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## A Trip To Israel

# Holy Land Homecoming

How best to describe the modern state of Israel? Center Public Relations Manager, Vernice Pere puts it this way: "Think of the Old Testament story of David and Goliath. Israel today is young David. Surrounded by giants, this small country is determined to take its destiny in its own hands-- and like David, throw the first stone before the giant can gather his wits.

Vernice was in Jerusalem when Israel recently bombed the French atomic site in Iraq. She reports that while the news excited Israelis, it was not given the excess of news coverage that the American media gave it.

"In Jerusalem, the man-in-the-street is

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Photo by Vernice Pere

## Doe Horomona



Photo by Earl Millham

Doe Horomona, assistant Chief of the Maori Village, has become a familiar face in Polynesia where his distinctive expressions are seen on virtually every poster, brochure and advertisement put out by the Center.

## Employee Of The Month

"I've seen that face somewhere before!!" That is the face of Doe Horomona, Cultural Presentations Division Employee of the Month for July. Doe has the honor of being chosen as the first Employee of the Month from the Cultural Presentations Division.

Doe has been working at the Center since 1975 where he started as a Maori village demonstrator and night show performer. He has also worked as a canoe pageant model, and is presently the assistant chief of the Maori Village working with Chief Cleo Smith. He has held the position of assistant chief since 1977.

Doe was chosen as Employee of the Month according to Cultural Presentations Administrators because he is an outstanding worker, always around when you need help. He has an outstanding work record

and is reported to be extremely outgoing, radiant, cheerful, jovial and exemplifies the Aloha Spirit. Doe's time at the Center has been an unequaled history of volunteer service above and beyond his normal work duties. He is concerned with serving every individual that comes into the Center.

Doe and his wife will both complete their studies at BYU soon and plan to return to New Zealand to work in their professional fields.

"The Center has been a power of strength to me in portraying my culture to those who come." Doe feels that he has always kept a positive attitude and by doing so the rough times and hard work don't bother him. "Through the Center and the Church I have had many opportunities for leadership. With a positive attitude, nothing is impossible."

Congratulations Doe!!!

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politically astute, and he recognizes the necessary politics in the world's reaction to that bombing, however, he also perceives that no one else is going to defend his country for him and if he waits too long for others to act he may find himself once more enslaved.

History literally litters the countryside throughout Israel, and sacred sites are revered by three major religions. Hence, Jews, Christians, and Muslims from every nation journey to Jerusalem seeking spiritual enlightenment. "Personally, to walk the narrow alleys of the towns, the dusty, rock-strewn shepherds' fields of the countryside, and the quiet shores of the Sea of Galilee was like a homecoming. It was as if I had known these scenes all my life, and I felt, somehow, as if I belonged."

Commenting on how such a visit might affect a Mormon, Vernice explained: "The first Sunday I was home, I sat just three rows from the front in my ward. We were singing of Jerusalem, and at the thought of that city, I realized that the previous Sabbath I had actually been there. The priests were preparing the sacrament, the aroma of new bread was in the air, I could hear babies crying and people coughing, and small children shuffling in their seats. Suddenly, I was overwhelmed with the conviction that I was in the right place, -- that the gospel is, indeed, Christ's church restored, and that its roots lay in the Holy Land."

Vernice is preparing a photographic display of those roots that she hopes will go up in the new administration building very soon. She expresses feeling a responsibility to share all that she can of her visit in the hope that she can somehow repay the Provo organizers of the tour who invited her to join with



Photo by Vernice Pere

Jerusalem merchants display their wagons full of goods along the streets.

eighteen women from Utah, Colorado, and California in what turned out to be an extensive study-tour of both Old and New Testament events.

## PCC-siders!!! Championships!

Five seconds to go, with a tied up score!! Hiram Akina passed the ball to Dave Eads who makes the basket and breaks a 68-68 tie for the championship game of the season. Sound like BYU Seaside basketball?? Well not quite! It was the Area Basketball Tournament in the new Activity Center with a tough competition between PCC Maintenance team A and Hauula 3rd Ward in the final game. Maintenance team A soared to the championship with a 70-68 victory over Hauula. Members of the team included: Raymond Mariteragi, Paul Nihipali, Bill Casey, Clifton Alapa, Hiram Akina, Dave Eads, Frank Kamai, Carl Golden, Lyle Millham, and Duke Nihipali.

Champs of the B Division were the Da Hui team also primarily from the Maintenance department. They were victors in the final game over the Food Service team from the Gateway.

Other PCC teams reaching the semi-finals were Guides and Canoe teams.



## Fresh Produce Available

Fresh fruits and vegetables are available for sale from the BYU-HC Farm each week. These products are available only to BYU and PCC personnel and students (ID required). Order forms may be picked up from your department secretaries and must be returned with your order on Tuesday and Wednesday ONLY! Your order will be filled and sacked for you and may be picked up at the farm on Thursday between 2:30-4:30 p.m. If you forget to pick up your order you will be placed in a low priority list and may not receive your products.



Photo by Loni Manning



PCC friends help Cultural Education couple, Enoke and April Kaina, celebrate their wedding, Saturday at BYU-HC. Musicians from left to right are: Keith Awai, Cy Bridges, Bill Wallace, Jay Akoi, and Harry Brown.

# Thursday Night Special A First!

by Greg Tata

Last Thursday night was not the usual Thursday night in Laie. People drove, bicycled, and even walked their way to PCC to join in a fun-filled evening. Talent from Laie, Hauula, Honolulu, and California was brought together in The Thursday Night Special.

In the first of three Specials, our Laie talent included Keenan Kanahele, Maria Fonoimoana, Terry Napeahi, Justin Uale, Taran Erickson (9 years old), Ta'eloa Burke, Richard Peters, and Pania Murray. All shared talent, including singing, variety acts, and instrumental numbers, and all were very well prepared. Other acts, including the Sweet Peas from California and the popular Inoke Baravailala from Fiji, Jimmy Kane the local magician, and Edric Tapusoa a young classical pianist from California all performed well under the able emcee, Jack Uale.

A fantastic opener lured the audience with a full orchestra on stage under the leadership of Sione Tuitupou, with lights by Sione Pasi and sound under Solomon Kahawaii and Albert Peters. Laie came to life for two hours! When Paki Moeai made his debut to the splitting sounds of Gypsy Rose Lee, he was heard to say "Boy, if I knew that was the music my dress broke already..." Debonaire Jack Uale, with costume changes, jokes, and songs, was popular throughout the evening.

This reviewer felt strongly the nostalgia of an event held once more in the Old Theater-- complete with water curtain. It made for an evening that was completely entertaining.

The next show is expected to be even more spectacular. Those who wish to perform are advised that it is scheduled for July 30. Application forms are available from Albert Peters or Greg Tata. Effort will be made to see that local talent has priority. Deadline for application is July 17.

When the lights go on again and the orchestra beckons, check your calendars, -- it's probably a Thursday, and The Thursday Night Special time once more.

## New Appointments

### Molly Niumatalolo



Molly Niumatalolo, new Executive Secretary in the Corporate Administration Office, is long time employee of the Center.

Molly Niumatalolo has been appointed Executive Secretary in the Corporate Administration office. She will work directly with Carl Fonoimoana and Bob Guest.

A resident of Laie, Molly was educated at BYU-HC and also on the Provo campus. She is a Travel & Tourism major with a minor in Secretarial Studies.

Molly is a long-time employee of the Center, having worked as a hostess in the old dining lanai in 1978. Later she moved to the Snack Bar in 1979, and to the night show and canoe pageant in 1980. Her new responsibilities allow her to work with many of the managers and department heads as they meet with the administration, and Molly's courtesy and friendliness is welcome to them.

It is with a sense of gratitude that Molly says: "I have good feelings about the Center because of the education we can get as we work here. I have learned about my culture here." She also comments on the opportunities that students have here that are not available at other institutions: "At Provo it was really hard to find a job, -- in fact, I couldn't find one. I think the students here are lucky to have the Center provide work for them."

We congratulate Molly on her appointment, and wish her much aloha as she shares her personality and skills with all of us in her job.

### Logo Apelu



Photo by Loni Manning

Logo Apelu, secretary of the Cultural Presentations Division (Village Operations) displays his usual cheerful smile to all who pass by his desk.

Logo Apelu is the new secretary for Village Operations. He has been working in that position since May of this year, and was formerly with the Snack Bar as a supervisor.

Logo received his B.A. degree from BYU-HC in 1973 in the area of Business Education and is now studying for his Masters degree in Secondary Curriculum and Instruction at the U of H. He has also taught High School for 7 years at the Church College of Western Samoa.

His supervisors say that Logo is very efficient, works well and has a good rapport with everyone. He is a tremendous asset to the Village Operations staff. Welcome Logo!

## COMING SOON!! Bastille Day Tahitian Cultural Day Celebration

Saturday, July 18th, 1981  
in the  
Tahitian Village

Flag Raising Ceremony  
Food Carrying Races  
Basket Weaving  
Copra Husking  
Spear Throwing  
Top Spinning

**Food, Fun and More!!!**



## BYU-HC Calendar

### Friday, July 3rd

S.A. Extravaganza Activity  
the "Big Celebration"

Outdoor Movie

50¢-Hot Dog and Hamburger Plates  
Popcorn

Small Circle - 8 p.m.

### Saturday, July 4th

Movie

"Johnny Tremaine"

6:30 and 9:30 P.M.

Auditorium

### Wednesday, July 8th

Movie

"The Fortune Cookie"

6:30 and 9:30 o.m.

Auditorium

### Thursday, July 9th

Club Night

### Friday, July 10th

Ward Night

BYU Student, Faculty, Staff, or  
Guest cards are required for 9:30  
Movies and all Dances.

## Who Needs Johnny Miller?

The PCC Golf Tournament was  
held at Kuilima Thursday, June 25.  
Winners were as follows:

#### Low Net

1st Place: Vaiola Tavilili(66)  
Carl Foncimoana(66)

2nd Place: Elliot Ozu(68)  
Talaia Laumatia(68)

#### Low Gross

1st Place: Pili McFaul(77)  
Viola Tanilili(78)  
Elliot Ozu(82)

Longest Drive Contest winner was Ula  
Pua (330 yds.)Closest to the Hole  
winner was Pili McFaul(3.5 ft.)



"And inasmuch as ye shall keep my commandments, ye shall prosper, and ye shall be led to a land of promise; yea, even a land which I have prepared for you; yea a land which is choice above all other lands." 1 Nephi 2:20



From Nephi to the founding fathers to the presidents of our century, God-fearing men have seen America's promise and destiny in sure, uncluttered vision. In a history crowded with events of social and moral significance, it is required that an individual see with the eyes of the spirit in order to appreciate the role and influence of this land and people in its global perspective.

In our time prophets and presidents have declared the absolute need of righteousness among America's people. That this is a world need is not overlooked, but this nation is chosen of the Lord, and this land was held in reserve as a habitation of the righteous that the purposes of the Lord might be fulfilled.

These purposes are undeniably linked with the restoration and spreading of the gospel around the world. No other land or people on our globe has this destiny. The responsibility of the charge is very great, but its resultant blessings overwhelming.

We who reside in America today live just two decades away from the turn of another century. We enjoy the freedom and peace and prosperity that America, throughout her history, has always offered a world sadly lacking these things. Are we aware of the blessings we enjoy?

America allows us to kneel in prayer in our homes and churches and to freely worship the God of our choice. America gives us the opportunity of education in any field of endeavour we wish to pursue. America allows us the dignity of work, not by compulsion, but by our own desire, and we may decide for ourselves what work we will do.

We may prefer tacos, pizza, palusami, or apple pie and still be American. We may wear white shirt and tie, blue jeans, cowboy hat, or lavalava and still be American. We may live in New York, Chicago, Pago Pago, or Laie and be American. And we may speak with accents of Puerto Rican, Polish, or Portugese and still be understood as Americans.

Once a year we ponder the promise of this land and people, and the fourth of July then takes on a significance across the nation and around the world. There is nothing magical about either the number or the month, yet there is a glory in the combination! We review again the history of this nation, and feel, as always, the deep pride of patriotism and the security of belonging. We look about us at a world in need of God and his gospel and rededicate ourselves to the principles that make this nation great. If we understand our responsibilities, we will agree with Henry James who wrote "It's a complete fate, being American."

Thank God for a Land of Promise. Thank God for our place, however insignificant, within it. Thank God for America!

