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 FROM: William C. Johnson, National Director, Latin American Operations
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I hope you were able to take a moment to observe Peace Corps 25th birthday on March 1. It was quite unusual for Peace Corps. Many of the events that marked the birthday of peace of every nationality and description were covered by the local and national media. Newspapers around the country observed the 25th with feature articles and editorials. I have before me on my desk a thick packet of press clippings that were generated by the occasion and it is the packet that moves me to write this memo.

In going through the clips, I re-experienced all the emotions of the celebration itself. And on putting it down, it occurred to me that it is quite simply incredible that anyone would pay this much attention to the 25th or any other anniversary of any other agency of the United States government. There's how special we are.

There is only one reason for this. It is you in the field. Volunteers and staff, and the more than 140,000 who have preceded you. Whatever you may be—from rural area to urban battle box desk in the Peace Corps office—I hope you will take a moment to reflect on and be proud of the significance of this organization through which we are privileged to serve the poor people of our fraternal countries. We all tend to let ourselves get too bogged down in our daily routines and struggles to appreciate this special opportunity. As the press packet demonstrates, America appreciates it. You should, too. Please take the time to celebrate who you are and what you do.

From all of us here at headquarters, thanks for your service.



by Kelly Rahn, Daule

Estoy de regreso (I'm back). Pete covered my trasero (butt) for the last El Clima because él que se fue a Lima se sentó encima (something like "You shooze, you lose"). But I wasn't really in Lima, Jean. As you know, April agujeros (showers) bring May-flow-ers. But near me, it's not simply corriendo chiyos (drizzling) it's lloviendo a cántaros (raining cats and dogs). Aguátate (hold on), I'm confusing rainy season with carnival. Con razón (No wonder) my hair was enredado (tangled) with talco for three days en seguidos (in a row). My little neighbor does say sometimes that I'm patinando el coco (skidding on craziness). At the beach over carnaval there was so much travesura (mischief) going on, it was hasta en la sopa (there was no getting away from it). But when I returned to Daule it was like saliendo de Guatamala y entrando en Guatapeor (going from bad to worse) having to dodge buckets of lodo (mud). ¡Qué asco! (gross!) De una vez y para siempre (for once and for all) I decided to be a lam-parosa (show off) and toss vejigas (water balloons) to empapar (drench) those below my terraza. I didn't even consultario con la almohada (sleep on it). Una tirada (one toss) and PA! I would try to agacharme rapido (duck quickly) but usually me congieron con las manos en la masa (they'd catch me in the act). Then I'd just hacerme la gringa (pretend like I didn't know what's going on), that's easy, if you know what I mean. Of course some of them got quite picado (pissed off). Geez, it's only carnaval I don't know que mosca les picó (what's bugging them). Maybe por casualidad (by coincidence) they comieron carne de tigre (expression used when someone is angry). Who knows? Por el momento (for the time being) carnaval is over and we're all sano y salvo (safe and sound). Now it's finally time for me to cerrar mi pico (shut my mouth). A propósito (by the way), Happy año bisiesto (leap year)!

Me largo (I'm outta here).•

HUMBOLDT STATE EQUILAND

DUDES! EQUILAND
ACTION FIGURES WILL BE
AVAILABLE SOON!

THERE'S ZENO,
ALKI, SUNNY,
BILL
CLINTON,
JUAN CARLOS,
TERRORISTS,
AND
MORE!
FRICKIN' COLLECT
EM ALL!

ZENO IS HELD CAPTIVE BY TERRORISTS
BENT ON WORLD DOMINATION WHILE
ALKI AND SUNNY HACK THROUGH THE
JUNGLE TO REACH HIM...

ENOUGH!

WE'VE GOT TO SAVE ZENO
TO MAKE THE WORLD SAFE
FOR LIBERALISM!

IT'S
TIME
FOR...

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SUPER
TRAINEE!
THWAM!

NOW ALKI -
LET'S SEE
WHAT WE CAN DO
ABOUT RESCUING
ZENO'S BUTT
AND MOVING
THIS
STORYLINE!

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DE
PAZ

MR. PRESIDENT? - YES, BILL -
A PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER IN THE
FISH PROGRAM HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED
IN ECUADOR BY TERRORISTS -
PLEASE SEND A RAPID
REACTION. FORCE RIGHT
NOW!



YES, SUPER TRAINEE!
A PCV YOU SAY?
RIGHT AWAY - NO
EXPENSE WILL BE
SPARED. HE'S
PEACE CORPS,
AFTER
ALL!

MY GOD!
A PCV IN THE FISH
PROGRAM KIDNAPPED! THE
FATE OF CIVILIZATION HANGS IN
THE BALANCE. I MUST LEAVE FOR
ECUADOR AT
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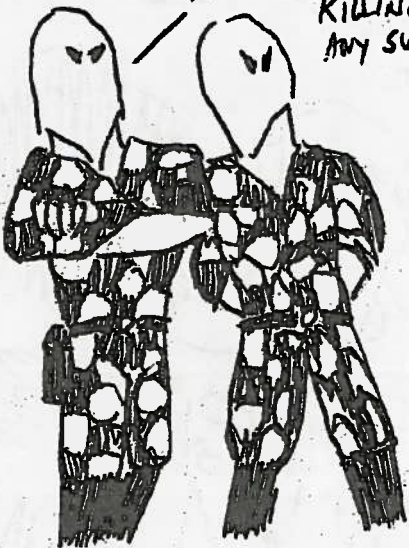
OK. THE MILITARY'S ON IT'S WAY -
BUT I THINK WE CAN GET HIM OUT
QUICKER THE PEACE CORPS WAY!



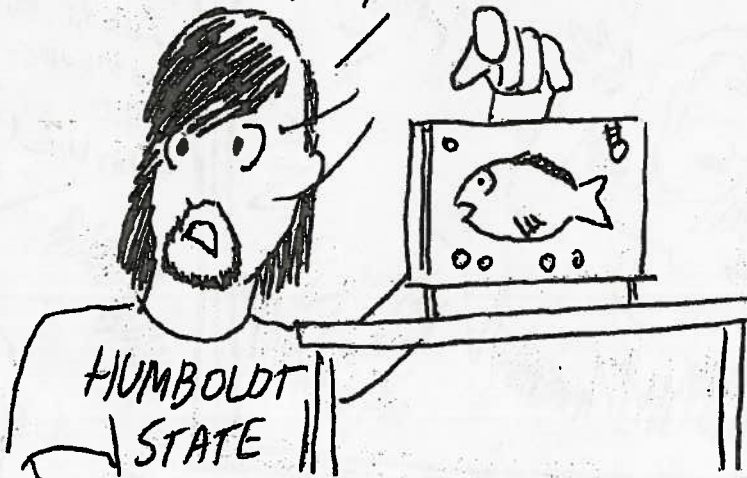
HOW
SUNNY?

MEANWHILE, AT A REMOTE OUTPOST IN THE ORIENT...

NOW, WE NEED YOUR EXPERTISE TO
TURN THAT FISH, AND MILLIONS LIKE IT, INTO
KILLING MACHINES.
ANY SUGGESTIONS?



BUT DUDE, IT'S A TILAPIA!
YOU CAN'T MAKE IT AN ATTACK FISH.
IT'S THE OFFICIAL PEACE CORPS
FISH, MAN. FISH OF PEACE!



HUMBOLDT
STATE

EXACTLY. A PERFECT TROJAN HORSE. USED BY PEACE CORPS THE WORLD OVER IN ITS FISH PROGRAM. IT WILL NOW SERVE THE PURPOSES OF ANARCHY AND CHAOS. DO IT, ZENO.

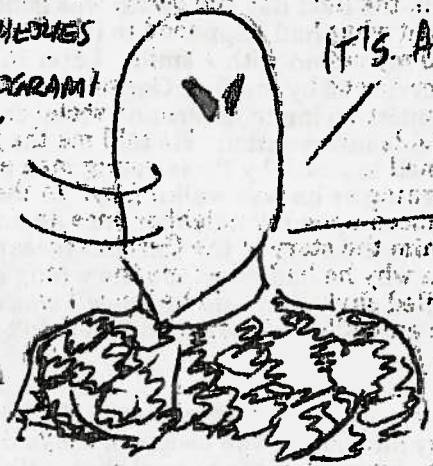


THIS UNASSUMING LITTLE FISH WILL SEAL THE FATE OF THE FREE WORLD. OR AT LEAST BRING A SWIFT END TO THE FISHERIES PROGRAM!



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SIR! SIR! HIT THE DECK! IT'S A...



ALMA! AND - IT CAN'T BE - SUPER TRAINEE! I THOUGHT YOU WERE ONLY A LEGEND!



COME IN SUPER TRAINERS - THIS IS PRESIDENT CLINTON APPROACHING THE EQUATORIAN ORIGINE WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST OF THESE GUYS. I WANT TO MEET THIS ZENO GUY.



GEEZ - THE PRESIDENT? MAYBE I CAN TALK TO HIM ABOUT OUR LIVING ALLOWANCES!



NEXT ISSUE - ZENO AND BILL AND A LETTER HOME

animal love

I was walking by a neighbor's house in my community of Playa de Oro a couple months back with two German researchers, and we saw a three-toed sloth harnessed up to a tree. I asked my neighbor where he had caught it and what he planned to do with it. He said, "*Muy cerca a la comunidad y voy a soltar luego.*" Uh huh, I thought, nice story. Well, the next day the *perico* was gone and again I asked what had happened to it. "*Se fue al bosque.*" said my *vecino* with a smile. Later in the day I was interviewed by another German researcher, a social scientist trying to determine social changes due to outside intervention. He told me the *perico* was stoned to death by three young men early in the morning as he was walking by. In the evening I chanced upon my neighbor once again and relayed to him the story of the German researcher. I asked him why he had given me the wrong story. He smiled shyly and said he knew I was concerned for the animal's well-being and he didn't want to hurt my feelings.

I was upset over the incident. Not because of what they had done. The people of Playa de Oro have been hunting every animal that walks, crawls, swims, slithers or climbs for a long time to supplement their protein source. It is what they do, how they live. I'm not in Playa de Oro to change the culture but since the community has accepted various measures to supplement their income, like ecotourism, they need to know about certain sensitivities of the people they plan to attract to their community. Ecotourism or the better term conservation tourism implies management of a natural system for the sustainable use of the resources within the system. The resources should be available to the people, but how they catch, maintain and dispatch the various creatures needs modification

Another organization arrived in the community with a gift, a pig. The pig was tied by its hind foot to a peg in the ground. My dog found it great fun to approach the pig and startle it with loud barking. The pig showed little reaction to these antics or even to the people around it. It probably knew it wasn't long to be in this world. In the early morning hours of the next day I was on my way to my research site for the mornings observations. I first noticed a raging bonfire being tended by some young men of the community. The pig was about to be dispatched, probably with the ritual knife to the jugular vein by the throat. Was I ever in for a shock. Two men deftly grabbed the pig by the legs and hoisted it over the open flames and proceeded to roast it alive. It kicked. It screamed. It arched its back and twisted to and fro to no avail. I was in empathic shock. Pigs are pretty bright animals. It knew what was happening to it but it (and I) were totally powerless to do anything about its predicament and soon the struggling ceased. I wanted to intervene but the expressions on the men's faces stopped me cold. There was nothing in them. If anything I caught a hint of

amusement. My research associate suddenly appeared on the trail and I pointed to the scene of carnage and cringed. He cringed too and continued on his way. I left too. The next day I ate pig!

Tourists have been on eco-treks through the jungle with the "trained guides" from the community and watched in horror as beautiful coral snakes or other harmless species were hacked apart. In the center of the ecotourism infrastructure people observed a pair of spinetails, a woodpecker type bird, tend its nest. The next day the tree was found on the ground, the nesting cavity ripped apart, the eggs taken. At the base of the felled tree were tell-tale signs of *machete* strokes. Later on the culprit was found and reprimanded by his parents but still the young kids go into the area with slingshots and throw rocks at anything.

Snakes are skinned alive, animals killed in various ways, never quickly, never pretty. It just is, and nobody has ever challenged or suggested it might not be the most humane way to dispatch animals. Even the concept of humane treatment towards animals seems an idea never considered. The west has developed "animal empathy" and regard a right and wrong way in the treatment of animals. Cultures just coming into contact with the west show no such concern, giving us an anthropological view of development in human behavior. The west can seek to modify such behaviors but it is a very delicate process. Anger and rage towards such acts of seemingly senseless torture can, in the eyes of the culture being attacked, appear as being no different than what they have been doing all along. In fact, menacing acts towards people are seen as provocations worthy of revenge. Then to try and explain the rage over their treatment of animals makes absolutely no sense to them at all.

My presence in Playa de Oro and my actions towards animals are different. I show love and concern towards my dog. I release snakes and other wildlife back to the wild after catching them or after receiving them from community members. I watch birds, animals, butterflies and plants. The people seem mystified by my actions but I explain to them my ways, my perceptions and the views of the west towards animals. I talk to the community leaders about the ways their people kill animals and that it will terrify tourists if they saw such acts. I explain my understanding of their customs and their need to use the animals for food and other things and then suggest it might be wise to change the location where they butcher their food. I get nods and other indications of agreement. I shall wait and see and look for other avenues to reinforce the message of change.

by Ron Krupa, Playa de Oro, Esmeraldas •



Joe Versus the Buses

Here's the story of how one (not so) little man beat the bus company. As anyone (who is anyone) can tell you, I live on a quiet back street of Cuenca. It's a peaceful street where the dogs catnap in the middle of the road, where potholes are created faster than *ecua*-puppies, where seldom is heard a discouraging word. Yup, some might call it boring and that'd be just fine with me. It's a haven against the frenetic, smoke-clogged jungle of downtown--or at least it used to be.

One typically peaceful Sunday my dreaming slumber was pierced by what sounded like an oil tanker mating with a bulldozer. Lifting my head to look out the window onto the street below, I was able to catch the sight of a wheezing junk heap on wheels before it hobbled out of sight. Then about every two minutes thereafter another battered and bent-over wreck would ka-chug ka-chug just under my window making it impossible to return to my dreams. Sure that I would find one of those ubiquitous overnight construction ditches blocking the main road, causing a consequent detour that would end in a few days or so, I walked out to investigate, holding my breath from the black fumes as thick as my hair that pumped happily from the straining and abused Erector Set of a bus that passed me. But when I got to the road and found that the way was completely free of obstacles, my deepest horrors were realized--my street was now on the bus route.

From then on, the house-shaking, dust-raising, bone-rattling, motorized catastrophes would intrude incessantly from 6:00 in the God-forsaken morning till 7:00 in the gosh darn night--my peaceful street was held hostage to the polluting nightmares. Cows

gave sour milk, women and children ran in terror, dogs went about with their tails between their legs. Something had to be done--soon.

At the drawing board, growing more determined with every passing monstrosity, I devised several plans. My most immediate reaction was some sort of terrorist activity to show those inconsiderate *choferes* who was boss. This culminated in the design of one of those tire-popping nail thingies I saw so much of in my beloved James Bond



flicks. All I'd have to do is stand on my balcony and toss one out on the road when a rusted out hulk approached. But after thinking it through, I realized that I'd probably have to get each and every bus since they operate independently. Not only that, I'd have to get each one several times so that they'd realize that perhaps there was some opposition to their presence, that they weren't simply experiencing another routine fiat. This meant up to several hundred poppings--without me being detected no less!

So I threw that one out. Then, taking a cue from the never-ending *paros*, I envisioned a ditch cut across the road they wouldn't be able to cross. But no, if I hindered regular neighborhood traffic the plan would immediately fail. As if to add the lemon juice of insult to my road rash dilemma, another lumbering smokestack jackhammered on past. Action had to be taken--we had to take our street back!

Well, if I couldn't force them away, I'd make them not want to make the one block trip. The road was already a miserable mess, I'd simply add to that misery so that the drivers would finally take pity on the fatigued and defeated dinosaurs they drove and stick to the main road. My new plan, to do what I saw the people do--to construct a speed bump just big enough that the already past-retirement bus shocks would threaten to collapse but small enough that the infrequent but regular traffic could continue.

Al this had been going on now for about three months, filled with false starts and setbacks. Finally the day came when I could take no more. With my gloves and work clothes on, I gathered up my landlady's wheelbarrow, shovel, and pick and headed outside. I had been out trying to break up rocks for about a half an hour when what to my astonishment, my neighbor, to whom I had yet to formally introduce myself, came out and joined me with his tools. And then the guy up the road ventured out with his tools. Working together until after sunset, we finished our bump and went back to our homes, eager to see how it would work out.

One thing I can say for those drivers, they're a determined bunch. But after a few days of slamming their *pobre* beasts of burden into the speed-bump and crashing down the other side, they gave up. Now I and the dogs sleep in peace content to our dreams. And my neighbor Guillermo and his family, who before never seemed to notice me, wave at me all the time. All is once again well with the world.

by Andres Amador, Cuenca



Well, the "Gentlemen's Guide to Dog Breeds" was well received, though several Peace Corps women have argued for equal time. They wanted a listing of which dog breeds attracted which types of men. Myself, I guess I'd avoid any woman who spent more time shampooing her dog's hair than her own, but I'm funny that way.

It has occurred to me that a better understanding between the sexes might be a more valuable contribution to world harmony than specious articles on what kind of person would like you for your attack schnauzer.

We all know, for instance, that while women are naturally intelligent, graceful, and intuitive, men can lift heavy things. So, in the interest of cosmic unity and identifying all those weird creams she has in the bathroom, in the interest of teaching that yes, there is a difference between "colors" and "whites", here is an excerpt from Steve's (not me) Humor Archive, L&L Information Services.

Women and Men Differ in More Than Just Spelling (with thanks to Steve's Humor Archive)

First of all, a man does not call a relationship a relationship. He refers to it as "the time when me and Susie were doing it on a semi-regular basis."

When a relationship ends, a woman will cry and pour her heart out to her girlfriends, and she will write a poem called "All Men Are Idiots." Then she will get on with her life.

A man has a little more trouble letting go. Six months after the breakup, at 3:00am on a Saturday night, he will call and say, "I just wanted to let you know you ruined my life, and I'll never forgive you, and I hate you, and you're a total floozy. But I want you to know that there's a chance for us." This is known as the "I Hate You/I Love You" drunken phone call, that 99% of all men have made at least once. There are community colleges that offer courses to help men get over this need; alas, these classes rarely prove effective.



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Sex
Women prefer 30-40 minutes of foreplay. Men prefer 30-40 seconds of foreplay. Men consider driving her back to her place as part of the foreplay.

Maturity
Women mature faster than men. Most 17-year-old females can function as adults. Most 17-year-old males are still trading baseball cards and giving each other wedgies after gym class. This is why high school romances rarely work out.

Bathrooms
A man has six items in his bathroom--a toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving cream, a razor, a bar of Dial soap, and a towel from Holiday Inn. The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 437. A man would not be able to identify most of these items.

Cats
Women love cats. Men say they love cats, but when women aren't looking, men kick cats.

Offspring
A woman knows all about her children. She knows about dentist appointments, and soccer games and romances and best friends and favorite foods and secret fears and hopes and dreams. A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

Laundry
Women do laundry every couple of days. A man will wear every article he owns, including his surgical pants that were "hip" about eight years ago, before he will do his laundry. When he is finally out of clothes, he will wear a dirty sweatshirt inside out, rent a U-Haul and take his mountain of clothes to the laundromat. Men always expect to meet beautiful women at the laundromat. This is a myth.

Nicknames
If Gloria, Suzanne, Deborah, and Michelle get together for lunch, they will call each other Gloria, Suzanne, Deborah, and Michelle. But if Mike, Dave, Rob, and Jack go-out for a brewski, they will affectionately refer to each other as Bullet-Head, Godzilla, Peanut Brain, and Useless.

Analysts wonder if this kid will ever grow up, and if he does, is he headed for the big house?

The kid is a mess.

He's delusional and deceitful. He's a procrastinator and a prevaricator. He's a cynic, a sadist, a sexist.

Also, he chews with his mouth open, at least when he's pretending to be a living X-ray.

"I live according to one principle, and I never deviate from it," Calvin says. "look out for No. 1."

"It's a lot more fun to blame things," Calvin says "than to fix them."

"Every time I've built character," Calvin says, "I've regretted it."

When Calvin turns a cardboard carton into a duplication, his first thought is criminal. "Counterfeiting is just one of its many uses around the home!"

When Calvin pretends to be God, his first act is to destroy the world. "The puny inhabitants of Earth displease him!"

And if all that isn't bad enough, his only friend is a stuffed tiger.

The kid is a mess.

"Calvin & Hobbes" drops off the comics radar screen at the year's end. Artist Bill Watterson, tired of daily deadlines and small spaces, is walking away from one of the more successful strips in the world.

He leaves behind 2,400 frantic newspapers, millions of distraught fans and one burning question:

Whither Calvin?

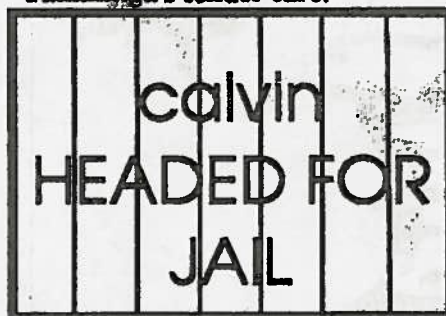
What becomes of an under-achieving 6-year-old reprobate with only one shirt? What happens when Calvin hits his teens, or his 20's or - heavens to Spaceman Spiff! - his dotage?

Is there a future for a boy who founds an anti-girls club? Is there a girl for a boy with a tiger?

Maybe creativity will conquer all. Maybe the sheer force of ingenuity will overcome all the flaws. Maybe he'll be the next Washington or Lincoln.

Or maybe he's headed for prison.

Deputy warden Ray Tamminga runs the Reception and Guidance Center at the State Prison of Southern Michigan. Every adult convict in the system spends his first month or two in Tamminga's tender care.



"Would not surprise me," he says, "if I met Calvin."

Given Calvin's attraction to fire - he once wanted to toss a gasoline can into the barbecue - Tamminga envisions him serving a six - to 15 year stretch for arson and attempted murder.

"He's the founder and leader of Get Rid Of Slimy Girls," Tamminga says. "I think he's going to burn up a sorority house."

Without Hobbes as confidant and bodyguard, Tamminga predicts, "he's going to have a problem when he tries to handle some of these oldtime convicts. But his imagination will save him."

Ah, yes, his imagination. The optimists - those who picture Calvin without numbers across his chest - base their faith on an inventive nature that turns a simple trip down a playground slide into a voyage to planet Gloop.

If nothing else, "I think you can depend on his surviving," says child-rearing guru T. Berry Brazelton. The mayhem Calvin visits upon the galaxy is nothing more than childish fantasy ... he hopes.

"I think all kids dream about that sort of thing," Brazelton says.

Plenty of children transport themselves to the cockpit of an F-15. Fewer, presumably, imagine blasting missiles toward a populated area until "a smoldering crater is all that remains of Calvin's elementary school!"

Creativity consultant Doug Hall compares the power of imaginations to Luke Skywalker's dad. Do they go to the dark side of the Force or the positive side of the Force?

Hall, the freewheeling author of "Jump Start Your Brain" (Warner Books, \$12.95) warns that "the difference between brilliance and stupidity, or lawfulness and unlawfulness, is a very fine line. The future for children is often determined by the upbringing they're given."

Calvin's home life is outwardly stable, even if neither of his parents has a name. Dad is a patent attorney, Mom a home-maker, and they live in a house near a woods. Even more than most parents, however, they seem ambivalent about their child.

"All I know," Dad reminds Mom, "is that I offered to buy us a dachshund, but no, you said..."

Calvin makes the inevitable inquiry about babies, and Dad tells him they come from Sears. But "you were a blue-light special at Kmart," he volunteers. "Almost as good, and a lot cheaper."

Calvin wonders if there were dinosaurs when Dad was a kid, and Dad assures him there were.



"Your grandfather and I used to put on our leopard skins and hunt brontosaurus for all the clan rituals."

NO STRAIGHT ANSWERS

Poor Calvin is the unwitting George Burns to his father's Gracie Allen. Can a boy who never gets a straight answer grow up to walk the straight and narrow?

"The cynicism and other traits Calvin shows now will color just about everything he looks at," says Southfield, Mich., psychologist Christine Panyard. Personality traits tend to be relatively enduring.

"They're your essence, and they're very, very difficult to modify. Personality disorders are the hardest to treat because they permeate almost everything the individual does."

Calvin makes no secret of his desire to acquire great wealth with little effort. Given his lack of ethical constraints, he seems bound for a career as a corporate raider - but says Panyard, "he may not have the social skills to reach that level."

Beth Kubic says her brothers were scamps too, though not nearly in Calvin's class. From her vantage point as a certified teacher, part-time baby-sitter and office manager for Fairy Godmother Home Child Care in Birmingham, Mich., she suggests the Calvin with a little red wagon will seem like a cherub compared with the Calvin with his first driver's license.

puberty and hormonal changes and he'll be even more of a terror," Kubic says. Then she offers a suggestion: "Maybe he could join the military."



It worked for two of her siblings. "The Air Force disciplined them. It helped them grow up." And the Air Force is willing to give it a try.

High school graduates can qualify for jobs in satellite tracking or air-to-air refueling, says Sgt. Mike Grassel of the Dearborn, Mich., recruiting office. If Spaceman Spiff makes it through college, he might become a navigator, a pilot or even an astronaut.

"I can see Calvin fitting in, sure," Grassel says. "As long as he hasn't had any serious law violations or drug problems, we can use him. Calvin hasn't gotten into that much trouble."

by Neal Ruben, Knight-Ridder Newspapers; reprinted from The Tampa Tribune; submitted by Karl Banks



... Un ser que aún no
 acaba de ser
 no la remota rosa
 angelical
 que los poetas cantaron,
 no la maldita bruja
 que los inquistadores
 quemaron,
 no la temida y deseada
 prostituta,
 no la madre bendita,
 no la marchita y burlada
 solterona,
 no la obligada a
 ser mala,
 no la que vive porque la
 dejan vivir,
 no la que debe siempre
 decir que sí.
 Un ser que trata de saber
 quién es
 y que empieza a existir.

by Alaide Foppa,
 Desaparecida de
 Guatemala



"He'll become a teenager and go through all the

Friday HA HA! Funnies

These are from the test papers and essays submitted to science and health teachers by junior high, high school, and college students around the world. It is truly astonishing what weird science our young scholars can create under the pressure of time and grades.

"When you breathe, you inspire. When you do not breathe, you expire."

"H₂O is hot water, and CO₂ is cold water."

"To collect fumes of sulphur, hold a deacon over a flame in a test tube."

"When you smell odorless gas, it is probably carbon monoxide."

"Nitrogen is not found in Ireland because it is not found in a free state."

"Water is composed of two gins, Oxygen and Hydrogin. Oxygen is pure gin. Hydrogin is gin and water."

"Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, vanes and caterpillars."

"Blood flows down one leg and up the other."

"Respiration is composed of two acts, first inspiration, and then expectoration."

"The moon is a planet just like the earth, only it is even deader."

"Artificial insemination is when the farmer does it to the cow instead of the bull."

"Dew is formed on leaves when the sun shines down on them and makes them perspire."

"A super-saturated solution is one that holds more than it can hold."

"Mushrooms always grow in damp places and so they look like umbrellas."

"The body consists of three parts - the branium, the borax and the abdominable cavity. The branium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominable cavity contains the bowls, of which there are five : a, e, i, o, u."

"The pistol of a flower is its only protection aganst insects."

"The alimimentary canal is located in the northern part of Indiana."

"The skeleton is what is left after the insides have been taken out and the outsides have been taken off. The purpose of the skeleton is something to hitch meat to."

"A permanent set of teeth consists of eight canines, eight cuspids, two molars, and eight cuspidors."

"The tides are a fight between the Earth and moon. All water tends towards the moon, because there is no water in the moon, and nature abhors a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight."

"A fossil is an extinct animal. The older it is, the more extinct it is."

"Many women believe that an alcoholic binge will have no ill effects on the unborn fetus, but that is a large misconception."

"Equator: A menagerie lion running around the Earth through Africa."

"Germinate: To become naturalized."

"Litter: A nest of young puppies."

"Magnet: Something you find crawling all over a dead cat."

"Momentum: What you give a person when they are going away."

"Planet: A body of Earth surrounded by sky."

"Rhubarb: A kind of celery gone bloodshot."

"Vacuum: A large, empty space where the pope lives."

"Before giving a blood transfusion, find out if the blood is affirmative or negative."

"To remove dust from the eye, pull the eye down over the nose."

"For a nosebleed: Put the nose much lower than the body until the heart stops."

"For drowning: Climb on top of the person and move up and down to make artificial perspiration."



"For fainting: Rub the person's chest or, if a lady, rub her arm above the hand instead. Or put the head between the knees of the nearest medical doctor."

"For dog bite: Put the dog away for several days. If he has not recovered, then kill it."

"For asphyxiation: Apply artificial respiration until the patient is dead."

"To prevent contraception: wear a condominium."

"For head cold: Use an agonizer to spray the nose until it drops in your throat."

"To keep milk from turning sour: Keep it in the cow."

Compliments of Carole D. Fiore from the Internet; submitted by Jean Seigle



Dave Barry's Year in Review

Dave Barry's profound but prolific review featured in *The Tampa Tribune*, Dec. '95 (submitted by Karl Banks), is excerpted below.

On the O.J. Trail:

If I had to pick two words to summarize 1995, those words would be "reasonable doubt."

What I mean is, any reasonable person has serious doubts about whether this year should have been allowed to occur.

... to endure The Trail That Lasted At Least A Century. . . If a jury of 12 citizens, after thoroughly considering all of the evidence for approximately 20 mins., honestly came to the conclusion that O.J. Simpson had not been proven guilty of committing the crimes in question, then far be it from me to point out that they have the collective intelligence of beef jerky.

No, it was not the verdict that was the problem with this case. The problem was--and here I must search for precisely the right word to describe a very complex and subtle flaw in our current legal system--lawyers.

In summary, the lawyers came off as a group of pompous, overbearing, condescending, self-promoting, obnoxious, unprincipled, slimy, misleading, and at times flagrantly lying scumballs. But of course, that is their job.

January

Meanwhile, in what was hailed as one of the archaeological finds of the century, explorers in southern France discovered a cave containing 20,000-year-old vivid drawings depicting animals, human hands and what appeared to be a primitive Internet address.

February

In space, crews of the Russian space station Mir and the American shuttle Discovery attempted a historic docking maneuver while orbiting the Earth, but were forced to abort when they realized, at the last instant, that they were orbiting in opposite directions.

March

Speaking of the human digestive system, here's another true item: Authorities in Washington were searching for a man who disappeared after cashing an erroneous refund check from the manufactures of EX-LAX. The man had written a letter demanding a refund of the \$1.99 he spent for the product, which he claimed didn't work; the manufacturer accidentally sent him a check in the amount of his ZIP code--\$98,002.00.



April

In aviation news, a South American Airways airliner, heading from London to South Africa, was forced to turn back when its fire alarms were triggered by methane gas released by 72 pigs in the cargo hold.

May

... A major blow against crime was struck in New York's Central Park, where two city officers--this is true--cited a grandmother for allowing her four-year-old grandson to urinate behind a bush.

(Editors Note: Maybe we need to bring these fine officers here to Ecuador for advanced training on public urination.)



June

... The launch of the space shuttle Discovery was delayed because the big external fuel tank had been damaged by really-woodpeckers.

In other consumer news, the Abalone brothers, operators of the nation's largest narcotics trafficking operation, announced that they were recalling 3.7 million grams of crack cocaine because it contained a chemical impurity that could cause post-nasal drip.

July

... Professional basketball players, who make millions of dollars apiece, announced that they were thinking of going out on strike. "We have no idea why," they said. "It just seems like the professional thing to do." The troubled space program was dealt yet another setback when a judge declared the shuttle Discovery to be a federally protected woodpecker preserve.

August

Jerry Garcia went truckin' off to his final gig.

September

On the educational front--this is a true item--a San Bernardino, California, off-duty police officer accidentally shot a hole in the wall of an elementary-school classroom where he was giving a presentation on gun safety. Unfortunately, there is a tragic side to this story: The bullet, after passing through the wall, did not hit Mark Fuhrman.

October

Speaking of sports, in the World Series the Atlanta Braves defeated the Cleveland Indians, thanks in large part to a brilliant pitching performance by four-time Cy Young award-winner Colin Powell.

November

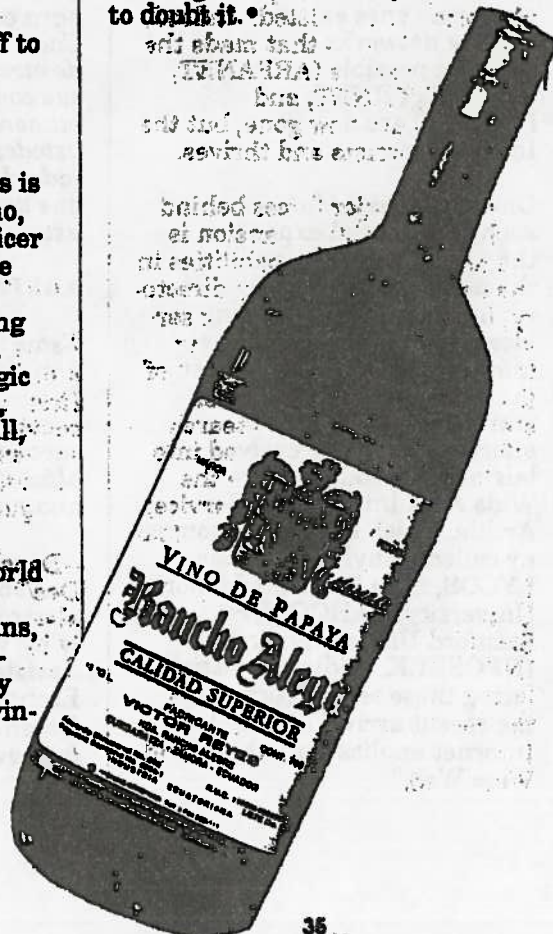
On the crime front, in yet another example of why living in Dade County is nothing whatsoever like living on the planet Earth, police were investigating three drive-by shootings in which the victims were attacked by a motorist wielding--this is an absolutely true item--a CROSSBOW.

December

Grateful taxpayers learned that over the past 20 years the CIA has spent \$20 million employing psychics to help gather intelligence. Although the psychics failed to sense that, for example, the Soviet Union was collapsing, they were credited by high-level intelligence officials with helping field agents locate "at least six" lost sets of car keys.

And so as 1995 staggers off into history, let's just be grateful that we got through it. And let's also hope that 1996 will be a WHOLE lot better.

Although we have every reason to doubt it.



The Drawing Board

It is, indeed, very hard to believe, but the Omnibus 72 era at EL Clima comes to an end with the upcoming June/July issue. I have--through a great deal of begging, pleading and various monetary transactions--found a stellar replacement for myself here among the pens, sketches, doodles, logos and designs of the art director world. "I have seen the future," to paraphrase a certain crook critic, "and its name is Mary Kate Kraines." Beginning with the July/August issue, her artistic abilities will beautifully grace the pages of this publication.

However, we are still left with the matter of a certain comic strip, namely, "Scualland." I would like to thank the many people (you know who you are) who have told me that they very much enjoy Zeno's trials and tribulations and that they look forward to seeing Scualland in each issue. So, like with the future in mind, I would like to throw open the gates of artistic endeavor and announce a contest, calling on all you comic strip-oriented dibujadores to submit your entries. Each entry should consist of a one-page Scualland episode, of your own design. The entries will be scrutinized ruthlessly by myself and the other staff members. Entries should be submitted by the deadline of the June/July issue, May 22, and should be sent to El Clima in Quito, c/o The Scualland Contest.

Remember, people, that winning this little gem means submitting an episode of Scualland for every issue. A heavy responsibility, I know. But you know you're worthy of the challenge.

Good luck out there dudes, and happy drawing.

Pete Fontaine, Guayaquil.



Estimados entrenandos, bienvenidos a Ecuador.

Muchas gracias al Clima por abrir un espacio de expresion para la biblioteca.

El momento actual es de un virtual desarrollo de las comunicaciones con una combinacion de la tecnologia en telecomunicacion con la tecnologia de computacion, entrando en la era de la llamada telematica, potenciando de esta manera el acceso a la informacion. Este es el caso del desarrollo de la Red mas extendida en el mundo que es Internet. Permítanme escribir un extracto de la revista "On the Internet: an international publication of the Internet Society, Nov/Dec '95", que trae informacion actualizada sobre el desarrollo de esta Red.

Article by Vinton Cerf (Uno de los fundadores de INTERNET)

"THE ROARING 90s: Looking back, it is possible to see the beginning of an exponential growth curve in the number of networks, number of hosts, and amount of traffic on the Internet. NSFNET (National Science Foundation Net) backbone traffic more than doubled annually, from a terabyte per month in March 1991 to 18 terabytes a month in November 1994. A terabyte is a thousand billion, or a trillion, bytes. In the 12 years from 1983 to the beginning of 1995, the number of host computers increased from 200 to 5 million. That is an increase by a factor of 25,000.

As 1995 unfolds, a number of Internet service providers have gone public, and others have merged or grown by acquisition. Market valuations of these companies are impressive. America Online purchased Advanced Network and Services for \$35 million. Microsoft Corporation supplied more than \$20 million in capital to UUNET for expansion.

UUNET and PSI have gone public. MCI has opened up a major international Internet service and, on top of that, an informational electronic commerce service it calls marketplaceMCI. AT&T is expected to announce a major new service later in the year. Other major carriers such as British Telecom, France Telecom, Deutsche Telekom, Swedish Telecom, Norwegian Telecom, and Finnish Telecom, among many others, have announced Internet services. An estimated 300 services suppliers are in operation ranging from very small resellers to large telecom carriers.

In an extraordinary development, the NSFNET backbone was retired at the end of April 1995 with almost no visible effects from the point of view of users (it was hard work for the Internet service providers). A fully competitive system of backbones has been erected where a government-sponsored platform once existed. Indeed, the key networks that made the Internet possible (ARPANET, SATNET, PRNET, and NSFNET) are now gone, but the Internet persists and thrives.

One of the major forces behind such exponential expansion is the arrival of new capabilities in the network, particularly directory, indexing, and searching services that help users discover information in the vast ocean of the Internet. Many of these started as university research efforts and rapidly evolved into businesses; examples are the Wide Area Information Service; Archie, which spawned a company called Bunyip in Canada; LYCOS, from Carnegie Mellon University; YAHOO, from Stanford University; and INFOSEEK. Aiding and stimulating these search services is the recent arrival of a "killer" Internet application: the World Wide Web."

Para el próximo número, "El desarrollo de WWW."

ATTENTION PLEASE!!

Para aquellos voluntarios que han escrito manuales, folletos, y otro material producto de su trabajo de campo con las comunidades, y que puede ser de interés, les comunico que ICE (Peace Corps' Information Collection and Exchange), mantiene permanentemente la difusión y publicación de este material. Para ello ustedes deben enviarlo a Washington (a través del Centro de Recursos) en donde es revisado por especialistas de cada sector, quienes consideran su publicación. Los trabajos escogidos se mantienen en ICE y se envían listas de estos "field generated materials" a todos los países en los que se encuentra el Cuerpo de Paz a nivel mundial, y luego se distribuye copias a quien lo solicite.

Esta es una buena oportunidad para compartir sus experiencias. Cada vez más y más voluntarios de otros países están enviando sus contribuciones a ICE, de esta manera en el Centro de Recursos ustedes podrán encontrar un listado de este tipo de materiales que podemos solicitar a ICE si ustedes lo necesitan.

ARRIVING OF PUBLICATIONS

Estas son las publicaciones que han llegado al Centro de Recursos desde la última publicación de El Clima, y que se encuentran ubicadas en orden alfabético por título, en el anaquel "Magazines".

--Develop Net News. Nov/95, Dec/95, Jan/96. Available in electronic files. Published monthly by Volunteers in Technical Assistance (VITA). FOCUS: Economics & Environment; Green Technologies; Agreement for new satellite.

--World Neighborhoods in Action. Vol. 25, No. 1E. FOCUS: Facilitating a Participatory Evaluation.

--Vecinos Mundiales en Acción. Vol. 24, No. 25. FOCUS: Evaluación Rural Participativa.

--Paso a Paso. No. 24, Nov/95. FOCUS: La salud de la mujer. No. 25, Feb/96. FOCUS: La crianza de peces.

--Footsteps. No. 25, Dec/95. FOCUS: Farming with fish. No. 26, March/96. FOCUS: Self-help finance for the poor.

--World of Work. The magazine of the ILO. No.14, Dec/95. FOCUS: The telework revolution. (Available in english and spanish).

--Finance & Development. Publication of the FMI and World Bank. Dec/95. FOCUS: Financial markets. Why macro-economists and environmentalists need each other?

--FOCUS. World Wild Fund. Vol. 17, No. 6. Nov-Dec/95. In this issue: Ewland disaster adverted in South America; Year-end update on species of special concern.

--Revista Bosques, Arboles y Comunidades Rurales. No.26, Dec/95. FOCUS: Herramientas de la extensión participativa para planificar viveros forestales locales y desarrollo forestal comunitario.

--EDN. Echo Development Notes. No. 51, Jan/96. FOCUS: ECHO's Annual Agricultural Missions Conference: Nov. 12-14, 1996.

--FORUM. English Teaching Forum. Vol. 34, No.1, Jan./96

Hasta la próxima.

por Mireya Yépez*



Administrative Corner

This is a difficult time for many of us. This is "IPBS time"; in other words, "Budget time". Even though I like to prepare budgets, I usually immerse myself in the calculations and hardly have time for any thing else. So my El Clima article will be short this time.

1. News from Administration: Sandy is enjoying some days in Colombia. She will be back April 1st. What a day to come back to work!!!

2. Due to the mud slide problem in the roads country-wide, we are authorizing (on a case-by-case basis), the use of planes to Quito or back to your site in emergencies. Please see me (Ana Maria) if this is your case.

3. I would like to welcome the new group OMN 75. I hope that you will learn quickly that here in Ecuador the vehicles have the right of way and not the pedestrians. Don't be offended if even your best friend hisses to get your attention instead of calling you by your name. Don't try to interpret "no sea malito". Courtesy words are used when asking for anything, i.e. *por favor, tenga la bondad*. The phrase "ya mismo" ("in a minute", "immediately"), doesn't mean in Ecuador what the English translation implies. It means that something will be done either in two hours or two days. People will ask what seem to be very personal questions, i.e. age, marital status, religion, how much you earn. This is normal conversation; don't let it offend you. Ecuadorians are a warm people. When you are a guest in their house, they will generally do everything they can to make you feel at home. If you feel like talking about some Ecuadorian customs or facts of life, come and see me (after IPBS time please). Welcome to Ecuador.

En Paz, Ana Maria*

Interested in a trip to the Oriente?

Agencia de Viajes IKIAAM offers tours of the Jungla, Comunidad Schuar-Achuar-Aéreo, Ríos, Ciudad and Parque Nacional Sangay as well as sites in the Costa, Sierra and the Galápagos. Reservations can be made and more information is available at their office in Macas, Morona Santiago (Domingo Comín 5-18 frente al Parque Central) or by calling (07) 700-457 or 700-460 or by faxing 700-380. Andrés Vizuma, Tour Operador Guía

Bark Eater

Bulletin

Yes, we are planning to put together an Environmental Education (EE) Guide for PCVs to use to teach in their sites. And we need your input. If you have ever used EE in your site, we want to hear about it.

Here's what we need:

1. Your name, Omnibus, program and site
2. Name of activity
3. Type of activity (e.g. indoor/outdoor, active/quiet, etc.)
4. The age of the kids or adults that game is good for
5. Min/max number of people needed or desired
6. Description of how to do activity
7. What equipment is needed (including how much space)
8. Your personal comments on how well it worked or didn't work. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!** (Because, as we all know, things that work in the states don't always work here.)

We hope this can all be compiled and ready before Christmas '96 (we're on *Ecua*-time you know), but it can't be done without your help!!

Please let us know what you're doing or have already done. This includes, for example, making plaques or signs for a zoo or park or *folletos*. Send us your stuff at the Quito Address c/o Daryl or Erica Periman. Thanks, we will really appreciate it!

Daryl and Erica Periman,
Cayambe*

No, don't worry, I'm not about to start writing a new column. Rather, I would like to send out a request for others to help me create a spot where environmental education ideas can be viewed by all. For a while now, I've been wanting to have some better dialogue about env. ed.; to have some forum for discussion. The future of this column depends upon your submissions, so please send Ed. Olima any env. ed. projects you're doing. Also, if you have particular knowledge you'd feel comfortable helping others with, let us know. I'll start this ball rolling by talking a bit about projects in which I'm involved.

Currently I'm helping out in two schools. With one, I work one hour a week with the 6th graders on a water monitoring project. I was able to acquire an amazing book called "Field Manual for Global Low-Cost Water Quality Monitoring," donated by the Global Rivers Environmental Education Network. It includes projects from very simple to more complex that are easily adapted for working with any age level. Using it as a guide, my class and I have learned quite a bit about the river and its condition. Hopefully the result of this class will be some sort of river improvement like planting trees along the riverbank or a cleanup campaign. I'm particularly excited about using this sort of project as the basis for env. ed. lessons because the issues that affect the river are the ones that affect all of us. This allows the kids to get to know intimately their river while bringing up concepts that seemingly have nothing to do with the river itself.

My other class project is working as an advisor for a high school student ecology club. Their ongoing project focuses on recycling and how they can encourage it. This goal led them to be the ones the *municipio* chose to do the education of a sector of Cuenca involved in a pilot recycling program which will start around the time of this printing. I have one of recycling ideas too much to discuss right now. Take away message, if anyone is interested in either recycling or water quality issues and their uses for environmental education, I'm always happy to give a hand.

Well, I hope next time to be able to print others' ideas, so please let me have 'em. *Hasta luego!*

Andres Amador, Cuenca*



Absentee Ballot

The Federal Voting Assistance Act of 1955 requires Federal agencies to assist eligible employees, their spouses and dependents serving outside the territorial limits of the United States, to vote by absentee ballot in primary, special or general elections. By virtue of section 5(h) and 8(a) of the Peace Corps Act, Volunteers and trainees are considered Federal employees for this purpose.

Peace Corps Volunteers or Trainees who wish to vote by absentee ballot are personally responsible for observing the requirements and regulations of their local authorities.

The Peace Corps office has materials on absentee voting. The requests for ballot should be done five to six months prior to the election. There is a Voting Assistance Guide available in the office.

**PLEASE SEE MARIA
EUGENIA DE COBO FOR
ASSISTANCE..**

Laura Wendell
1028 Bahama Rd.
Bahama, NC 27503
United States of America

January 1996

Jean Selgle
Peace Corps Director
Casilla 17-03-635
Quito
Ecuador

Dear Mr. [whoops!] Selgle:

I am writing to request your help in distributing the enclosed questionnaire to volunteers. As a returned volunteer (Togo 1991-93), I have often thought about what I could do to support volunteers still in the field. Probably the most rewarding and successful project I participated in as a volunteer was a village library project. It filled a very strong and real need for information expressed over and over by the people of my village. The community truly embraced the project and worked diligently on every step of its completion. Since my departure, I have received annual reports and regular letters from the librarian documenting the continued expansion of the project. The library has become a true community center, hosting discussion groups, essay contests, literacy classes and providing a rich resource for teachers. I was therefore inspired to begin a program to support other volunteers interested in helping their communities to establish libraries.

The program will focus on four areas: producing resources on establishing and structuring libraries, a library partnership program that would link libraries in developed and developing countries, a book bank volunteers and community leaders could select from, and a database of funding and book sources. I learned as a volunteer that sound research and community input are necessary for the success of any development project, and I look forward to receiving the input of the Peace Corps community.

I would like to gather the thoughts and experiences of as many volunteers as I can reach in order to get an accurate picture of community interests and needs. I am therefore asking you to distribute the enclosed questionnaire to volunteers and return the responses to me within a month of receiving it. I often saw libraries in Togo that had failed because of a lack of public involvement, or because the books were inaccessible or uninteresting to villagers. The manual I am writing proposes different ways to cope with these and other challenges faced by a committee of about ten volunteers I co-chaired in Togo. Each of us worked on libraries in very different situations that were established to meet different needs. We learned a lot from sharing our experiences, and I am hoping to learn even more through this survey. In addition to the comments of volunteers, I would appreciate your thoughts on this subject. If you think the project is a good idea, a letter of support would be very helpful in obtaining funding, but ANY response would be appreciated.

I look forward to working with you in the future and wish you and your volunteers the best of success in all your endeavors.

Akpe Kaka (thanks a lot),

Laura Wendell

Editor's Note: please fill out the questionnaire on the back cover and return it to Irene in Quito. Thanks..



Attention Omnibuses 70, 72 and 74 Volunteers

The Integrated Job Conference is April 17-19.

Things to Remember:

1. Vans will be leaving for Chorlaví from the PC office at 3 and 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16th for Volunteers arriving from south of Quito.
2. **Everyone.** . . Remember to bring photos or anything relevant to your PC life, work, etc. to display on a sheet of rotfolio paper at the Gallery Walk or even better have the info. sheet ready before you come!! Get creative!•

Washer and dryer blues

We the Volunteers, through VAC, own and maintain the washer and dryer in the Volunteer lounge. We rely on the honor system to generate the necessary revenue to maintain this service, and hopefully one day purchase new machines. Currently the honor system is failing in two ways. First, some Volunteers do not pay to use the machines, and second, some people actually steal money from the box.

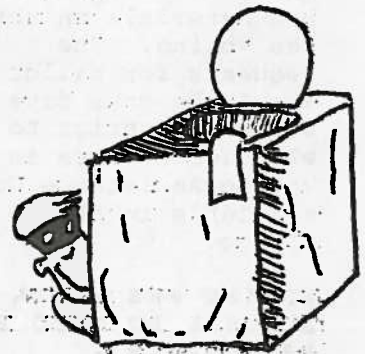
Recently, we raised the price for using the washer and dryer to s./1000 per wash and s./1000 per dry (the old price was more than three years old), but people still fail to pay for the service. Since the end of November we received and deposited a total of s./58.000 which means about one load of laundry every four days has been washed and dried (I don't think so). In this same period, the machines needed repairs, two separate times, due in-part to overloading of the machines, at a cost of s./500.000. With a little math you can see we are going in the wrong direction.

In order to minimize the theft, we purchased a new metal box. Hopefully, this box will help reduce the incidence of theft. We also need everyone's help to report anything they know about the theft from the money box.

As it stands, we now have less than s./100.000 in the washer and dryer fund. If one of the machines should break down now, we could not pay for repairs. In this situation, we will make the decision of either taking donations until we can raise enough money to repair the machines, or sell the machines and discontinue the laundry service.

As I said earlier, the machines belong to us, so let's make the effort to manage them responsibly. It's simple: if you use the service, pay for it, and if you are hard up for cash don't steal from your fellow Volunteers (or anyone for that matter).

Mark Reichelt, VAC Pres. •



Corinne Manning is at it again! The *Mujeres en Desarrollo* t-shirts are up for reorder. Money must be paid up-front and orders can be placed with Irene. The t-shirts are available in *crudo, blanco, negro, ladrillo (terracota), azul marino, verde claro, amarillo vivo and safari (verde oscuro)*; S-M-L-XL-XXL; and prices are s./18.000 or s./20.000 (*manga corta*) and s./22.000 or s./25.000 (*manga larga*). Order yours today!

W o m e n I n D e v e l o p m e n t

Hopefully by now all Volunteers have received information from their respective WID or VAC representative about the National Art Contest, "*Mujeres en Mi Mundo*," sponsored by the WID Committee.

The idea is for each Volunteer to begin at the community level, judge the art, and advance three finalists in two categories: 1-12 years and 13+ years. . . to the provincial level. Each Volunteer is responsible for prizes and judging at the community level. The WID rep. in your province/zone of the country will be responsible for the provincial level and the WID Committee will be responsible at the national level.

Details: Entries should be no more than 20 cm. x 30 cm., including on the back. . . name, age, community, and written description of the subject woman and why the artist selected her.

Provincial deadline: May 1.

National judging: June 11 (next WID meeting).

We hope to have a great response from you, the Volunteer, to set up an exposition in the PC office, and hopefully in the *Casa de Cultura* in Quito. I encourage you to do similar displays in your communities and provinces to honor women in Ecuador and around the world.

If you have not received the information and would like to participate, please contact Irene to have the forms sent to you. Thanks for your interest and participation.

Rebecca Gigliotti, Azogues, Cañar.

1990 Photo Contest

Due to the recent funding and scheduling conflicts, the next issue of *The Exchange* will be published in September. Consequently, the entry deadline for the second WID Photo Contest has been extended until August 1, 1990.

Peace Corp. Volunteers and staff are invited to submit their pictures they took that best represent the contribution of women to the development of their host country. A brief description (who is meeting? who or what they are doing? the impact this has on the community, etc.) should accompany each photo. Pictures can be black and white or color, but should be a print. Please do not send slides, negatives or the original of the picture.

Winning photos will be published in the September issue of *The Exchange*. All photos will be kept on file for future use in WID publications.

The response to the first WID Photo Contest was very satisfying, and we look forward to seeing the current crop of photos.

Women in Development, ©TAPS

LA 'CACERIA DE LA GRINGA': UN DEPORTE POPULAR

Se mira una gringa en un café o en el restaurante de la zona, por lo general en la Juan León Mera. Una mirada, una sonrisa o un buen chiste. El cazador la ha estado acechando desde hace algunas horas. Rompe el hielo y se acerca.

El discurso está listo desde hace años: el shamanismo, la espiritualidad, la naturaleza, el viaje de la ayahuasca. Gracias al verbo florido, a su espectacularidad por este mundo real maravilloso, la gringa (cuando es ingenua) cae. La ruta está también preparada y hasta es publicitada en hojas volantes en esos cafés: Otavalo, Gaspulo, Baños y la Amazonia.



Por lo general la gringa se enamora... y de regreso a su país... se lleva al cazador. Hay gente que se ha viajado así medio mundo.

Pero cuando llegan allá, por lo general, la gringa recupera su sentido de la realidad: su familia, sus amigos, no son de la misma clase que este "tercer mundista". Tras varias semanas de idilio surge el patzo.

Son viejos y conocidos los cazadores

Las extranjeras son codiciosas: muchos viven de enamorarse de gringas de La Mariscal. Algunas de ellas viven de eso. Pero no les importa su venganza, porque en un primer momento se enamoraron y les fue muy mal. Los cazadores de gringas y sus presas acaban en la losa de La Mariscal, a vivir la vida (CCV).

Embroidery Fair

May 5, 1996

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Zuleta

contact Pam Leamons for more information

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Student loan deferments must be updated annually by the borrower.
- Loan deferment can only be certified for the amount of time spent in the Peace Corps, to a maximum of 36 months.

Student Loans & Cancellation

- Interest does not accrue on the principal of a Perkins Loan (formerly, National Direct Student Loan—NDSL) while the loan is in deferment status.
- Depending on the type of loan you have, interest may continue to accrue during Peace Corps service and must be paid. Check with your lender for specific details, as some institutions do waive this requirement for PCVs. Monthly or quarterly withdrawals may be taken from your readjustment allowance to pay interest.

Forbearance

- Under certain conditions, a lender may grant forbearance to a borrower. PCVs should check with their lending institution or the loan service regarding this possibility.

Student Loan Cancellation for Peace Corps Volunteers

- Cancellation applies only to Perkins Loans.
- The cancellation provisions may not grandfather past and/or current Volunteers with outstanding Perkins Loans depending on the date of the loan. They also do not allow forgiveness of Perkins Loans taken after PCV service.
- For each of the first and second complete years of service, 15 percent of a Volunteer's total loan obligation plus accrued annual interest would be canceled.
- For each of the third and fourth complete years of service, 20 percent of a Volunteer's total loan obligation plus the accrued annual interest would be canceled.

It should be noted that Volunteers are responsible for contacting their lending institutions directly. Peace Corps is not responsible for administering loan deferment or forgiveness. Peace Corps certifies that an individual is serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer, or qualifies for an "economic hardship" deferment. Also, the laws and regulations regarding deferment or cancellation of student loans are subject to change. Check with your lender for the current information. The Peace Corps Office has deferment and cancellation forms in case you do not have the forms from your lending institution.

María Eugenia de Cobo is in charge of processing loan deferments.

Crazy Cooking

SWART COCONUT MILK

Drain milk from one large coconut into blender. Crack coconut and extract meat. Place chunks into blender and add 1 Cup water and 1-1/2 Cup sugar. Liquify and strain through sieve. Reserve soft milk and shredded coconut meat. The resulting sweetened coconut milk can be used for Coconut Shrimp (recipe to follow). That Curries, cood-tees and other exotic rum drinks. The shredded coconut meat can be used in Coconut Shrimp, Curries, Cookies, Bread, etc.



COCONUT SHRIMP

- 1 pound Shrimp (peeled and deveined)
- 1-1/2 Cup Sweetened Coconut Milk
- 3/4 Cup Shredded Coconut Meat
- 1-1/2 Cup Water
- 2 to 4 Chopped Green Onions (approx. 1/2 Cup)
- 1/4 Medium Onion chopped
- 1 Green or Red Sweet Pepper chopped
- 3/4 Cup Green Peas
- 3/4 Cup Sliced Carrot
- 1 T Chopped Garlic
- 1 T Dry Herb
- 1 tsp. Powdered Ginger
- 1 tsp. Curry Powder
- 1/4 tsp. Salt

Brown onions and garlic in the oil. Add carrots, peas, salt, spices, oil and peppers; stir one min. Add water, cover and simmer until veggies are al dente. Add coconut milk and meat; bring back to simmer. Add shrimp; simmer until pink - no more than five min. or will turn tough. For a thicker sauce add roux while simmering the shrimp. (This goes well with Cool as a Cucumber and Mango Chutney - see the following recipes)

COOL AS A CUCUMBER

- 1 Cucumber, peeled and sliced
 - 1/4 tsp. Pepper
 - 1/2 tsp. Dill
 - 4-6 T Plain Yogurt
- Blend and let stand 1 hr. before serving



MANGO CHUTNEY

- 1 Large Tony mango (the largest variety), ripe but still firm, peeled and cut into chunks, approx 1/2" x 1/3"
 - 1 Medium Apple
 - 1 Medium onion sliced into 1/8" circles and then cut across
 - 3/4 C Raisins
 - 1/2 C Sugar
 - 1/3 C Water
 - 1/2 C Vinegar - white grapes
 - 2 T Fresh Ginger
 - 1 T Fresh Garlic
 - 2 Hot red peppers - deseeded (for a sweet/sour variation of this recipe, delete this ingredient)
 - 1/4 tsp. powdered cloves
- Liquify in blender. Apple, Ginger, Garlic, cloves, Red pepper, Cup water. Strain through sieve and heat in enamel, stainless steel or non-stick pan. Add Sugar and Vinegar, simmer gently for 2-3 minutes. Add Mango, Onion, Raisins; simmer gently for approx. five min. until raisins are plump (don't over cook). Cool and place in glass jars.

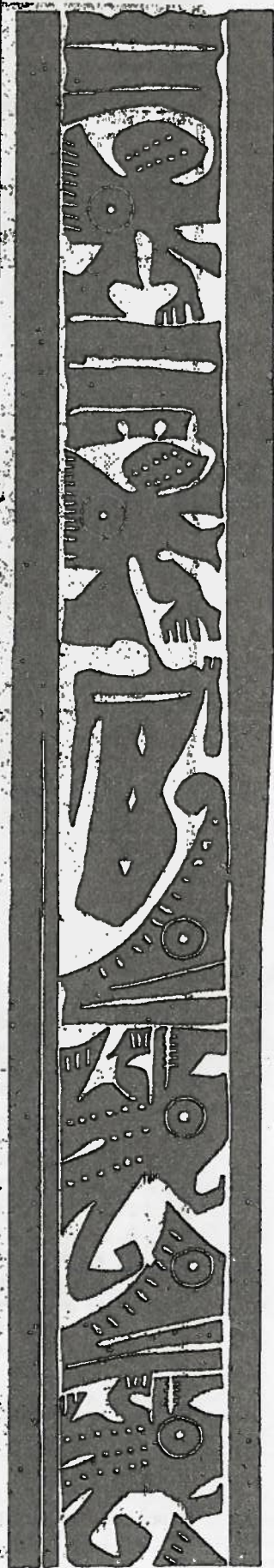
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Peace Corps Ecuador Volunteer Status (2/29/96)

I must say I have never understood why the administration feels the need to share with us this list of information of questionable relevance. We usually receive a thick 10 page version of this list about every 3 months. I typically throw mine away as soon as I get it. Anyway they asked us to publish it for them and I decided to modify it a bit in the name of paper savings. -MB

Alternative Agriculture				
LAST NAME	F. NAME	COS DATE	SITE	PROVINCE
BOONE	JACKIE	05/07/97	PIQUILUCHO	CARCHI
DE TEMPLE	JILL	03/06/96	UNGUEN	BOLIVAR
DUMARESQ	DAVID	05/07/97	CHILLANES	BOLIVAR
GIGLIOTTI	REBECCA	08/06/96	AZOGUEZ	CANAR
HOFFMAN	HUGO	05/07/97	ENJOSE DE GRUZ	TUNGURAHUA
KOESER	PAUL	05/07/97	BURUFUCYU	BOLIVAR
LOPEZ	PATRICIA	05/06/96	EL ANGEL	CARCHI
MANN	VICKIE	05/07/97	ENJOSE TINAJ.	CARCHI
MOORE	JANE	06/07/96	SAN RAFAEL	CARCHI
RATHLEH	JEFFREY	11/08/96	UMIMBO	BOLIVAR
RUTHAUFF	TERRY	05/07/97	MIRAFLORES	CHIMBORAZO
SCHWITZ	CHRISTOPHE	05/06/96	GARCIA MORENO	CARCHI
TRANSUE	DENNIS	06/06/97	SIGSIG	AZUAY
Animal Production				
LAST NAME	F. NAME	COS DATE	SITE	PROVINCE
CHAMBERLAIN	KARIN	06/06/97	SAN LUCAS	LOJA
HARRIS	RUSSELL	05/07/97	EN.MARCOS	COTOPAXI
HAYS	JERRY	05/06/96	SAN JORGE	PASTAZA
KELLER	SHELIA	05/06/96	CUMANDA	CHIMBORAZO
LONG	STACY	05/07/97	PAQUISHAPA	LOJA
MCLAUGHLIN	BOBBE	05/07/97	CAYAMBE	PICHINCHA
PERMAN	ERICA	05/07/97	CAYAMBE	PICHINCHA
RIOPEDRE	MARY	05/07/97	ISLA VARGAS T.	ESMERALDAS
STOCKWELL	LEILA	05/06/96	COLTA	CHIMBORAZO
ZWISER	GREG	05/07/97	LA ORENSE	PICHINCHA
ASHLEY	HEATHER	05/06/96	PECHICHE	GUAYAS
JUNG	JANIE	05/06/96	LA CELICA	PICHINCHA
KELNER	ERIC	04/15/96	SANTO DOMING	PICHINCHA
MCHACKEN	TRACY	11/15/96	RIOBAMBA	CHIMBORAZO
MCMANEE	DAVID	08/06/96	PITRISHCA	PASTAZA
REICHELET	CONNIE	05/06/96	EL EMPALME	GUAYAS
REICHELET	MARK	05/06/96	EL EMPALME	GUAYAS
WHATSON	DUSTIN	04/11/96	MACAS	MORONA
Health				
LAST NAME	F. NAME	COS DATE	SITE	PROVINCE
ASHLEY	CHRISTINE	11/01/97	QUININDE	ESMERALDAS
CHIN	CINDY	10/28/96	SAN PABLO	IMBABURA
CLAPP	SHELLI	11/01/97	CHACARITA	LOS RIOS
COX	MAGDALENA	11/01/97	MONTARITA	MANABI
CULVERHOUSE	TRICIA	10/28/96	SAN JACINTO	MANABI
DING	NICOLE	10/28/96	MIRA	CARCHI
FIELDS	JENNIFER	11/01/97	LA QUINTA	ESMERALDAS
FLORES	LISA	10/28/96	LA CELICA	PICHINCHA
GAFFNEY	MEREDITH	11/01/97	AHUANO	NAPO
GEOTINA	HELEN	10/28/96	IBARRA	IMBABURA
GREEN	STEPHEN	11/01/97	LORETO	NAPO
HAMMER	JODI	10/28/96	UKUCQUI	IMBABURA
HORNIAK	ROBERT	11/01/97	BELLAVISTA	MANABI
LAWLOR	DONNA	10/28/96	EL TINGO	COTOPAXI
LEAMONS	KIRK	10/28/96	ZULETA	IMBABURA
LEAMONS	PAMELA	10/28/96	ZULETA	IMBABURA
LEVENTRY	MARJORIE	04/29/96	QUITO	PICHINCHA
MANNING	CORINNE	10/28/96	STO. DOMINGO	PICHINCHA
MCCLINTOCK	JO ETTA	ET - MARCH	QUININDE	ESMERALDAS
MURPHY	TARA	11/01/97	JUNIN	MANABI
NICHOLSON	SHELLEY	10/28/96	CHIPERAMBURGO	COTOPAXI
NORTON	ELIZABETH	11/01/97	LA T	ESMERALDAS
PEARCE	WENDY	10/28/96	CANOA	MANABI
RARN	KELLY	10/28/96	DAULE	GUAYAS
RICKS	ROSEMARY	10/28/96	PIMAMPIRO	IMBABURA
ROSSLER	MICHELLE	31/01/97	MISAHUALLI	NAPO
WAKE	MONIQUE	31/01/97	ESMERALDAS	ESMERALDAS
WEISZ	JESSICA	11/01/97	ISLA PUÑA	GUAYAS
WILDER	DWIGHT	10/28/96	LA MANA	COTOPAXI
Housing				
LAST NAME	F. NAME	COS DATE	SITE	PROVINCE
JEX	JASON	10/28/96	GUAYAQUIL	GUAYAS
ROGERS	ROBIN	10/28/96	GUARANDA	BOLIVAR

Natural Resources				
LAST NAME	F. NAME	COS DATE	SITE	PROVINCE
AMADOR	ANDRES	05/07/97	CUENCA	AZUAY
BROOK	EDITH	05/07/97	INGAPERRAH.	IMBABURA
COBY	AARON	05/07/97	LIMONAL	CARCHI
GARLAGEE	DARIN	05/07/97	PORTOVIEJO	MANABI
KREINER	MARY KATE	05/07/97	QUITO	PICHINCHA
KRUPA	RONALD	05/07/97	PLAYA DE ORO	ESMERALDAS
LECHUGA	JENNIFER	05/07/97	PALLATANGA	CHIMBORAZO
MINZENBERG	ERIC	05/07/97	LA Y	ESMERALDAS
MORGAN	MICHAEL	05/07/97	CERRO BLANCO	GUAYAS
NENN	CHRYL	05/07/97	CHICAL	CARCHI
PARSONS	RUSSELL	05/07/97	MARIANTAS	PICHINCHA
PARSONS	SHANNON	05/07/97	MARIANTAS	PICHINCHA
PERMAN	DARYL	05/07/97	CAYAMBE	PICHINCHA
SHOUBE	SCOTT	05/07/97	ISLA ISABELA	GALAPAGOS
SULSER	TIMOTHY	05/07/97	MARISCAL SUCRE	CARCHI
SWIER	CHRISTOPHER	05/07/97	SAN MARCOS	AZUAY
WILLIE	KRISTEN	05/07/97	FUERTO HONDO	GUAYAS
BRAMB	CYRUS	06/06/97	BILSA	ESMERALDAS
BUNGE	BRIAN	05/06/96	VILCABAMBA	LOJA
CASTAREDA	ISIDRO	05/06/96	CUENCA	AZUAY
CLARK	JOHN	06/06/97	QUITO	PICHINCHA
COCHRANE	KRISTINE	04/16/96	FUYS	PASTAZA
HARRIS	A. THOMAS	05/06/96	RIOBAMBA	CHIMBORAZO
RUTKOVSKIS	INES	11/06/96	BANOS	TUNGURAHUA
SHAR	DEBORAH	04/16/96	PINTAG	PICHINCHA
SMITH	JOEL	05/06/96	PALLATANGA	CHIMBORAZO
SMITH	TODD	06/30/96	SAN LORENZO	ESMERALDAS
TEIXEIRA	CARL	04/17/96	MINDO	PICHINCHA
Rural Infrastructure				
LAST NAME	F. NAME	COS DATE	SITE	PROVINCE
BANKS	KARL	10/28/96	PORTOVIEJO	MANABI
BLAHA	MARK	10/28/96	SAN VICENTE	MANABI
COSGROVE	ERIC	10/28/96	SUCUA	MORONA
OLSON	RICHARD	10/28/96	PALLATANGA	CHIMBORAZO
REITZ	ANDREW	10/28/96	CAYAMBE	PICHINCHA
REUL	CRYSTAL	10/28/96	IBARRA	IMBABURA
STILLMAN	MARK	10/28/96	DAULE	GUAYAS
COLWELL	NEAL	03/30/96	CUMANDA	CHIMBORAZO
S.E.D.				
LAST NAME	F. NAME	COS DATE	SITE	PROVINCE
ALVAREZ	ALFREDO	11/06/96	SIGSIG	AZUAY
LEVENTRY	ROY	04/29/96	QUITO	PICHINCHA
QUANCE	ROBERT	04/29/96	STO. DOMINGO	PICHINCHA
SIMMONS	TOYA	05/15/96	AZOGUEZ	CANAR
Special Education				
LAST NAME	F. NAME	COS DATE	SITE	PROVINCE
BARTON	ROSEMARY	ET 3/3/96	AZOGUEZ	CAÑAR
EDWARDS	KAREN	10/28/96	TULCAN	CARCHI
HOOVER	LAURA	11/29/96	LOJA	LOJA
HOUSTON	LESLIE	03/30/96	ZARUMA	EL ORO
HUMPHREY	ELIZABETH	11/01/97	STO DOMINGO	PICHINCHA
JOHNSON	JULIE	11/01/97	PORTOVIEJO	MANABI
LETOTO	SUSANNA	11/01/97	LA LIBERTAD	GUAYAS
MCGENTY	TRESA	11/01/97	CUENCA	AZUAY
MITCHELL	MELISSA	10/28/96	CONOCOTO	PICHINCHA
SCHWAB	WENDY	11/01/97	IBARRA	IMBABURA
SHIELDS	DIANNE	11/01/97	MACHALA	EL ORO
SMITH	SHELBY	10/28/96	SANTA ANA	MANABI
ZEMMOL	GAIL	10/28/96	RIOBAMBA	CHIMBORAZO
Youth Development				
LAST NAME	F. NAME	COS DATE	SITE	PROVINCE
DIERST-DAVIE	CERI	10/28/96	RIOBAMBA	CHIMBORAZO
DUFFY	TARA	10/28/96	SAN RAFAEL	PICHINCHA
FONTAINE	PETER	10/28/96	GUAYAQUIL	GUAYAS
FRIES	KYE	10/28/96	CONOCOTO	PICHINCHA
KEMP	BRIAN	10/28/96	CUENCA	AZUAY
KSHATRIYA	DIPAK	10/28/96	AMBATO	TUNGURAHUA
PYLE	TERESA	10/28/96	LOJA	LOJA
ROHLER	LISA	11/01/97	MACHALA	EL ORO
SHIELDS	CAROLYN	10/28/96	QUITO	PICHINCHA
WALKER	GEORGE	10/28/96	GUAYAQUIL	GUAYAS
CARIAS	MIGUEL	11/01/97	ESMERALDAS	ESMERALDAS
CRONBACH	ROBERT	11/01/97	CUENCA	AZUAY
RUBIO	NATHALY	11/01/97	LOJA	LOJA
TOMOLA	JUSTIN	11/01/97	AZOGUEZ	CAÑAR



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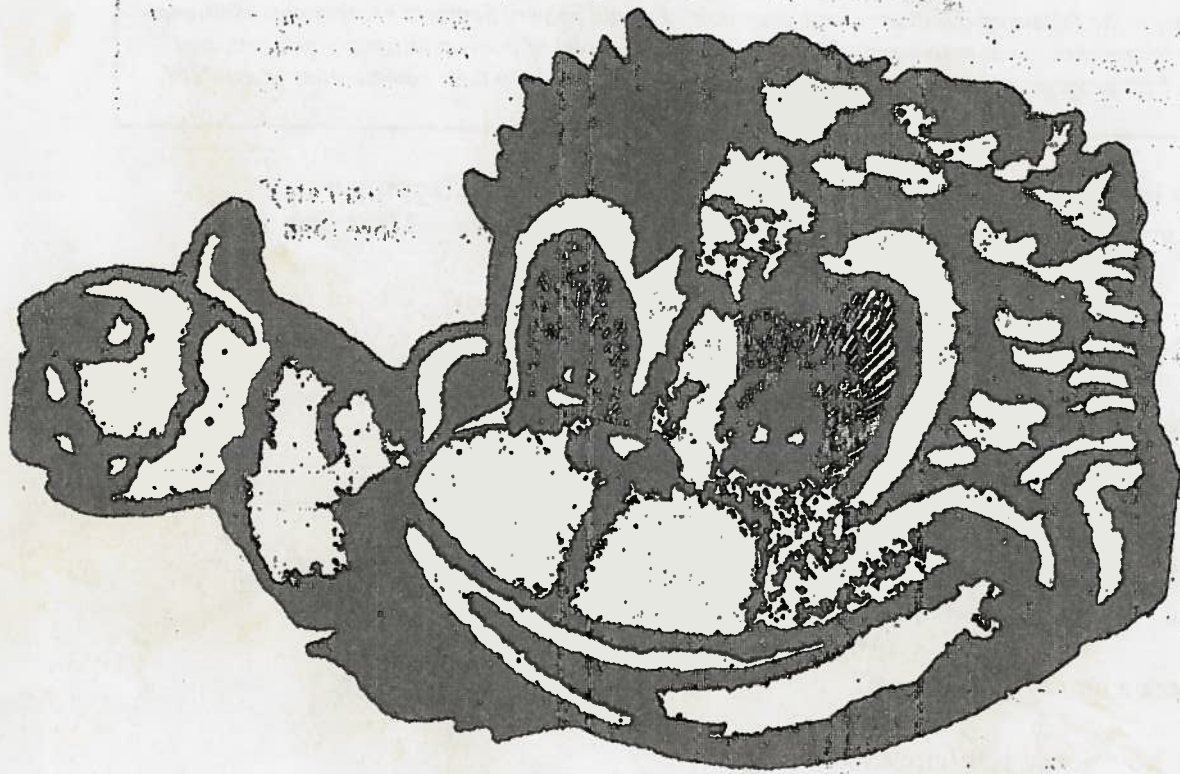
Library Project Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions about your post. I would be very happy to receive any additional comments or insights. Your responses will help me assess the level of interest in library projects, and design the best program possible to support volunteers who want to help their communities to establish libraries.

1. What is the average minimum level of education at your post (approximate)?
1yr-3yrs 4yrs-6yrs 7yrs-9yrs 10yrs-12yrs More than 12yrs
2. What percentage of your community is literate (approximate)?
0-25% 26%-50% 51%-75% 76%-100%
3. What sorts of schools do children at your post have access to?
Level(s): _____
Distance(s): _____
4. What media resources do most people currently have access to (please circle)?
Radio TV Newspapers Books Other _____
5. Is there a library at your post? yes no
6. If so, how active is it (circle one)?
1. extremely 2. very 3. moderately 4. a little 5. not at all
7. How would your community rank having a library in comparison to its other development goals (e.g. latrines, wells etc.)?
1. top priority 2. high priority 3. moderate priority 4. low priority 5. no interest
8. What are (or would be) the major benefit(s) of having a library?
9. What population uses (or would use) the library the most?
10. What were (or would be) the major obstacle(s) to creating a successful library?
11. What sorts of books are (or would be) the most useful/interesting for your community?
12. Where did (would) you locate the library?
13. What other public facilities are present (church, health center, post office, bar etc.)?

Comments:

Please continue on the back or on a separate sheet if you want to!



Monkey Hippy