

A Day
at the
Market,
Pito,
Guinea

Elizabeth
Boudier,
Peace
Corps
Senegal
1984-91



1993 INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR





NIGER



The Sahel is located between the Sahara Desert to the North and grasslands to the South. It is a harsh yet beautiful land of scattered acacia trees, the dry and dusty harmattan wind, nomads and camels.

As part of my job as a nutrition education volunteer, I would make home visits to those women who had attended my well or malnourished baby clinic. I did this at sunset, my favorite time of the day; it always held the promise of relief from the heat and light of the Sahel.

—Barbara (Hahn) Oppenheimer

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To convert Universal/Greenwich Time (UT) to CST, subtract 6 hours.
*Perihelion(3rd): Earth closest to Sun (03:00 UT)
*Meteor Showers (4th): Quadrantids, 1-5th;
Look east at midnight
Blue, silver trails

HOLIDAY NOTES:
Ind. Day dec./USA (UK 1776) — "Independence (declared) from the United Kingdom in 1776." att. = attainment of Ind. Fr.(age);
B'dy = birthday; d. = died.
New Year/Nepal (2050) = by their calendar.
obs. = observed; J = Jewish

RE-COUNTRY DATA
PCV = Peace Corps Vol.
agriculture, ed(ucation),
business). M = million.
%/yr = pop. growth.
Life exp. of fem. (m.=male)
Lit(lacy) C, S.Am =
Central, South Am. Xian =
Christian, RC, Prot. = Cath.,
Protestant. Is. = Islam

NIGER: sub-tropical central Africa, landlocked. 490,000 mi²(~3xCA). Pop. 3.7M, 74/mi², 60% urban.
Lit.: 10% Cap.: Niamey (400,000). Gov't: military. Lang.s: Hausa 36%, Djema 22%, Fulani 9%, Tuareg 8%; French (off.). Rel.s: Moslem 80%; Trad.; Xian.
PC 1962-present, in ed, teacher training, agroforestry, fuel-efficient cookstoves, etc.

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New Year's Day
Paradura del Niño
Venezuela

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Perihelion*
* Meteor
Showers*

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○ Full Moon
12:37 UT

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St. Genevieve
patron of secretaries & the
fevered

African Nat'l Congress
(founded, 1912)
Elvis Presley b'dy
(1935-)

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Nat'l Handwriting Day
John Hancock's b'dy
(1737-93)

Magh Sankranti/Hindu
(Sun in Hindu Capricorn)

Martin Luther King's B'dy
USA (obs. 18th)
Día del Maestro
Venezuela

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Timkat (Epiphany)
Ethiopia
Robert E. Lee's B'dy
(1807-70)

Lailat al Miraj
Muhammad's ascent to
Heaven
St. Agnes
Girl Scouts' patron

● New Moon
18:27 UT

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ML King Day (see 15th)

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Alacitas (24th)
Bolivia (through 1/26)

Australia Day
(UK 1901)

Republic Day/India

José Martí's B'dy
Cuban ind. hero (1853-95)

Tuareg pendant design, Tahoua, Niger.

Uffda (Swedish): a word of sympathy, used when
someone else is in pain.

JANUARY

1993



SIERRA LEONE



Selling is all about relationships. In order to browse, you must first become someone's "customer." Have a seat, relax, plan to spend 30 minutes, or even longer.

Ask about candle drip and block wax prints, about batiks, traditional tie-dye, and embroidery. (Freetown hand-dyed cloths are spectacular.) If she hasn't got what you want, she'll get it from a neighbor.

Bargaining is adversarial, but not really. Smile, enjoy the process, tell jokes. "If I pay *that* much I won't be able to eat rice tonight!" "Don't worry, I'll cook rice for you, but if I accept *that* little I'll go out of business!"

Whether or not you buy, part as friends.

—Jeff Cochran

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Black History Month Read any good books lately? How about this one: <i>Civil War Quartet</i> , esp. <i>To Purge This Land of Blood</i> , by Steven B. Oates	1	2	3	4	5	O Fall Moon 23:35 UT 6
Independence Day Grenada (UK 1974)	Boy Scouts/USA (founded 1910)	Yamana Day/Brazil (gift boats to the Water Goddess) Candlemas, Groundhog Day/USA	St. Paul's Shipwreck Malta	Nelson Mandela (released 1990) Cameroon Youth Day	Lincoln's Birthday USA (obs. 15th)	
Valentine's Day	Presidents' Day (see Feb 12, 22)	Independence Day Lithuania (Russia 1918)		Republic Day The Gambia (UK 1965)	Democracy Day/Nepal	Mahashiva Ratri/Nepal Martyn's Day/Bangladesh
● New Moon 13:05 UT 21	22	23	24	25	26	27
New Year/Tibet Viet Nam (Tet), China (yr. of rooster)	Washington's B'dy/USA (obs. 15th)	Carnival (last day) all Latin countries Ramadan/Islam fasting begins	Ash Wednesday	On Independence Days Many countries celebrate both their Declaration of Independence (dec.) and its Attainment (att.) fig. Venezuela 5 July/dec.; 19 April/att.	SIERRA LEONE: sub-trop. W.Africa; rainforests, crop land, 28,000 mi ² (=WVal). Cap.: Freetown (470,000). Pop.: 4.2M, 2.5% /yr., 50% under 20 yrs., 30% urban. Lit.: 24%. Lang.: Krio, Mende, Temne, English. Rel.: Trad. 52%; Muslim, 30%; Christian, other. Main crop: upland rice. Famous beer ("Star"). Exports: minerals, diamonds, coffee. Gov't: military. Major prob.: hyper-inflation, vast gov't corruption. EC 1962-now, int. ed., health, ag., forestry and park development.	
28	Unheard Voices: <i>Celebrating Cultures of the Developing World</i> is a kit designed to introduce Global Education to the classroom. The material is targeted at grades 7-12, but may be adapted to elementary school levels. It features a 150-page Teacher's Guide, a 90-minute video tape, and a 1992 International Calendar. The Teacher's Guide includes exercises in discovering global linkages, activities focusing on the Calendar's 12 countries and their holidays, and 25 interactive exercises in many disciplines. The Video includes 12 interviews, color slides, and music. (One interview is in Spanish, with English sub-titles.) To order, send \$25 to RPCVs of WI, c/o Alan Weiner, 4581 West Beltline, Rm. 110, Madison WI 53711. Additional Calendars are \$5 each.					

FEBRUARY

Detail from carved model canoe, Sierra Leone.

Wabi (Japanese): a flawed detail that creates an elegant whole.

1993



SENEGAL

The bread vendor reading the Koran embodies the ancient and modern strands of Senegalese life.

The Koran, the sacred text of Islam, permeates Senegalese culture as a source of wisdom, inspiration and religious doctrine. More than ninety percent of the population are Muslim.

The baguette, or white French bread, came to Senegal with French colonialism. It is considered a staple of the diet or a luxury, depending on a family's income. French remains the official language of business, government and instruction throughout Senegal.

—Elizabeth Benedict

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March is Women's History Month	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Peace Corps/est. 1961 Yap Day	Aduwa Day/Ethiopia (defeats Italy, 1896)	Throne Day/Morocco Martyrs' Day/Malawi	Constitution Day USA (1789; read 10) Independence Day Senegal (France 1960)		Independence Day Ghana (UK 1957)
7	○ Full Moon 9:46 UT	8	9	10	11	12
Purim (J)	Holi/Nepal Internat'l Women's Day	Baron Bliss Day Belize theft has fortune to the people of Belize	Tibetan Uprising Day (against China, 1959; but genocide continues)		Mosheshoe's Day Lesotho (17867-1870; united Basotho nation) Girl Scouts b'dy 1912	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	Equinox*
	Lailat al Qadr/Islam (Night of Power)		St. Patrick's Day Joseph of Arimathea (patron of tin and working travelers)		Republic Day/Sierra Leone Tree Planting Day/Lesotho	Afghan New Year Independence Day Tunisia (France 1956) Wet Stone Day/Canada
21	22	● New Moon 7:14 UT	23	24	25	26
New Year/Bahá'í Benito Juarez's B'dy (Mexico, 1806-72)	New Year/India (1915) Arab League Day Youth Day/China 23		Oscar Romero Day El Salvador (d.1980) Freedom Day Malta (UK 1960)	Id al Fitr/Islam Independence Day Greece (Turks 1821)	Ind. Day/Bangladesh (Pakistan 1971)	African Liberation Day Resistance Day Burma (WWII)
28	29	30	31	*Vernal Equinox 20 March 14:41 UT to convert Universal/ Greenwich Time (UT) to CST, subtract 6 hours.	SENEGAL: W. Africa, 75,000 mi ² (=ND). Pop.: 7.5M. Lit.: 47%. Mainly flat; south: semi-tropical cropland; north: desertifying. Cap.: Dakar (1.5M), v. imp. African seaport. Major export: peanut oil. Former cap., French colonial empire. Langs: Wolof, 6 others, French (lingua franca). Rel.: Muslim 92%, Trad., RC. Gov't: vibrant democracy. Many baobab trees. A welcoming land. Sembene Ousmane a famous writer & film-maker. PC 1963-now, in primary ed., rural dev., sm. bus. dev., rural health, teacher training.	1993
New Year/Indonesia						

MARCH

Bird design from carved calabash, Senegal.

Buddhi (Sanskrit): intuitive direct knowledge.

1993



ECUADOR



I felt extremely lucky to be assigned to Jimia. In all the world there is no place like it. And though it was quiet and isolated, the village leaders had a vision for the future. Jimia was to be a gateway, opening to virgin fertile valleys across the mountains. I was to help select the best route for the new road, and help the people build it.

I feared our team would not come close to finishing this project in 2 years. But they told me that, for years, they had felt forgotten by the world. Our mere coming had changed that: "We are thankful that the Peace Corps will enable our government to provide us with real help that is not just an empty promise with no action."

—Ken Coffey

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
GUINEA (cover photo): coastal, equat. W. Africa. Grass- & cropland; few forests. 95,000 mi ² (=WY). Cap.: Conakry (200,000). Pop.: 7.1M, 75/mi ² (=WY), 2.5%/yr.; 1/2 under 20; 78% rural. Life exp. 44 yrs. Lit.: 28%. Langs: Fulani, Mandinka, Sesu, French (off.). Rel.: Muslim (83%), other, Trad. GNP/cap: \$344, 5.9%/yr. Exports: minerals, diamonds, coffee. Govt.: military. PC 1964-67, 69-71, 86-now, in small ag. dev., sm. bus. dev., rural health, village tree nurseries, and teaching Eng., math, science.	ECUADOR: western S. America. Pacific valleys and deserts, Andes uplands, Amazon rainforest. 110,000 mi ² (=MN). Pop.: 11M, 57% urban. Lit.: 84%. Cap.: Quito (1M). Langs: Spanish, Quechua, other. Ethnic: mestizo, Amerind, Spanish, black. Rel.: RC 95%. 4000 PCVs 1982-now, in rural craft exports, primary & secondary ed., ag., fisheries, forestry, health, rural infrastructure, urban youth dev.	1 April Fool's Day Chaita Dasain/Nepal	2 Children's Book Day	3		
4 Daylight Saving Time begins (spring forward) Palm Sunday Children's Day/China	5 Spring Festival China (honor ancestors)	6 ○ Full Moon 18:43 UT Passover (J, to 12th) Chakri Day/Thailand	7 World Health Day	8 Good Friday Martins' Day/Tunisia	9	10
11 Easter Holocaust Rememb. Day Juan Santamaría Day Costa Rica (Walker 1860)	12 Fast and Prayer Day Lesotho	13 New Year/Thailand	14 New Year/Nepal (2050) Ind. Day/Chad (Fr. 1962)	15 de Diego's B'dy Puerto Rico (1867)	16	17
18 Ind. Day/Venezuela/att. (Spain 1830)	19	20 ● New Moon 23:49 UT	21 Ridvan, 1st day/Baha'i Kartini Day/Indonesia her b'dy (towards women's emancipation)	22 Earth Day	23 Peppercorn Day Bermuda (1816) St. George's Day England, Syria	24 Arbor Day/USA
25 Remembrance Day Papua New Guinea Liberty Day Portugal (Salazar 1974)	26	27 Ind. Day/Togo (Fr. 1958) Sierra Leone (UK 1961) Tourist Day/Philippines (Magellan killed, 1521)	28 Secretary's Day	29	30 Walpurgis Night wend esti speaks	USA statistics: US 48.3/26,000 mi ² Total pop: 248M; 0.6%/yr; 64/mi ² ; 79% urban. Life exp.: 79 (72m). GNP/cap \$13,450. Literacy: 80%

APRIL

Negative painting detail from burial urn, Carchi, Ecuador.

Laud nam (Old Icelandic; long al: the sanctification of new land by mythologizing it).

1993



BENIN



On this sun-drenched morning, in a fishing village not far from Cotonou, children paddle by in tiny dugout canoes, flashing smiles, while women, clad in brilliant market-day colors, deftly maneuver their sailboats through a labyrinth of houses on stilts.

No motors pierce the quiet, no one speaks, yet there are infinite sounds: a baby crying, a seabird calling, a sail snapping in the wind. Can everything be as it seems, so perfectly choreographed, or is it a *trompe-l'oeil*?

—Mike McQuestion

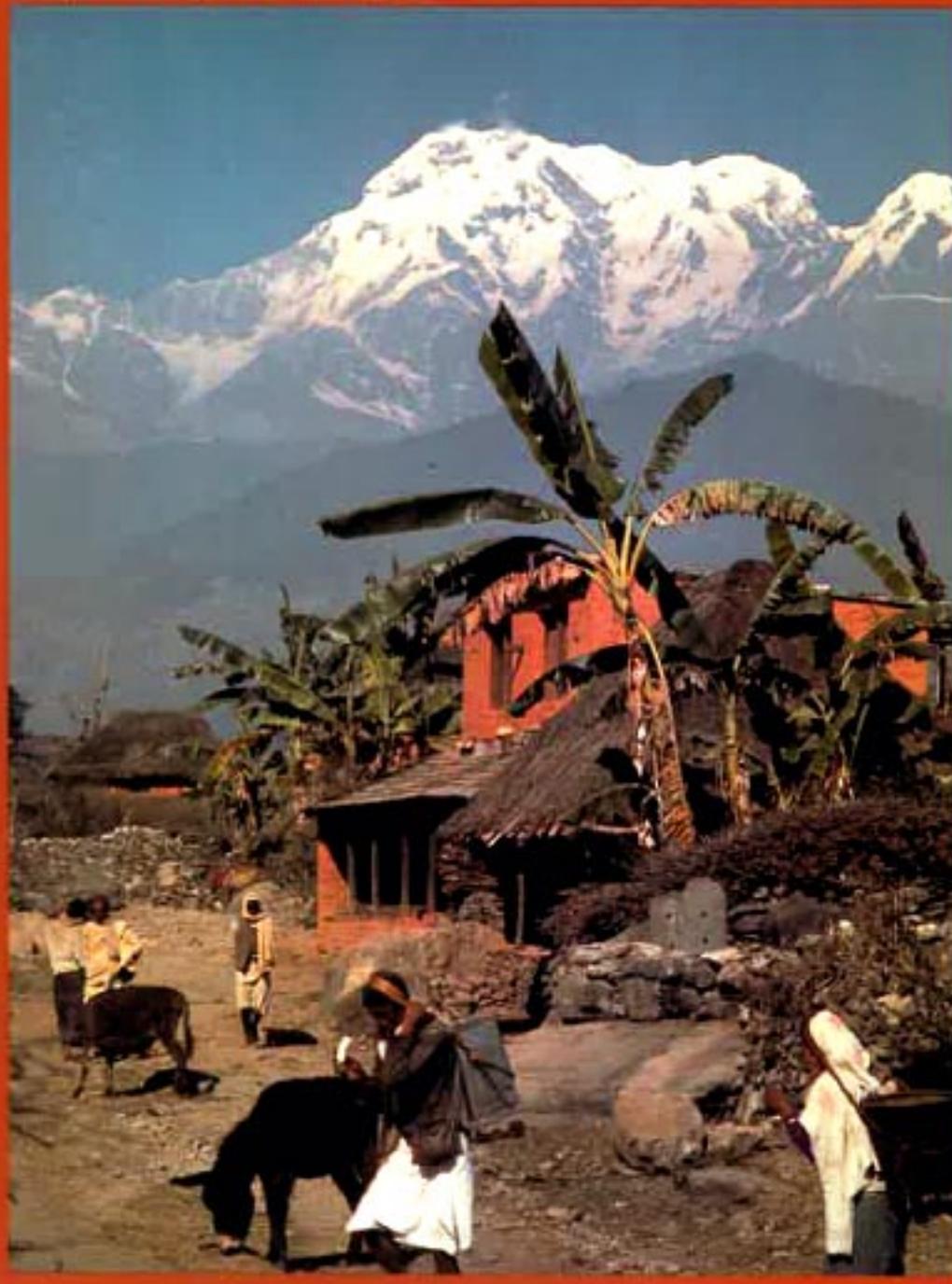
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
● Solar Eclipse (21st) Partial: N Am. except s.e., high lats., N.W. Asia.			Another book you might like is: <i>Black Athena</i> , by Martin Bernal on the contribution of Africa to Greek civilization.		BENIN: coastal equat. W. Africa, grass- & croplands. 43,000 mi ² (=VA). Cap: Porto Novo. Pop. 4.7M (107/mi ²). 3.7%/yr. (dbl: 19 yrs; 1/2 under 10) GNP/cap \$327. Exports: elec., cotton, cocoa, coffee, cloth. Lit. 17%. 46% urban. Republic since 1991. Lang's: Fon, Yoruba, Tama, Bariba, Ewe, Yoruba. Rel's: Trad. 61%, RC 19%, Muslim 15%. Formerly Dahomey ("in the belly of the snake"); the home of Voudun (Voodoo). Python revered. 650 PCVs, '68-now, in sh. grain storage, animal traction, health ed., ed., water sanitation, forestry, rural community development.	1
Education Day/Indonesia	Crown Prince's B'dy/Tonga	Cinco de Mayo/Mexico (defeats France, 1867)	○ Full Moon 3:34 UT	6	May Day International Labor Day	8
2	3	4	5	7	Red Cross Day	15
Mother's Day	Constitution Day Fed. States of Micronesia Procrastination Week (was last week)	11	12	13	Independence Day Paraguay (& 15th) (Spain & Buenos Aires 1811)	22
16	17	18	19	20	● New Moon 14:06 UT ● Solar Eclipse*	29
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	St. Bernard of Montjoux Switz. (climb, with a dog)	30
Pentecost (23rd)	Memorial Day/USA (31st) Battle of Pichincha (24th) Ecuador (w/Spain 1822)	Africa Day Día de la Patria Argentina	Shavuot (1 & 27th) Windmill Day Netherlands	Children's Day/Nigeria	Founder's Day/PC (JFK b'dy: 1917-Nov. 22/63) Bahau'liah's Ascent/Bahai	

MAY

Lizard detail from carved calabash, Bariba people, Benin.

Masihlapissatapei (Tierra del Fuegan): a meaningful look, shared by two people, expressing mutual unstated feelings.

1993



NEPAL



Nepali Witches and Rude Anthropologists

Shamanism, 10,000 years old, is a direct engagement with the powers of Earth, Sky, and the Dreamtime. Shamanism flourishes in Nepal, interwoven with Hinduism and Buddhism.

While I was in Nepal, a gaggle of anthropologists decided to crash the annual witches' convention outside Kathmandu. This was rude, because the scholars had no shadow of an invitation, yet they trooped in with movie cameras, tape recorders, and an egocentric attitude.

The witches muttered at this brash distraction.

They formed a circle, made their music, and performed their esoteric spiritual operations. The anthropologists, clustered at the edge, were full of plummy self-congratulation at having seized such a unique opportunity: witches in conclave!

This satisfaction was ill-founded. The witches were summoning thunder and storm. A towering but very localized thundercloud formed, and dumped a huge gout of rain and hailstones directly on the anthropologists. They were flushed down the trail like wet dogs—totally soaked, notes in pulp, cameras ruined. Routed and miserable, they adjourned to the Yak and Yeti bar for warm drinks.

The witches, quite dry, then resumed their real business.

—Buck Traverky
Nepal/17 (1968-71)

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*Summer Solstice (21st)
9:00 UT (=3:00 CST,
4 a.m. Cent. DST)

● Lunar Eclipse * (4th)
Total: far S. Am., Antarc.
extreme W. of N. Am.,
Australia, S.E. Asia,
Pacific Ocean.

Timelida Day
Go barefoot

Id al Hajj/Islam
pilgrimage time
Madaraka Day
Kenya (UK 1963)

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Genghis Khan's B'dy
Mongolia (1162-1227)
Youth Day/Tunisia

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○ Full Moon
13:02 UT
● Lunar Eclipse*

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Wesak (Buddha's birth,
death, Enlightenment)
Independence Day
Tonga (UK 1970)

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World Environment Day

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Ind. Day/Chad (France
1960)

Saint Anthony's Day
Guatemala (Cem patrón)

Cumodas Day/Macao
(Portugal's poet, d. 1580)

King Kamehameha Day
Hawaii
Independence Day
Philippines (Spain 1898)

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Children's Day
Indonesia
Ind. Day/Iceland
(Denmark 1944)

Peace Day
Picnic Day

Juneteenth/USA
(Emancipation: the news
gets to Texas, 1865)
Rizal Day/Philippines

● New Moon
1:52 UT

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Solstice*
9:00 LT

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Father's Day/USA

Muharram begins
Islamic New Year (1414)

Midsummer Night's Eve

St. John's Day
Latin America, Europe
(summer's high pause
bonfires, country dances)

The Little Big Horn
(Custer & the Lakota, 1876)
Ind. Day/Mozambique
(Portugal 1975)

NEPAL: size of WI, latitude of AL. Pop.: 18M, 2.4%/yr.
93% farmers. Cap.: Kathmandu. N. is Himalayas (Everest,
etc.); south: flat jungle & farms; middle: hilly areas. A
beautiful place. Major problems: overpop., deforestation,
sanitation, India. Huge hydroelectric potential. Cultures/
langs.: Nepali (Gurkha soldiers); Newari (notable
merchants); Tibetan (Sherpas). Rel.: Hindu, Tibetan
Buddhist. GNP/cap.: \$161. Literacy: 20%. Life exp.: 47 yrs.
2700 PCVs since '62. m. ag., water systems, bridges, schools.

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Or, how about this one?
Open Secret, versions
of Rumi's poetry,
by John Moyne



THAILAND



Elephants Elephants Elephants

Little brother, have you ever seen an elephant?

Elephants have a large body and are heavy,

A long long nose

That is called trunk.

He has fangs under his trunk:

They are called tusks.

He has ears . . .

eyes . . .

And a loooong tail!

—Thai children's song (translated by Nancy Kobs)

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Hitchhiking Month

*Aphelion (4th)
Earth farthest from Sun
(22:00 UT)

THAILAND: 200,000 mi² (=WL, MN, LA). Tropical; hot, rainy & cool seasons. Cap.: Bangkok (6M). Pop.: 56M. 85% ethnic Thai; 12% Chinese; 94% Buddhist. Nat'l lang.: Central Thai. 4 regions w/distinct cultures/dialects. Never colonized. 23% urban. GNP/cap. \$1220; 4.2%/yr for 3 decades (very high). Mainly ag. (world's main rice exporter); industrializing rapidly. Life exp.: 66 yr; Lit.: 91%. 3300 PCVs 1962-now, mng. teachers and teacher trainers, & in ag., rural dev., rural health.

Aphelion*

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○ Full Moon
23:45 UT

Day of Universal Prayer
Tibet

July 4th/USA
(UK 1776/dec.)
King's B'dy/Tonga
Crab Nebula supernova
1054 AD

Ind. Day/Venezuela
dec. (Spain 1811)
Algeria (France 1962)

Dalai Lama's B'dy (1935)
Tibet, Mongolia
Ind. Day/Malawi (UK
1964)

Independence Day
Solomon Islands
(UK 1978)

Ind. Day/Burundi,
Rwanda (UK 1962)
Canada Day (UK 1867)

Family Day/Lesotho

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Independence Day
Argentina (Spain 1816)
The Bab's
Martyrdom/Bahá'i

Independence Day
Bahamas (UK 1973)

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Ind. Day/São Tomé &
Príncipe (Portugal 1975)
Umhlanga (Reed Dance)
Day/Swaziland

Bastille Day
France (1789)

Mulier Rivera's B'dy
Puerto Rico (fought Spain)

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Triumph of the
Revolution
Nicaragua (Somoto 1979)

Independence Day
Colombia (Spain 1810)

Schoelcher Day
French West Indies
(day of slaves)

King Sobhuza's B'dy
Swaziland (1899)
Mary Magdalene's Day
Marseilles

Bolívar's B'dy
(1780-1830)
Ecuador, Venezuela

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Ind. Day/Liberia (1847)
Cuban Revolution began
(Batista 1953)

Independence Day
Maldives (UK 1965)

Independence Day
Peru (Spain 1821)

Ind. Day/Vanuatu
(UK & France 1980)

JULY

Woven design representing "ba sri" offering tray used for ceremonies, Thailand.

Bardo (Tibetan): the plane between life and death.

1993



PERU

One man kept track of the inventory. Another ensured there was water in the ditches below the storage racks. The third held the key to the lock. Each month these vital tasks were passed on to others; each member had his job in this cooperative seed potato bank on the windswept shores of Lake Titicaca.

By selecting and saving the more robust tubers, and exchanging them among themselves at planting time, these tough *altiplano* farmers had seen their yields double in only three years. The chemistry of plant genetics was a foreign language, but the pride these men took in their collective success was unmistakable.

—Mike McQuestion

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1	○ Full Moon 12:10 UT	2	3	4	5	6	7
Lammas/Britain (first fruits)	Emancipation Day Turks & Caicos, St Lucia, St Vincent (UK 1979)	Ind. Day/Trinidad, Tobago (UK 1962) Emancipation Day Jamaica (UK 1962)	Nat'l Hol./Burkina Faso	Discovery Day Trinidad, Tobago (1498) "the earthly Paradise" (Columbus' 3rd voyage)	Feast of San Salvador El Salvador Hiroshima Day (1945) Transfiguration Day		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
	Nat'l Day/Singapore	Independence Day Ecuador (Spain 1822)	Heros' Day/Zimbabwe	Queen's B'day/Thailand Ind. Day/Central African Republic/att. (France 1960)	Maya Calendar*	Women's Day/Tunisia	Independence Day Pakistan (UK 1947)
15	16	● New Moon 19:28 UT	17	18	19	20	21
Ind. Day/India (UK 1947) Mother's Day/Costa Rica	Day of the Child Paraguay	Independence Day Indonesia (Holland 1945) Independence Day Gabon (France 1960)	Quezon Day/Philippines (1st Pres., 1940's)	Bahá'í/Ethiopia			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
			Independence Day Uruguay (Brazil 1825)				
29	30	31					
	Muhammad's B'dy Islam (570-632)	Solidarity founded Poland 1980	★ Meteor Showers* (12th): Perseids, Jul 25-Aug 18; East at midnight (20th): Kappa Cygnids, 16-27th; W. at 9 pm. *Maya Calendar (13th) begins (3114 BC)	Boox? Think you've heard it all before? Try this one: <i>The God Kings and the Titans</i> , by James Bailey on the world-wide metals trade in archaic times.	PERU: western S. Am, fr. equator south, 496,000 mi ² (= TX, NM & AZ). 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 live-stock feed). Lit. 87%. Center of Inca civ. (AD 1200-1532). Huge Indian pop. 7.5M; lang.: Spanish, Quechua (Inca), Aymara. Rel.: over 90% RC. Gov't: democracy, w/ recurrent military coups. 2470 PCVs, 1962-75, in ag., ed., urban dev.		

AUGUST

Pelican motif from carved gourd, Nazca culture, Peru.

Zivilcourage (German): the courage to express unpopular opinions.

1993



BOLIVIA

From La Paz it's only three hours by bus to Oruro. Here on the high *altiplano* it freezes about 250 nights of the year. The population is sparse, the vistas immense. Time dilates. The eye plays tricks. What are those mysterious shapes moving in the distance—llamas or sheep? We hurtle along the thin ribbon of a road until, at last, we enter the dusty city of Oruro.

Mine shafts perforate the rocky hills that ring the city. The mines paid out long ago, but, strolling around the ornate plaza, one can still find traces of nineteenth century grace and high culture—testimony to the tin mining heydays. The sun is blinding as I round a corner, nearly stumbling into this waif, and my heart is captured for the hundredth time.

—Mike McQuestion

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*Autumnal Equinox 23 Sept, 00:22 UT (= 22 Sept, 7:22 pm Central DST)	HELP US, for future CALENDARS. Please send us slides (duplicates only); good stories or other text; corrections or additions to holidays; general suggestions. (Photos are picked in early Feb.) RPCVs of WI/Madison PO Box 1012 Madison WI 53701	O Full Moon 2:33 UT	1	2	3	4
					St. Marinus/San Marino	
5 Tardy Day Be late for something	6 Labor Day/USA Somhlolo Day Swaziland (UK 1966)	7 Ind. Day/Brazil (Portugal 1812) Primary Day/WI	8 Int'l Literacy Day Virgin Mary b'dy Latin Am.	9 Yam Festival/Ghana	10 Children's Day Honduras St. George's Key/Belize (England defeats Spain)	11 New Year/Ethiopia (1987)
12	13	14	15 Ind. Day/Central Am.; except Belize, of course (Spain 1823)	16 ● New Moon 3:10 UT Rosh Hashanah begins Jewish New Year (5754) Ind. Day/Papua New Guinea (UK 1975)	17	18 Independence Day Chile (Spain 1818)
19	20	21	22 Independence Day Mali (France 1960)	23 Equinox*	24 Establishment of the Rep. Guinea-Bissau (Portugal 1974)	25 Yom Kippur (I)
26	27	28	29 Michaelmas	30 ○ Full Moon 18:54 UT Sukkot (J; to Oct. 6th) Botswana Day Botswana (UK 1966)	BOLIVIA: w. S. America, landlocked. 424,000 mi ² (= 3/4 TX). West: Andes Range, L. Titicaca (12,500 ft.); East: trop. Amazon watershed. Cap.: La Paz (1M). Pop.: 6.6M (urban 51%). Lang.s/cultures: Spanish, Quechua, Aymara. Rel: RC 95%. Lit.: 63%. Potato gene center (200 var.s). Rich in tin, zinc, copper; militant miners. Gov't: republic. GNP/cap: \$625. Unique music. Major prob.s: unstable gov't, tortuous geography, drug trade, brain drain. 1500 PCVs, 1962-71 & 90-now, in rural dev. projects, ag., sm. bus. dev., nat. resource dev., fisheries.	

SEPTEMBER

Engraved pattern from incense vessel,
Classic Tiahuanaco style, La Paz, Bolivia.

Plunderbund (Dutch): a cabal of political or financial interests to exploit the public.

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*Mayan Men in Goat-hair Jackets, Soloma, Guatemala.
(Todd Kummer, American Friends Service Committee, Guatemala, 1966-68.)*



GUATEMALA



Frijoles Negros (Black Beans): Wash and clean 1 lb. black beans. Soak in 2 qts. water, 2-3 hrs. Chop & add 1 med. onion, 2 garlic cloves, salt to taste. Bring to a boil; simmer 3 hrs. until tender. Serve as is or mash to a paste. Add 1 T. butter if reheating. Serve with Chile Picante (Spicy Chiles): Wash well 1 lb. green chilies. Chop & add 5 med. tomatoes, 2 sm. onions; saute for 15 min. Mash, with salt to taste. For lovers of Guatemala, tortillas with black beans and chilies are emotionally addictive.

—Susan Kummer

The ancient staples of the Mayan diet are corn (especially as tortillas), black beans, and chilies. Meat is expensive; and an egg costs more than a pound of corn. But corn and black beans provide complementary proteins, and chilies are rich in vitamin C.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Meteor Showers* (21st) Orionids, 16th-27th; East at 10pm.	For Columbus Day: <i>Stolen Continents: the Americas through Indian eyes</i> , Roland Wright and <i>I, Rigoberta Menchú: an Indian woman in Guatemala</i> , ed. by Elizabeth Burgos-Debray. Both are superb and eye-opening.		GUATEMALA: 42,000mi ² (=TN). Pop.: 9M, 2.4%/yr. (fast). 55% Mayan Indian (23 lang.s); Rel: 75% RC & Trad., 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, conservation, health, sm. business.		1	2
Foundation Day Korea (2333 BC) Germany Unified (1990)	Independence Day Lesotho (UK 1966)	Canudos Day Brazil 1897	Children's Day/UN	Shmini Atzeret (J; & 8th)	Independence Day Nigeria (UK 1960) Cameroon (UK, France 1960)	Gandhi's B'dy (1869-1948) (& Groucho Marx) Independence Day Guinea (France 1958)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Rep.Day/Taiwan: b'dy Sun Yat Sen (1866-1925)	Columbus Day (obs. USA) Thanksgiving/Canada	Columbus Day (1492) (sights Bahamas 2 a.m.) (obs. 11th/USA) Ind. Day/Fiji (UK 1970)	Templar Day/Fr. (1307)	Internat'l Day for Natural Disaster Reduction/UN	New Moon 11:36 UT	15
10	11	12	13	14	Poetry Day	16
Dessalines Day (d'dy) Haiti (1758-1806)	Heroes' Day/Jamaica	Revolution Day Guatemala (1944; lost 1954) Kenyatta Day/Kenya The Bab's Birth/Baha'i	Meteor Showers*	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	National Day/Turkey Int'l Creole Day	30
Daylight Saving Time ends (31st) (fall back) United Nations Day (24th) Halloween (31st)	Ind. Day/Zambia (UK 1964)	Thanksgiving Day St Vincent (UK 1979)	National Day/Greece		Dasain ends/Nepal	

OCTOBER

A1autun, the ninth of the known Mayan time periods, representing 23,040,000,000 days; Guatemala.

Zanshin (Japanese): a state of relaxed mental alertness in the face of danger.

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PHILIPPINES



I began walking, letting the familiar sounds and smells envelope me like a favorite old shirt. Familiar faces began to appear, puzzled at first, then melting into surprised laughter. Hands reached out, grasping me, and old friends vied to pull me into their homes. Little had changed, and the town was still poor. As we talked, people brought their children in to meet me. One by one, they pressed my hand to their foreheads—a sign of deepest respect and fondness. This, looking back, was what mattered most.

A decade had slipped by since I'd last visited my site. Would the townspeople remember me, the quixotic 'ano' who had inexplicably come to live with them so long ago? My heart pounded as the jeep rolled into *poblacion* (the central plaza).

—Mike McQuestion

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
● Solar Eclipse* (13th) Partial: Antarctica ★ Meteor Showers* (17th) Leonids, 14th-20th; rising at midnight ● Lunar Eclipse* (29th) Total: Europe, W. Africa, high N. Lat., Americas, N. Asia.	1 All Saints' Day	2 Election Day/USA All Souls' Day Day of the Dead: visit the cemetery	3 Independence Day Dominica (UK 1978); Fed. States of Micronesia; Panama (Colombia 1903)	4 Dia del Puno Peru (Inca holy day)	5 "The First Shoot 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 Alchemy Day b'dy of Paracelsus 1541	11 Veterans' Day USA, Europe, the World (Armistice 11 a.m., 1918) Dogs' Day/Nepal	12 Birth of Baha'u'llah Baha'i	13 ● New Moon 21:34 UT ● Eclipse* Pleiades midnight culmination
14 Tihar ends/Nepal Children's Day India (Nehru's b'dy)	15 Proclamation of the Republic/Brazil (1889)	16 Inca Empire destroyed 1532	17 ★ Meteor Showers*	18 Pr. Charles' B'day/Fiji Day of Penance (Germany)	19 Independence Day Morocco (France 1956)	20 Garifuna Settlement Day Belize (1802) (slaves found safety)
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving/USA Plan of Ayala Zapata (Mexico 1911) Ind. Day/Suriname (Netherlands 1975)	26	27
28 Independence Day Panama (Spain 1821)	29 ○ Full Moon 6:31 UT Eclipse*	30 Advent begins National Holiday Mauritania (France 1960)	PHILIPPINES: tropical, many islands, 115,000mi ² (~MN). Pop: 65M, 2.7% /yr, 560/mi ² , 50% under 20 yrs. Cap.: Manila (2M). Life exp.: 69. Lit.: 83%. Gov't: rep. Lang: g. Tagalog (off.), 80 others, Eng. (off.). Ethnic: Malay 96%, Rel.: RC 84%, Aglipayan, Prot. Muslim. Exports: elec- tronics, coconut oil, copper, lumber, sugar. GNP/cap \$610, 5% /yr (mal-distributed). Major prob: Marcos (stole bil- lions), landowning elite. PC: 1961-90 (and hopefully to be resumed), in primary & secondary ed, health & nutrition, ag. & agroforestry, fisheries, deaf ed., teacher training.	Order your 1994 RPCV Calendar Now. Send \$8 to: RPCVs of Wisc. 2425 E. Washington Ave Madison WI 53704 Quantity Rates Available. Send your SLIDES (dupe if poss.) for the 1995 Calendar NOW. (Selection is early Feb, 1994.) (Complimentary calendars to winners.)	1993	NOVEMBER

Star motif from Tinguian ceremonial blanket,
Philippines.

Tjotjog (Javanese; CHOT-chog): harmonious
congruence in human affairs.



LESOTHO



At first I didn't want to go to Lesotho when I heard it has no trees.

I didn't realize such a place could be so beautiful.

I often wonder about the people that live in these homes. Do they wake up in the morning and soak up the beauty of the scene that surrounds them, or do they take it for granted and not give it a second glance?

—Jim Evans

SUNDAY • MONDAY • TUESDAY • WEDNESDAY • THURSDAY • FRIDAY • SATURDAY

• Meteor Showers* (13th) Geminids, 7-15th; East at midnight *Winter Solstice: Dec 21, 20:26 UT	LESOTHO : s. Africa, landlocked, mountainous, some snow; trees are rare. 11,700 mi ² (~MD). Pop. 1.8M (159/mi ²), 20% urban. Lit. 60%. Traditional monarchy (revered). Cap: Maseru (110,000). Lang.: Sotho, English. 99% Sotho. Rel: RC, Prot. 80%; Trad. 20%. Much farming, herding. Exports mohair. Great hydro-electric potential. Founded by King Moshoeshoe, as a mountain refuge from genocidal wars of 19th century. PC 1967 now, in secondary ed., and in ag. and health.	1 World AIDS Day Fête National/Central African Rep.(France 1958)	2 National Day/Laos	3	4 Santa Barbara Cuba, Mexico (Santaria: patron of Fire, masquerades)
5	6 Independence Day Finland (Russia 1917)	7 Dia del Diablo/Guatemala (banish spooks) Independence Day Ivory Coast (France 1960)	8 La Purísima patron of Nicaragua	9 Chanukah (J; to 16th) Independence Day Tanzania (UK 1962)	10 Human Rights Day/UN Constitution Day Thailand (1932)
12 Haiti Discovery Day 1492 King's B'dy/Thailand Intern'l Volunteer Day	13 • New Moon 9:27 UT • Meteor Showers*	14 St Lucia (patron of St.Lucia, GI tract, PCVs) Republic Day Malta (UK 1974)	15 Bill of Rights Day USA (read & guard it) Sitting Bull (murdered 1890)	16 Constitution Day Nepal (1962)	17 National Day/Bhutan Bolívar Day Venezuela (d. 1830)
19 Independence Day Kenya (UK 1963)	20 Winter Solstice*	21 Inewala Swaziland (first fruits) Tree Planting Day/Malawi	22	23	24 Proclamation of the Rep. Niger/dec.(France 1958)
26 Kwanzaa/Afro Am. (through 1 Jan) Boxing Day (St. Steven) reward your tradesmen	27 St. John the Evangelist	28 • Full Moon 23:05 UT	29	30 Rizal Day/Philippines (Ind. hero, 1861-1896)	31 La Quema del Año Viejo

DECEMBER

Straw hat motif, Lesotho.

Nadi (Balinese): to temporarily inhabit a different dimension.

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