of its booming economy and relatively small size. Brunei is negotiating with the British to keep the Gurkha battalion even after the protectorate treaty ends.

For now, however, Brunei appears safe. Its two big neighbors, Malaysia and Indonesia, promise to respect its sovereignty and welcome it as a new independent nation. — By Tom Delamater □

hard at work solving the problem of flight. From the beginning, they took a different approach to the problem than most other would-be pilots of the day.

Most of them felt that the biggest obstacle to flight was finding an engine strong enough — yet light enough — to lift a machine off the ground. The Wrights realized that this was missing the point; you could strap an engine to a cow, they realized, and it still wouldn't fly.

They felt that the first problem was to find a design that flew well, even without an engine — a glider. Once they had done this it would be a simple matter to put an engine on it.

By 1900, they began testing gliders at the isolated Atlantic coast village of Kitty Hawk, N.C. The sea breeze and the treeless sand dunes provided the constant, strong winds the brothers needed to test their theories of flying.

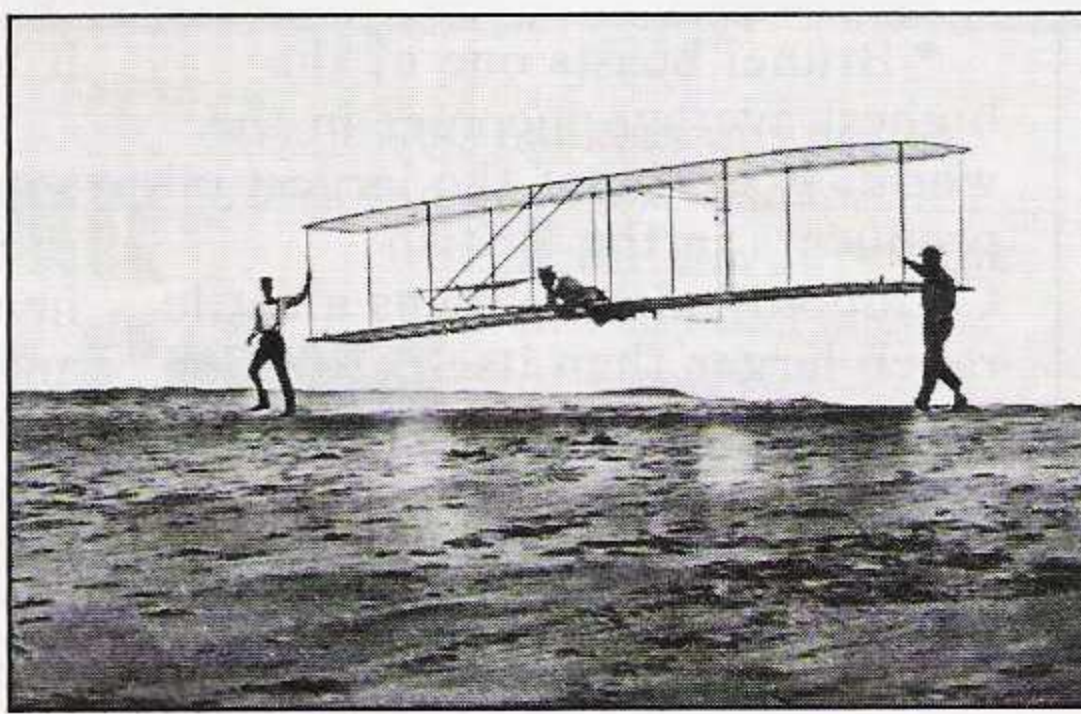
They built their gliders in their workshop in Dayton, taking them to Kitty Hawk to test them. But building one that actually flew was tougher than they had expected.

Their first two attempts, in the autumns of 1900 and 1901, fell short of the hopes the brothers had. At the end of the 1901 tests, Wilbur, who had provided the main force behind the invention, was so discouraged that he felt like giving up on flying.

But between the 1901 and 1902 test seasons, Wilbur and Orville made some revolutionary discoveries about the shape of wings. When they took their new glider to Kitty Hawk in the autumn of 1902, they had a machine that could fly. Next, they headed home to look for the motor that would make their machine the first powered airplane in the world.

At first, they thought it would be a simple matter of just

ordering the engine they needed. But in these early days of the century, no such engine existed. Fortunately, one of the mechanics in their bicycle shop knew enough about engines to design one that would do the job.



The 1902 glider test at Kitty Hawk.

And on the bitterly cold winter day of Dec. 17, 1903, that custom-built airplane engine sputtered to life, carrying the Wright Flyer — and all of mankind — into the skies. — *By Lowell Wagner Jr.* □

The Children of Divorce

• Let's call him Mike. When his parents decided to end their marriage of 10 years, the judge awarded them joint custody of 8-year-old Mike. This meant that he would spend two weeks living with his father, then two weeks living with his mother.

This wasn't too difficult to arrange when his parents lived only blocks away from each other. But when his dad took a job 200 miles to the north, Mike's life changed drastically. Today, Mike lives and goes to school in his mother's town for two weeks at a time then commutes north to live with his dad for two weeks, attending another school.

Mike's case is unusual, but

the trauma he is going through is not. Many young people will have to cope with the same emotional pressures as divorce rates continue to rise.

While divorce may end the marriage, it doesn't end parenthood. In the United States, 45 percent of all children will spend part of their lives in a one-parent home.

In Canada, the number of single-parent homes increased 50 percent in the 1970s. In England and Wales, the parents of 1.6 million children will get divorced in the next 10 years.

Statistics around the world show that what was once an uncommon occurrence is now happening to a large portion of the population. At current rates, almost 40 percent of all U.S. marriages will split up.

The Soviet Union's divorce rate skyrocketed to one in three. Even in Japan, traditionally a family-oriented nation, one in five marriages breaks up.

When British divorce laws were eased up in 1969, officials predicted there would be a jump in the number of divorces, but that it would quickly level off. Through the 1970s, the divorce rate doubled and it has shown no signs of slowing.

But in Italy, the divorce rate is only one twenty-fifth that of the United States. Why? According to Leonarda Roveri Carannante of the Italian Institute of Statistics, "Italians are influenced by a completely different mentality: that of the family as bulwark, of the family as primary foundation."

For a deeper look at the facts behind divorce, see the January issue of *The Plain Truth*. In February, *Youth 84* will take a special look at divorce from the young person's perspective. What should you do if you're facing a broken home?

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— *By Will Flaman* □



Dasypus Digs Holes in Evolution

The armadillo (scientific name: Dasypus) is uniquely designed for survival — a tribute to the Designer.

By Joel Rissinger

He's small, but stocky. He's shy and usually gentle, but he wears a suit of armor. He eats harmful bugs, but gouges the landscape with his tunnels.

He is the armadillo — a little mammal that digs big holes in the theory of evolution.

The name *armadillo* comes

from a Spanish word meaning "small armored one." His body is encased in a bony shell that covers him from head to tail.

Of the 20 armadillo species, the nine-banded is the best known. This species is so named because of the nine separate shells between his head and hindquarters.

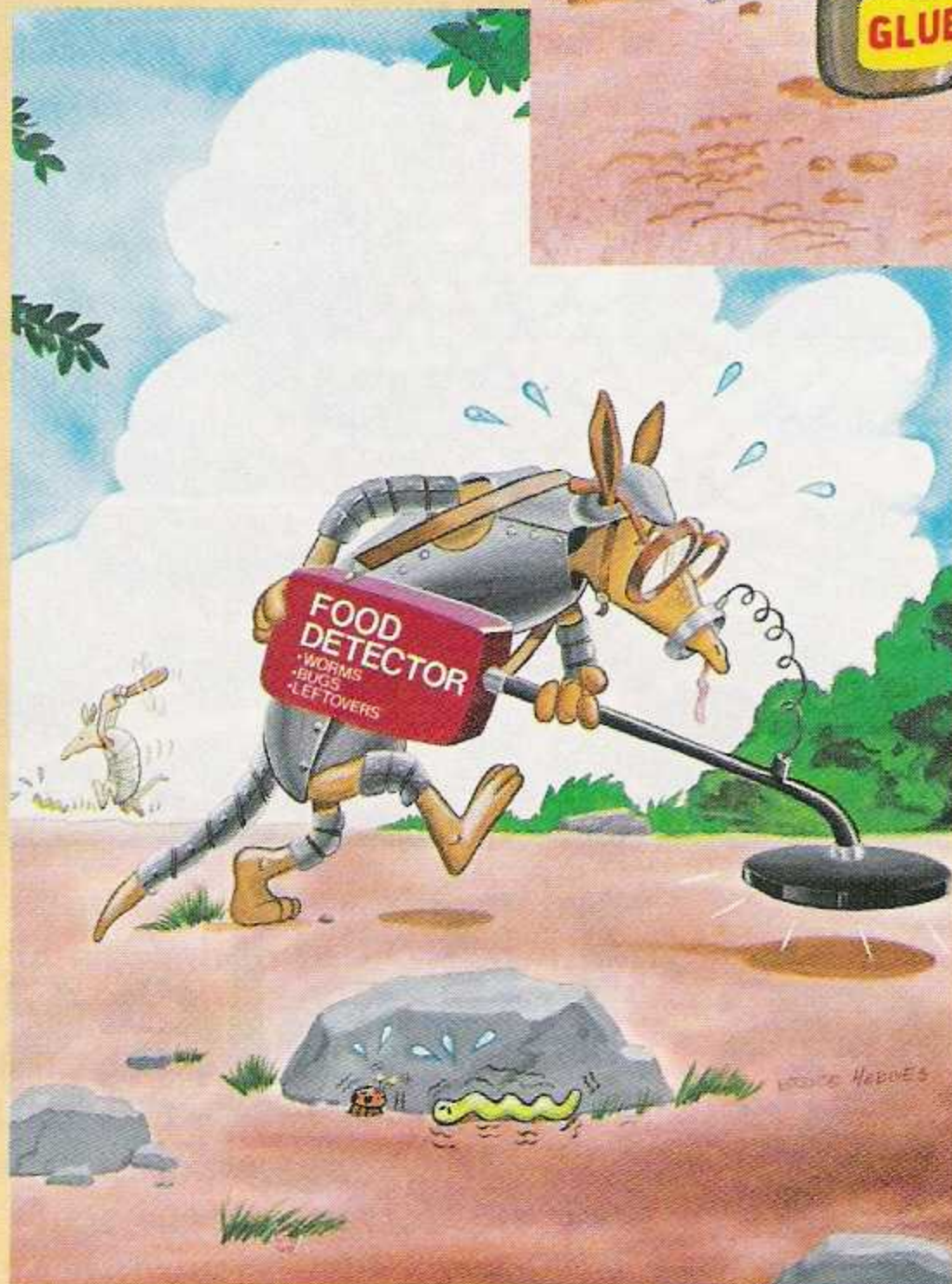
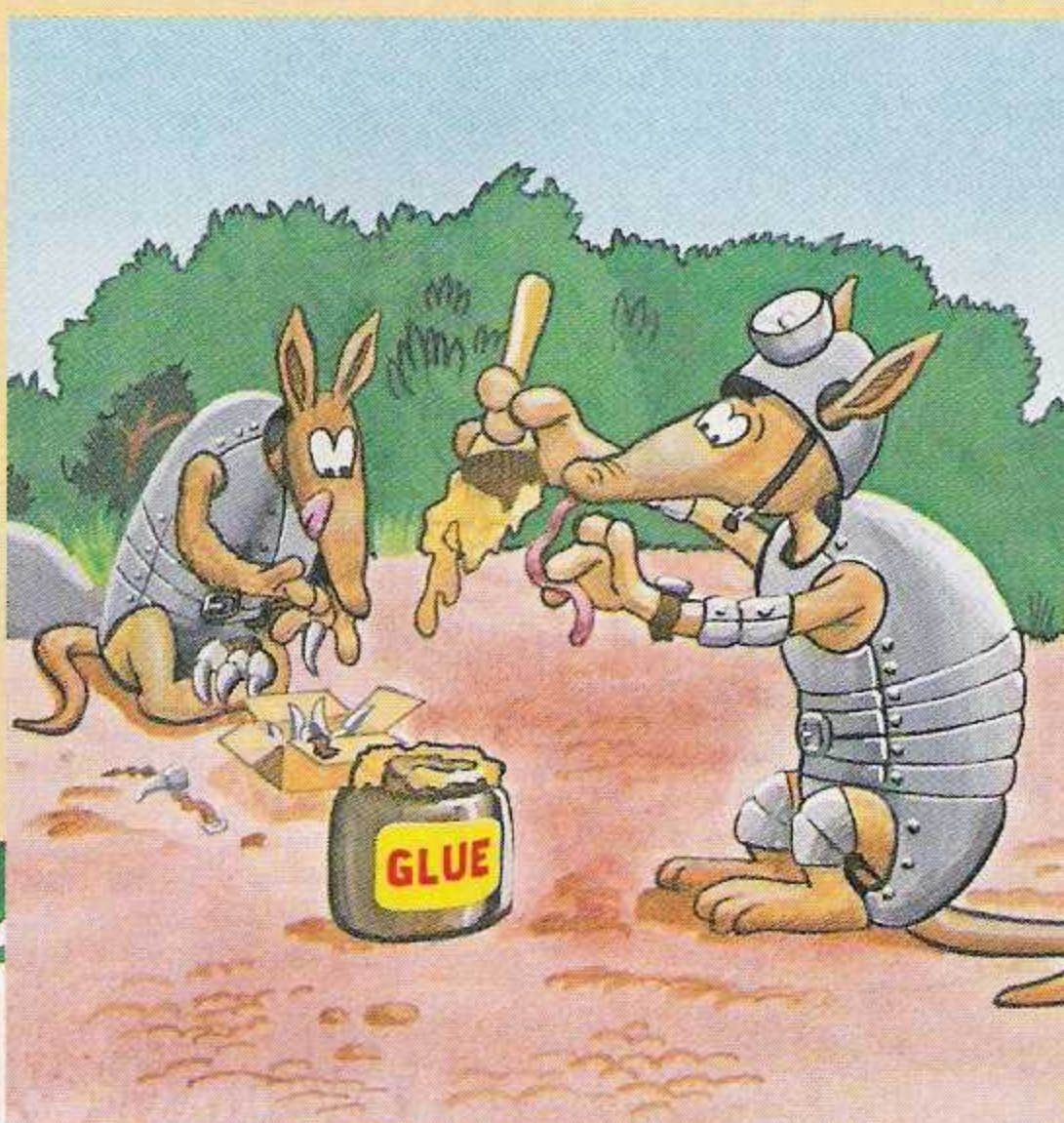
The nine-banded armadillo is about 2 feet (about 60 centimeters) long, including his tail, and

weighs about 16 pounds (about 7 kilograms). He is a nocturnal mammal, usually feeding at night. Similar to the anteater, the nine-banded armadillo uses his long, sticky tongue to feast on bugs, worms and insects. This species is found from Central America to the southern United States living in holes or burrows.

At first glance, the armadillo may look like a rat in a taco shell. Despite his ugliness, some have

Photo: Stephen J. Krasemann | Aperture

Not having "evolved" its specialized features for finding and gathering food, the "proto-armadillo" finds life quite difficult. Without large, strong claws and a sticky tongue, he might starve! And he probably can't wait to "evolve" a shell so he can get rid of the makeshift, uncomfortable metal armor.



Armadillos have been given a keen sense of smell, enabling them to locate the worms and insects they feed on. Perhaps the unfortunate "proto-armadillo" used other methods to find food. Below: Burdened with heavy artificial armor, dust masks and spectacles (because of weak eyes), and in pain because he hasn't yet developed a specialized back structure, the poor unevolved armadillo struggles for survival.



grown to deeply love this armored beast. In Texas, the armadillo has become the symbol of country living and the mascot for a beverage company.

Unique design

Proponents of the theory of evolution tell us that the armadillo evolved from a lower life form. The armadillo's amazing design raises questions about this theory. Let's look at a few features that make the armadillo exceptional.

- Since he lives in burrows, the armadillo is equipped with sharp claws (four on the front feet and five on the back feet), a specially designed backbone and strong legs for digging. Sometimes he escapes his enemies by quickly burrowing in soft earth.

While digging, the armadillo puts a great deal of stress on his back muscles. Without strong legs and the extra structures in his back, the armadillo would injure himself when looking for food.

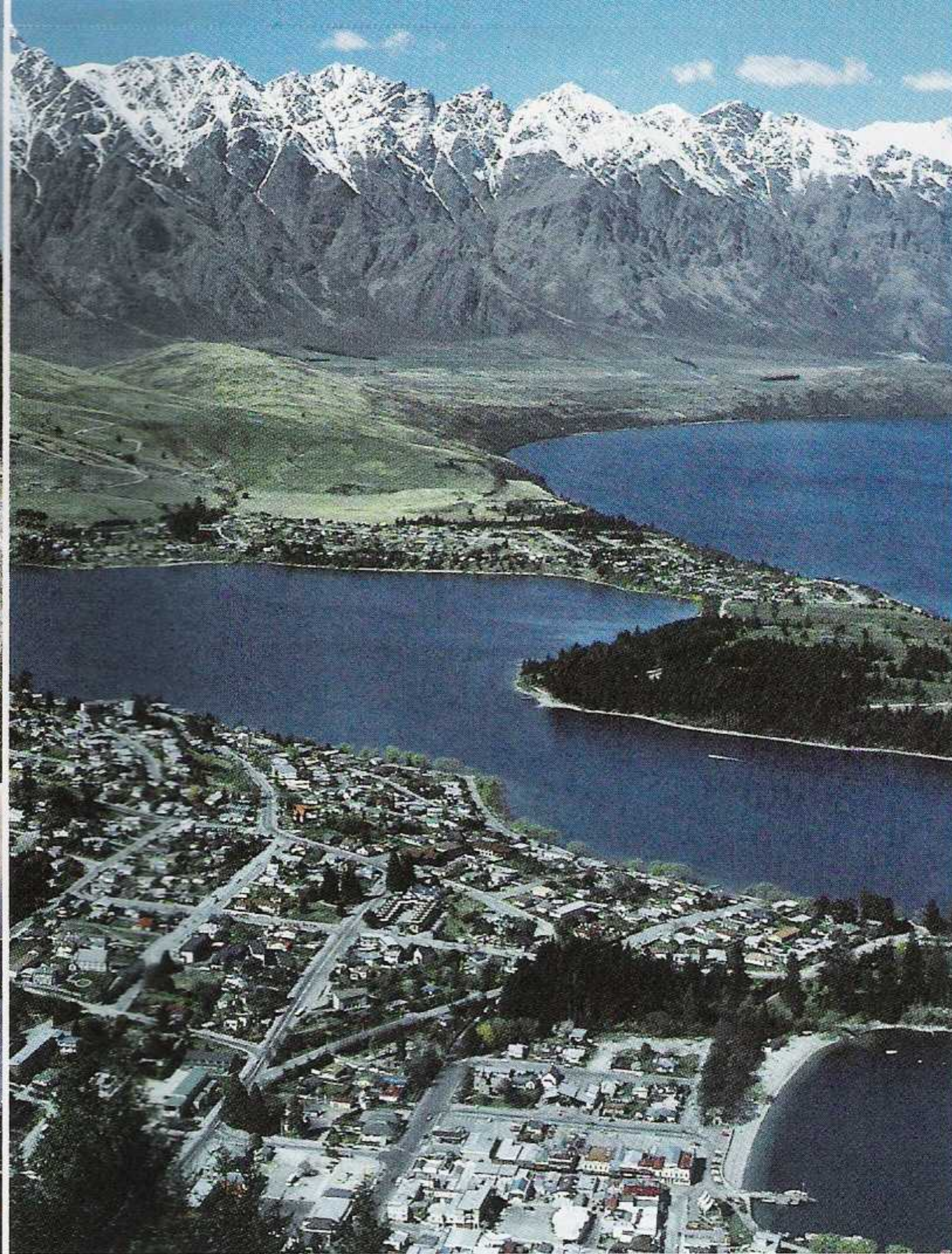
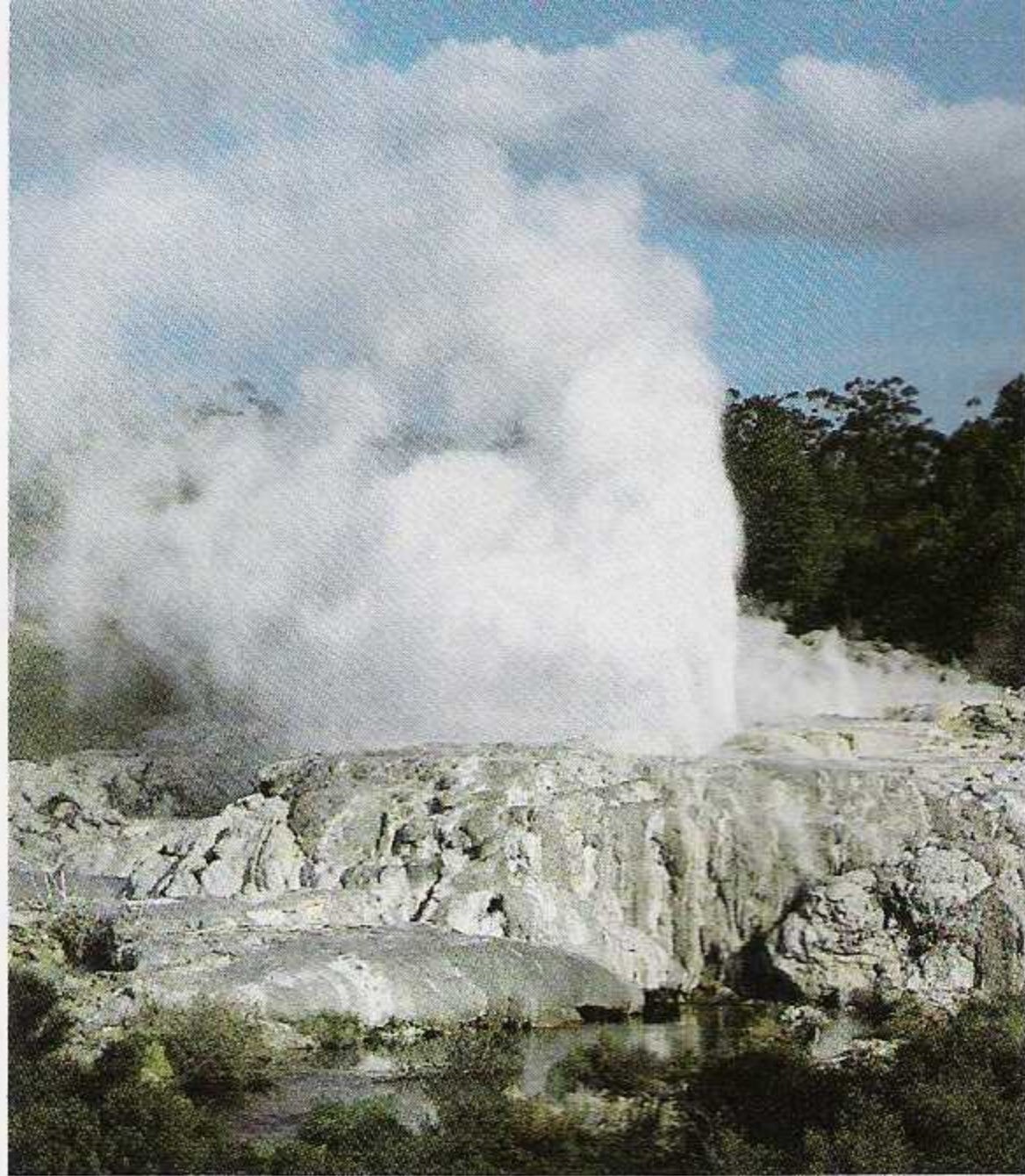
- Another extra that enables the armadillo to do such an incredible amount of digging is his increased lung capacity. A mature armadillo can hold his breath for up to six minutes. From time to time, an armadillo will even go swimming. By filling his lungs, stomach and intestines with air, a nine-banded armadillo can swim for long distances.

This lung capacity comes in handy when the air is full of dirt. An armadillo moves a great deal of earth each evening. If he didn't hold his breath, his lungs would fill with dust and prevent him from breathing.

- Even with poor eyesight, the armadillo doesn't go hungry at dinner time. His uncanny sense of smell enables him to find insects up to 8 inches (20 centimeters) underground. His nose also helps him to find his way through the darkness and to find his own scented trail for a quicker trip back to the burrow.

- Probably his most outstanding feature is his shell. Composed of bone-like plates, the armor covers virtually all but the armadillo's stomach area. The armadillo

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What's It Like to Be a Teen in NEW ZEALAND?

By Debra J. Thompson

Haere Mai, Ao Tea Roa. Translated from Maori (pronounced mau-ree), this reads "hello from the land of the long white cloud."

Ao Tea Roa is the name given to New Zealand by the Maoris, a Polynesian people native to the country. The Maoris form about 8 percent of New Zealand's population.

New Zealand was settled by the Maoris long before the first European discovered it in 1642. The Dutch explorer, Abel Tasman, named the country after a province in the Netherlands.

Abel Tasman never landed, however, and in 1769 Captain James Cook was the first European to set foot on New Zealand soil. New Zealand, now a member of the British Commonwealth, became a British colony in 1840 after the signing of the Treaty

of Waitangi between the British and the Maoris.

New Zealand consists of two main islands and a third smaller one, lying about 1,200 miles southeast of Australia. It is an agricultural nation exporting meat, wool and dairy products. It is ideally suited to sheep farming. Every spring (from September to November in the Southern Hemisphere) the hillsides are dotted with newborn lambs.

After its chief trading partner, Great Britain, joined the European Common Market in 1973, New Zealand began to increase the variety of its manufactured goods and seek other overseas markets for its produce.

The nation has a population of just more than three million, with two thirds living on the North Island. Auckland is the largest city, and the capital is Wellington. New Zealand's govern-





ment is a parliamentary democracy. Every three years there are elections to decide the ruling party.

Young people are required to complete three stages of schooling. First comes primary school, then intermediate school, which prepares a person for high school.

During the third year at high school, students take (we say *sit*) School Certificate Examinations. Students may then go on to sit University Entrance Examinations in their fourth year, and, if they do well, can then go on to one of the nation's six universities.

Young people are encouraged at an early age to excel in some sport. Schools provide coaches to teach various sports. New Zealanders are enthusiastic (we would probably use the word *keen*) cricket and rugby football fans.

Rowing, yachting and other water sports are also popular, since New Zealand is surrounded by water. No point is more than 70 miles (about 110 kilometers) from the sea. Many clubs cater to the sports oriented, and people can join rowing clubs, archery clubs, tennis clubs and many more.

Teenagers can enjoy many places of entertainment and interest. Roller-skating and wind surfing are popular pastimes. There are miniature golf courses that are great fun to try. Movie theaters are always popular. Other places of interest include the museums, restored Victorian houses, scenic and historical sites.

Tramping, somewhat like hiking, takes participants deep into

Previous page (clockwise from lower left):

A night view of Auckland harbor (Photo: Aperture — Ken Graham); the Pohutu Geyser near Rotorua in the North Island; overlooking Queenstown in the South Island (the mountains are known as the Remarkables); and, lower right, a kiwi, a bird that has become an unofficial symbol of New Zealand. (Photo: Aperture — Christopher Arnesen)

Breathtaking natural beauty surrounds you throughout New Zealand. Sheep ranches and resort areas (such as Rotorua, pictured lower left, and Queenstown, lower center) sit amid spectacular scenery.

Snowcapped Mt. Cook (known as *aorangi* — the cloud piercer), at 12,349 feet, is the tallest mountain in New Zealand (Photo: Aperture — Christopher Arnesen).

Upper left: Taking a jet boat up the Shotover River, near Queenstown. (Photo, lower right: Aperture — Ken Graham; other photos by Michael Hale)

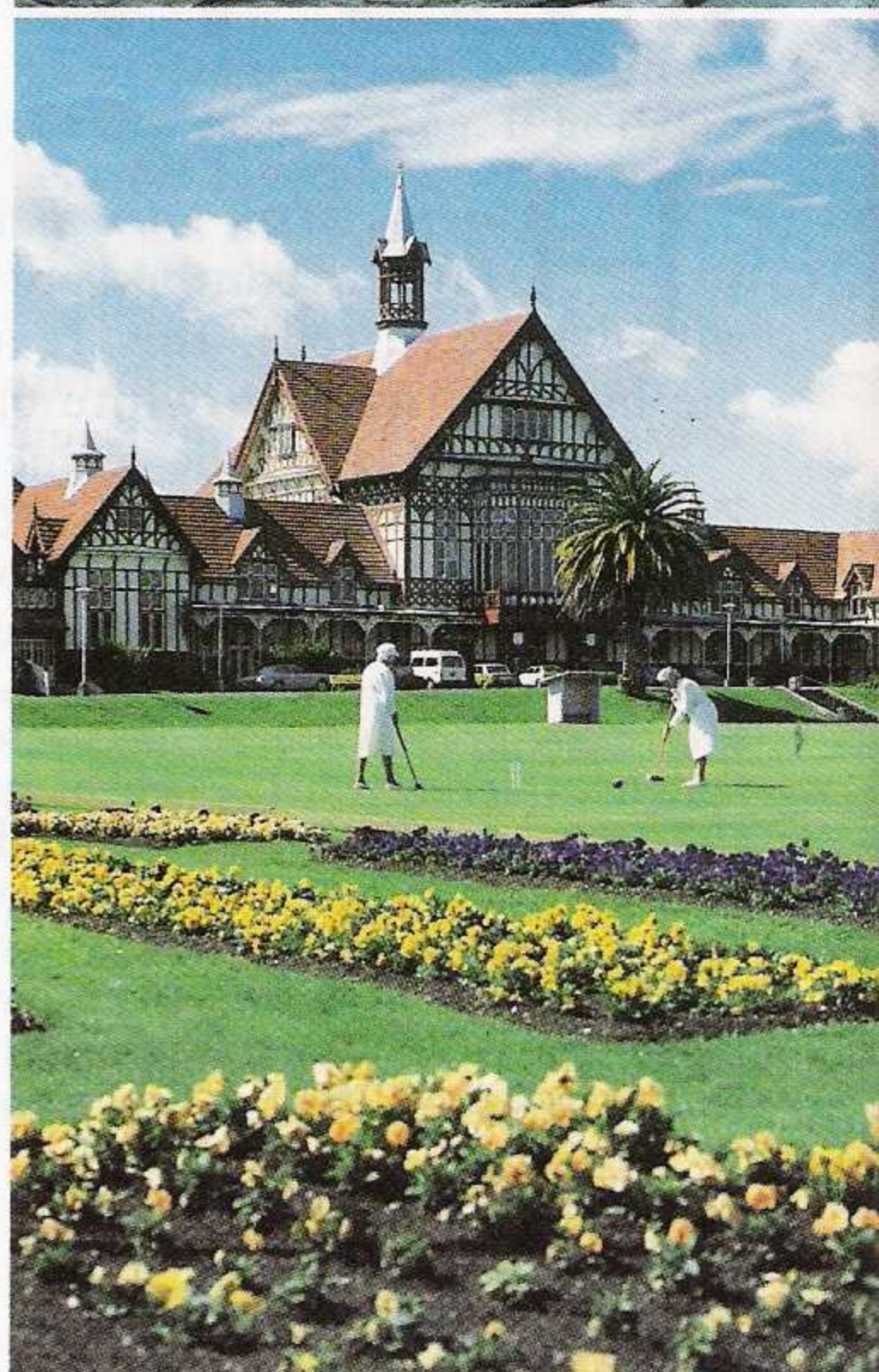
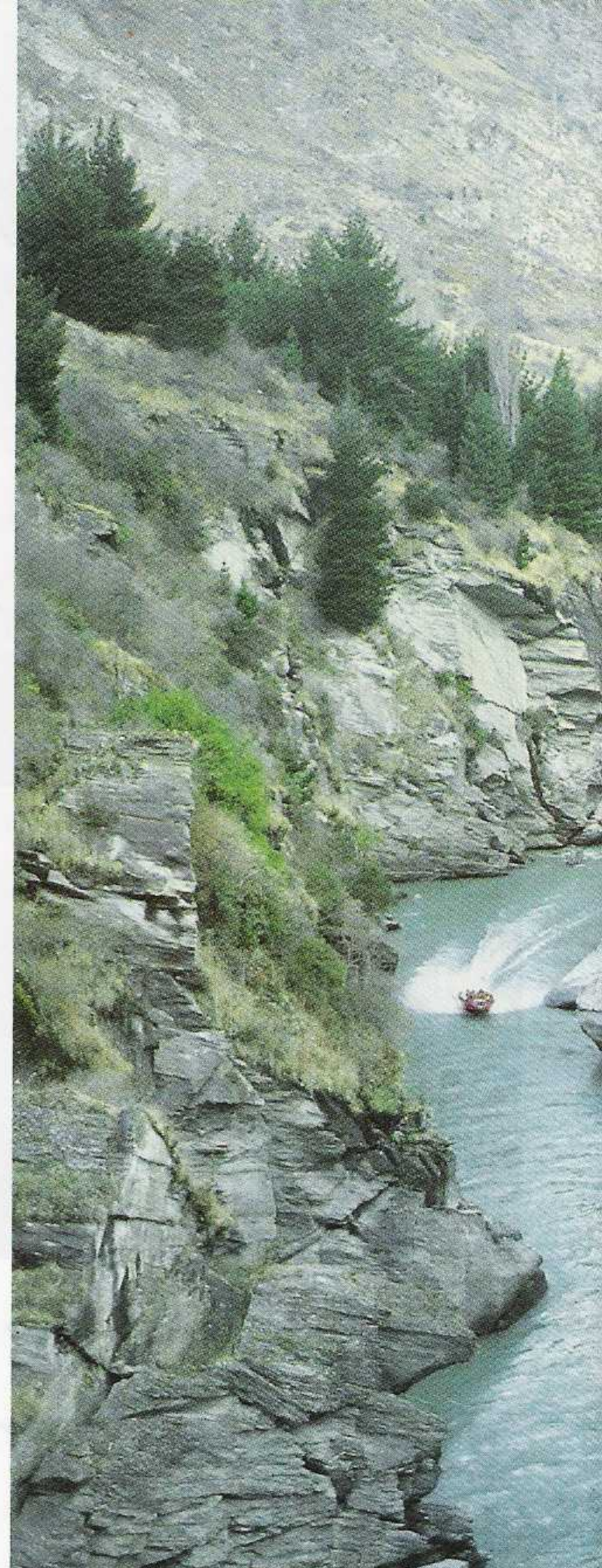
the forests, across rivers and up mountain slopes. But even deep in the woods they don't have to fear snakes, insects or animals because there are no poisonous or dangerous ones.

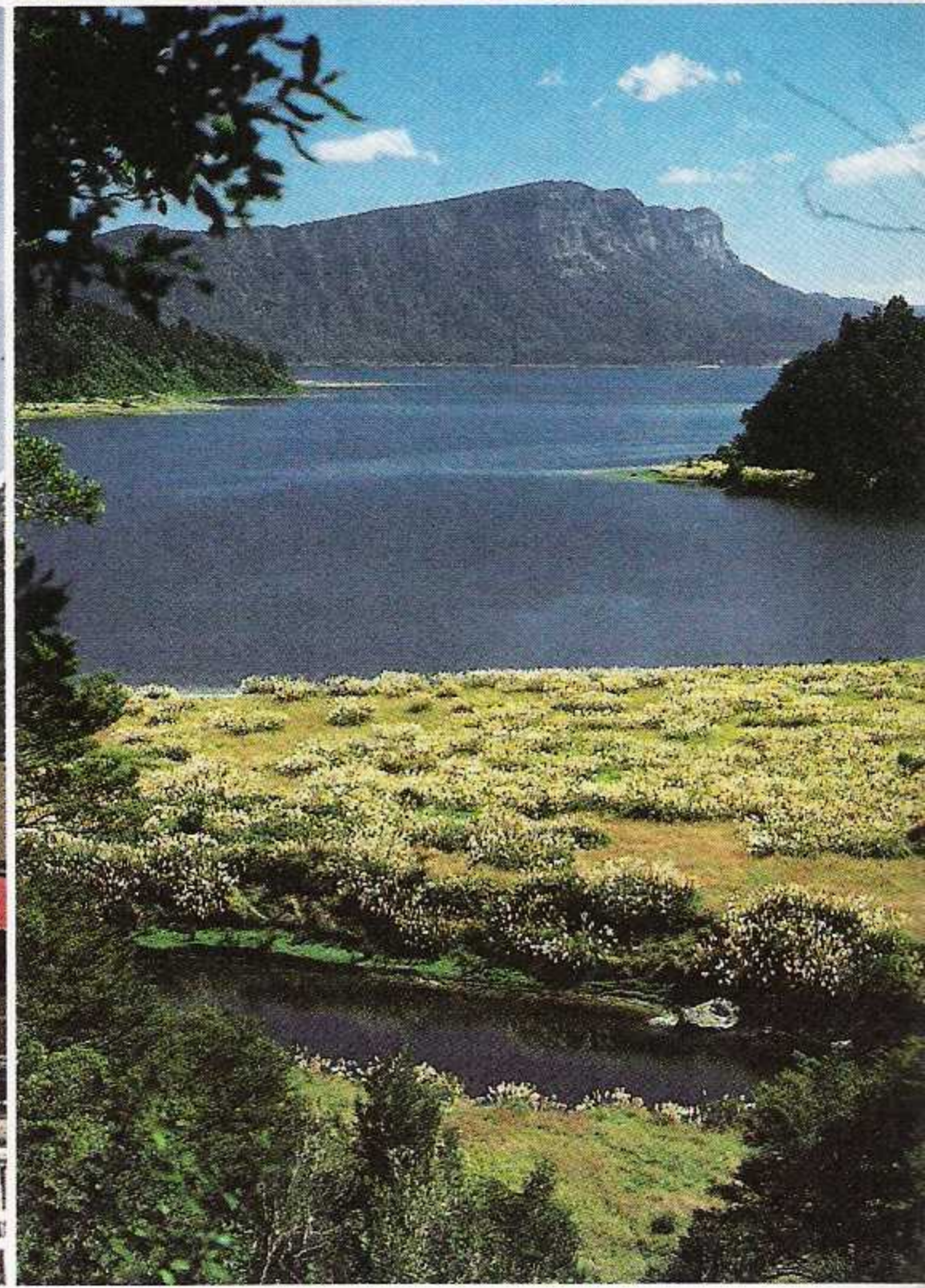
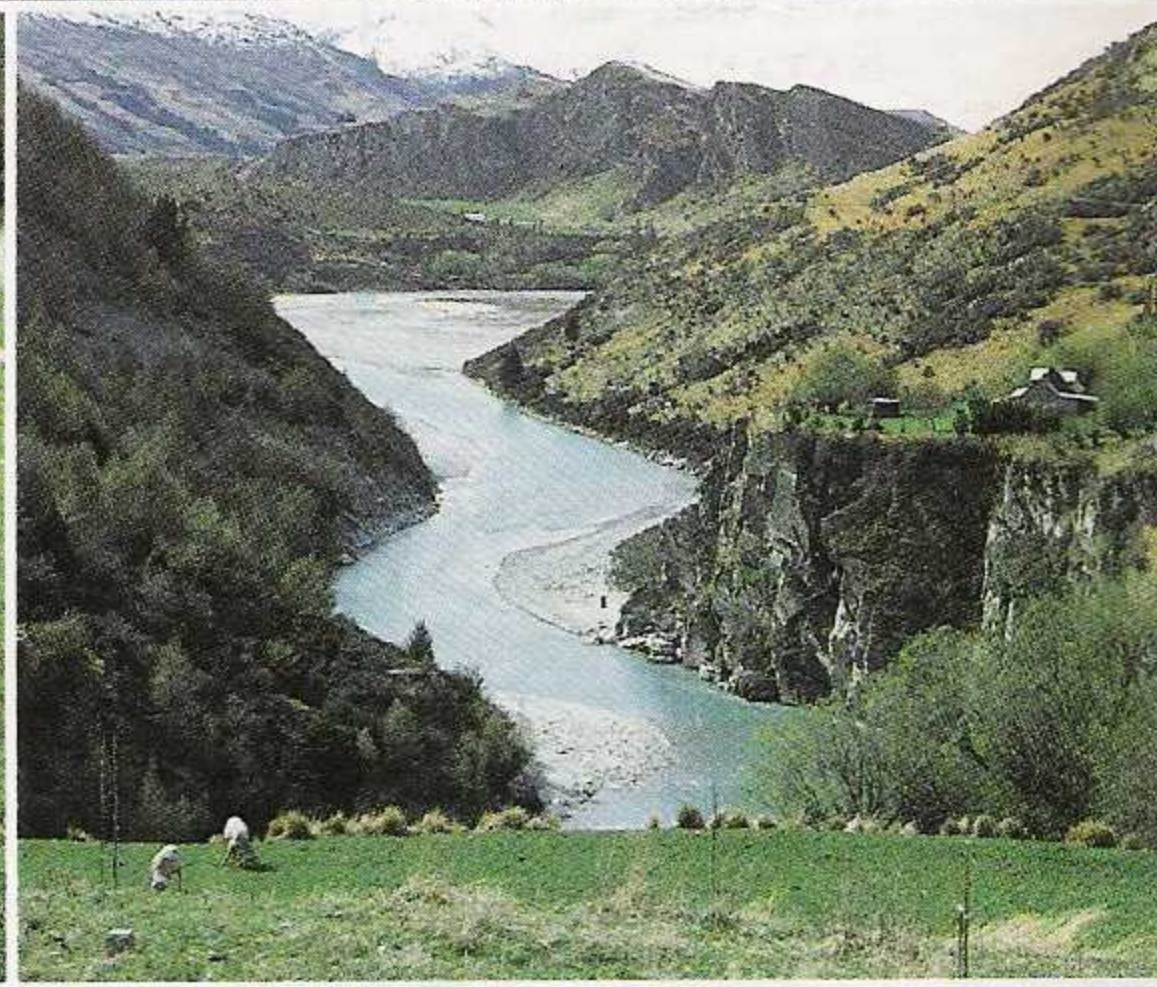
New Zealand boasts many places of great beauty. On the North Island, the town of Rotorua, with its hot springs and Maori cultural exhibitions, draws many tourists. On the South Island, some of the sights remind world travelers of the Alps of Switzerland and the fjords of Norway. Popular areas include the Milford Sound, Fjordland, Queenstown and the glaciers along the west coast.

New Zealand is the home of the kiwi, a bird that does not fly and only comes out at night. The kiwi has become an unofficial symbol of New Zealand.

To be a teen in New Zealand can be challenging, exciting, entertaining, interesting and sometimes depressing. New Zealand suffers, along with most of the Western World, high unemployment. Many teenagers return to school to gain higher qualifications to better help them in the work force.

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... the origin of the concept that sex is evil and shameful originated with Satan — and not from God!

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shame about sex in the minds of Adam and Eve?

It was SATAN who had been telling them things!

GOD DIDN'T!

All the time GOD had been talking to them, instructing them in true and right knowledge, they were naked. But NOTHING in all God taught them gave them any sense of shame toward sex. This idea that sex is evil CAME FROM SATAN. It was an accusation against GOD — an attempt to make what GOD designed appear

to be contaminated and degrading. It was inextricably tied up with the false "immortal soul" lie!

WHY God covered them

But absolutely *nothing* in what you have just read justifies nudism, or nudist colonies. That is not the teaching of God at all! Rather, God Himself *clothed* Adam and Eve. Let's now learn how — under what circumstances, and WHY!

When God had talked with Adam and Eve, immediately following their very creation, He was instructing them in a situation of husband-and-wife privacy. As long as they were *the only* humans, alone by themselves (so far as any other humans are concerned), God gave them no instruction to cover their bodies.

God is *everywhere* present at all times — *omnipresent*! When a husband and wife, today, are *alone* in the privacy of their own bedroom, GOD is invisibly present!

But, when their children, and other people — the PUBLIC — "ALL LIVING" — are introduced, *then*, we read that GOD HIMSELF *clothed* Adam and Eve. Notice it! It appears later, in the same chapter:

"And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of ALL LIVING [her children — their family — the public]. Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them" (Genesis 3:20-21).

Notice the expression, "The Lord God . . . clothed them." The Hebrew word God inspired Moses to write here, for "clothed," is *labash*. It does *not* mean to cover shameful — to hide nakedness — or any such meaning.

The Hebrew word meaning to *conceal* nakedness is *kasah*. But the word Moses was inspired to write, *labash*, means, rather, the donning of apparel, raiment. It refers rather to *outer* garments than underclothing.

It implies the idea of adorning or decorating or displaying, rath-

er than concealing or covering over or hiding.

In the incident of Noah's drunkenness, Shem and Japheth, sons of Noah, *backed up* with a garment on their shoulders, and "covered the nakedness" of their father (Genesis 9:23). They were hiding, concealing, the result of a sinful act by Canaan, son of Ham. Here the Hebrew word for "covered" is *kasah*.

So notice, God did NOT *kasah* Adam and Eve — did *not* hide shameful, conceal nakedness, but rather He *labashed* them — adorned, clothed them.

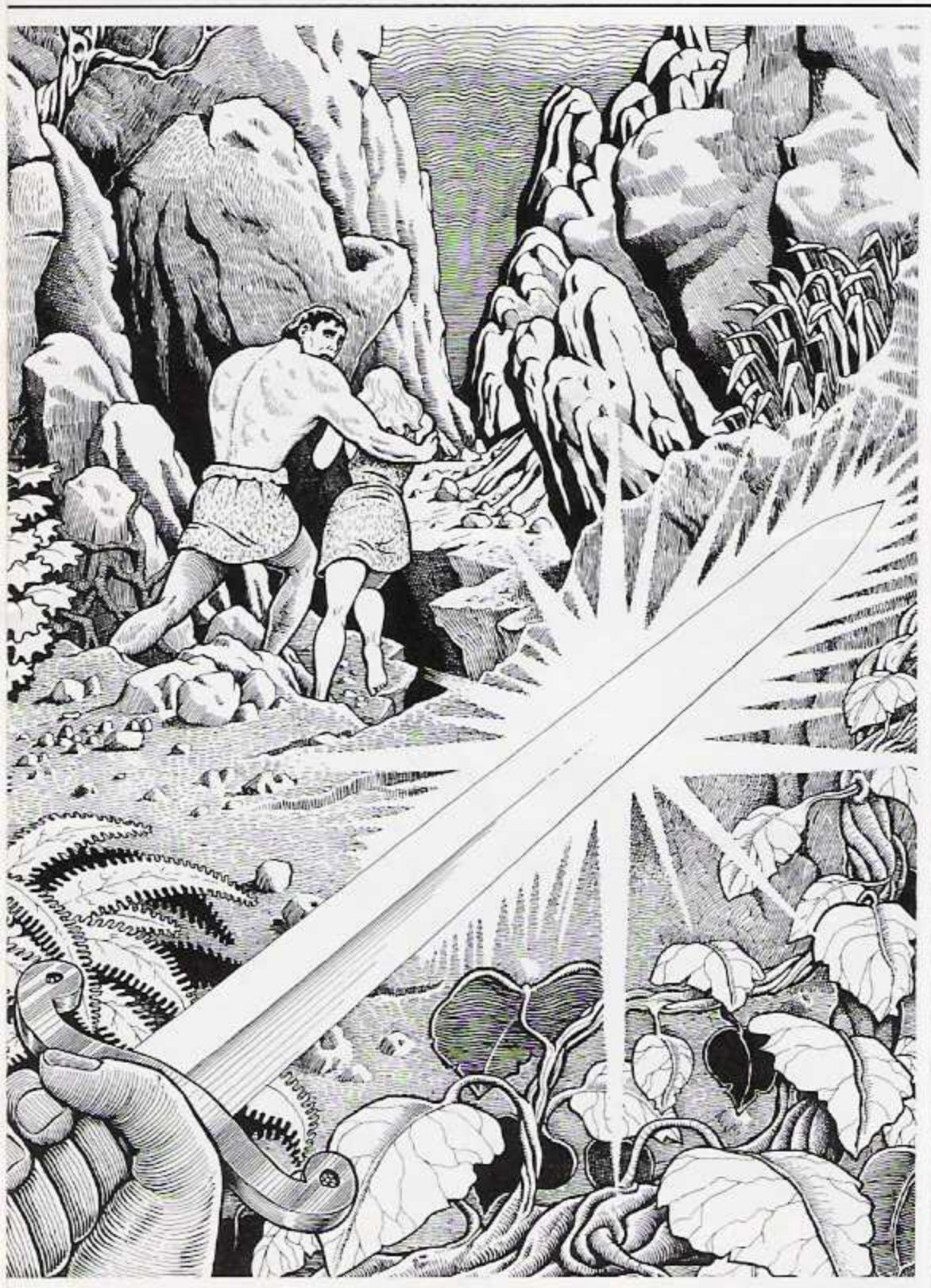
Of course this clothing *did* cover nakedness. The difference between the two Hebrew words, *labash* and *kasah*, is one of purpose and intent, rather than the *fact* of being covered. Both do cover nudity. But the Hebrew *kasah* carries the connotation of *concealing*, or *hiding* something that might be shameful, while *labash* includes no such meaning, and implies *adding* attractiveness rather than *hiding* shameful. In other words, although God's clothing did cover their bodies, it DID NOT imply any sense of shame in what God designed.

This *does not* mean, under any circumstances, that God would approve public nudity. NOT AT ALL. God CLOTHED man! God intended man to KEEP CLOTHED! God intended the pubic region of our bodies for the privacy of marriage — but THE REASON is *not* because the pubic region that GOD designed and made is degrading or evil, *but rather*, as a matter of proper modesty and decorum!

Clothing necessary

There are two additional reasons.

God designed sex for use *only* between a husband and wife whom GOD has joined in holy wedlock. He designed sex for righteous uses — and one of them is to bind husband and wife together in a *loving* relationship unshared with any other. The very *privacy* of this marriage relationship makes it sacred, makes husband and wife *dear* to



After they took the only fruit that God told them not to take, Adam and Eve had to be evicted from the Garden of Eden by an angel with a flaming sword.

each other in a *special* way never shared with another in adultery. This entire loving, sacred, precious relationship is greatly impaired, *or destroyed*, when shared with any other. That is why fornication and adultery are so harmful to their participants, and therefore CAPITAL SINS.

The second additional reason for avoiding indecent or lewd exposure is that undue exposure of the female body is lust-arousing to the carnal male mind.

Nevertheless, these passages in Genesis show positively that the origin of the concept that sex is evil and shameful originated with SATAN — and not from God!

The pagan world accepted this lie. As a teaching, or doctrine, it became a universally accepted dogma. This fable was popularized by the Greek philosopher Plato, founder of the curricular system of education. Plato wrote it in his book *The Phaedo*.

“Shame” tied to “immortal, soul” lie

It was from this “immortal soul” doctrine that the concept of sex as evil in itself stemmed.

Notice how it developed!

This “immortal soul” doctrine teaches that man is DUAL. While it claims falsely that the “immortal soul” is the real man, and the body is merely the prison in which he is held, yet it teaches inconsistently that man is DUAL — both soul and body.

Thus, the real MAN is represented as being *spiritual*, pure, good, righteous, already having immortality. It represents the body — the FLESH — as being essentially evil, filthy, nasty. Sex organs and sex functioning are physical — of the BODY, and therefore fleshly, sensual and evil.

Thus, Satan has implanted the concept that what GOD designed and created is evil, while man is righteous.

Remember Satan is a *spirit person* — the former archangel, the cherub Lucifer — with no physical body — no sex or power of reproducing himself. Therefore

he is envious of these attributes bestowed on man. He tries to discredit them and represent them as evil — yet also to glorify them as objects of lust. Satan is the real author of prudish dualism. He also goes to the opposite extreme today. He also is the real author of the so-called “New Morality,” which is in fact gross IMMORALITY. In this extreme, Satan deceives people into accepting sex as an IDOL of lust.

In both extremes, he deceives humanity into EVILS by which he seeks to DESTROY the human race!

This satanic doctrine of dualism is the very antithesis of GOD’S revelation of the true FACTS. It is a diabolical LIE!

God formed MAN of the dust of the ground. MAN IS FLESH — matter. And God beheld everything that He had made, and, behold, IT WAS VERY GOOD! It is what man thinks and *does* that is sinful. But Satan blasphemes the Holy GOD by saying that what *God made* was very filthy, nasty, evil and sinful.

This is the satanic dualism injected into the original Babylonian religion (Genesis 10). It spread into the pagan religions, and into Egypt. From there it flowed into ancient Greece and then the Roman world. We have already covered its injection into post-apostolic Christianity. □

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Dasyopus Digs

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lo’s covering protects him from scrapes and cuts when digging or when running through the thick brush where he builds his home. Without it, the armadillo would not survive.

All these specialized features raise a question for evolution: If the armadillo needed these features to survive, how did it survive before it “evolved” them?

“Evolution” of the armadillo

Let’s look far into the “evolutionary” past at Armadon the unevolved armadillo. Armadon

has no armor, is constantly out of breath and has a poor sense of smell since he has only begun to “evolve.” His tongue has evolved already, but tends to stick to the roof of his mouth.

Armadon suddenly has the urge to stay up all night looking for bugs. Not knowing which way to go, since he has terrible eyesight and it’s dark outside anyway, he stumbles into a thicket. Branches rip and tear his soft skin.

For no apparent reason, Armadon feels inspired to dig. Quickly, he paws at the ground with his clawless feet. As the dust begins to rise, he starts to sneeze and cough. Soon, his eyes are watering and he is gasping for air. Determined not to fail, Armadon continues to dig and soon throws his back out of place from the effort.

Ridiculous? You bet!

Creation demands a Creator

As you can see, the armadillo couldn’t make it unless he “developed” all his physical characteristics at one time. He obviously had to be created fully equipped to survive.

What good would claws and strong legs do if the back wasn’t specially designed to withstand the strain of digging? Or if the armadillo hadn’t “developed” the increased lung capacity that keeps him from choking on the dust he produces? And if he could survive without these features, then why did they develop?

Evolution is man’s attempt to explain creation without recognizing the Creator. God speaks out strongly to men who devise fables to discredit Him.

“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made [like the armadillo], even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse” (Romans 1:20).

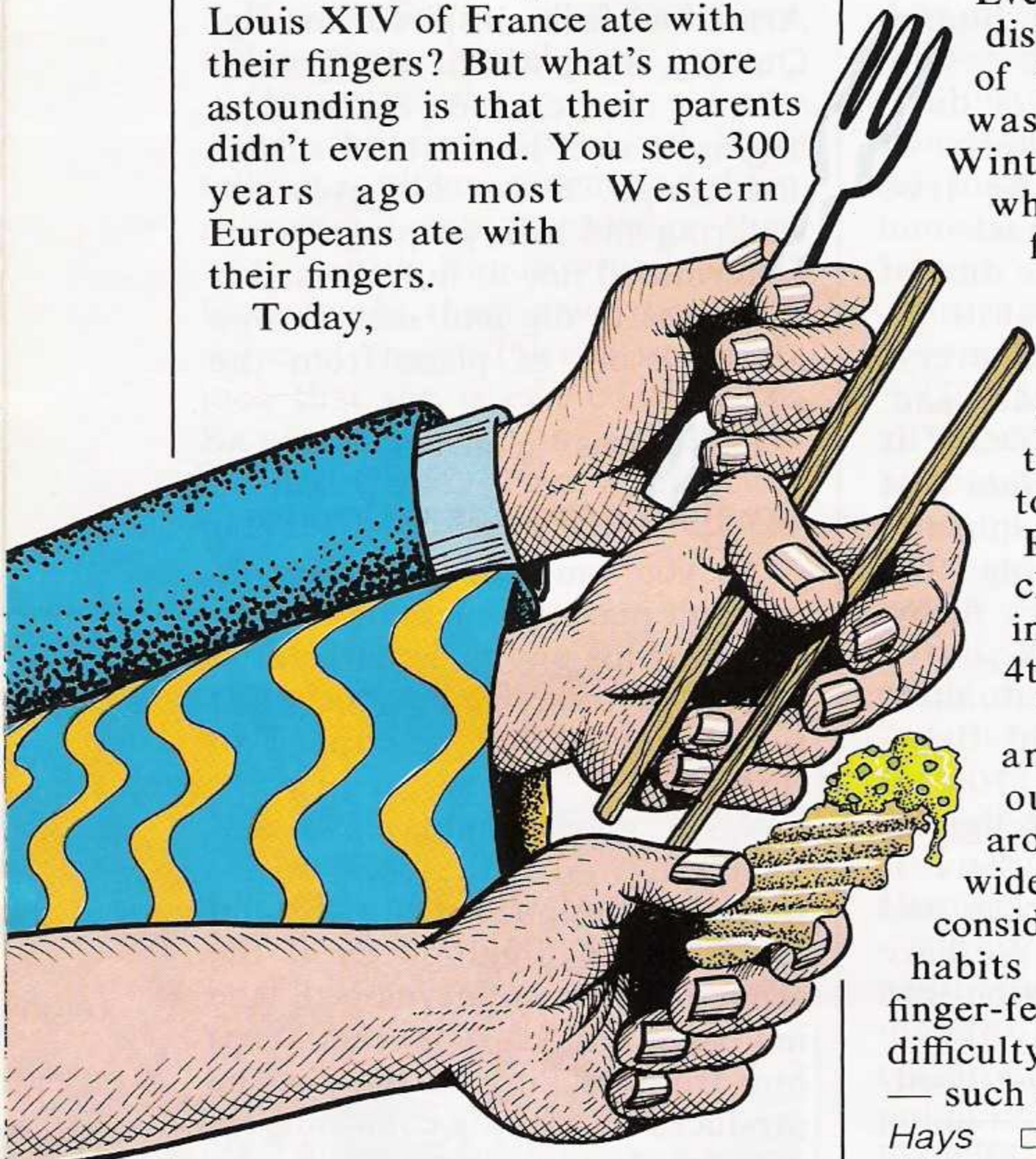
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News & Reviews

Fingers, Forks or Chopsticks?

Did you know that Queen Elizabeth I of England and Louis XIV of France ate with their fingers? But what's more astounding is that their parents didn't even mind. You see, 300 years ago most Western Europeans ate with their fingers.

Today,



throughout Europe, Australia and North and South America, forks have, in large part, replaced fingers as eating utensils. In Eastern Asia, using chopsticks is the preferred eating method. But it is still customary to eat with your fingers in much of Africa, the Middle East and the Indian subcontinent.

Forks and chopsticks became popular because they made it easier to handle hot food. Before that, people generally scooped up hot meals on flat bread.

In 1100, the wife of an Italian nobleman introduced forks at the table. At first, forks were looked

on as being decadent. One preacher even proclaimed that they were a "diabolical luxury: God would not have given us fingers if he had wished us to use such an instrument."

They didn't catch on in France and England until the 1600s. Even then, there was some disagreement about the use of this new implement. It was Governor John Winthrop of Massachusetts who first introduced the fork to America in 1630.

In China and Japan, where food is served in small pieces, chopsticks are used. These small, tapered sticks are used as tongs to pick up food. Records indicate that chopsticks have been used in China since at least the 4th century B.C.

Together, finger-feeders and chopstick-feeders outnumber fork-feeders around the world by quite a wide margin. But before you consider changing your eating habits and becoming, say, a finger-feeder, consider the difficulty of eating certain foods — such as spaghetti. — *By Ann Hays* □

Ophidiophobia* Bites the Dust *Fear of Snakes

Would you like a snake for a pet? How about a nice, cuddly boa constrictor?

What's that you say? You wouldn't give a snake the time of day, let alone a place in your home? Well, you're not alone. Most people aren't too fond of

snakes, which is probably just fine with a lot of snakes since they don't seem too fond of man.

One snake, the spitting cobra, seems to dislike man so much that it will spit in your eye, given half a chance. And it spits very accurately. It blinds its victims, then kills them.

Snakes have fascinated man from the beginning. He has worshiped them, studied them, captured and exhibited them. But most of all, he has feared them.

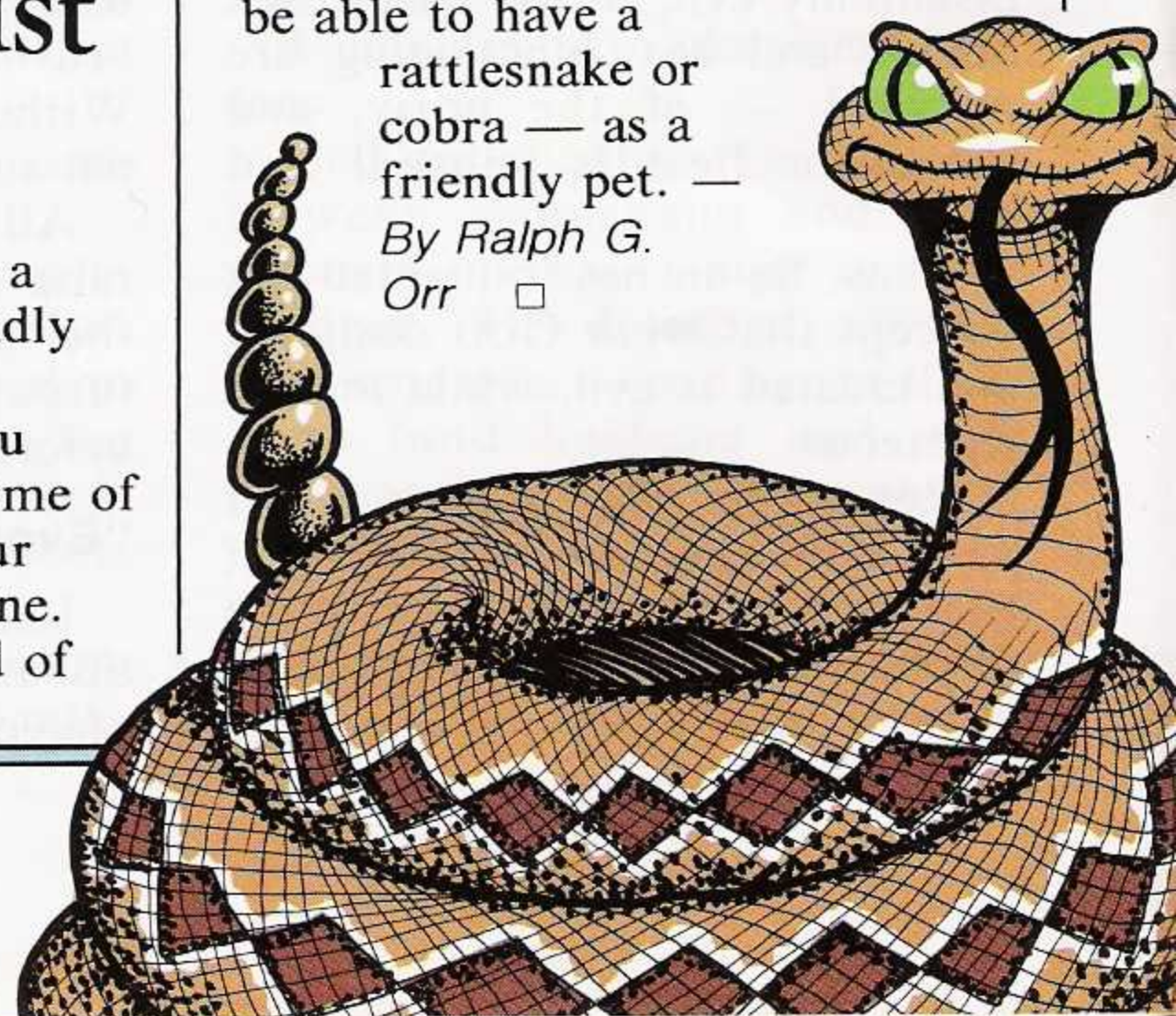
Many people fear snakes so much that they kill any snake they see — poisonous or not. They know that some snakes may endanger them so they try to completely eliminate the threat. This can upset the balance of nature.

But someday men and snakes will get along. Their fear of each other will vanish. Their harm done toward each other will cease.

God promises that soon, in the world tomorrow: "The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:8-9).

An end to snake bites. An end to agonized deaths by serpent fangs. Then you will be able to have a

rattlesnake or cobra — as a friendly pet. —
By Ralph G. Orr □



Proverbs for Today: Good Timing Helps

The story has been told that after years of trying, inventor Thomas Edison finally got the first electric light bulb to glow one morning about 3 a.m.

Edison ran to where his wife was sleeping. "Darling, look!" he shouted, the glow of the bulb filling the room.

Mrs. Edison woke up, rolled over and, half awake, said, "Will you shut that light off and come to bed?"

Although it may not have happened exactly that way, this story illustrates some timely advice from King Solomon: "He who blesses his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it will be counted a curse to him" (Proverbs 27:14).

It was simply not the time and place for Mrs. Edison to be told of her husband's invention. Later on, she could share his elation. Not everyone, every time, will

be able to rise to your degree of enthusiasm over a matter.

You probably know people who unknowingly demand that everyone else be in the same mood they are. If someone is down, they zealously try to cheer him up by loudly showing him how wonderful everything is. This only irritates the people they want to help.

Yes, we should be encouraging to others. But sometimes people simply need to be accepted for how they feel at

the time. It is better to try to understand the other's mood before blurting out your own. This will show that you care enough to honor how they feel.

If you don't try to manipulate other people's feelings, you will find them much more willing to share your joy.

The next time you invent a light bulb, or are otherwise emotionally supercharged, try a little patient restraint and understanding first. Don't barge into another's world with your emotional spurs on. — *By Jim*

Roberts □

Will You Wind Up Where You Want to Be?

*If You Don't Know Where
You're Going, You'll Probably
End Up Somewhere Else*

By David Campbell

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"The most important influence on your life-style is going to be your occupation. It will determine not only what you do every day, but it will also

greatly affect how you live, who your friends are, what clothes you wear, when you take vacations, how much money you make, and how long you have to work."

That kind of plain speaking can be found throughout this book, an easy-to-read guide intended to help you make the most out of what you have.

David Campbell, a leading professional in vocational guidance and testing, says that we not only need to set goals, but we need to set the right *kind* of goals — and that, he says, requires knowledge and experience.

According to Dr. Campbell, we must build on our assets — talents, which we're born with,



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and skills, which are acquired. "If you are going to spend hours and hours during your youth acquiring some skill, work on something that will be useful to you throughout your life."

He devotes an entire chapter to helping the reader discover what jobs are suited to his or her abilities and interests, because "our self-images are dominated

by our occupations."

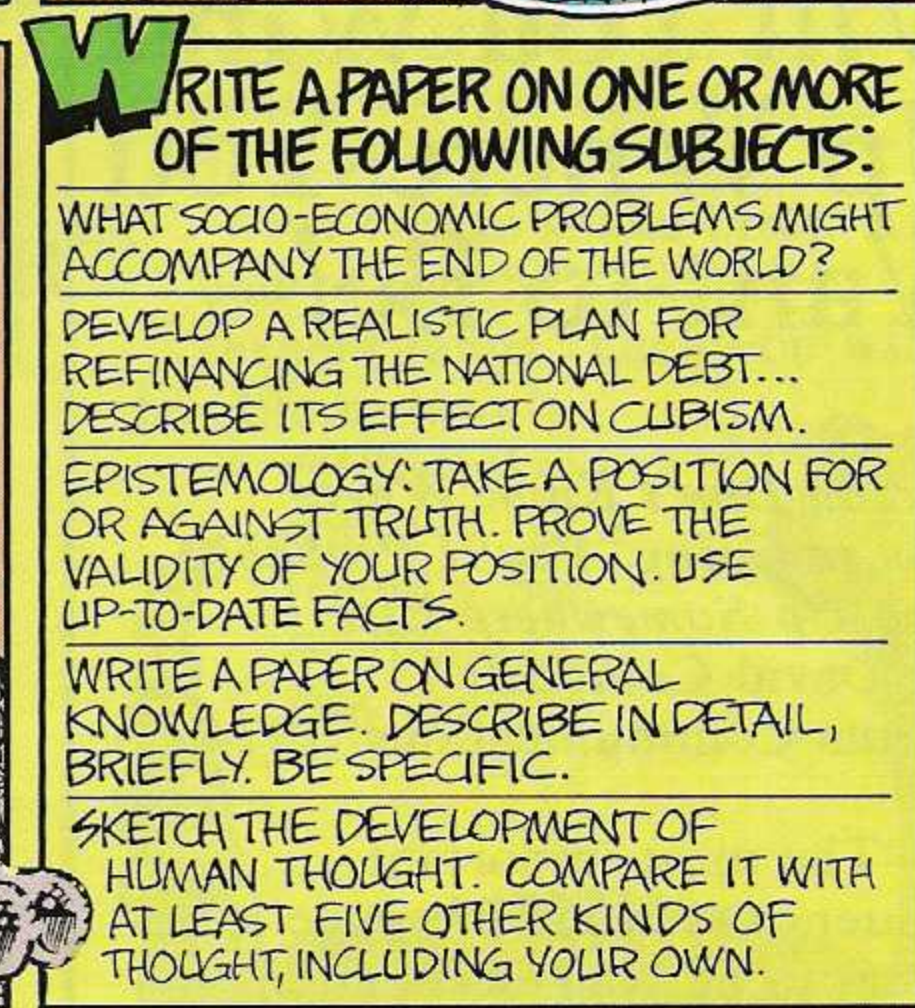
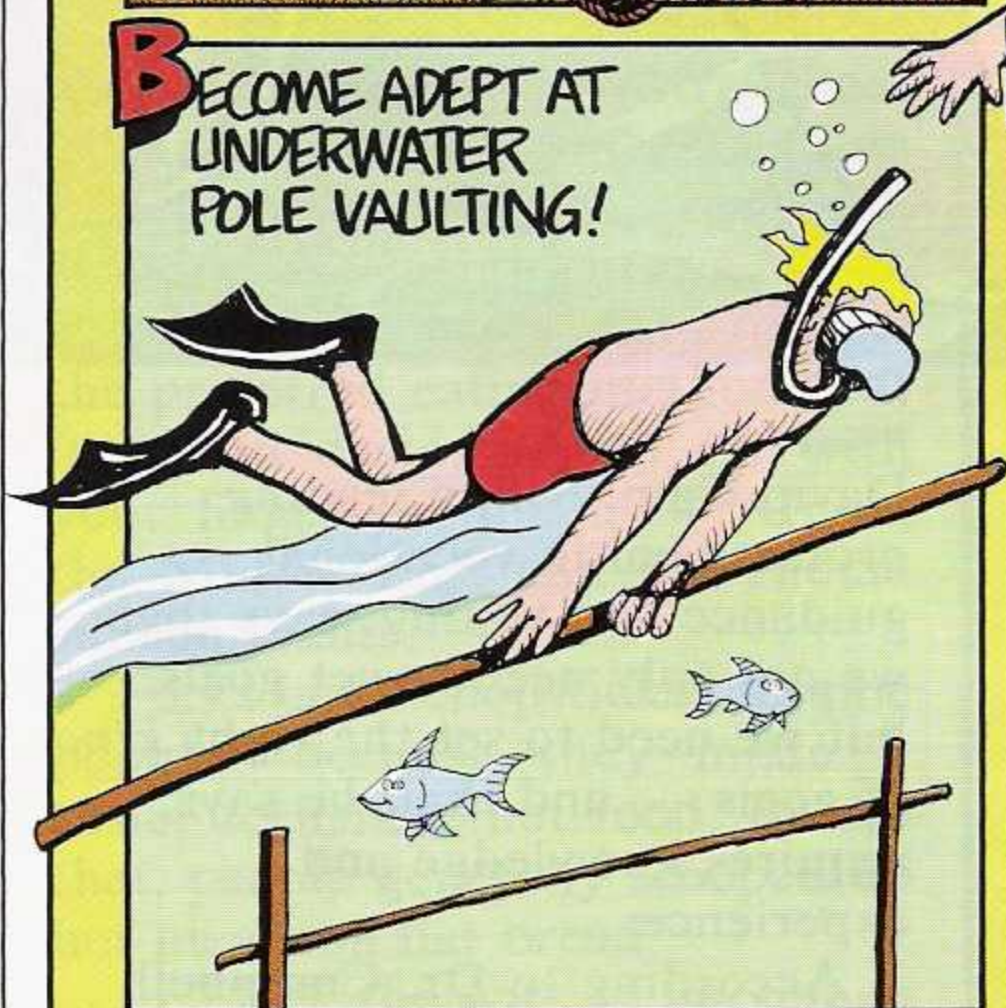
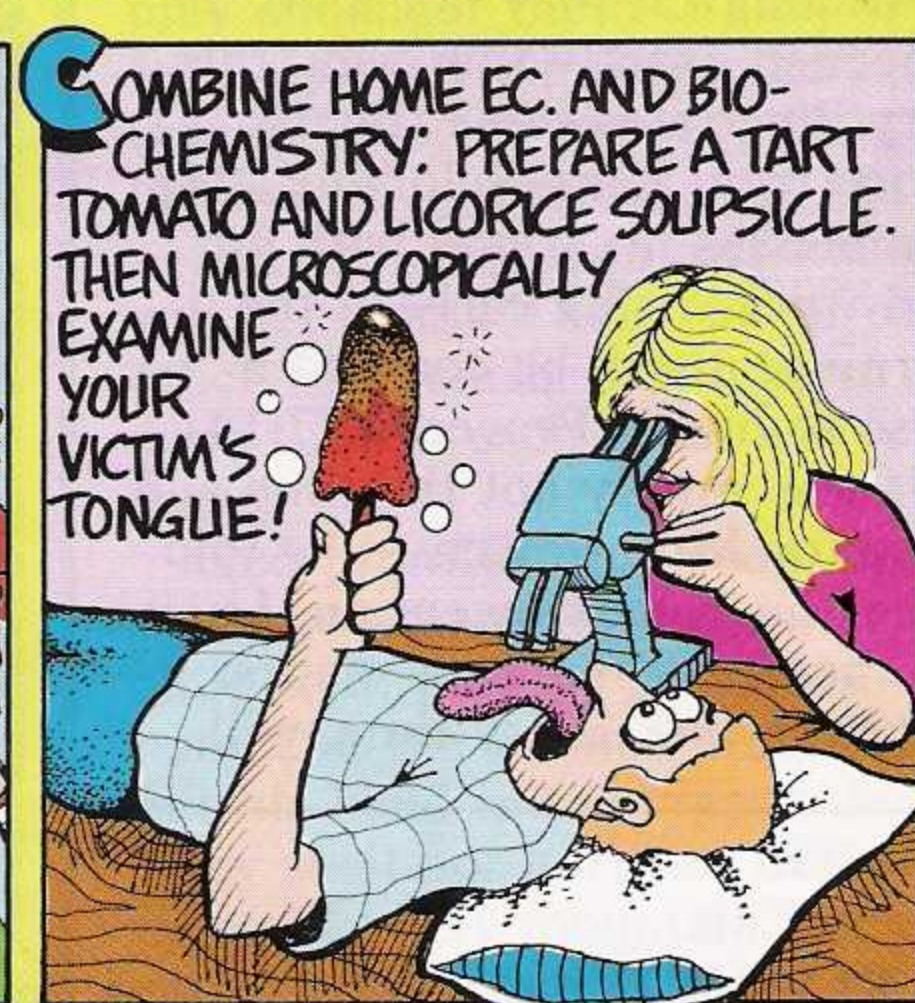
"Because your job is so important in determining your life-style and your self-image, you had better give that aspect of your future a great deal of attention," he writes.

In addition to career planning, Dr. Campbell emphasizes the importance of a strong family, good friends, good health, a good

education and a variety of experiences in leading a successful, rewarding life. He suggests that success is habitual and that we should try to succeed in whatever we attempt.

The book offers the reader a fresh perspective on this subject through a sensible approach to goal setting. — *By Tom Delamater* □

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Teen Bible Study

Resourcefulness— The Key to Solving Problems

Prepared by Richard A. Sedliacik

Life is full of unexpected problems, obstacles and setbacks. Things don't always go as planned. To successfully overcome many of these difficulties, you must have resourcefulness — the fifth law of success!

Youth 83 Editor-in-Chief Herbert W. Armstrong shows in his booklet, *The Seven Laws of Success*, that definite laws govern true and lasting success in life.

In this series of studies we're backing up that booklet with additional important and useful information that will, if applied, help you to be an outstanding success.

We have covered the first four of these laws and learned how to apply them in our lives. They are: setting meaningful and worthwhile *goals* in life; *preparing* yourself to achieve them through study and training; doing your best to keep in *good health*; and *driving* yourself forward to accomplish your goals with enthusiasm and energy.

Important as these laws are, they are not enough. You also need resourcefulness.

But what exactly is resourcefulness? Why is it essential for success? How can you develop and apply it in your life?

Before beginning this study, be sure to get your Bible, a pen or pencil and some paper. Reading and writing out the Bible verses in this study will help you to remember the important principles you'll be learning.

1. Can everyone expect to have problems in life? Job 5:7, 14:1. Did many heroes of the Bible face seemingly insurmountable problems and obstacles during their lives? Hebrews 11:32-38.

The quest to reach our goals and to succeed in life will not always be easy. As with the men and women of God in ages past, we will encounter obstacles and problems. How you react to and deal with difficulties is crucial to your future success.

To be successful, you must be able to make the right decisions and take the right courses of action to hurdle the obstacles that prevent you from accomplishing your goals. This often requires resourcefulness.

Resourcefulness is the ability to deal promptly and effectively with difficulties. In an emergency, it's keeping calm, quickly assessing the situation and taking the right action. It often involves devising a creative, ingenious or unique solution.

2. Did David show resourcefulness when confronting the Philistine giant Goliath? I Samuel 17:4-11, 38-40, 48-49.

King Saul and the Israelites were fearful, not knowing how to successfully respond to Goliath's challenge. When David learned of their plight, he did not panic. He kept calm and took decisive action!

David knew he would have little chance of defeating the giant if he was burdened down with Saul's heavy armor. Besides, David had not been trained to use such armaments, and so the traditional method of fighting in armor would be totally unworkable. A new approach was needed. David decided to use



How would you solve the problem of finding the volume inside a light bulb? (Photo by Hal Finch)

his own tried and tested weapon — a sling. He boldly and courageously confronted the giant and slew him with one well-placed stone that sunk deep into his forehead.

3. Was David also resourceful in fleeing from King Saul, who viewed him as a rival to the throne and tried to kill him on numerous occasions? Read and summarize the following scriptures: I Samuel 23:19-29, especially verse 22, 24:1-22, 26:1-25.

4. Did David and his friend Jonathan devise a clever and ingenious method to communicate a message when direct communication was dangerous? Read and summarize I Samuel 20:1-42, noting especially verses 19-22.

It required imagination, daring and resourcefulness for David to flee from the king of a mighty nation and to remain hidden from an army combing the countryside in search of him. Each time Saul was about to capture him, David used his wits to escape the life-threatening crisis.

A resourceful person thinks his way through, over or around the obstacles or difficulties that block his path. If one method doesn't work, he tries another.

A resourceful person is fully alert and aware of his environment and thinking about what is occurring around him. He will accomplish what needs to be done — by strategy, skill or a new approach. He is alert to other possibilities and realizes that usually several solutions exist.

The American inventor Thomas Edison is said to have once asked a mathematician to calculate the cubic capacity or volume of a light bulb. The mathematician measured the bulb, calculated its curvature and pondered his data.

Mr. Edison returned and saw him still poring over his data. "Haven't you finished that yet?" Mr. Edison asked. "Here, let me show you how to do it." Mr. Edison then took the bulb, filled it to the brim with water, and poured it into a square basin. It took him only a few minutes to find the answer.

To be resourceful, we must think and be observant, for often a solution can be staring us in the face, but we don't notice it!

5. How did Jesus Christ, the most resourceful person who ever lived, display this important trait when answering the cunning questions of His enemies? Luke 20:20-26, John 8:3-11.

Whenever the Pharisees and other religious leaders sought to trap Christ in His words, He would successfully turn the tables on them. He would use their clever questions

to His advantage, often to illustrate an important spiritual principle or truth.

6. Did Christ resourcefully overcome even the most severe temptations? Matthew 4:1-11. Did He allow any obstacle to keep Him from reentering the Family of God? John 17:4-5.

Christ ingeniously answered Satan's clever challenges by quoting the appropriate scriptures. He successfully overcame all obstacles and finished the work that His Father sent Him to do.

7. When faced with a difficult problem, is it wise to avoid jumping to conclusions — to refrain from making rash decisions? Notice the principle in Proverbs 21:5.

Take the available time to carefully analyze the situation and get the facts. A hasty solution could end up not working because you have not really understood the facts pertinent to the problem.

8. Is it advisable to seek expert advice about how to handle a crisis or emergency? Proverbs 11:14.

There is an old saying that "two heads are better than one." Advice and assistance from others — especially from your parents, teachers and experts in a particular field — are often of great help in solving a problem or overcoming an obstacle blocking your path. A competent adviser can often steer us in the right direction by giving us ideas we would not think of ourselves.

9. Is it also important to seek God's inspiration, as well as direct intervention, in overcoming difficulties and problems? Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 50:15, II Chronicles 14:9-13.

No matter how intelligent, alert or resourceful a person may be, he or she still needs God's help to be truly successful. The real-life heroes of the Bible were not only resourceful, they also relied on God to help them surmount the sometimes humanly insurmountable obstacles they faced.

10. Is there any need to fear or panic when faced with difficulties, if one is striving to do God's will? Isaiah 41:10, Proverbs 11:8, Psalms 34:17-19, 46:1.

11. Will God give us, if we ask, the wisdom we need to make the right decisions in resourcefully overcoming any obstacle in our path? James 1:5-7, Proverbs 2:6.

No matter how urgent the crisis or how bleak the situation may appear, if we are doing our best to please God, He will show us the way out. Ask God daily to give you the ability to resourcefully solve the problems you encounter in life! □

Dear Youth 83,

Practical Bible-based answers to the problems of growing up.

Q. My best friend is a straight-A student. She seems to make good grades with very little effort. No matter how much I study, I seldom make an A — only Bs and Cs. I'd like to do better. Do you have any advice?

A. Congratulations — you've already got the principal ingredient of academic success, because you're willing to study and work hard. What you want now are some tips on developing good study skills.

First of all, the library (city or school) has a wealth of knowledge. Check the card catalog under the heading "study skills" for books about the subject. Also, ask the reference librarian if study skills pamphlets are available.

Your teachers probably also have information and tips they'd be happy to pass on to you.

Some of the most important study skills to find information about and to develop are listening and notetaking methods, reading skills (using techniques such as SQ3R: Survey, Question, Read, Recite, Review), test-taking strategies and memory aids.

Next, form and maintain friendships with other students who want to do well in their studies (as you apparently are doing).

But the most important key is the ability to listen and concentrate. When you are in algebra class, don't be thinking about cheerleading tryouts after school, the test you have in social studies or the big dance this weekend. Listen to the teacher — think algebra. The same goes when you are doing your homework.

It's amazing how much you learn when you give your undivided attention to what is at hand.

Another point to remember is: You are not in competition with anyone else. Go ahead and do your best. Give it your best effort. You don't have to make all As to succeed.

If your friend does better than you in a subject, because of greater ability, you can appreciate her strong point, but don't let it discourage you. You can receive satisfaction from knowing you did your best.

Learn what your ability level is — work hard to do the best you can. When you study integrated calculus, you just might not do as well as you do in journalism or music. Not everyone is going to excel in every subject. But don't use that as an excuse to let down.

Your high school guidance counselor, your parents, your teachers, your minister and your best friends will all be willing to help you develop good study habits if you ask for their advice and help.

Q. I am 13 years old and kind of mixed up. I really like some of the boys in my area and want to know what you think about kids of my age "going with" each other. (If you are not familiar with the term, it is a sort of preliminary to dating.)

A. We are indeed familiar with the term. My own daughter (age 10) recently explained how even students in her grade tend to pair up at school and announce that they are going with each other even though they don't date at all.

The meaning of phrases like this tends to change over the years, and even from one area to another. Not long ago, going

with someone meant you were his or her steady date to the exclusion of others. Then it meant that you were merely dating one person a lot. Now it seems to include even friendships between people who haven't started dating yet.

At any rate, the concept of going with another person when someone is too young to be seriously considering marriage is not really a good idea. Let's look at some of the reasons why.

Humans naturally seem to wish to possess something, or even someone, to the exclusion of others. But when applied to friendships with the opposite sex, this approach limits you. It hinders meeting and getting to know a broad range of people since it tends to announce that you are special friends with only one boy or girl, and hence off limits to others.

We suggest that you be friends with everybody and not go with anyone particular until you are old enough to have dated a number of people and are considering serious dating in direct preparation for marriage.

Other reasons for not going with someone are pointed out in the article, "Are You Sure Everybody's Doing It?" that we published last December. You may want to go back and look at this article for a fuller answer to your question. □

We welcome your questions and will excerpt as many as possible. Sorry we can't answer them all. Answers are prepared by Bernard W. Schnippert, a minister of the Worldwide Church of God. Address your questions to "Dear Youth 83," 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.



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For you do not inquire wisely concerning this."

Your teen years are years of discovery, the time to discover talents and strengths and build skills that will help you meet adulthood with confidence. While you have this freedom of choice, determine what kind of future you'd like.

Do you know what kind of job

you'd like to spend your life doing? Is a college education best for you, or would your time and money be better spent in a vocational trade school? How about marriage? With what kind of person could you build a happy marriage? Your teen years are the time to begin finding answers to these questions.

Now is the time to take advantage of educational, social and cultural opportunities that will prepare you for adulthood. *Youth 83* Editor-in-Chief Her-

bert W. Armstrong has written about this important phase of life. "The years between ages 16 and 25 are the vitally important years of adult preparation for life's work. These are the crucial years of *preparation*. During these years the mind is capable of acquiring faster than at any other stage of life the advanced knowledge needed before beginning one's adult career — whether it be business, profession, occupation or marriage."

You can best use these years of preparation if you set a goal to achieve. Having a goal is the first of the laws of success outlined in our free booklet, *The Seven Laws of Success*. A goal should tell you what or where you want to be at a certain time in life.

Do you want to be an engineer? A sales executive? A teacher? When do you want to be doing these jobs? By age 20, 23 or 25? Achieving a goal requires that a timetable be established. Know at what age you want to reach various levels in your job. Unless you set a timetable to achieve your goal, you may not reach it. That's why it is so important to wisely use your time, opportunities and freedom now to lay the proper foundation for the future.

Building strong relationships with family and friends is part of that foundation. Constructive group activities can be some of the most memorable times.

Are you wasting a valuable period of life? If you don't set definite goals for your life *now*, you won't look back on your youth as the good old days. Instead, you'll probably look back with regret.

Many people today are unable to handle the problems of a modern world. The reason? They didn't use those important formative years to develop skills that would give them the ability to deal with the challenges and problems of life.

You don't have to face an uncertain future. Life can be successful if you know and follow the seven laws that will guarantee it. These laws can help make all your days the good old days. □

READER BY-LINE

Overcoming Handicaps

By Monty M. DiGiacomo

I would like to share with you a story about a man I know. His name is Vince.

Vince was crippled from his shoulders down by rheumatoid arthritis at age 5. His situation is quite severe. Simple tasks, such as going up the stairs and writing with a pencil, are big jobs for him. Even learning to hold a fork took time and practice. I'm sure that if you saw his condition you would understand.

In spite of his problem, Vince learned to do many things. He learned to overcome his handicaps by constantly doing, learning and not giving up.

I could write a book about all of the wonderful things he has done, but I will just name a few. For instance, his learning to drive a car is a good example. You might think that's easy, but in Vince's case it is hard.

Learning to fly a plane is also hard, but Vince has been up there several times flying one. Now that takes courage, especially for someone who is handicapped and

who is afraid of heights.

I'm sure because of Vince's condition he couldn't swim, but I would not bother telling him that. He is already enrolled in swimming classes.

On top of that, Vince, now 52, is a salesman, and knows a couple of foreign languages and much more. But, of all his outstanding characteristics, I think that his kindness is the best thing about him.

I think we can all learn a lesson from Vince. Those of you who are handicapped can use his example to inspire you not to let your handicaps hold you back. And those of you who are not, what's your excuse for not developing your skills and character? With God's help you can. □

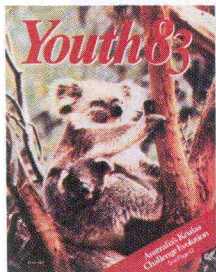
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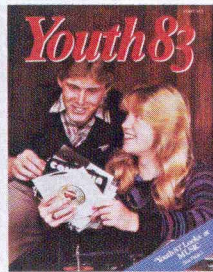
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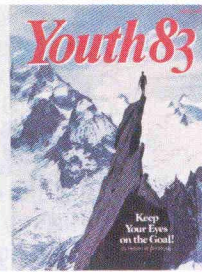
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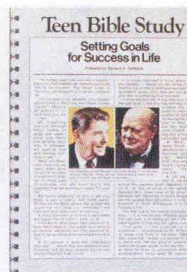
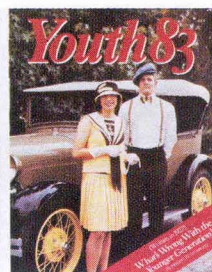
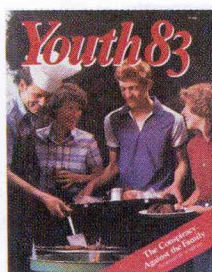
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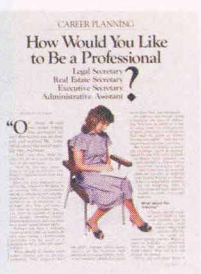
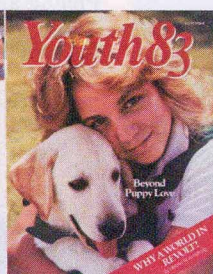
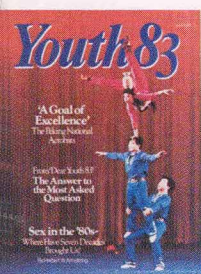
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Jobs	Above and Beyond Make Yourself Unemployment-Proof Working in a Restaurant — Here Are Some "Tips"	Z. Harlean Botha Karen Meeker Herbert W. Armstrong	July May January	13 13 1
Kingdom of God	Coming Soon: Too Good to Be True?	Keith W. Stump	January	13
Koala Bear	Australia's Cute, Cuddly Koala	Richard A. Sedliacik	January	23
Lying	Teen Bible Study: To Tell the Truth	Clayton Steep	May	2
Manasseh, King	Meet Mean King Manasseh	Dexter H. Faulkner	February	29
Manners	By the Way . . . Are Your Manners Up to a Date?	Michael Snyder	June	11
Marijuana	Exposing the Marijuana Myth	Ronald D. Kelly	May	5
Masculinity	What Is Real Masculinity?	Dexter H. Faulkner	May	29
Mistakes	By the Way . . . "What After You've Made Mistakes?"	Vivian Pettijohn	February	18
Model Railroad	All Aboard! Tracking the Model Railroad Hobby	Dan Taylor	Oct.-Nov.	7
Money	Does Your Money Say "Spend Me"?	Dexter H. Faulkner	June	29
Moods	By the Way . . . Don't Let Moods Ruin Your Day	Keith W. Stump	February	9
Moscow	City in Focus: Moscow	Dexter H. Faulkner	September	29
Motivation	By the Way . . . Dangling the Carrot	Wilma Niekamp	February	20
Movie Review	Film Review: <i>Man From Snowy River</i>	Ann Hays	July	11
Movies	Focus on Films	Kathy Duncan	August	11
Moving	"So You're the New Kid in Town . . ."	Eugene and Ruth Walter	June	18
Music	Expanding Your Musical Horizons Get on the Band (or Orchestra) Wagon	Steve LerBerghe	August	21



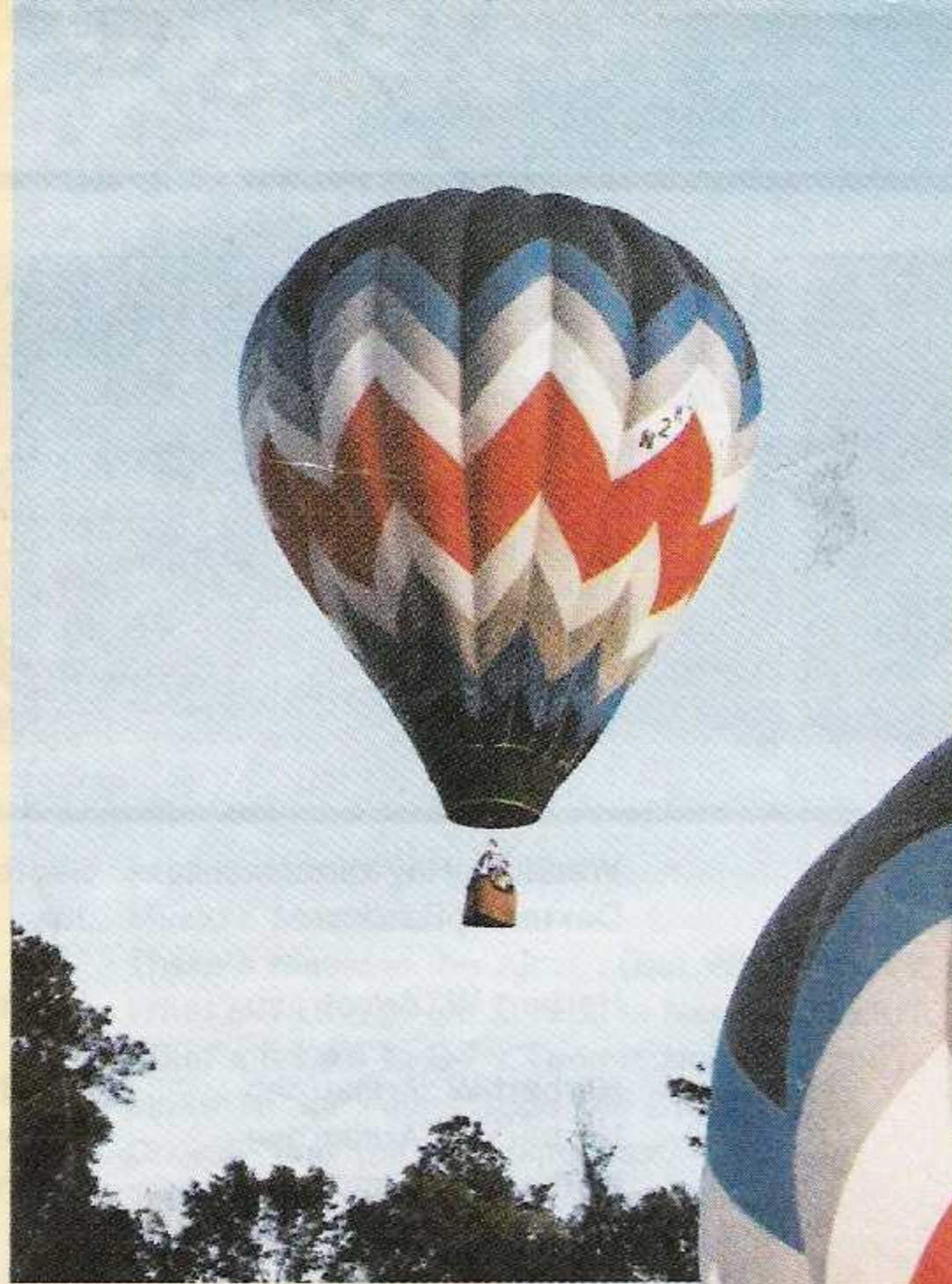
	Impressions of a Rock Critic	T. Davis Wood	February	5
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Newfoundland	What's It Like to Be a Teen in Newfoundland?	Ford Burden	September	18
New Zealand	What's It Like to Be a Teen in New Zealand?	Debra J. Thompson	December	13
Nostalgia	Make These Your "Good Old Days"	Darris McNeely	December	7
Opposite Sex	Do you Fear the Opposite Sex?	Jeff Zhorne	January	3
	The Answer to the Most Asked Question	Bernard W. Schnippert	August	3
Parents	Adventure in Alaska	Bill Blake	January	16
	Dad's Final Gift	Vickie Thomas	September	15
	My Mom Is a Real Person	Ann Hays	Oct.-Nov.	5
	"My Parents Just Don't Understand!"	Graemme J. Marshall	June	2
	You Did It Dad — Why Can't I?	John Halford	February	16
Parliament	An Afternoon at the Houses of Parliament	Ruth Devine	July	17
Parties	Everybody Loves a Party!	Wilma Niekamp	February	12
Peer Pressure	Reader By-line: It's Your Decision	Tanya Britton	August	7
	You Can Say "No" Without Losing Friends	Graemme J. Marshall	May	10
Philippines	What's It Like to Be a Teen in the Philippines?		May	14
Photography	How to Take Prize-Winning Photos	Nathan Faulkner	March-April	18
Poland	Country in Focus: Poland	Rose Bennett	June	9
Politics	Kremlin to Cool Western Fads?	Dan Taylor	February	8
	Talk Isn't Cheap Anymore	Tom Delamater	August	10
	War for Peace Declared	Ron Toth	Oct.-Nov.	8
	West Germany Changes Helmut	Dan Taylor	January	10
Proverbs	Proverbs for Today	Jim Roberts	Each Month	
	Teen Bible Study: A Gold Mine in Your Home!	Richard A. Sedliacik	June	23
Recipe	Shake Up Your Taste Buds!	Wendi D. Hayward	September	20
Records	Record Industry Singing the Blues	Ron Toth	February	8
Recycling	Recycling Trash to Cash	George Kackos	September	26
Rejection	Survival Manual for Rejection	Thomas C. Hanson	March-April	5
Religion	On the Road to Mecca	Lowell Wagner Jr.	September	10
Repentance	By the Way . . . "What After You've Made Mistakes?"	Dexter H. Faulkner	May	29
Resourcefulness	Teen Bible Study: The Key to Solving Problems	Richard A. Sedliacik	December	21
Restaurant	Working in A Restaurant — Here Are Some "Tips"	Karen Meeker	May	13
Rock Climbing	On the Way to the Top	Wendi D. Hayward	August	16
Romance	The Answer to the Most Asked Question	Bernard W. Schnippert	August	3
SAT	You Can Survive the SAT	John Williams	August	6
Saudi Arabia	Country in Focus: Saudi Arabia	Tom Delamater	September	11
School	Beating the Butterflies	William Flaman	Oct.-Nov.	20
	Let an Expert Say It for You	George Hague	March-April	21
	Superstudy	Tom Delamater	Oct.-Nov.	16
Science	Cars That Can Talk	Wilma Niekamp	January	9
	Designer Genes of the Future?	Colleen M. Gus	July	10
	Epcot: Forerunner of the Future?	Ron Toth	January	8
	Exploring the Miniature World	John Wheeler	January	22
	Fireworks From Space	Ann Hays	July	20
	In Search of Planet X	Ron Toth	August	8
	Laser Sound Is Here	Dan Taylor	July	8
	Let It Snow!	Wilma Niekamp	January	20
	Playing the Games of Tomorrow	Jeff Zhorne	September	12
	Smart Machines Get Smarter	Victor Kubik	June	8
	The Earth Gets a Little Older	Lowell Wagner Jr.	December	8
	The Long and Short of It	Dan Taylor	June	8
	The Robot Revolution	Lowell Wagner Jr.	July	8
	Will Your Career Compute?	George Hague	February	8



Secretaries	Career Planning	Wendi D. Hayward	September	13
Sex	By the Way . . . "Why Did God Create These Feelings in Me?"	Dexter H. Faulkner	July	29
	Sex in the '80s — Where Have Seven Decades Brought Us?	Herbert W. Armstrong	August	1
	The Missing Dimension in Sex Knowledge!	Herbert W. Armstrong	Oct.-Nov.	1
	Why a World in Revolt?	Herbert W. Armstrong	September	1
	Why Humans Have a Sense of Shame	Herbert W. Armstrong	December	1
Sheiks & Flappers	What's Wrong With the Younger Generation?	Herbert W. Armstrong	July	1
Smoking	"It Really Does Hook You"	Tom Delamater	June	9
	Reader By-line: It's Your Decision	Tanya Britton	August	7
Snakes	Ophidiophobia (Fear of Snakes) Bites the Dust	Ralph Orr	December	18
Solomon	He Did It All	Alan Dean	Oct.-Nov.	6
Space	Europe's Challenge to the Shuttle	Lowell Wagner Jr.	Oct.-Nov.	10
Sports	A Game With a Point (Darts)	Stuart Huse	July	21
	Cycling Safely	Wilma Niekamp	June	20
	Discover the Underwater World (Snorkeling)	Ronda Kelly	June	20
	Exercise? Skip It! (Rope Jumping)	Tom Delamater	March-April	20
	Getting in the Swing of Things (Golf)	Alan Dean	September	20
	Hit the Slopes (Snow Skiing)	Ronald D. Kelly	February	20
	"Keep Your Eye on the Ball" (Tennis)	George Hague	May	25
	Take the Scenic Route (Cycling)	Tom Delamater	September	16
	There's No "I" in the Word "Team" (Basketball)	Tom Delamater and Joel Rissinger	Oct.-Nov.	14
	Volleyball: Improving Your Net Results	George Hague	January	18
Student Exchange	Summit Nations Increase Student Exchanges	George Hague	September	12
Success	Above and Beyond	Richard Rice	August	5
	"A Goal of Excellence"	Dan Taylor	August	13
Survival Kit	Be Prepared to Get Lost (and You Probably Won't)	Dan Dragt	June	16
Talent	Tap Your Hidden Resources	George Hague	February	6
Television	Is It Time to Tame TV?	Dexter H. Faulkner	January	4
Tennis	"Keep Your Eye on the Ball"	George Hague	May	25
Terry Fox	A Teenage Dream That Stirred a Nation	K. Neil Earle	May	16
Toughness	So You Want to Be Tough!	Alan Dean	May	7
Truth	Teen Bible Study: To Tell the Truth	Richard A. Sedliacik	January	23
Unemployment	How Do you React to a Family Crisis?	Lowell Wagner Jr.	March-April	7
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Utopia	The (Video) Games People Play	Jeff Zhorne	June	5
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Violence	Volleyball: Improving Your Net Results	George Hague	January	18
Volleyball	A World at War		July	10
War	The Pacific Flip-Flop	Dan Taylor	August	8
Weather	What's Behind This Weird Weather?	Dan Taylor	March-April	8
West Germany	Country in Focus: West Germany	Keith W. Stump	January	9
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	India	Daniel Zachariah	February	14
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	New Zealand	Debra J. Thompson	December	13
	Philippines		May	14
Wilderness Skills	Be Prepared to Get Lost (and You Probably Won't)	Dan Dragt	June	16
Worry	How to Stop Worrying About the "End of the World"	Clayton Steep	June	3
Younger Generation	What's Wrong With the Younger Generation?	Herbert W. Armstrong	July	1

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