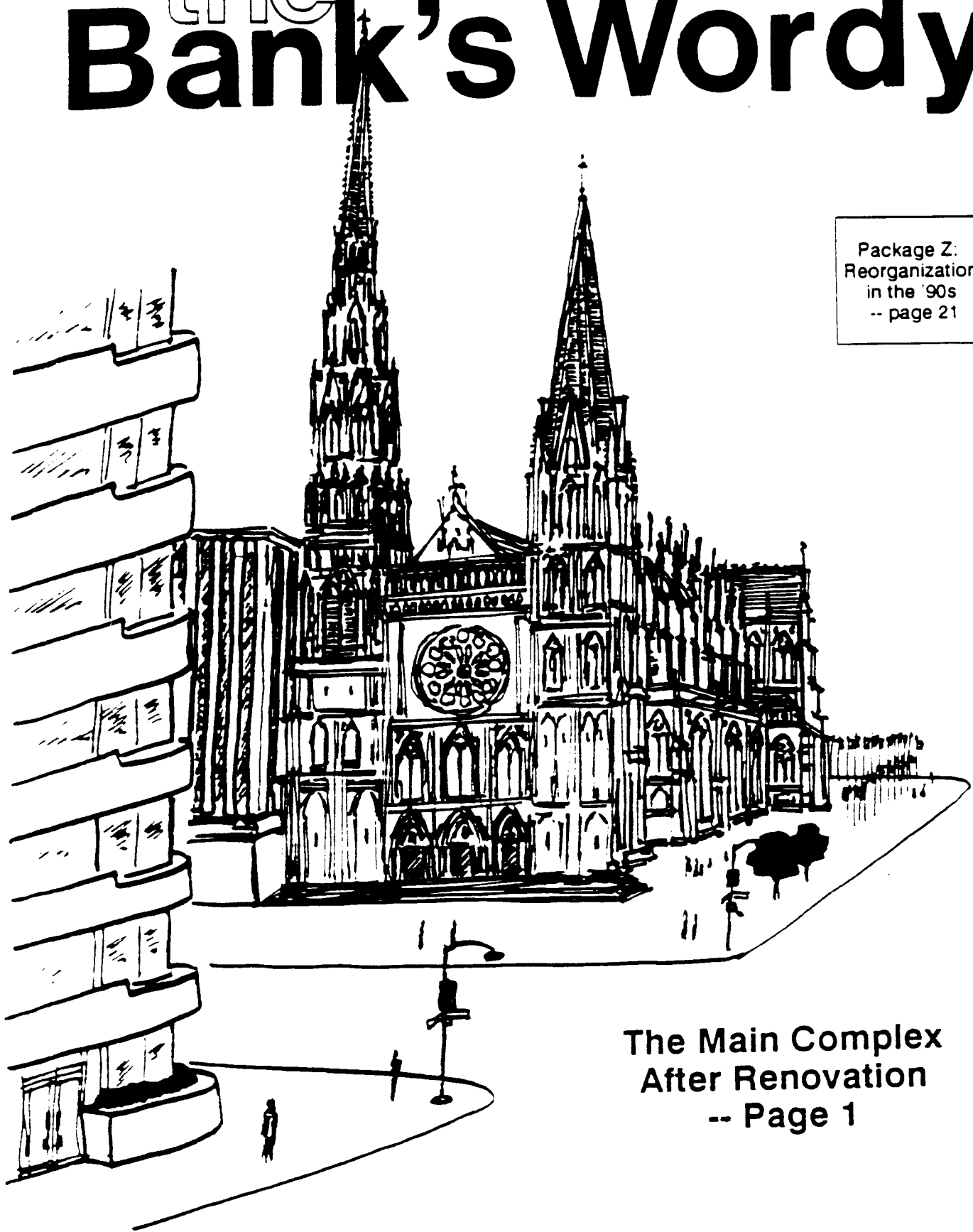


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"I was shipwrecked before I got aboard."

-- Seneca

Main Complex Renovation

ITF today announced plans to renovate the entire Main Complex at a total cost of \$743.9 billion. However, the expected savings due to more efficient use of space and office technology should result in a 99.7% reduction in staff, resulting in an overall savings to IBRD of \$201.25 over the next twenty years.

The design for the new complex was chosen after intense competition from architects all over the world. The winner was Eustache de Reims, a French master of classical form. Mr. de Reims was born in the early 11th century in Paris, and currently resides in Butte, Montana. His works include the Citadel of the Holy Name in Damascus (built during the First Crusade) and a number of fortifications in Europe.

The new structure will be "a glorious monument," said de Reims at a news conference today. "I'm glad it's Gothic," said Harinder Kohli, Director of ITF, whose department sponsored the competition. "The building will be controversial, but it will serve our interests. We will include the latest in modern office building design, including raised floors, swing space partitions, athletic facilities, pre-wiring for fiber optic communication, solar heat, and, of course, a 101-rank pipe organ behind the altar."

Construction is slated to begin in September 1989, with a scheduled completion date of April 2162.

Plans for relocating staff during the renovation are well under way, although no specific information has been released by ITF. With the exception of 2,000 square feet rented in Frederick, Maryland, ITF is experiencing difficulty finding suitable vacant space within the Board-specified 75-mile maximum distance from 19th and H Streets NW.

Under the relocation plans, only selected individuals from each organizational unit will be relocated to outlying leased space, rather than the traditional method of moving staff unit by unit. Separating staff at random within a division will reduce impact on work programs, according to a recent \$300,000 consultant study.

Ignacio: Farewell

If he were a professional athlete, he would be The Franchise. If he were a violinist, he would be The Virtuoso. If he were a race horse, he would be The Stud. Alas, Ignacio Zjerko is merely a man, known to hundreds as the last surviving artist of the Patagonian Sheep Music genre. Today, as part of his Farewell Concert Tour, Zjerko returns to the World Bank for his final performance at 3:05 p.m. in the J-building tunnel. Zjerko will play many of his old favorites, such as "My Wife Ran Off With My Best Friend, And I Sure Do Miss Him," "The More I Think Of You, The Less I Think Of Me," "You Are The Busiest Memory In Town," and "You Don't Have To Go Home, But You Can't Stay Here." Zjerko will also play selections from his latest album, *I'm Sick And Tired Of Waking Up Sick And Tired*, such as "You're Just In Time To Be Too Late," "She Made Me Dance Before The Music Started," and "When I'm Alone, I'm In Bad Company." Limited seating, so come early! Balo Macho!

New Lending Strategy

The World Bank is about to embark on an initiative to address the mounting global debt crisis, according to Bank Chief Economist Stanley Fischer. The new plan allows the Print Shop to print virtually unlimited amounts of money in the currency of each IBRD borrower. The borrower then quickly repays its outstanding debt and eliminates the burden of interest payments.

"Obviously, mammoth injections of counterfeit cash into any emerging or stable economy accelerates the inflation spiral," said Fischer. "However, we are confident that we can print and deliver money faster than inflation rates can be determined or acted upon. In all but the most extreme cases, foreign debt will be eliminated several months before the true nature of the debt management solution is understood. And the guys in the Print Shop are pretty happy, too," said Fischer.

Official reaction from the international lending community was cautiously supportive, although many organizations privately embraced the Bank's initiative. "It out-Baker's the Baker Plan," said one U.N. economist.

The U.S. commercial banks also appeared to support the new plan. "We need to study it further," said a Citicorp vice president, "but we think it might work. The proposal is clearly in the interests of the borrowers, our depositors, institutional investors, and ourselves."

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Violators Will Be Maimed And Then Killed!

Day Care Loss

The World Bank Day Care Center today is mourning the death of its pit bull mascot, Snarls, who was killed yesterday by a bicycle courier while romping across Pennsylvania Avenue. Snarls was chasing a French poodle.

"It's tough on the kids. This is the first experience with death for most of them, except the older ones who remember when Snarls ate Jim Stevenowitz's daughter last summer," said Fred O. Phile, a day care center employee. "He was such a sweet dog, usually."

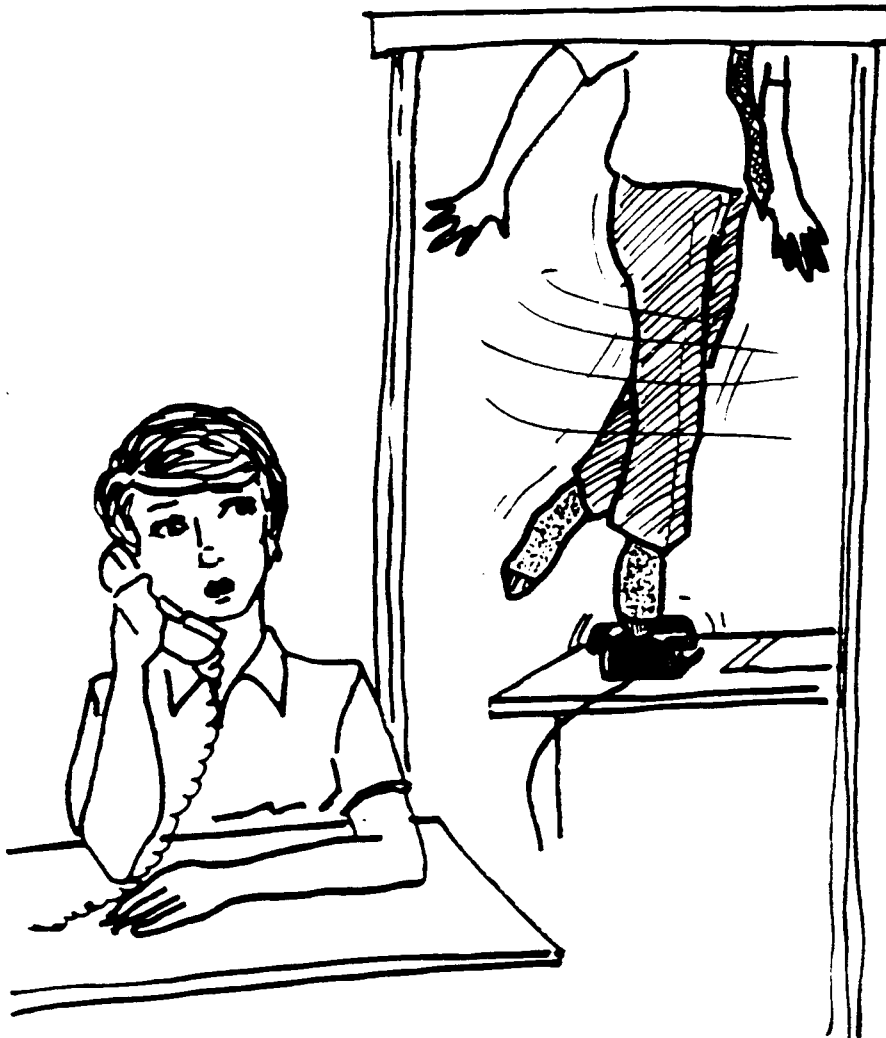
Funeral services will be held tomorrow at the D.C. Animal Shelter.

Computer Virus Warning

The World Bank is particularly prone to infection by computer viruses, according to a joint MED/ITF study. The study urges all staff members to exercise safe computing, and to cover their work stations with condoms.

"The best protection against computer viruses is still abstinence," states the study, "but the reality of the modern Bank precludes this type of protection. Thus, the only recourse is to educate the Bank staff and urge them to take proper precautions."

Staff traveling on mission with portable computers are urged to exercise even greater care.



AnswerLine

The purpose of this column is to answer questions of broad interest concerning the Bank/IFC's policies and procedures. Please send us your name and room number so that we can send you the answer if we like your question, and track you down and shoot you if we don't. Your name will not be submitted to the manager from whom an answer is sought, unless you'd get fired if he or she knew who was asking the question. An anonymous question can only be answered if you enclose \$100 cash. Send your questions to: AnswerLine, The Bank's Wordy, Box 21, Walla Walla, WA 90909.

Question: I went to the Benefit Travel Office to schedule a vacation I want to take, and they told me to go to a travel agent. I'm American so I'm ineligible for home leave. Why can't they help me?

Answer: Don't knock it until you try it. I spent all of last August with my family in the American Express Office at 1919 F Street NW, and we had a terrific time. This summer, we plan to go to a travel agent in Falls Church for five weeks, and my wife and I will take a points trip to Travel Express in Georgetown in late May. It really is a great way to take a vacation, although we haven't been able to get too much of a tan. *Jacobus A. Van Den Berg, Chief, GSDTS*

Question: Why is everything in the Weekly Bulletin underlined? It makes it hard to read.

Answer: It looks fine to me. *Moralina F. George, Editor, Weekly Bulletin*

Question: The Bank wastes thousands of dollars and tons of paper each year when staff photocopy personal material. Why aren't we more aggressive trying to stop this behavior?

Answer: We have tried. In 1988, we tested a policy in an Africa Agriculture division whereby a security guard pistol-whipped anyone using the division's xerox machine to copy personal material. Unfortunately, after five days, 61% of the division

was in the hospital, two missions were cancelled, and a \$40 million irrigation project was delayed three months. After careful review of these test results by our own staff and by a panel of outside consultants, we decided not to implement the policy. We are, however, considering several other approaches suggested in the consultant study, including the attachment of X-ray emitters to each photocopier that would render the operator sterile. *Richard Lynn, Director, GSD*

Question: What is the difference between personnel documents marked "Confidential" and personnel documents marked "Strictly Confidential"?

Answer: Sorry, internal policies prevent me from releasing any personnel information except on a strict need-to-know basis. *William J. Cosgrove, Vice President, PER*

Question: I want to know more about my colleague, John Hein. I don't like the way he has been looking at me.

Answer: Careful review of Mr. John Hein's personnel file reveals the following information: Mr. Hein currently earns \$38,229.14 per annum as a long-term consultant. He is 52 years old, British, married with three children, and lives in a house in Bethesda that he purchased in 1983 for \$179,500. Mr. Hein also owns a condo in Silver Spring. As of April 1, 1989, he has 30.5 days of annual leave accrued. In 1985 he received a satisfactory performance review, but for all other years since entry-on-duty on November 1, 1979, he received above-average or outstanding evaluations. Mr. Hein lost an appeal in 1982 when he petitioned the Bank to pay for health benefits for his dependent mother. His health is excellent, although Mr. Hein and his wife received eight hours of marital counseling from a Potomac psychologist in May-June, 1985. His eldest was arrested for drunkenness during a fraternity outing in 1987, but the other two children have no criminal record. *William J. Cosgrove, Vice President, PER*

Question: Do you have any picks in the fourth race at Pimlico tomorrow?

Answer: Skip-a-Donut. Take Condominium Comic and Arbee's Ticket for the Exacta. I would also recommend 215 in the D.C. Lotto Pick 3 for this Monday, and sell any IBM stock you might own. *D. Joseph Wood, Vice President, Financial Policy and Risk Management*

Question: Does the AnswerLine editorial staff ever make up the questions that get printed? Some of them, like this one, are incredibly inane, pointless, and of little use to your general readership.

Answer: To our knowledge, yours is the only AnswerLine question ever composed by our own editors. The rest are legitimate questions from Bank staff. *Jill Roessner, Editor, AnswerLine*

Question: A hemispheric water tank that has a radius of 10 feet is being pumped out. How much work is done in lowering the water level from 2 feet below the top of the tank to 4 feet below the top of the tank given that the pump is placed at the top of the tank?

Answer: Obviously, a cross-section x feet from the top of the tank is a disk that has a radius of the square root of 100 minus x squared. Its area is thus pi times 100 minus x squared. Since water weighs approximately 62.5 pounds per cubic foot, to find the work we must find the integral from 2 to 4 feet of 62.5 pounds per cubic foot times pi times x times 100 minus x squared, which equals 33.750 pi foot pounds, or approximately 106,000 foot pounds. It's much easier to use a siphon. *G. David Nerdly, Hydraulic Engineer, LACIE*

Question: Knock, knock?

Answer: Who's there? *Gul Able, Division Chief, EM4CO*

Question: Boo.

Answer: Boo who? *Gul Able, Division Chief, EM4CO*

Question: I'm sorry I made you cry.

Weekly Bull

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SWIMSUIT EDITION

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES

Mr. Jones-Smith will not return.
Ms. Hecorochin is traveling and will return on, near, within a few days of, approximately, or about April 2.
Mr. Ben-Luri will return at 10:57 a.m. on April 3.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

Travel plans and acting assignments are as follows:

<u>Vice President/ Department Director</u>	<u>Destinations</u>	<u>Departure/ Return to Office</u>	<u>Acting Assignment</u>
Mr. Arastasi	Burger King	4/1 (lunch)	Tom Cruise
Mrs. Banshee	Anchorage, Zaire, Tokyo, Hidden Valley, Pa., Seoul, Barbados, Berlin, Chile, Lubbock, Tx., Morocco, Manila, Williamsburg, Va., Thailand, Peru	4/1-2	Robin Givens

VISITORS FROM OTHER PLANETS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Ext.</u>
Dr. Spock, Vulcan	4/1-4/2	J-10-221	30001
E.T.	4/3	J-10-221	30001
Alf	4/1	D-3-221	75431

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STAFF CHANGES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Position/Dept.</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
S. Corolors	United States	Economist/FRM	Male	Female

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weak Batteries. The owner of a blue 1983 VW Rabbit with Virginia tag MKP-519 should return to the D-building garage (level 2). Your lights are on.

Clean-up of Spills. Staff who spill liquids are reminded that as of April 1, the procedure for initiating clean-ups changed due to the reorganization of the ITF Facilities function and the resulting establishment of the Spill Clean-up Division (ITFSC). Coffee spills require Form 2251, Clean-up of Coffee Spills. Tea spills require Form 2252, Clean-up of Tea Spills. All other liquids should be cleaned up by the staff member using the highly absorbent Form 2253, Sponge. Forms 2251, 2252 and 2253 are available from stockrooms. Form 1554 is obsolete and should not be used. Requests submitted with Form 1554 will be met with swift, brutal retribution.

Renovations. Buildings A, B, C, and F are closed indefinitely effective today due to renovation. ITF regrets any inconvenience.

French Bilingual Secretaries. The Support Staff Recruitment Unit, Employment Programs, is looking for well-qualified French bilingual secretaries for a mission to West Africa. Applicants should have a Ph.D. in economics, fifteen years' experience in the Bank, and fluency in Esperanto. Natural beauty, while not a requirement, is desired. Interested staff should send a Personal History Form and a non-refundable application fee of \$50 (cash only -- no personal checks) to Rm. A-8097, marked "French Bilingual" in the upper right-hand corner, and then wait for my phone call. Note: if you mark your envelope in any of the other three corners, or on the reverse side, your application may be delayed by several months.

Electricity Shut-off. The power in the I-building will be off from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 3 through Friday, April 7, to perform routine maintenance on the heating and air conditioning systems.

Elevator Repairs. J-building and D-building annex elevator use is suspended indefinitely following an accident yesterday whereby an Africa Technical Department economist was longitudinally bisected by rapidly closing doors. ITF regrets any inconvenience, and joins MED in urging staff to use the stairs.

Non-Meeting. The Apathy Committee of the Staff Association will not meet for the seventeenth consecutive year. Staff are reminded that to not be on the Apathy Committee, they must inform the Staff Association in writing.

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SEMINARS

"A Revolutionary Model of Land-Use Management, Seeding, and Irrigation Techniques Around Feed Grain Silos Near an International Airport a Few Kilometers Away From a Major Four-Lane Paved Highway Adjoining a Trunk-Line Railroad Servicing a Major Port in Cities With Poorly Funded Education Programs; The Health and Human Resources Approach to Livestock": Saturday, April 1, noon to 2 p.m., Rm. N-11-432. An elegant seven course lunch panel sponsored by the World Bank Interdisciplinary Society. Black tie.

"Stress -- Coping With The S-Word": Saturday, April 1, 3 to 4 p.m., Eugene Black Auditorium. Doors will be closed -- and locked -- promptly at 3:05 p.m. and will not be opened until 4 p.m. under any circumstances.

TRAINING AND MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

The following training activities are open to all Bank staff (unless otherwise indicated) and are sponsored, co-sponsored, co-co-sponsored, or presented with the remote knowledge of PERTM:

Twister for division chiefs and above, every Thursday at noon at the I-building Exercise Room.

"Words for Nerds Workshop:" Saturday, April 1, 3 p.m., Rm. C-4040. Intended for computer programmers who have to communicate in writing no matter how hard they work to avoid it.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

PC Pressure Points: Saturday, April 1, 11 a.m., N-3031. A brief seminar on how to inflict very large damage on your work station using a very small paper clip. Sponsor: ITF Customer Service.

REPORTS/DOCUMENTS/PUBLICATIONS

Staff Announcements: 1945-present. A compendium of announcements of senior appointments throughout the Bank's history. Available in hieroglyphics and Latin only. Individual pages suitable for framing. Free. Stock Number 1.

Staff Rules. One page, mimeographed. Free. Stock Number 1239.

Exceptions to Staff Rules. Nineteen volumes, bound. \$799.95. Stock Number 431.

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TRAVEL

Hotel Reservations. If you are traveling and plan to spend the night in any given location, the World Bank Travel Office advises you to make hotel reservations. For further information, call Ext. 73926.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Stoning. There will be a stoning in the Main Complex Courtyard at 1 p.m. today. Brown bag lunch. Sponsor: World Bank Geology Club.

United Way Benefit. The Joint World Bank/IMF Knitting Club has challenged the newly formed World Bank Fiber Arts Club (formerly the World Bank Knitting Club) to a "knit-to-the-death" contest on April 1 at 3 p.m. in the E-building lobby. United Way gets 10% of all bets wagered. The winning organization will be declared the undisputed knitting champion of the international lending community. Due to the behavior of spectators at a similar event last month at UNESCO, all cross-stitch paraphernalia, crochet hooks, and darning needles will be confiscated at the door. Sponsor: The Joint IFC/MIGA Fiber Arts/Knitting Club.

WORLD BANK VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Hangar Club Outing. Husband on mission? The van leaves for the Hangar Club every Tuesday night at 6 p.m. from the F-building entrance. Contact: Joanne Garrity, Rm. I-1-172, Ext. 61247.

VAN POOL

