



*Mother and daughter of the Zaqualpa Maya. El Quiche, Guatemala (see back cover).*

*(Tony Hoyt, Peace Corps/Guatemala 1974-75)*



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# 1992 INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR



# TUNISIA

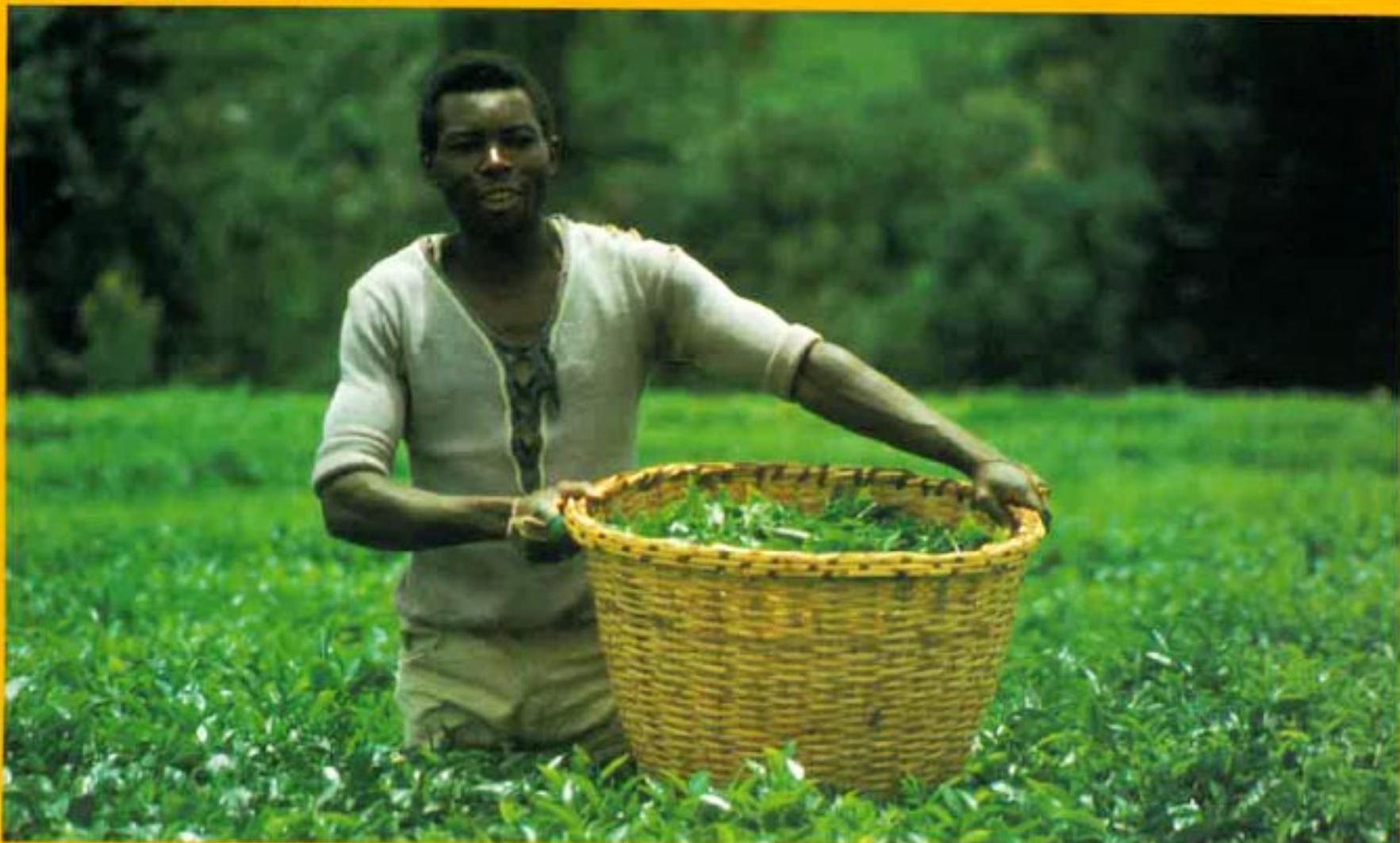


Ramadan is the holiest month of the year in the Islamic world, a time of repentance, sacrifice, forgiveness and charity. Everyone fasts during the day and feasts by night—usually at large gatherings of family and friends with endless courses of food, non-alcoholic drinks and sweets. Most cities are alive with cultural events and celebrations until the wee hours, before the call to prayer announces the arrival of the dawn. The night is a time of great joy, but for those who long for a jigger of black, syrupy coffee, a smoke, and a belly-full of cous-cous, the days are very long.

—Michael E. Jones

(Ramadan begins on 5 March this year.)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
To convert Universal/Greenwich Time (UT) to CST, subtract 6 hours.  Full Moon days are Buddhist holy days; and in (mainly Hindu) Nepal the draft animals get the day off.	TUNISIA: size of NY state; on Med. Sea, between Algeria & Libya. Harsh desert, tree-covered mtns, lovely coast. Rich in oil, phosphates, agriculture. Pop. 8M, mostly Islamic Arabs; 50% under 20. Life exp. 69yrs. GNP/cap \$1284. Capitol: Tunis. Indep. fr France, 1956. Republic, 4 major parties. A dense history, w/ many immigrations. Ulysses and Aeneas were beguiled here. 1500 PCVs, 1962 until the Gulf War, in ag, higher ed, English lang, and special ed.		<b>1</b>  New Year's Day Paradura del Niño Venezuela	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  St. Genevieve patron of secretaries & the fevered	<b>4</b> ● New Moon 23:10 UT ● Solar Eclipse* ☾ Meteor Showers*
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Christmas (Ethiopia)	<b>8</b>  African Nat'l Congress (founded, 1912)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>  Nat'l Handwriting Day John Hancock's b'dy (1757-93)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Martin Luther King's B'dy USA (obs. 20th) Día del Cristo Negro Guatemala	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
☾ Full Moon 21:28 UT <b>19</b>  Robert E. Lee (b'dy, 1807-70)	Holiday: ML King's b'dy (see 15th) <b>20</b>  Timkat (Epiphany) Ethiopia	<b>21</b>  St. Agnes Girl Scouts' patron	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Alacitas Bolivia (through 1/26)	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>  Republic Day/India	<b>27</b>  Australia Day (UK 1901)	<b>28</b>  José Martí (b'dy, 1853-1895) Cuban independence hero	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  ● Solar Eclipse (4 Jan) Annular: Phil. Is, for EAsia, Oceania, ne. Aust., w. NAM. ☾ Meteor Showers (4th) (Quadrantids) Look up at midnight	



# KENYA



Chai, perhaps you say Tea.

Two leaves, then a bud, one after the other, slowly fill the basket. Then it's carried afar, for fermentation and curing. Tea was borne first from the East, over the Silk Road. In East Africa, all gatherings are elevated when the hospitable brew is announced: "Karibu Chai."

— Henry Nehls-Lowe

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Black History Month Good reading: <i>My Life My Trees</i> , Richard S. Barbee Baker (Findhorn). Founded "Men of the Trees," and their Tree Planting Days.	RPCVs of Wisc. have developed a GLOBAL EDUCATION TEACHER'S MANUAL, which may be used independently, or in conjunction with this Calendar. The Manual, to be extended yearly, will focus on global themes and illustrative countries. The first unit deals with Traditional Women in Development, specifically in Lesotho. Next will probably be Deforestation and Nepal. Included are essays with background information, sample lesson plans, resource suggestions, and information on slide shows. For information, write us: RPCVs of Wisconsin, PO Box 1012, Madison WI 53701.			KENYA: 85% size of TX. On E.African coast, at Equator. Cap: Nairobi. Steppe, highland savannah, Great Rift Valley. Pop. 23.7M (105/sq.mi.), 4.1%/yr. (world's highest). Literacy 50% (83% attend prim. sch.) 17% farmers; 18% ind & commerce; 13% service; 50% public sector (sic). \$322/cap. Exports: coffee, tea, sisal. Gov't: one-party democracy. Lang's: Swahili (off.); English; many ethnic. Rel: Prot., Cath., Trad., Moslem. PC: 1965-present: ed, water systems, malaria research.		See 31 April Footnote <b>1</b> Lailat al Miraj Muhammad's ascent to Heaven Senegambia Day/Senegal
<b>2</b>	• New Moon 19:00 UT <b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
Yemanjá Day/Brazil (gift boats to the water Goddess) Candlemas Groundhog Day (USA)	Tibetan New Year Chinese New Year year of the monkey Tet (Viet Nam)				Independence Day Grenada (UK 1974)	Boy Scouts (USA) founded 1910
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
	St. Paul's Shipwreck Malta	Nelson Mandela released 1990 Cameroon Youth Day	Lincoln's Birthday USA (obs. 17th)		Valentine's Day	
<b>16</b>	Presidents' Day (see Feb 12,22) <b>17</b>	○ Full Moon 08:04 UT <b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
Independence Day Lithuania (1918)		Lantern Festival/Tibet Republic Day The Gambia (UK 1965)	Democracy Day/Nepal (they want some)	Martyrs' Day Bangladesh	Heroes' Day (Sandino, d1934 Malcolm X d1965)	Washington's Birthday USA (obs. 17th) Independence Day St. Lucia (UK 1967)
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
People Power Day Philippines (Marcos 1986) Republic Day Guyana (UK 1970)				Independence Day Dominican Republic (Haiti 1844)		

Derived from zebras, Kenya.

# FEBRUARY

Mbuki-mbuki (Bantu): to shuck off one's clothes in order to really dance. (Origin of "boogie-woogie")

# 1992

Daughter and mother coming from the well; Darbi Hore refugee camp, Northwest Region, Somalia. (Henry Nehls-Lowe, Peace Corps/Kenya, 1978-82)



# SOMALIA



The Darbi Hore camp shelters ethnic Somalis seeking refuge from the government in Ethiopia.

The brush of the hills has been stripped for fire and forage, and the dust hues all color to browns. Flashes of red and yellow buckets mark people's progress up the dry watercourse from the well.

Buckets full of water perch on heads, splashing over the brim. Droplets tumble and arc to earth, making warm puddles of mud.

The end of a day in the Ogaden desert, and a long hot path from the well, lead to a quenching drink once at home.

— Henry Nehls-Lowe

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March is Women's History Month <b>1</b>	See 31 April Footnote <b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	• New Moon 13:22 UT <b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Peace Corps est. 1961 Yap Day	Aduwa Day /Ethiopia (defeats Italy, 1896)	Carnaval (last day) all Latin countries Mahashiva Rastri /Nepal Martyrs' Day /Malawi	Ash Wednesday Constitution Day USA (1789; read it)	Ramadan/Islam fasting begins	Independence Day Ghana (UK 1957)	
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
International Women's Day	Baron Bliss Day Belize (left his fortune to the people of Belize)	Tibetan Uprising Day (against China, 1959; but genocide continues)		Moshoeshoe's Day Lesotho (1786? 1870; united Basotho nation) Girl Scouts founded 1912		
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	☉ Full Moon 18:18 UT <b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	Equinox* <b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
		St. Patrick's Day Joseph of Arimathea (patron of tin & working travelers)	Holi/Nepal	Purim Republic Day/Sierra Leone Swallow Day/California	Afghan New Year Independence Day Tunisia (France 1956)	Benito Juárez' b'dy (Mexico, 1806-72) see 5 May Wet Stone Day/Canada New Year/India (1914)
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
Arab League Day	Youth Day/China Nat'l Hol./Pakistan	Oscar Romero Day El Salvador (d. 1980) Freedom Day Malta (UK 1964)	Lailat ul Qadr/Islam Independence Day Greece (Turks 1821)	Ind. Day Bangladesh (Pakistan 1971)	African Liberation Day Resistance Day Burma (WWII)	
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	Good feminist reporting. <i>Sisterhood is Global</i> , Robin Morgan, 1984. Splendid anthology by activist women from around the world  * Vernal Equinox 20 March 8:47 UT to convert Universal Time to CST, subtract 6 hours		SOMALIA: on Horn of Africa; size of Texas but 1/2 the people. Pop. 8.75 M; 3.2%/yr (db); 22 yrs; half under 20). 55% lit; life exp 53; GNP/cap \$119. All are ethnic Somalis & Sunni Muslims. Cap: Mogadishu. Nomads, w/ growing urbanization. Resource-poor. Very proud & militant society. Former Ital. col.; Africa's oldest functioning democracy until 1969 mil. coup; now overthrown. 418 PCVs, 1962-70; mainly ed.	
	New Year/Indonesia					

Floral pattern detail from cloth, Somalia.

# MARCH

*Berrieh* (Yiddish): an extraordinarily energetic, talented, competent woman.

# 1992



# BRAZIL



Smiles from Africa, Europe, Asia and the Americas. Brazil, the great melting pot, where different ethnic groups from around the world have intermingled and intermarried since the Portuguese first set foot in Paradise.

It was moving day for me. I was moving five doors down and the enthusiastic, self-appointed movers were ready to join in.

In spite of well-laid plans, the event became an ants-at-a-picnic spectacle with toothbrushes and books being individually escorted down the street.

Privacy, I was surprised to learn, is not universally desired. In my neighborhood, children were everywhere and individual homes were simply an extension of the shared community.

—Brent McNabb

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Magical reading: <i>Tent of Miracles</i> , Jorge Amado. Lovely evocation of Salvador, Bahia; and of the religion of Candomblé.	<b>BRAZIL:</b> vaster than US 48. Cap: Brasilia. Tropical, sub-trop. N: Amazon; lush Coast; S. Inland: plains; NE: cattle & droughts. Huge natural wealth; huge inequalities. Pop: 150M; 2%/yr (dbl:35yr); 46/mi <sup>2</sup> ; 47% under 19; 79% lit.; life exp. 69 yrs; GNP/cap: \$2250. World-class music. Remarkable cities. Major prob's: the wealthy, their military. Govt: multi-party democ. Lang: sweet Portuguese. Rel: Cath., Candomblé. 4220 PCVs, '62-81; ag, bus, ed, health.	See April 31 footnote	<b>1</b> April Fool's Day	<b>2</b> Children's Book Day	• New Moon 5:01 UT <b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Id al Fitr/Islam Nat'l Day/Senegal (France 1960) Children's Day/China
<b>5</b> Daylight Saving Time begins (spring forward) Spring Festival/China	<b>6</b> Chakri Day Thailand (dynasty founded)	<b>7</b> World Health Day	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Martyrs' Day/Tunisia	<b>10</b> Chait Dusala/Nepal	<b>11</b> Holocaust Remembrance Day Juan Santamaria Day Central America (defeats Walker invasion, 1860)
<b>12</b> Palm Sunday	<b>13</b> New Year/Thailand New Year/Nepal (2049)	<b>14</b> Independence Day Chad (France 1962)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> de Diego's B'dy Puerto Rico (1867)	○ Full Moon 4:42 UT <b>17</b> Good Friday	<b>18</b> Passover (to 25th)
<b>19</b> Easter	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Kartini Day/Indonesia her b'dy (towards women's emancipation)	<b>22</b> Earth Day Secretary's Day	<b>23</b> Peppercorn Day Bermuda (1816) St. George's Day England, Syria	<b>24</b> Arbor Day Independence Day Togo (France 1958) Arbor Day (USA)	<b>25</b> Remembrance Day Papua New Guinea Liberty Day Portugal (fr. Salazar, 1974)
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Tourist day/Philippines (Magellan killed, 1521) Independence Day Sierra Leone (UK 1961)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Walpurgis Night ward off spooks (Europe)	<b>HOLIDAY NOTES:</b> Ind. Day USA (UK 1776) means "independence from the United Kingdom (England) in 1776" b'dy = birthday d = died New Year/Nepal (2049) = by their calendar.	<b>RE: COUNTRY DATA</b> PCV = Peace Corps Vol. ag(riculture), ed(ucation), bus(iness) Stats are in descending order. M = million. %/yr = pop. growth. Life exp: of fem. C. S. Am = Central, South America. Xian = Christian. RC, Prot = RCatholic, Protestant

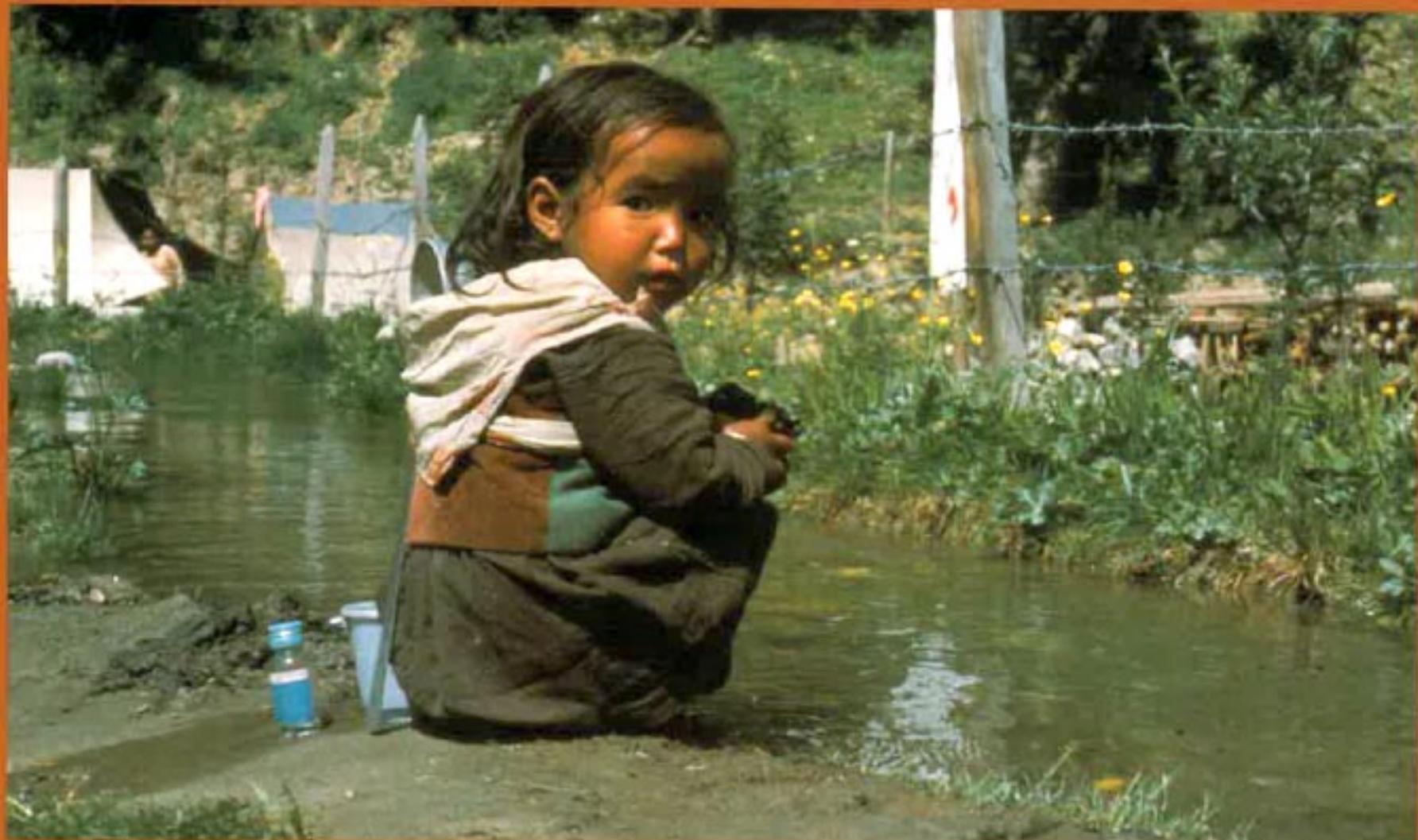
Diamond pattern representing fish scales, Aucto, Brazil.

# APRIL

Saudade (Brazilian Portuguese; sau-DA-jee): yearning nostalgia for the irretrievably lost: a departed friend, a vanished time, one's home across the ocean.

# 1992

Tibetan refugee girl, Himachal Pradesh, India  
John Ashbaugh, Peace Corps/India, 1969-70)



# INDIA



When my Krishna was born, lamps lit up,  
And all was light.  
The mother's lap now has a child to play in it.  
I shall have a sandalwood tree cut,  
To make a cradle for my little ruby.  
I shall decorate it with silk strands,  
And as Vasudeva and Devki come and go,  
They shall swing it back and forth.

(Song sung at childbirth, condensed)

— John Ashbaugh

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
"Respect for the rights of others is the beginning of Peace." B. Juarez, 1867 (see 5 May, 22 March)	INDIA (BHARAT): size 40% of US 48. Indian sub-continent, tropical to near arctic; vast variety of everything. Pop: 785M; 612/m <sup>2</sup> ; 2.1%/yr. Life exp. 52. Lit. 36%. 78% rural. Rel's: Hindu, Moslem, Xian, Sikh, Lang's: 16 major; off.: Hindi & Eng. World's largest democracy. Cap: New Delhi (5.2M); also Calcutta, Bombay, many others. Most are peasant farmers; much industry & mining; extensive rail system. Very ancient civilization. 4400 PCVs 1961-76, in ag., ed., health, nutrition.		TIBET: Buddhist country n. of Himalayas; 1/3 size of U.S. Av. alt 16,600 ft. Cap: Lhasa. Herding, farming. Formerly a world center of Buddhism, was invaded by China in 1950; has since endured ferocious genocide, cultural extirpation, nuclear pollution. Pop: now 6M Tibetans (& 1.2M killed by China, 1 10,000 refugees); 7.5M imported Chinese. The Dalai Lama, Tibet's spiritual leader, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989.		1 May Day International Labor Day	2 New Moon 17:44 UT  Education Day Indonesia
3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo/Mexico (defeats France, 1867)	6	7	8  Red Cross Day	9
10 Mothers Day Constitution Day Fed. States of Micronesia	11 Procrastination Week (was last week)	12	13	14 Independence Day Paraguay (Spain 1811)	15	16 Full Moon 16:03 UT  Wesak (the Buddha's birth, death, Enlightenment)
17 Constitution Day Norway	18	19	20 Unification Day Republic of Cameroon	21	22	23
24/31 Battle of Pichincha (24h) Ecuador (w/ Spain 1822)	25 IND. Day/Argentina Memorial Day USA (obs.) Africa Day	26 Windmill Day/Netherlands	27 Children's Day/Nigeria	28 St. Bernard of Montjoux Switzerland (climb, with a dog)	29 Founder's Day/Peace Corps JF Kennedy b'dy/ (1917-Nov. 22, '63)	30

Floral pattern fabric print, India.

# MAY

*dharma bakti* (Sanskrit/Indonesian): volunteer work done for one's country or the world, which is part of one's spiritual development.

# 1992



# TONGA



Fishing is a major occupation in the Kingdom of Tonga, where imported food is expensive. This Pacific island nation consists of about 40 islands; these offer safe harbors for ships and good fishing to fortify feast tables for weddings, birthdays, and other special events. Because the islands of Vava'u are spread out, travel by boat is the only way for many people to get to the markets at Neiafu.

The island groups of Vava'u, Ha'apai, and Tongatapu are served by two boats; each makes a trip throughout the islands once a week. Quicker, but more expensive, are the airplanes which fly among the islands daily.

— Carrie Loranger

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>*Summer Solstice (21st) 3:14 UT (=20th, 21:14 CST)</p> <p>● Part. Lunar Eclipse (15th) s&amp;w of Africa, far sw Europe; N&amp;SAm (not nw or far n)</p> <p>● Total Solar Eclipse (30th) SAm (not nw, far s); w&amp;sw Africa</p>	<p>● New Moon 03:57 UT</p> <p><b>1</b></p> <p>Independence Day Western Samoa (UK 1962) Victory Day/Tunisia</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Genghis Khan b'dy Mongolia (1162-1227)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Ascension Thursday Ind. Day/Tonga (UK 1970)</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Mayan Calendar begins, 8498 BC World Environment Day</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Pentecost Shavuot Nat'l Holiday Chad (France 1960)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Saint Anthony's Day Guatemala (Coen patron)</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Camões Day/Macao (Portugal's poet, d 1580)</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Id al Hajj/Islam pilgrimage time</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>King Kamehameha Day Hawaii Peace w/ Bolivia Day Paraguay (Chaco War, 1935)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>
<p><b>14</b></p>	<p>○ Full Moon 04:50 UT</p> <p>● Lunar Eclipse*</p> <p>Day of Universal Prayer Tibet</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Children's Day/Indonesian Independence Day Iceland (Denmark 1944)</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Peace Day Picnic Day</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Juiceenth/USA (Emancipation: the news gets to Texas, 1865)</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>
<p>Solstice* 3:14 UT</p> <p><b>21</b></p> <p>Fathers' Day USA</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Midsummer Night's Eve</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>St. John's Day Latin America, Europe (summer's high pause: bonfires, country dances)</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>The Greasy Grass (Custer &amp; the Lakota, 1876) Ind. Day/Mozambique (Portugal 1975)</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>
<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Independence Day Seychelles (UK 1976)</p>	<p>● New Moon 12:18 UT</p> <p>● Solar Eclipse*</p> <p><b>30</b></p> <p>Independence Day Zaire (Belgium 1960)</p>	<p>Imelda Day go barefoot</p>	<p>Another book: <i>The Last Navigator</i>, Stephen Thomas 1987. On the impressive intricacies of Polynesian navigation.</p>	<p>KINGDOM of TONGA: in w. South Pacific, e. of Fiji. 169 islands, 45 inhabited. 270 mi<sup>2</sup>(size of NY city). Pop. 104,000, 353/sq mi, 2%/yr. Lang: Tongan, Eng; Rel: Prot, Cath. Lit: 93%. Half are farmers. Govt: constitutional monarchy; cap: Nuku'alofa(22,000). 1100 PCVs, 1967-present, mainly in ed.</p>	

Tapu cloth, wood block print, Tonga.

# JUNE

Njèpi (Balinese; an-YEH-pa) a holiday on which everyone is silent.

# 1992



# GUATEMALA



My wife and I lived in Joyabaj, deep in the Mayan highlands. We hiked to different mountain hamlets, where we worked with school and family garden projects. The Maya have no tradition of terracing, because they were lowland farmers until the rich plantation families forced them off their lands and into the mountains, where soil erosion is a major problem. We helped introduce raised garden beds that were terraced with the hill's contours. The basic farming tool is the long-handled hoe (*azadón*). This first cultivation was very laborious: the beans in the foreground are coming up, while the upper section is yet to be planted.

— Tony Hoyt

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Hitchhiking Month	<b>GUATEMALA:</b> size of Tenn. Pop 9M, 2.4%/yr (fast). 55% Mayan Indian (23 lang's.); Rel: 75% RC, 25% Fund. Prot. GNP/cap: \$825 (mainly ag.). Gross inequities & injustices, racism, overpop. Rapid destruction of trop. rainforest (1/3 of country). Ferocious mil. control since CIA coup of 1954. The Mayan heartland, w/ an old civilization; strong, handsome understated people. 2000 PCVs, 1963-now: ag, conserv., health, sm. bus.		<b>1</b> Independence Day Burundi, Rwanda (UK 1962) Canada Day (UK 1867)	<b>2</b> Muharram begins Islamic New Year (1413) Family Day/Lesotho	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Independence Day USA (UK 1776) Crab Nebula supernova 1054 AD
<b>5</b> Independence Day Venezuela (Spain 1811) Algeria (France 1962)	<b>6</b> Dalai Lama B'dy Tibet/1935 Independence Day Malawi (UK 1964)	<b>7</b> Independence Day Solomon Islands (UK 1978)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Ind. Day (again) Argentina (Spain 1816)	<b>10</b> Independence Day Bahamas (UK 1973)	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Umhlanga (Reed Dance) Day/Swaziland Independence Day/São Tome & Príncipe (Portugal 1975)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> ○ Full Moon 19:06 UT	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Muñoz Rivera B'dy Puerto Rico (fought Spain)	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Triumph of the Revolution Nicaragua (Somoza 1979)	<b>20</b> Independence Day Colombia (Spain 1810)	<b>21</b> Schnecker Day French West Indies (ally of slaves)	<b>22</b> Mary Magdalene's Day Marseilles King Sobhuza's B'dy Swaziland (1899)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Bolívar's B'dy (1783-30) Ecuador, Venezuela	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Ind. Day/Liberia (1847) Cuban Revolution begins (Batista 1953)	<b>27</b> Independence Day Maldives (UK 1965)	<b>28</b> Independence Day Peru (Spain 1821)	<b>29</b> ● New Moon 19:35 UT	<b>30</b> Ind. Day/Vanuatu (UK & France 1980)	<b>31</b>	USA statistics: US 48: 3,026,000 mi <sup>2</sup> Total Pop: 240M; 0.6%/yr. 64/mi <sup>2</sup> , 79% urban Life exp. 72m 79 female. GNP/cap \$13,450.

Horse motif from woven blanket, Momostenango/San Cristóbal region, Guatemala.

# JULY

*Tashinamu* (Japanese): to privately devote oneself to a cause or project.

# 1992

Kpelle Elder, Zuenta, lower Nimba County, Liberia.  
(Tony Hoyt, Peace Corps/Liberia, 1967-69. Photo taken 1979.)



# LIBERIA



I lived and worked in Toweh Town, lower Nimba County, among the Gio people, in a countryside rich with food, culture and resources. Liberians are among the most fun-loving, peaceful people in the world. Their culture is infused with the rhythms of music and life. They palaver (argue, discuss, dispute) better than anyone. And in two years there I never once saw physical violence between adults.

But power and wealth were concentrated in a narrow ruling elite, with much injustice and abject poverty. In 1990 this provoked a year-long civil war, rife with tribalism and many horrors. Liberia was ravaged; all infrastructure was destroyed, thousands of children starved, half the people were displaced.

Now peace of a sort has returned, and the long rebuilding has begun.

(The "Friends of Liberia" (PO Box 28098, Washington DC 22238) has been an invaluable source of information and relief effort.)

— Tony Hoyt

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
☾ Meteor Showers (12th) (Perseids) look up at midnight	How about this one: <i>Divine Horsemen: the living gods of Haiti, Maya Deren.</i> A superb description of Voodoo, the West African/Christian/Indian religion. Full of insight based on direct participation.	HELP US, for future Calendars. Please send us slides (duplicates only); good stories or other text, corrections or additions to holidays; general suggestions.  RPCVs of WI/Madison PO Box 1012 Madison WI 53701		LIBERIA: In West Africa, size of Ohio. Tropical rain forests. Pop: 2.5M, w/ .5M in Monrovia (cap.). Life exp 56yrs. 9 main tribes, 26 lang.s (English official). Rel: Xtnty, Islam, traditional. Slash-and-burn ag. the main livelihood. A garden. Great natural wealth (esp iron ore, lumber). Recent catastrophic civil war, due to all wealth in a few hands; all is still unsettled. By nature, the most caring, loving people. 4000 PCVs, 1962-90: fish, trees, ed.		1  Lammas/Britain (first fruits) Parent's Day/Zaire
2  Emancipation Day St Lucia, St Vincent, Turks & Caicos (UK 1979)	3  Independence Day Trinidad, Tobago (UK 1962) Niger (France 1960)	4  Emancipation Day Jamaica (UK 1962) Natl. Hol./Burkina Faso	5  Discovery Day Trinidad, Tobago (1498) "the earthly Paradise" (Columbus)	6  Transfiguration Day Ind. Day/Bolivia (Spain 1825) Hiroshima Day	7	8
9  Nat'l Day/Singapore	10  Independence Day Ecuador (Spain 1822)	11  Heroes' Day/Zimbabwe	☾ Meteor Showers* 12  Queen's Birthday Thailand	☉ Full Moon 10:27 UT 13  Mooncake Day/China Women's Day/Tunisia	14  Independence Day Pakistan (UK 1947)	15  Ind. Day/India (UK 1947) Assumption Day Mother's Day/Costa Rica
16  Day of the Child Paraguay	17  Independence Day Indonesia (Holland 1945)	18  Independence Day Gabon (France 1960) Quezon Day/Philippines	19	20	21  Behe'/Ethiopia	22
23/30	24/31  Solidarity founded (31st) Poland 1980	25  Independence Day Uruguay (Brazil 1825)	26	27	☾ New Moon 02:42 UT 28	29

Carved detail from wooden ceremonial soup spoon, Liberia.

# AUGUST

Palayi (Bantu): a large clawed nocturnal monster which scratches at the door, and which one ardently hopes is mythical.

# 1992

Brothers in their rural home, Honduras.  
(Deb Stapleton, Peace Corps/Honduras, 1985-87)



# HONDURAS



Bertolomé's sons brought me passionfruit to munch on, and to my surprise the toddler braved a shy glance without crying — blue eyes often frightened the little ones.

With a nine-year-old's pride the older boy shared his masterpiece: a slingshot he'd made from a branch, leather, and rubber bands. My first attempts sent the stones dangerously close to the chickens, and sent the brothers into fits of laughter. What patience he displayed as he taught me to shoot into the treetops!

— Deb Stapleton

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
* Autumnal Equinox 22 Sept, 18:45 UT (to convert UT to CST subtract 6 hours)		1  Primary Election Day (Wisconsin)	2	3  St. Marinus/San Marino	4	5  Tardy Day be late for something
6  Sombhlo Day Swaziland (Ind. fr UK 1966)	7  Labor Day/USA Independence Day Brazil (Portugal 1812)	8  International Literacy Day	9  Yam Festival/Ghana	10  Children's Day/Honduras Muhammad's b'd'y (570-632)	11  New Year/Ethiopia (1986)	12  ○ Full Moon 02:17 UT
13	14	15  Int'l Day of Peace (UN) Ind. Day/Central Am.; except Belize, of course	16  Ind. Day/Papua New Guinea (UK 1975) Mexico (Spain)	17	18  Independence Day Chile (Spain 1818)	19
20	21  Independence Day Belize (UK 1981)	Equinox* 22  Independence Day Mali (France 1960)	23	24  Establishment of the Rep. Guinea-Bissau (Portugal 1974)	25	• New Moon 10:40 UT 26
27  Maskal Day/Ethiopia (the True Cross found, and mountain daisies bloom)	28  Rosh Hashanah (begins) Teachers' Day/China Confucius' b'd'y (ca.551-479BC)	29  Michaelmas	30  Botswana Day (UK 1966)	HONDURAS: the size of Ohio, betw Caribbean & Pacific; Guatemala and El Salvador n & nw, Nicaragua s. Coast, jungle, desert, cloud forest, mtns, plantations. Very rural & laidback. Pop: 5.6M, mostly Mayan/Span.; 5% black. Langs: Spanish; some Indian, Black Caribe. Rel:94% RC. Life exp 65yrs; infant mort. 6.4%. Cap: Tegucigalpa; multi-party democ. Exports: bananas, coffee, shrimp, tobacco, mahogany, beef (US hamburgers). PC from 1962, in ag, sm bus, trees, animals. Honduras leads in PCV-host marriages.		

# SEPTEMBER

Glyph for Alautun, 9th of the known Mayan  
time periods, representing 23,040,000,000 days.

Ngarong (Dyaks of Borneo): a secret helper  
who appears in a dream.

# 1992



# PERU

Time stops for no one.

Cusco was once a holy city of the Inca; their conquerors built upon an indestructible foundation. The walled streets span 12 feet and seven hundred years.

Ancestors have become modern people coping in a world thrust upon them.

A strong people persevere through the march of time.

— Dave Atkinson



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☞ Meteor Showers (Orionids) 21 Oct (16th-27th) look up at midnight	Columbus Day reading: <i>Memory of Fire</i> , Galeano: since 1492; the actual Texts. Heart-breaking & noble. See 12th. <i>Rebellion in the Backlands, da Cunha</i> : superb yet un- known translation of <i>Ox Sertões</i> (see 5th).	PERU: western S Am, fr. equator south: big as Texas, NMex, Ariz. Great diversity, many climates: coastal deserts, Andes, rainy jungles. Pop: 21.5M, 2.1%/yr. 69% urban. GNP/cap \$1149. Coffee, cotton, sugar; mining; oil; huge fishing industry (anchovy livestock feed). Lit 87% Center of Inca civ.(1200-1532). Huge Indian pop (7.5M); lang's Spanish, Quechua (Inca) Aymara. Rel: over 90% RC. Democracy, w/ recurrent mil. coups. 2470 PCVs, 1962-75, in ag, ed, urban dev.	1	2	3	
Independence Day Lesotho (UK 1966)	Canudos Day Brazil 1897 ( <i>Ox Sertões</i> : their <i>Ilíad</i> )	Children's Day (UN)	Ind. Day/Nigeria (UK) Cameroon (UK, France) 1960	Gandhi's Birthday (and Groucho Marx) Independence Day Guinea (France 1958)	Foundation Day Korea (2333 BC) Germany Unified (1990)	
4	5	6	7	8	9	
Independence Day Lesotho (UK 1966)	Canudos Day Brazil 1897 ( <i>Ox Sertões</i> : their <i>Ilíad</i> )	Children's Day (UN)	Yom Kippur Kathen Festival begins (Buddhist)	Virgin de la Caridad patron of Cuba	Lef Ericsson Day Wisc., Minn. (1000) Independence Day Uganda (UK 1962)	Republic Day/Taiwan b'dy, Sun Yat Sen (1866-1925)
○ Full Moon 18:03 UT	12	13	14	15	16	
Dusshin ends/Nepal	Columbus Day (1492) the Invasion begins Oct.12 Sukkot (to 18th) Thanksgiving/Canada		Internat'l Day for Natural Disaster Reduction (U.N.)	Poetry Day	World Food Day (UN) Morazan Day/Honduras C. Am. Union (1823-38)	Dessalines Day Haiti (d.1806)
18	19	20	☞ Meteor Showers*	22	23	
Boos's Day (USA: not obs.)	Shmini Atzeret begins Heroes' Day/Jamaica	Revolution Day Guatemala (1944; lost 1954) Kenyatta Day/Kenya			Chulalongkorn Day Thailand (famous king)	United Nations Day
• New Moon 20:34 UT	26	27	28	29	30	
Daylight Savings time ends (fall back) Mother-in-law's Day	Ind. Day/Zambia (UK 1964)	Thanksgiving Day St Vincent (UK 1979) Tihar ends (Nepal)	National Day/Greece	National Day/Turkey		31
						Halloween (b'dy of Chiang Kai-shek) Reformation Day (1517)

Pelican motif from pre-Columbian carved gourd, Nazca culture, Peru.

# OCTOBER

# 1992

Ondionok (Iroquois): the benevolent impulses of  
one's deepest nature.

Roosters off to market, Pereira bus station, Colombia  
(Deb Stapleton, Peace Corps/Honduras, 1985-87)



# COLOMBIA



## Peruvian Chicken and Rice Pilau

Marinate fresh or leftover chicken pieces in lime juice, 1/2 hr., w/ salt and pepper to taste (tough roosters need more time.) Sauté onions, & garlic (a bunch), & rice. Add boiling water with tomatoes. Proceed normally. 15 min. before rice is done, add the chicken. Five min. later, add peas, and diced carrots. Fall to.

— Char Kalsow-Thompson, PC/Chile 1969-71

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1

All Saints' Day

2

All Souls' Day  
Day of the Dead  
visit the cemetery

3

Election Day/USA  
Independence Day  
Fed. States of Micronesia;  
Panama (Colombia 1903)

4

Día del Puno  
Peru (Inca holy day)  
(the Inca Savior  
from Lake Puno)

5

"The First Shot  
of Independence"  
Central America  
(in El Salvador 1811)

6

Gustavus Adolphus Day  
Sweden (d. 1632)

7

8

The October Revolution  
USSR (1917)

9

Tree Festival/Tunisia

10

○ Full Moon  
09:20 UT

Alchemy Day  
b'dy of Paracelsus 1541

11

Veterans' Day  
USA, Europe, the World  
(Armistice 11 a.m., 1918)

12

Pleiades  
midnight  
culmination

13

Aztec New Year

14

Children's Day  
India (Nehru's b'dy)  
King Hussein's b'dy  
(Jordan 1935)

15

Proclamation of the  
Republic Brazil (1889)

16

Inca Empire destroyed 1532  
The Buddha returns  
from Heaven (Tibet)

17

Pr. Charles' B'day/Fiji  
Day of Penance (Germany)

18

Independence Day  
Morocco (France 1956)

19

Garifune Settlement Day  
Belize (1802)  
(slaves found safety)

20

Revolution Day/Mexico  
(against Díaz, 1910)

21

22

23

24

● New Moon  
09:11 UT

25

Plan of Ayala  
Zapata (Mexico 1911)  
Independence Day  
Surinam (Netherlands 1975)

26

Thanksgiving/USA  
Independence Day  
Panama (Spain 1821)

27

Devil Dance/Tibet  
(party them away)  
National Holiday  
Mauritania (France 1960)

28

29

Advent begins

30

Independence Day  
Barbados (UK 1966)  
Benin (France 1975)

COLOMBIA: size of Texas & Cal. Cap: Bogota. N: Carib. coast (García Marquez country); NE: vast plains; Andes in center (3 ranges, big cities, coffee); S: Amazon; W: wild Pacific coast. Pop: 33.2M, 2%/yr. 68% urban, 69% lit; life exp 64yrs. GNP/cap \$1228. Rel: 95% Cath. Lang: Spanish. Vast resource base, great inequities of wealth. Major probs: poverty, drug cartels. Gov't: democracy (hiccaguered). 4840 PCVs, 1961-81: rural dev, ag, ed, health, sm. bus.

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# NOVEMBER

Derived from pre-Columbian gold necklace, Quimbaya tribe, Colombia.

Orenda (Huron): the power of voiced, focused will. The opposite of Fate.

# 1992



# NEPAL



The winter sun finally arrives in Gam, and the morning cooking fires are stoked. With their red rice harvested, the next crop these fields produce will be wheat.

"Gam" means "flat," and this rich alluvial plateau is a rarity in the Karnali river watershed. Centuries ago, Gam was a major town near the heart of a vast trans-Himalayan kingdom. For hundreds of years it was a link in a salt and grain trade route that extended from nearby Tibet to distant India, but today it lies on the periphery of the world.

— Doug Hemken

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NEPAL: size of WI., lat. of AL. Pop.: 18M, 2.4%/yr. 93% farmers. Cap.: Kathmandu. North is Himalayas (Everest, etc.); south: flat jungle & farms; middle: lush hills. A beautiful place. Major problems: overpop., deforestation, sanitation, India. Huge hydroelectric potential. Cultures/languages: Nepali (Gurkha soldiers); Newari (notable merchants); Tibetan (Sherpas). Rel: Hindu, Tibetan Buddhist. GNP/cap. \$161. Literacy: 20%. Life exp. 47yrs. 2700 PCVs since '62 in ag, water systems, bridges, schools.		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		World AIDS Day Fête National Central African Republic (France 1958)	National Day/Laos		Santa Barbara Cuba, Mexico (Santana; patron of fire, masons)	King's Birthday Thailand Haiti Discovery Day 1492 Internat'l Volunteer Day
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	☉ Full Moon 23:41 UT ● Eclipse*	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
Independence Day Finland (Russia 1917)	Día del Diablo/Guatemala (vornish spoons) Independence Day Ivory Coast (France 1960)	Immaculate Conception la Purísima, patron of Nicaragua	Independence Day Tanzania (UK 1962)	Human Rights Day (UN) Constitution Day Thailand (1932)	UNICEF Anniversary	Independence Day Kenya (UK 1963)
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
St. Lucia (patron of the GI tract, PCVs) Republic Day Malta (UK 1974)		Bill of Rights Day USA 1791 (guard it) Sitting Bull (murdered 1890)	Constitution Day Nepal (1962)	National Day/Bhutan Bolivar Day Venezuela (d. 1830)	Independence Day Niger (France 1960)	
<b>20</b>	Winter Solstice*	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	☉ New Moon 00:43 UT ● Eclipse*	<b>24</b>
Chanukuh (to 27th)	Incwala Swaziland (first fruits) Tree Planting Day/Malawi				Constitution Day/Yap	Christmas
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	The ultimate book, Himalayas, Oberschak, 1987 the Divine made visible	* Winter Solstice: Dec 21, 14:42 UT (8:42 CST) ● Total Lunar Eclipse (9th) Asia, Africa, Europe, Americas ● part. Solar Eclipse (24th) noChina, Korea, Japan, far seUSSR.
St. John the Evangelist				La Quema del Año Viejo		

Lotus pattern; detail from Buddhist painting, Nepal.

# DECEMBER

Dharma (Sanskrit): one's unique ideal path in life, and the knowledge of how to attain it.

# 1992