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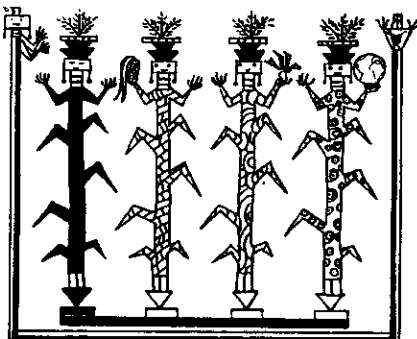
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Kahadineh: Atlanta is Site of '94 PC National Conference

Kahadineh



"Gathering of the People"

National Peace Corps
 Association

1994 National Conference

Atlanta, Georgia
 July 28-31, 1994

The upcoming national conference of the National Peace Corps Association promises to be one of the best ever.

Called *Kahadineh* (gathering of the people) it will be hosted by the Atlanta Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

It will be held in Atlanta GA, 28-31 July 1994. To be centered at the Omni Hotel in CNN Center, there will be career fairs, ethnic dinners, country of service reunions, diversity workshops, an international bazaar, and international celebrations.



Major speakers include the president of National Public Radio, The US Solicitor General, two members of Congress, the director of the Peace Corps, the executive director of the National and Community Service Corporation and the president of CARE.

Friends of Morocco will be in Atlanta, where we hope to get together for catching up, some socializing, and perhaps a trip to a Moroccan restaurant.

For more information see the *National News* and registration form pull-out sections in this copy of the newsletter.

Football

Morocco lost to Belgium in its opening game in the World Cup games, playing at Orlando FL. It is the first World Cup games to be played in the United States.

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Amnesty Int'l Tours Morocco

The coordinator of the Middle East/Maghreb Membership Development Team in Amnesty International's International Secretariat, visited Morocco for ten days to promote the development of Amnesty International's membership in the country.

During his visit, he will meet Amnesty International members and supporters to discuss the possibility of setting up local groups working on human rights issues within the organization's mandate.

The Amnesty delegate will meet with representatives of human rights movements, trade unions, and professional associations to discuss cooperation in fields such as human rights promotion. During the visit, he will also meet with Omar Azziman, who was appointed as



Morocco's first human Rights Minister.

During a previous Amnesty International visit to Morocco, in May 1993, the Moroccan Human Rights Advisory Council, Conseil Consultatif des Droits de l'Homme (CCDH), a government appointed human rights commission, told delegates that it welcomed Amnesty's efforts to expand its membership in Morocco.

In accordance with the organization's principles of impartiality and international solidarity, Amnesty International's members do not provide information on human rights violations in their own country, nor--a members--take any action on individual cases in their country.

"Corporate" NPCA

The Washington Post reports that among other perks, the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) is offering credit cards, phone service discounts, and other "corporate deals."

It has become somewhat controversial. Robert Smythe, a mid-60s volunteer in Nigeria, says "Here we are, supposedly having given up part of our lives to national service, and that somehow makes us more marketable."

"People just love to see idealist sell out," says John Ettinger, a former Paraguay volunteer.

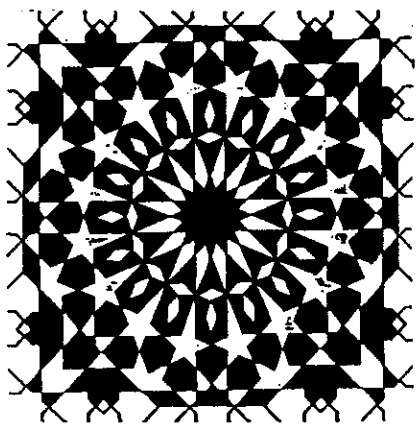
Susan Ueberhorst, NPCA's membership director, said the group did grapple with the "actual message that was going out" and turned down some marketing slogans. She said it ultimately boiled down to smart fund-raising. Most of the funds raised are used for programs such as the grass roots immunization programs in this country and lobbying Capitol Hill for more foreign aid.

In the end, NPCA says that moneys from such corporate deals help returned volunteers fulfill the elusive goal of Peace Corps--"to help promote better understanding of other people on the part of the American people"--by providing materials for school and community presentations.

Pizza in Thirty Minutes?

A Saudi franchise for Dominos Pizza in North Africa was granted recently.

The first restaurant will probably be located in Cairo, though plans for the future include locations in Morocco and the rest of the Maghreb.



Bellamy Speaks

The following is courtesy of Newsletter of the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of San Antonio (Texas) as taken from a National Press Club Speech by Carol Bellamy, retrieved from Internet listserv PCORPS-L from 15 March, 1994.

"...at 33, Peace Corps is in its prime. In the past three decades, the world has changed dramatically, but the Peace Corps mission to work with people at the grass roots level to improve their condition has remain unchanged. Our goals of sustainable development and cross cultural understanding have proven both timeless and more timely today...and in communities where they are assigned, the development is sustained after they leave.

"...Yes, we are still working to increase food production, and to improve education, health and nutrition, but our fastest growing sectors are business development and environmental management. We are, as I think any vibrant organization should, undertaking a comprehensive review of all our programs—to make sure they're relevant to 1994.

"...Think of the adjectives that would describe a Peace Corps Volunteer: autonomous, resourceful, flexible—they pretty much sum up the agency. Today's Peace Corps is everything you thought it was; the news is it's more. We are the largest international Teaching of English as a Second Language organization in the world. But, with over 900 Volunteers working on natural resources management, we are also the largest cadre of environmental workers.

"...Today PCV's range in age from 18 to 86. One out of ten is over 50. Twelve percent are minorities. We have a Peace Corps, as President Clinton has said, that looks like America—and we ought to. We have PCV's speaking over 200 languages and dialects in 96 countries. We have made 30 new country entries since 1990.

"Our pool of 140,000 returned Volunteers represent a tangible contribution Peace Corps has made to foreign policy. Thousands of us now work in foreign policy and foreign assistance agencies. Some will lead or train some of President Clinton's national service program people. At a time when Americans at-large are looking inward, RPCV's are committed internationalists - cross cultural ambassadors.

"As Peace Corps matures at home, generations who were taught by us are maturing around the world. Three of the eight aides of the President of Niger were educated by Peace Corps teachers as are the Presidents of Eritrea, Ghana and Uganda

"...the PC method of grass roots development works, yet the results are hard to quantify. We can't begin to measure the impact that comes of the personal friendships, the cross cultural understanding, the prominence of Peace Corps educated foreign officials both here and abroad.

"Even while Peace Corps embodies timeless values, it's the qualities of its volunteers: resourcefulness, flexibility and experience—that will carry our mission of promoting peace well into the 21st century."



'84 Stages Reunion

Plans are underway for a reunion of the Stages of 1984. Mark your calendar for 23-25 September 1994, and meet us at Cape Cod.

The reunion will be in a beach house for the weekend. Plans are to house some people at the beach house and, if necessary, other's can stay in local hotels. The house will be available for parties and as a central meeting place.

A letter to all '84 RPCVs (for whom we have good addresses) will be mailed soon.

If you are interested, or want more information, contact Noreen Polk, 7575 Weatherworn Way, Columbia MD 21046, tel: 301.854.2571; mark Parkison, 5952 Montgomery Road, Elkridge MD 21227, tel: 410.744.2912; or Julie Dargis, 1601 Argonne Place #107, Washington DC 20009, tel: 202.986.6951.

MORE HABITAT.....

More pairs of used eye-glasses are needed for Habitat for Humanity's program in Morocco.

Send your old glasses and frames to:

Dave Fredrick
9610 Tinsmith Lane
Burke VA 22015

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Women on the Range

Utah State U. Study in Morocco

The Department of Range Science at Utah State University is seeking a PhD-level graduate student to investigate how females value, classify, and utilize rangeland resources in Morocco.

A full research assistantship is available.

Research would be conducted as part of a AID-funded University Development Linkage Project grant between USU and Hassan II University in Rabat. This research is in collaboration with the Oriental Project in Bouarfa, Morocco.

Students would perform field work in Morocco in one period of 18-24 months, positioned between two blocks of course work and dissertation preparation at USU. Female applicants are strongly encouraged due to the gender-sensitive aspects.

Qualifications: ability in French and/or Arabic; good level of physical fitness and health; previous third world experience, preferably in North Africa; and willingness to live for extended periods in a small desert town in Morocco.

Background in natural resources, animal production, or ecology, with ability and willingness to conduct interdis-



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ciplinary women-oriented research is desired.

Send a letter of application, a recent resume, and addresses and phone numbers of three references to Dr. G. K. Perrier, Department of Range Science, Utah State University, Logan UT 84322-5230, tel: 801.797.1585.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.



PCORPS-L Listserv

The following message was to participants on the PCORPS-L listserv on the Internet:

I'm planning a Peace Corps Weg server to operate here at INTAC. It will have major sections on PC history, the countries PC works in, advice on joining the Peace Corps, PC anecdotes, and RPCV addresses. Please send me anything you think will be useful--remember, a webserver can include photos, maps, and sound as well as simple text. We should be able to make this a great service. Mike (Botswana 1981/83)

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If you would like to join the PCORPS listserv, send this message:

subscribe PCORPS-L first name last name (e.g. subscribe PCORPS-L Jane Doe) to LISTSERV@CMUVM (Bitnet) or LISTSERV@CMUVM.CSV. CMICH.EDU (Internet).



Contraception, Civil Rights Reform

The following is excerpted from the March/April 1994 issue of Family Planning World.

Increased contraceptive use and a reform in civil-rights laws have led to what observers consider to be an improvement of the status of women in Morocco. But some experts believe that the transition is moving at a perilously slow pace.

Changes in marriage laws have spurred the improvement in Moroccan women's rights. Though half of Moroccan women marry before the age of 19, that is an improvement over 1980 when the age was 17.2 years. Currently, half of Moroccan women aged 15 to 19 are not married—considered quite an achievement for such a country.

Even with one of the highest uses of contraceptives in the Arab world, Moroccan women still average four children during their productive years.

Maternal mortality is high for the country, with 332 maternal deaths per 100,000 births reported between 1985 and 1991, according to the Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS).

New laws, however, are designed to reflect growing attention toward women's rights. Under the new laws, a marriage will only be valid if

the bride consents before a notary. Husbands will no longer be allowed to divorce their wives except in the presence of a judge and after arbitration. Further, a first wife will be allowed to ask for a divorce if her husband takes a second wife. Also, the father, rather than the maternal grandmother, will receive custody of the children if the mother dies or remarries.

The new laws don't change much according to some, but they are a dramatic first step.

Family size ideals are also changing. Among married women, only one in two say they want no more children, and one in five want to space their next birth.

...332 maternal deaths per 100,000 births.....

Teen-age pregnancy is also showing dramatic drops in Morocco. Only 5% of women aged 15 to 19 had already had at least one child. Only 2% were pregnant with their first child.

The next challenge for Morocco is to evenly distribute family planning. The rates currently vary according to available health care in rural and urban areas.

If unwanted births were eliminated by contraception, the fertility rate in Morocco would plummet 34%.

Hashish Could Affect Aid

Wire reports on 3 June 1994, from Mijas Spain, note that police confiscated two tons of hashish and arrested three Moroccans as they unloaded the drug from two boats in Mijas, in southeastern Spain.

The seizure reinforced concerns over Morocco's commitment to its promise to clamp down on the cultivation and trafficking of hashish. In exchange for that October 1992 pledge, King Hassan II received important development aid from European countries.

But a recent report by an independent French research agency indicated hashish production has increased significantly in Morocco since His Majesty made his commitment.

Tunisia is a woman,

Algeria is a man,

Morocco is a Lion.

Arab saying.

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The following information was submitted by our readers to help us keep track. If you have news about you, your PC friends, other Peace Corps volunteers, former Peace Corps-related persons, or any other Moroccophile, send it in for the Ash Khabarna column.

Tess Kruser (Larache 1987/90, Rehab) and her husband, **Khaled El Abdi**, announce the birth of their second child, **Yasin**. He was born on 14 December 1993. His sister, **Sarah**, was 3 years old in April. **Tess and Khaled** would like to hear from old friends. Write to 4848 N. Lydell, #122, Milwaukee WI 53217.

Valerie Staats (Casablanca 1983/85, TEFL), has moved down the street. She can now be reached at 609 Gettysburg Street, Pittsburgh PA 15206.

Marguerite Hauberg (Rabat 1987/89, Orphanage), would like to contact any MRPCVs. She lives in the Seattle area. **Marguerite** adopted a Moroccan boy and will be taking part in the Washington reunion of families with adopted Moroccan children. The group will meet around 6 August 1994. Contact **Marguerite** for more

information, at 4652 Elsica Drive, Clinton WA 98236, tel: 206.341.1348.

Candace Newcomb (MRPCV, 1976/78), has moved cross country. Formerly in New Hampshire, she is now living at 4502 241 S.W., Mount Lake Ter WA 98043.

Tim & Keltoum Hyatt (Agadir 1987/89, ESP), have bought a house, and are happily ensconced at 701 Moseley Road, Perinton NY 14450. They moved in in February with children **Trevor** and **Alana Sophia**.

Peter Ohman (Midelt/ Marrakech 1982/84, TEFL/Rehab), is Coordinator of Outdoor Programs for the Aids Pastoral Care Network. He is currently charged with directing and raising funds for the second annual Camp Getaway, for HIV and AIDS impacted families in the Midwest. To get in touch with **Peter**, or to find out more about his program, write him at APCN, 4753 North Broadway, Suite 800, Chicago IL 60640, tel: 312.334.5333.

Susan Kelley (MRPCV 1986/88), formerly living in Toledo OH, can now be contacted as **Susan Kelley Almeida**, 558 Missouri Avenue,

Cincinnati OH 45226, tel: 513.321.6568.

Noreen Polk (Errachidia 1984/86, TEFL), has moved (again!). She can now be contacted at 7575 A Weatherworn Way, Columbia MD 21046, tel: 301.854.2571.

Ken Dethman (Taza 1962-64, Oyster Farmer), (this is Morocco 1!!!!) is alive and well in Oregon. He writes that he would be pleased to entertain your inquiry to his Portland address: Box 1301, Portland OR 97207-1301.

Victoria Adler (Martil-Tetouan, Current Volunteer), seeks English-language books to begin a resource center and lending library in Martil, to serve lycee and university students in the area. She would particularly like to have books on subjects studied at the faculty: basic skills, such as composition, grammar, and spoken English; English, American, and African literature and history; history of philosophy; literary criticism; and linguistics. Reference texts, magazines, and lower-level ESL readers are also needed. Look through your old dusty books from college and do that spring cleaning that you've been putting off. Send books to the project's



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supervising nun, Maria Esther Arrieta, 21 Khalid Ibn Walid, Martil-Tetouan, Morocco. Victoria can be contacted at Abdel Malik Essaadi University, English Department, Martil-Tetouan.

Peter Laugharn (Sefrou, 1982/84, TEFL), (and first FOM president) writes that he is still in Mali, saying that there is plenty of room for FOM members who are passing through. He's been there over two years now, saying that they have been exhilarating years. He'll be passing through Morocco in August. Peter had a brief misunderstanding with a swarm of African bees last year, and a bout of hepatitis. He's ok now...and back to the grind. He is working for Save the Children, in a country that still has a 15% literacy rate for men and a 5% literacy rate for women. Contact Peter at BP 3105, Quinzambougou, Mali, or in the US c/o Dick & Dorothy laugharn, 5417 Cooper Point Road, N.W., Olympia WA 98502.

Robert S. Drake (Marrakech and Casablanca 1983/85, Voc Ed), writes that he and his wife Khadija have relocated to 1901 15th Avenue, Parkersburg WV 26101. Khadija a native of Marrakech and Bob have two children, Nicholas and Rym. Bob would like to start an *association* of people interested in collecting

books and other printed material on Morocco. He would be willing to "lead" such a finders/traders group, if there are other interested parties in FOM. You can telephone Bob at 304.485.7080.

Some new and renewed members to FOM are: Geoffrey Reinhard (Fez 1967/72, TEFL) who can be reached at 1825 Harmon Street, Berkeley CA 94703, tel: 510.658.2573;



Tim Gallagher (Agadir 1984/87, Rural Water) is a plumbing contractor who can be contacted at 5028 Souza Drive, Las Vegas NV 89102, tel: 702.873.9959; and David Hart (AlHoceima/Ouarzazate 1952/67), is an anthropologist and social historian living at Apartado de Correos 40, Garucha (Almeria), Spain 04630, tel: 50.47.80.77. Among David's publications are *The Aith Wary Aghar of the Moroccan Rif* (U. of Arizona Press, 1976), *Dadda Atta and His 40 Grandsons* (Wisbech: Menas Press, 1991), and *The Ait*

Atta of Southern Morocco (Menas Press, 1984).

Other new members include Linda Whittington, who is a program manager doing research and development for small businesses, working for the Department of the Navy, and now living at 5760 Village

Green Drive, Alexandria VA 22309, tel: 703.799.4227. Betty Pope (Rabat 1983/86, PCMO), is working as a nurse at King Fahd Hospital in Saudi Arabia, and can be contacted at 53 Baldwin Street, Binghamton NY 13903. Anita Parker Chardavoine (Meknes & Rabat 1970/71, TEFL) can be contacted at 39, rue Saint-Ferdinand, Paris, France 75017, tel: 33.1 40.55.04.27.

Anita reports that the following TEFL 1970/72 *lost volunteers* have been found: John Brugger, 13923 Marblestone Drive, Clifton VA 22024; Richard & Marie Jones, 1058 Linden, Wilmette IL 60091;

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and Janet Shekelton (now Mrs. Thom Franks), 2234 22nd Avenue, Forest Grove OR 97116. She also noted that several volunteers have changed addresses since the last directory printing. Included are Vito LaMura, 143 Franklin Street, Arlington MA 02174 (Vito hasn't moved, but his address was incorrectly printed); Robert Cunningham, 7333 Greenhaven Avenue, Rancho Cucamonga CA 91730; and Stephen Schrader, 1630 E. Old Kokomo Road, Marion IN 46593. *Who's Who in the Peace Corps*, lists the following (formerly lost) volunteers: Ellen & Lowell Brown, 2122 Florida Avenue, Washington DC 20008; Stanley Olivier, 15124 Weddington Street, Van Nuys CA 91411; and Michael Yarabinec, 1424 Jones Street #2, San Francisco CA 94109.

Philip and Kinza Schuyler (Fez 1968/72, TEFL; Marrakech 1975/77, American Language Center Director), are at 11207 Albeth Road, Marriottsville MD 21104, tel: 410.442.1932; Mark Hodgkins (Al Hoceima 1988/90, Parks, Wildlife, and Environmental Education), can be contacted at 2020 Greenwich Court, Lansing MI 48910, tel: 517.393.0374; and Steven Taber (Khenifra 1981/83, TEFL), can be found at 1650 Hemstock, Wheaton IL 60187, tel: 708.690.7245.



Musical Nostalgia

Back in the '60s, when life was "simpler" and less hectic (or so it seems), part of President Kennedy's New Frontier was the establishment of the Peace Corps. What follows is a song (to be sung to the tune of The Caisson Song) that was published in 1963, in a music book titled Singing Along With Jack, Hit Songs from the New Frontier. The lyrics are by Milton M. Schwartz and it was published by Bonny Publishing Corporation/Pocket Books Inc.

Live in tents, work in mud,
While mosquitoes drink your blood,
As the Peace Corps goes rolling along.

Break your back, lose your mind,
So the world will think we're kind,
As the Peace Corps goes rolling along.

In the far atolls,
Shriver drives a Rolls.
Somehow it doesn't quite belong.

Better walk, don't run...
Sunstroke isn't fun,
As the Peace Corps goes rolling along.
As the Peace Corps goes rolling along.

College boys on the lam
Find a haven in Siam,
As the Peace Corps goes rolling along.



Native food's awf'ly nice--
Rice on lamb or lamb on rice,
As the Peace Corps goes rolling along.

Then it's Hi! Hi! Hee!
Spray the DDT.
Learn how to wear a tight sarong.

Please dispel your doubts,
This is not the Scouts,
As the Peace Corps goes rolling along.
As the Peace Corps goes rolling along.

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Aren't they strange over here!
Aren't those foreign people queer!
As the Peace Corps goes rolling along.

We must all co-exist--
Teach the Turks to do the twist!
As the Peace Corps goes rolling along.

Then it's Hi! Hi! Hee!
have a glass of tea.
Isn't the meat a trifle strong?

If the world's a mess,
We could not care less,
As the Peace Corps goes rolling along.
As the Peace Corps goes rolling along.



TAGINE

Some of our readers have asked that we occasionally include recipes for Moroccan dishes. *Bon appetit!* and *Bismillah!*

From Kitty Morse, author of *Come With Me to the Kasbah: A Cook's Tour of Morocco*, recently included the following recipe in a *Washington Post* article on Moroccan tagines.

CHICKEN TAGINE WITH OLIVES

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 (3-lb) chicken
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 tsp. ground ginger
- 1 tbsp. sweet paprika
- 1/8 tsp. Spanish saffron (powder or crushed threads)
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 c. water or chicken broth, plus additional water for boiling olives
- 15 oz. purple or green pitted olives, rinsed and drained
- Salt
- Freshly ground pepper

Heat olive oil in Dutch oven over medium heat. Add whole chicken and brown over medium heat on all sides. Spoon off fat if desired. Add cumin, ginger, paprika, saffron, lemon juice, garlic, and 1 cup water. Cover and cook over medium-low heat until chicken is tender, about 1 1/2 hours.

Bring water to boil in small saucepan. Add drained olives and boil 5 minutes. Drain again and crush olives with fork. Add to chicken and cook

10 minutes longer. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve with crusty bread.

Makes 6 servings.

In Touch: The Letters of Paul Bowles

In Touch, The Letters of Paul Bowles was released early this year. Edited by Jeffrey Miller, the very large volume is an extraordinary collection of correspondence spanning eight decades.

Selected by Bowles's bibliographer from more than 7,000 letters, the book provides an evolving portrait of an artist renowned for his privacy. The letters, however, give a rare look at the many aspects of his brilliant career--as composer, novelist, short-story master, travel writer, translator, ethnographer, and literary critic.

In his earliest letter from Morocco, upon arriving in Tangier on 12 August 1931, he writes *"Here I shall live until the eucalyptus leaves all fall and it starts to rain across the strait. It is unbelievably lovely here and the sea is peacock feather blue. the rest is whiter than Jesus's soul, so white the eye's pupils are pained to grow tiny enough. Little lizards, and spiders three inches. c/o American Legation, Tangier, Morocco."*

The book can be gossipy, reflective, and enlightening--but always entertaining.

Included with the letters is a chronology of Bowles's life, an Arabic glossary, a bibliographical glossary, and a large number of photographs.

Published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux, the 604 page book is available for \$30.00.



1968 Portrait of Paul Bowles by Don Bachardy.

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Dreams of Trespass:

Tales of a Harem Girlhood

The following is excerpted from a review by Jonathan Yardley in the Washington Post, on 29 May 1994.

Dreams of Trespass: Tales of a Harem Girlhood is a book by Moroccan author Fatima Mernissi, born in Fez 54 years ago. Her father was a rich land owner and a sophisticated agricultural developer. As a result, she grew up amid considerable privilege, comfortably isolated from her country's widespread poverty. Isolation had its price, however, because Mernissi was reared as a resident of a harem.

At the mention of the word, most Westerners immediately see a sultan's concubine recumbent on divans. Mernissi try to correct the misapprehension. Though "imperial harems" existed under the Ottoman Empire, they disappeared early in the 20th Century. The author was brought up in a "domestic harem."

A domestic harem is actually an extended family arrangement, where a man and his sons and their wives lived in the same house, put resources together, and requested that the women refrain from stepping out into the public sphere. If we accept this definition, then harems existed until late in the 20th Century.

From a male point of view, this is an instrument of domestic felicity, and from the female point of view, it is a continuation of the traditional "invisible rule." A means of constraint and control in a rigidly patriarchal society.

To call the harem a prison is no exaggeration according to Mernissi. The author's grandmother often spoke of being "stuck in a harem" and many women struggled against male rule: "When Allah created the earth, said Father, he separated men from women, and put a sea between Muslims and Christians for a reason. Harmony exists when each group respects the prescribed limits of the other; trespassing only leads to sorrow and unhappiness. But women dreamed of trespassing all the time. The world beyond the gate was their obsession. They fantasized all day long about parading in unfamiliar streets, while the Christians kept crossing the sea, bringing death and chaos."

Dreams of Trespass is not only a story of domestic life in a harem, but how Mernissi learned to cope with and overcome the shackles it place on her. She now teaches at the University Mohammed V in Rabat.

What is extraordinary about the harem is that the women somehow found constructive channels for their anger.

Rather than imbuing their children with bitterness, they "managed to convince me that all women had invisible wings, and that mine would develop too, when I was older."

Find an inner life: that was the counsel of these women--mother, grandmother, aunt.

"Angry women are the hostages of their anger," one woman told Mernissi. "They cannot escape it and set themselves free, which is indeed a sad fate. The worst of prisons is the self-created one." Mernissi learned the lesson of those words and became, in the deepest sense of the term, a free woman. Her account of how this came to pass is singular testimony to the capacity to transcend circumstances.

Published by Addison-Wesley, the 242 page book costs \$23.00.

An exhibit depicting life in the harem, and including photographs and writings from Fatima Mernissi was mounted by the Arab American Cultural Foundation in Washington DC.

It will be traveling around the United States in 1994. For more information and exhibit schedules, contact the Arab American Cultural Foundation offices in Washington.



News Around the Maghreb

Morocco's Neighbors

This article is a compilation of various news reports about the Maghreb and the Arab world that point out what is happening on the periphery of Morocco.

--*The Washington Post* reported on 9 May 1994, that France is becoming increasingly concerned with the problems in Algeria. Being a former colony and department of France, Algeria has nearly 100,000 citizens who are also claiming rights to French citizenship. France fears a massive flow of political refugees from Algeria at a time when tensions over high unemployment and immigration threaten a social explosion at home. Already, 2,000 to 3,000 Algerians are arriving in France monthly, fleeing the violence between Islamic radicals and security forces for the army-backed government that has cost at least 4,000 lives in the past two years.

--*Middle East Insight* reports in its January/February issue, that the worsening political and economic environment of Algeria could spell long-term disaster for that formerly revolutionary state. It points out that fighting and terrorism are increasing, and that violence against foreigners has started again. Scheduled negotiations have failed because outlawed parties to the violence are either not recognized or do not appear for fear of reprisal. Algerians generally

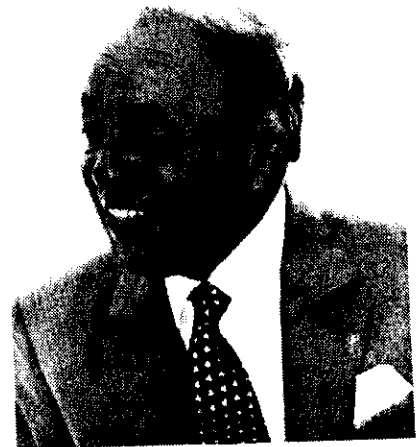
dismiss the so-called dialogues as a sham.

--*Wire Reports* report from Algiers that gunmen on a motorcycle shot and killed two young women who refused to wear Muslim veils. The attack was seen as an escalation of the insurgency by Islamic fundamentalists. In a period of five days prior to this incident, 31 people have died in violence linked to the 2-year old civil insurgency.

--*Wire Reports* from Tunis reported on 15 June 1994, that African heads of state wrung an agreement for an immediate cease-fire from Rwanda's warring factions. The deal was reached at a summit of the Organization of African Unity, where heads of neighboring states, led by Tanzania and Zaire, met separately with rebel and government teams. Pasteur Bizimungu, head of the Rwandan Patriotic Front delegation at the summit, said he would order his troops to respect the truce immediately. Rwanda's provisional government is to do the same, he said.

--*Wire Reports* from Algiers reported on 19 June 1994, that the president of the Algerian Human Rights league, a critic of both sides in the nation's political violence, was assassinated on 18 June. Witnesses said several men en-

tered the office of Yousef Fathallah, 64, then escaped after one shot him with a pistol. The independent association has criticized abuses by both sides in the two-year conflict pitting Muslim fundamentalist insurgents against the security forces of the army-backed government.



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When things come
from the heart,
the world is very small.

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The FOM SOUK

Friends of Morocco is trying to compile a source list for things Moroccan that can, we hope, lead to the creation of a source book for our members. We ask that readers send us the names (and addresses) of restaurants, retailers of Moroccan goods, sources of Moroccan musical recordings, speakers from or about Morocco, exhibits of Moroccan art and artifacts, sources for cooking spices, books, tours, etc.

The following is a sampling of the most recent arrivals:

Tess Kruser (Larache 1987/90, Rehab) and **Khaled El Abdi** have started an import business in Milwaukee WI. They are importing essential aromatherapy oils, traditional beauty products (e.g. henna, rassoul mud, ceenbil, and lasfa) and teas. The teas include mint, louisa, and nanagnowi. They are available loose or in tea bags. To order or to receive more information, contact **Taj-Nour Enterprises** at 4848 N. Lydell, #122, Milwaukee WI 53217. You can call or FAX your inquiry at 414.961.2672.

Original Music. More Moroccan and classic North African/Middle Eastern music is available from **Original**

Music. Included are CD remakes of Umm Kulthum, Mohamed Abdel Wahab, and Farid al Atrache. Also available are folk recordings and video cassettes. For more information and a catalogue, contact **Original Music** at 418 Lasher Road, Tivoli NY 12583. You can also telephone in your order (914.756.2767), or send a FAX at 914.756.2027.

Imperial Fez. A growing chain of Moroccan restaurants, headquartered in Atlanta GA (site of the 1994 annual meeting in July), **Imperial Fez** is listed as one of the "hottest dining spot in Atlanta" and "a dining cultural experience." The chef/owners are Rafih and Rita Benjelloun. Chef Rafih was one of last year's three *Food-service Industry Leader* awards. The restaurant offers special parties and functions, tailored to your specifications, and provides a catering service. Dining includes entertainment and an atmosphere that takes one back to familiar times and places. Located at 2285 Peachtree Road, Buckhead GA 30309, reservations can be made by calling 404.351.0870. **Imperial Fez** also has a branch in Vail CO, and will soon be opening restaurants in Miami FL, Chicago IL, and Boston MA.

Dar Es Salam. Another addition to the growing list of Moroccan restaurants in the Washington DC area is **Dar Es Salam**. Described as "looking like something out of *The*

Arabian Nights...with pink brocade sofas, carved plaster filigree walls, and mosaic tiled (floors and walls)," the establishment is the reincarnation of Michel Sellier's inspiration (having been closed for three years after an accident suffered by Sellier). The fare and atmosphere are still sumptuous, and the meal is an experience and evening of entertainment.....consisting of all the normal and festive courses served in a Moroccan meal. **Dar Es Salam** is located at 3056 M Street N.W., Washington DC, tel: 202.337.6680. Reservations are suggested.

Brooke Pickering. Brooke Pickering (FOM Member) and trader in Moroccan rugs & textiles, announces that dates are being set for the regional conference for rugs and carpets. Tentatively scheduled for 19-26 May 1995, it will be held in Marrakech. The conference is being organized by Wilfried Stanzer, of Vienna, author of *Berber: Tribal Carpets and Weavings from Morocco*. The conference is billed as the first ever devoted to Moroccan carpets, and will include exhibits, lectures, tours, and demonstrations. For more information, contact **Brooke Pickering, Moroccan Rugs and Textiles**, at 16 East 23rd Street, New York NY 10010, tel: 212.780.9125.

Casablanca Travel & Tours. One of the newest members





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of Friends of Morocco, Casablanca Travel & Tours, is offering deluxe one-week tours to the imperial cities of Morocco. In 1994, the tours will continue through 15 October. For more information, contact Abdou Nhaiy at Casablanca Travel & Tours, 1101 N. Highland Street, Suite 402, Arlington VA 22201, tel: 703.524.0271. Packages for all interests and comfort levels are available. (!!!! Casablanca Travel now says that if you mention your affiliation with Friends of Morocco, you will qualify for discounted group tours, discounted individual trips, and discounted airline tickets on Royal Air Maroc!!!!)

Lectures on Leisure by Lund. Dorothy Lund, presenter, has 21 years of experience in giving programs and lectures

on a multitude of subjects, including Morocco. Her Moroccan program is titled *Morocco, a Land of Color*. For more information contact Dorothy at Lectures on Leisure by Lund, 703 S. Main Street, Viroqua WI 54665, tel: 608.637.8742.

The Arabic Language Institute in Fez. ALIF, affiliated with the American Language Center in Fez, is offering intensive courses in Moroccan colloquial and modern standard Arabic. Offered throughout the year, more information about studying Arabic in Morocco can be obtained from The Arabic language Institute in Fez, P. O. Box 2136, Fez, Morocco, Tel/FAX: 212.5.62.48.50.

Overseas Adventure Travel. *Morocco High Atlas Trek* is being offered to the adventurous, in a full-service camping tour of the High Atlas Mountains, lasting 17 days. The guide will be Mark Gordon (MRPCV), who has lived in Marrakech since 1976, is fluent in both Arabic and French, and traveled and trekked widely in the Berber areas of the Atlas. The tours continue through September, departing from New York and Boston. Add-on fares are available from other cities. For more information, contact Overseas Adventure Travel by calling 800.221.0814, during normal business hours and days.

Sundance Travel. Exploring Morocco with art lovers, is a series of tours offered by Sundance Travel. The tours include stops in Paris (with a chance to see Delacroix's works), continuing on to Morocco. Among the stops in Morocco are the Museum of Moroccan Art and the Museum of Antiquities in Tangier, the village of Chefchaouen, the Roman ruins at Volubilis, and the Qararouine University. Private residences of several art collectors are also included on the itinerary. To date, sponsorship of the tours has been under the wings of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, art tours and travel department. For more information, contact the SFMMA (415.252.4190) or Sundance Travel at 800.322.8330.

Neiman Marcus. Neiman Marcus continues to offer a collection of Moroccan art and crafts, along with Moroccan influenced fashions. Its summer catalogue featured Moroccan (generally Marrakech) monuments, houses, street scenes, and parks as background. Also available is trip to Marrakech, where guests will stay at the fabled Mamounia Hotel on the edge of the Medina. For more information, contact Neiman Marcus, P. O. Box 2968, Dallas TX 75221-2968, tel: 800.825.8000.

Crabtree & Evelyn. For an aroma very reminiscent of sultry Moroccan nights, deep in the medina, Crabtree &





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Evelyn offer a room spray (on the opposing side of the container it is labeled *Parfum d'Ambiance*) that will bring back many memories. It is called *Moroccan Spice*. (They say that our sense of smell is more nostalgic than even our ears and eyes.) It can be found in large department stores and specialty stores, or contact Crabtree & Evelyn Ltd at their US offices in Woodstock Hill CT 06281.

We still have need for more sources before publishing a directory (though we're getting closer...hoping to publish volume one in the coming year), so whenever you run across something, send your bit of information to Bill Gaisser, FOM Newsletter Editor, 219 Oak Street, Evansville, Indiana 47713-1254, FAX 812.423.3786.



....74 Encounters....

Craig Storti's Newest Book

Craig Storti (Safi 1970/72) has a new book entitled *Cross-Cultural Dialogues: 74 Brief Encounters with Cultural Difference*. The book consists of 74 short conversations between an American and someone from another culture, during the course of which, if you can see it, a cultural mistake is made which might very well confuse, surprise, or annoy the person from the "other" culture.

Readers are challenged to read the dialogues and figure out the mistake. Explanations of what happened in each dialogue are given at the end of each of the book's three main sections (Social Settings, The Workplace, and The World of Business).

Featured cultures are Arab/Middle Eastern, British, Chinese, French, German, Hispanic, Indian, Japanese, Mediterranean/European, and Russian.

One of the Arab dialogues, along with the explanation, goes like this:

44. TWO NEW NURSING STATIONS

Mr. Khouri: Would you like to see the two new nursing stations?

Mr. Compton: Stations? I thought we agreed t build one station and, if there was any money left over, to buy some equipment for it so we could start using it.

Mr. Khouri: Yes, but there was enough money to build two stations at once.

Mr. Compton: But is there any money left over to equip them?

Mr. Khouri: Unfortunately, no.

Mr. Compton: Then we can't use them!

Mr. Khouri: Not presently. But isn't it good? We used all the money.

44. TWO NEW NURSING STATIONS

Poor Mr. Compton; he could mull it one over for months and still never understand how he ended up with two shining, new--and completely unequipped--nursing stations. he and Mr. Khouri look at the world and see two very different places. mr. Khouri sees a dynamic, unpredictable place with very few discernible or dependable patterns; the world can't be relied upon and we can never know what the future holds. Mr. Compton sees the world as much less mysterious. To be sure, it is alive and vibrant and not altogether within our control, but for all that it can still be objectively analyzed and its ways can be understood. And because we can understand the external world, we regard it as much more predictable and manageable than Mr. Khouri does.

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The following information was submitted by our readers to help us keep track. If you have news about you, your PC friends, other Peace Corps volunteers, former Peace Corps-related persons, or any other Morocophile, send it in for the Ash Khabarna column.

information, at 4652 Elsica Drive, Clinton WA 98236, tel: 206.341.1348.

Cincinnati OH 45226, tel: 513.321.6568.

Tess Kruser (Larache 1987/90, Rehab) and her husband, **Khaled El Abdi**, announce the birth of their second child, **Yasin**. He was born on 14 December 1993. His sister, **Sarah**, was 3 years old in April. Tess and Khaled would like to hear from old friends. Write to 4848 N. Lydell, #122, Milwaukee WI 53217.

Candace Newcomb (MRPCV, 1976/78), has moved cross country. Formerly in New Hampshire, she is now living at 4502 241 S.W., Mount Lake Ter WA 98043.

Noreen Polk (Errachidia 1984/86, TEFL), has moved (again!). She can now be contacted at 7575 A Weatherworn Way, Columbia MD 21046, tel: 301.854.2571.

Tim & Keltoum Hyatt (Agadir 1987/89, ESP), have bought a house, and are happily ensconced at 701 Moseley Road, Perinton NY 14450. They moved in in February with children **Trevor** and **Alana Sophia**.

Ken Dethman (Taza 1962-64, Oyster Farmer), (this is Morocco 1!!!!) is alive and well in Oregon. He writes that he would be pleased to entertain your inquiry to his Portland address: Box 1301, Portland OR 97207-1301.

Valerie Staats (Casablanca 1983/85, TEFL), has moved down the street. She can now be reached at 609 Gettysburg Street, Pittsburgh PA 15206.

Peter Ohman (Midelt/ Marrakech 1982/84, TEFL/Rehab), is Coordinator of Outdoor Programs for the Aids Pastoral Care Network. He is currently charged with directing and raising funds for the second annual Camp Getaway, for HIV and AIDS impacted families in the Midwest. To get in touch with **Peter**, or to find out more about his program, write him at APCN, 4753 North Broadway, Suite 800, Chicago IL 60640, tel: 312.334.5333.

Victoria Adler (Martil-Tetouan, Current Volunteer), seeks English-language books to begin a resource center and lending library in Martil, to serve lycee and university students in the area. She would particularly like to have books on subjects studied at the faculty: basic skills, such as composition, grammar, and spoken English; English, American, and African literature and history; history of philosophy; literary criticism; and linguistics. Reference texts, magazines, and lower-level ESL readers are also needed. Look through your old dusty books from college and do that spring cleaning that you've been putting off. Send books to the project's

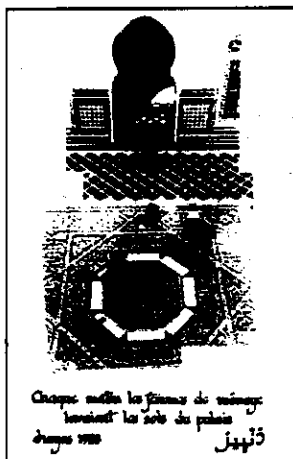
Marguerite Hauberg (Rabat 1987/89, Orphanage), would like to contact any MRPCVs. She lives in the Seattle area. **Marguerite** adopted a Moroccan boy and will be taking part in the Washington reunion of families with adopted Moroccan children. The group will meet around 6 August 1994. Contact **Marguerite** for more

Susan Kelley (MRPCV 1986/88), formerly living in Toledo OH, can now be contacted as **Susan Kelley Almeida**, 558 Missouri Avenue,



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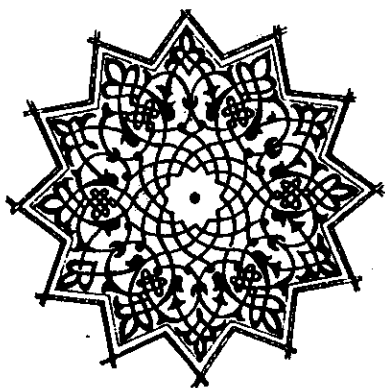
What follows is a schedule of conferences, exhibits, new books, and other notes that concern the arts in or about Morocco. If you know of an upcoming event, exhibit, new books, recordings, etc....please send the information in to the FOM Newsletter to share with other Moroccophiles.



International Convention on Moroccan Carpets. A meeting will convene in Marrakech in May of 1995, though a precise date has not been set. Under the leadership of Dr. Wilfred Stanzer, author of *Berber*, plans are being formulated for a major international convention on Moroccan carpets. Early indications are that the Moroccan Government has approved and will support the project. As more information is available, we'll report it to you.

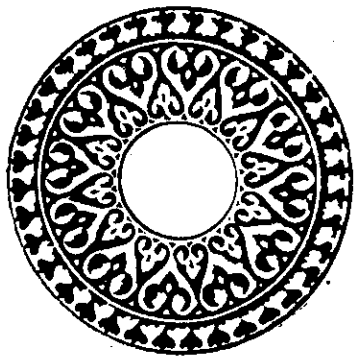
Green Fires, Assault on Eden: A Novel of the Ecuadorian Rainforest. Though not a book about Morocco, this just-published novel is a gripping tale of adventure, intrigue, politics and heartbreak set in the lush forests of Ecuador. The author, Marnie Mueller (RPCV Ecuador 1963), makes this her debut work. It recreates some of the "most memorable characters...in fiction." Published by Curbstone Press in Willimantic CT, the 320 page work is available in hardback for \$19.95.

Afrocentric Architecture: A Design primer. Released this year, by the Greydon Press, the book presents information in a logical progression, starting with theory and passing through history and cultural influences on African architecture. Filled with photographs (197 in all), author David Hughes, AIA, points out that Afrocentrism in architecture incorporates semiotics in two ways: where the building form itself becomes a symbol and where cultural symbols become elements or parts of the building, oftentimes as repetitive patterns. It differs from most books on African architecture in that it actually includes North Africa as a part of the overall continent's development and history. The author believes that to talk of Africa, in any aspect, that one cannot divide it into *the North* and *the Rest*. The 212 book is only available in paperback for \$39.95. If not in your bookstore, it can be purchased from the American Institute of Architects Bookstore in Washington DC, at 202.626.7541.



The Muslims of America. Edited by Yvonne Yazbeck Haddad, this book is now available in paperback. The author is Professor of Islamic History at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She is past president of the Middle East Studies Association and author of *Islamic Values in the United States*. Its 272 pages are composed of sixteen essays about the history, organization, challenges, responses, outstanding thinkers, and future prospects of the Muslim community in the US and Canada. It talks of the adaptation of Muslim institutions to North America, becoming increasingly an indigenous part of America, American Muslim self-images, and much more. It is published by the Oxford University Press and costs \$15.95 in paper.

Historical Dictionary of Western Sahara, 2nd ed. Revised and published in March 1994, this "dictionary" contains over 700 entries ranging from major personalities, political movements, wars, and treaties to places, ethnic groups, and economic resources, with extensive entries on the OAU and the U.N.. It includes an introduction, covering the war between Morocco and the guerrillas of the Polisario Front since 1975; a detailed chronology; maps; charts of tribal and ethnic groups; and an extensive bibliography. Published by Scarecrow Press, the work is edited by Anthony G. Pazzanita and Tony Hodges. The 641-page dictionary costs \$69.50. Historical dictionaries for Tunisia and Libya are also available from Scarecrow.



Knowledge & Power in Morocco: The Education of a Twentieth Century Notable. Princeton University Press has now released this illuminating narrative in paperback. Written by Dale F. Eickelman, with a forward by Clifford Geertz, it is a compelling biography of Abd al-Rahman, a Moroccan of some power. Eickelman is the Ralph and Richard Lazarus Professor of Anthropology and Human Relations at Dartmouth College, Princeton Studies on the Near East. The 224 page work costs \$13.95 in paper, and is still available in cloth binding for \$38.50.



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A Practical Guide to Islamic Monuments in Morocco. Published by Baraka Press in Charlottesville VA, under the sponsorship of the Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the book is just what it calls itself. It includes directions on how to find some of the most important monuments in the Moroccan dynasties, readable descriptions, and explanations of their significance. It is copiously illustrated, with 27 line drawings and 90 plates. The book will be especially useful to researchers on Islam in Morocco, and as a practical guide to the tourist or resident of Morocco. Written by Richard Parker, former US Ambassador to Morocco (& Algeria & Lebanon), he is also a member of FOM. The book is available, while supplies last, from the author at 3317 P Street N.W., Washington DC 20007, tel: 202.342.6545. It costs \$15.00, including postage. Commercial discounts of 40% are available for five or more copies.

Institute for Palestine Studies. The Institute for Palestine Studies is offering a series of books and other writings on the status of Palestinians, their relationships with Israel, the changing face of the Middle East, American Policy, and relationships with other Islamic countries. For more information and a catalogue, contact The Institute for Palestine Studies, 3501 M Street N.W., Washington DC 20007, or call at 800.874.3614.

State University of New York Press. SUNY is offering several new books on Islam. Included are *Sufi Wisdom* by Marietta T. Stepaniants, giving the first English-language view of the reemerging Islam in Russia; *Muhammad and the Origins of Islam* by F. E. Peters, which tells the story of the life of the Prophet, based simply on "what can be known with any certainty about the career of Muhammad, from the point of view of a contemporary secular historian"; and *Deciphering the Signs of God* by Annemarie Schimmel, who expresses her views of Islam into a phenomenological framework, showing how the "simplest signs of god begin with natural phenomenon like stones, plants, and animals. She then moves on to ritual actions, sacred time and space, and forms of worship; concluding with an examination of the individual's response to the mystery of the Divine. Contact SUNY, c/o CUP Service, P.O. Box 6525, Ithica NY 14851, tel: 607.277.2211.

The Adventures of Ibn Battuta. Now available in paperback, this book documents the life and travels of the 14th Century Moroccan, whose life makes "the journey of Marco Polo look like a stroll around the block." He visited India, central Asia, China, and tropical Africa. In addition to its inherent interest, Ibn Battuta's travelling life illustrates the international scope of medieval Islamic civilization, with a cosmopolitan society of princes, merchants, scholars, and holy men. It is available for \$14.00, from A Common Reader, 141 Thompkins Avenue, Pleasantville NY 10570, tel: 800.832.7323.

Morocco: Design from Casablanca to Marrakesh. Though published in 1992, this often overlooked work is a masterpiece of photography and clear descriptions of Moroccan design elements. Written by Landt Dennis and photographed by Lisl Dennis, demonstrating the paradoxical blending of vivid sensuality and intense spirituality of Morocco. It celebrates "a country in the midst of a cultural renaissance." The book covers folk design, farms, houses, Berber creations, traditional and modern decorative arts, Casablanca Deco, design in the Rif, and much more. The 300 photographs and 252 pages are published by Clarkson Potter/Publishers, and costs \$45.00.

Granada: Art, Architecture, Literature, and History of Islamic Spain. The Granada International Summer School is sponsored by the Center for Medieval Studies at England's Leeds University. Students will study medieval Islamic Spain at a Moorish mansion near the Alhambra, in July. For more information, contact the Escuela de Estudios Arabes, Granada, Spain, or contact Leeds University at 532.333.614.

The Arts of Islam. An exhibit of Persian manuscripts, miniatures, and ceramics are highlighted in this survey of Islamic art. Works from Mamluk Egypt, Moghul India, and Ottoman Turkey are also featured. The exhibit shows at the Minneapolis (MN) Institute of Arts, through 4 December 1994.

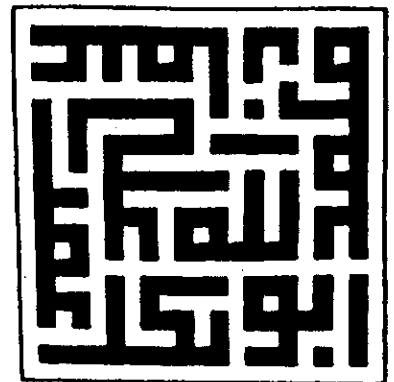


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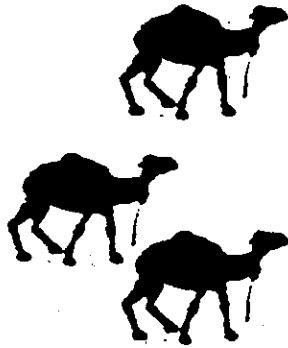
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Assault on Eden:
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• a debut work
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More Art, Books, Exhibits.....



A Stitch Through Time: the Journey of an Islamic Embroidery Technique to Europe and the New World. The double running stitch is followed on its 700-year journey from the Mediterranean world to Northern Europe, and from there to the New World. The exhibit is displayed at the Textile Museum in Washington DC, through 16 October 1994.

Islam: the Qur'an and Hadith as Texts for Understanding islamic Tenets, Civilization, and World View. Secondary school social-studies teachers are invited to take part in this four-week summer institute to study Islam, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and directed by AWAIR (Arab World and Islamic Resources and Social Services). Contact Dar Al-Islam, Abiquiu NM, at 510.704.0517. The institute runs from 18 July to 12 August 1994.

Camel Farm. This center seeks to conserve and propagate the wildlife of the Arabian (and North African) Desert(s). It is open to the public twice each day by guided tour only. The facility features the oryx, Arabian wild cat, fennec fox, Nubian ibex, sand cat, and many other animals, plus one of the largest camel herds in North America. The Saihati Camel Farm and Desert Animal Breeding Center is open all year, and is located at Yuma AZ.

Morocco in the News.....

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Aramco World (January/February 1994) devoted several pages to an article titled *Asilah: Common Ground*. Located just 42 km (26 miles) from Tangier, Asilah is a fishing town that can trace its history to a beginning over 3,600 years ago. It has been inhabited by Phoenicians, Romans, Normans, Arabs, Portuguese, and Spaniards, while remaining a bastion of Arab-Islamic thought and a stronghold of Moroccan culture. A different kind of invasion has reached its shores, however, every summer since 1978. It's now an influx of musicians, theater groups, singers, and visual artists from Morocco and around the world. They are in Asilah for the Cultural Moussem of Asilah. The dream of Mohamed Benaissa, Ambassador to the United States and former cultural minister, dreamed of such a festival over 50 years ago, when he was growing up in Asilah. The participants not only perform, but they create, instruct, and interact....teaching and gleanng ideas and techniques over a short period in July and August. The festival is intended to "establish Asilah as a stronghold for the protection of man's dignity and the values of his civilization...and to establish a symbol of the movement of cultural functions from capital cities to small towns...which otherwise would remain marginal and undeveloped and would eventually decline." Worth reading.

Aramco World (March/April 1994) included another article that might be of interest to Morocophiles, titled *Rebuilding an Ancient Glory*. It outlines the current program in Alexandria, Egypt, to rebuild ancient world's greatest center of knowledge: the Library at Alexandria (to be called Bibliotheca Alexandrina). At a cost of at least \$171.5-million, the library will become one of the world's 20 largest national repositories, fully computerized, and containing over four million books. To be completed at the end of 1997, it will ultimately contain eight million volumes, and science & calligraphy museums, and a music library. The main building is a 160 meter (520 feet) diameter circle in plan, echoing the hieroglyph meaning "sun". It will open on the 2,300th anniversary of the original facility. With the help of UNESCO, world governments, Egypt, and private gifts, the fundraising effort includes Egypt's Hosni Mubarak, Morocco's King Hassan II, UAE President Shaykh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan, French President Francois Mitterand, Queen Sofia of Spain, Queen Noor of Jordan, former Greek Minister of Culture Melina Mercouri (who died this year), Nobel laureates Naguib Mahfouz, Octavio Paz, and Wole Soyinka, and former Librarian of Congress Daniel Boorstin.



Hell's video store

Wire Services reported in April 1994, of the GATT conference that was held in Marrakech this year. Ministers from 120 countries signed the agreement on 15 April. The treaty is anticipated to increase the world economy by more than \$230-billion a year after ten years. The *International Herald Tribune* reported that over 2,500 ministers, functionaries, and bag carriers, supplemented by nearly 700 journalists, swarmed through the city. The souks and medina merchants were offering "special prices" for anyone wearing a "GATT" badge. Morocco spent over \$11-million to spruce up Marrakech for the meeting: creating new sidewalks, fresh coats of paint, new landscaping, street paving, new street lights, and more. France's trade and industry minister was overheard saying that the small white "star" lights scattered over the freshly painted blue walls and ceiling of the Palais des Congres (where he held a press conference) "...looks like a night club." Midway



More News

through the conference, King Hassan II hosted 2,000 delegates, plus spouses, for a *Fantasia*...complete with charging horsemen, couscous, and roast mutton. On a darker note, it is reported that before delegates arrived, 2,300 "unlicensed" street vendors, 1,850 "drunks", 1,700 homeless people, and 440 pickpockets were taken to a detention camp 18 kilometers outside of Marrakech.

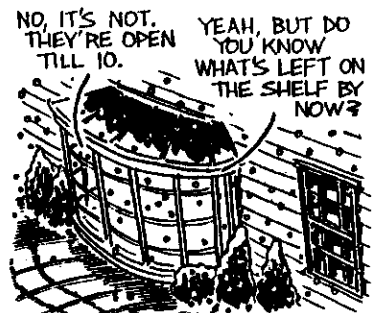
Associated Press reported from Shipshewana, Indiana, on 16 June 1994, that the Troyer Saddlery and Carriage Company will be sending a new white coach to King Hassan II on his 65th birthday on 9 July. Actually a gift from His Majesty's stable master, Palestinian students at Goshen College helped with the Arabic inscriptions painted on the side of the coach. The manufacturer hopes that it is appreciated, Dennis Troyer saying that "...you never know how royalty will react."

The Washington Post printed a story from Marrakech on 9 May 1994, titled *Hassan's Morocco Seen as Bulwark Against Spread of Radical Islam*. It was written by William Drozdiak of the *Post's* Foreign Service. It points out that with the chaos and civil war developing in Algeria, Morocco is emerging as a vital bulwark against the spread of Islamic extremism in the Arab world. Despite reports of past human rights abuses, King Hassan II has won praise for his new commitment to free-market reforms, his supportive role in the Middle East peace process, and at least token gestures toward building more democratic institutions. His campaign to modernize Morocco, while retaining its Arab and Muslim identity has attracted interest as a development model for many developing nations suffering from the same exploding populations, religious fundamentalists, and unstable neighbors. Morocco is also becoming an important strategic partner with Europe and the United States when trying to control and stop drug trafficking and terrorism. "This country has always shown that Islam can be tolerant and moderate force in the world," said Azoulay, a Moroccan Jew who has become one of the king's most trusted counselors. "It's a shame it has taken the United States and the West so long to recognize it."

The Sun printed a story from Casablanca, titled *Monarchy Means Stability*, written by Ben Barber, a free-lance journalist. He states that "...Moroccans are grateful for their peace and stability, even if it comes at the cost of living under an absolute monarch," when speaking of the war and terrorism in neighboring Algeria. The article points out that King Hassan II constantly invokes his spiritual role as defender of the Islamic faith, perhaps hoping to undercut the appeal of anti-Western Islamic teachings spreading rapidly across Pakistan, Turkey, Egypt, Sudan, Tunisia, and Algeria. Even so, Islamic fundamentalists have taken control of 10 out of 12 university campus student organizations. Islamic candidates also did well in recent local elections. One young tailor in Tangier said "We may dress in jeans and T-shirts and we may speak French and Spanish, but inside we are all for the Islamic movement. We want our women to dress in the Islamic way. And we want an Islamic state." Abdellah Baha, secretary general of Arraya, a leading Islamic fundamentalist organization, says that "The West does not understand that Islam is not like Christianity. Christ says to give God what is his. But according to Islam, everything is God's." Some believe that the government allows the continuation of fundamentalist activity, in part, to slow the democratic movement. A farmer, visiting Casablanca, said things are a little better. He noted that "a few years ago, when a policeman wanted, he could push you around. Now, if we have two witnesses that a policeman has hit someone, the cop can go to jail." Though conditions in Morocco seem to continue on a path of improvement, many observers worry that if Algeria falls to the Islamic extremists, and if those of thousands of unemployed graduates in Morocco can't find work, the wave of religious revival could soon be in Morocco as well.

Middle East Insight, in its January/February 1994 issue, features its cover story on King Hassan II. Titled *An Island of Stability: An Interview with His Majesty King Hassan II of Morocco*, it is a one-on-one interview between His Majesty and MEI publisher George Nader. It includes responses concerning Israel, North African Islamic fundamentalism, Palestine, US Relations, Middle East stability, and more. His Majesty said that normalization with Israel is near, however, after waiting 40 years, Morocco can wait another few months or a year. On fundamentalism His Majesty said that if Americans would open its minds in order to know Islamic cultural and spiritual values, that an Islam different from what is portrayed in the press would be seen. He said that Americans should open their minds to Islam so that Muslims and Americans can get closer together. He points out, too, that the Palestinian/Israeli and Syrian/Israeli problems are different. The Palestinian issue is a matter of resolving national and psychological problems. He says that the Syrian issues revolve around national, security, and decisive dimensions. And to the Iran situation, His Majesty says that the tension between Iran and the United States is really a US domestic and political issue. He says that as soon as the fire dies out, it is refueled for domestic reasons. He thinks that the problem between Iran and America is, after all, an American-American problem.

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PC Gifts in Kind Program

The Peace Corps Gifts in Kind program have released their latest request list from volunteers in the field.

For Morocco, Elizabeth Fairey has requested a donation of 675 toothbrushes and a supply of toothpaste. They will aid in the will be used to stress the importance of dental hygiene and to help prevent tooth decay and gum disease.

Students of area schools will be provided with the toothbrushes and tooth paste to promote oral hygiene. Cost for the brushes and paste: \$780.00.

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