

PERSPECTIVAS DE PAZ

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Leaves in the
autumn came
tumbling down,
Scarlet and yellow,
russet and brown,

Leaves in the
garden
were swept
in a heap,
Trees were undressing
ready for sleep.



Who's way down yonder in the Pumpkin Patch?



How many do I need to make a pumpkin pie?



Meiping Liu;s first carved pumpkin. Meiping multitasks.



Anonymous Halloweener by international rep Fuqin Zhao.



As for me and minehouse,
We will serve the Lord. Josh



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HERE ARE SOME DATES TO REMEMBER

OCT 12 - (Columbus Day, original date) [Día de la Raza](#) is the celebration of the Hispanic heritage of Latin America (Mexico, Central America and South America)

OCT 13 - [Columbus Day](#), USA to honor the man commissioned by Spain to find a shorter route to India. Thinking he had indeed been successful in his quest. He named the natives of the region Indians.

OCT 31, 1988 - P.E.A.C.E. was incorporated!

OCT 31 - [Halloween](#), now associated with mischief-making and devilment, was originally a blessed evening! **All Saints Day (NOV 1)** celebrated by Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Anglican Churches, is a religious feast day honoring the Virgin Mary, all martyrs and saints including those who do not have a day dedicated to them on the liturgical calendar. Since All Saints Day was known as *All Hallows Day*, then the night before, October 31st, was actually *All Hallows "Eve"* - or now called Halloween.



The basic symbols of Halloween are not secular inventions, but come from religious tradition. The [Jack O'Lantern](#), a hollow, lit potato or pumpkin is an Irish custom used to warn the Devil that this home is not a place he would want to visit.

[Trick or Treating](#) is a custom which began in the Protestant Church as an effort to help the poor. At harvest time, the needy could walk from house to house to gather food; embarrassed, many refused. So begging was called "going-a-souling". To "pay" for the food, the receiver agreed to pray for the family of the giver. The custom soon crossed boundaries of income, and the wealthy joined in, leaving gifts they received at church to be given to the poor. Some of us still remember when we were asked: "What can you do?" In order to receive our treat we had to sing, play an instrument or say a rhyme or poem.

[Costumes and Parades](#) can be traced to the inspiration of the Book of Esther and the Feast of Purim. A costume pageant was held at the beginning of All Saints' Festival. In these pageants, the devils, demons and witches were always defeated, the Saints and/or martyrs were victorious, though gory from persecution.

NOV 1 - [All Saints Day](#)- A day to honor all who serve God faithfully.

NOV 2 - All Souls Day - [Dia de los Muertos](#), or Day of the Dead, is a celebration that captures the idea of unity between life and death. It started when the Catholic feast of All Souls' Day merged with Indian rituals of death after the Spanish conquered Mexico in 1521.

NOV 2 - [Daylight Saving Time](#) ends at 2 a.m.

NOV 4 - [Election Day](#), U.S.A.

NOV 11- [Veterans' Day](#) honors servicemen since the end of W.W.I - previously called Armistice Day.

NOV 20, 1910 - [Mexican Revolution Day](#) to celebrate the end of dictators and the start of political parties.




Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving Day is traditionally attributed to the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1620. They set aside a day to thank God for the bountiful harvest, good health, and religious freedom they enjoyed, even though the first winter had proven to be a great hardship.

The celebration of [Thanksgiving Day](#) became an official holiday on October 3rd, 1789. The first President, George Washington, signed the Thanksgiving Proclamation which begins: Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor - and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint committee requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness. Read the full text of this historic document. . The date was first set as the 26th day of November. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation to set Thanksgiving as the fourth Thursday in November each year

The holiday feast includes traditional American foods, such as wild turkey with stuffing, candied yams, corn, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie! Mmmm!



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THE SPIRIT OF LIBERTY

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty [II Corinthians 3:17]
 Where the Spirit of the Lord is not, there is tyranny D James Kennedy

As we commemorate the discovery of the Americas and give thanks to the early settlers who claimed and tamed this land in which we enjoy such blessings of freedom and prosperity today, in order to appreciate it fully we should look back to our beginnings - to the roots that bore for us the tree of liberty.

As every school child knows, it was Christopher Columbus who paved the way for Europeans to come to The New World; but unknown to most is the fact that Christopher Columbus was led by God to take the risk.

"It was The Lord who put in my mind that I could feel His hand upon me. For the execution of the journeys to the Indies I did not rely on intelligence, mathematics, or maps. It is simply the fulfillment of what Isaiah had prophesied. The fact that the Gospel must still be preached in so many lands in such a short time is what convinced me." - Christopher Columbus

Years later when English settlers landed in Jamestown their first act was to erect a Cross. Before doing anything else they dedicated this new land to Christ. In 1620, in the first permanent settlement of the United States, the Pilgrims disembarked the Mayflower. During the voyage they made a covenant before God to dedicate their lives in the new land to Him.

"In the name of God, Amen, we whose names are underwritten, having undertaken this journey for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian Faith....."

- from the Mayflower Compact

For the next half century theirs was a Bible commonwealth where their everyday lives, indeed their entire existence, was based on the Bible. Little did they know that they were sowing the seeds for a free republic under God. William Bradford, the visionary governor of Plimoth, wrote that the new world would be a 'city upon a hill'. [a New Jerusalem?!?]

As other colonies developed on the Atlantic coast of America the Christian religion was fundamental to their establishment. This is reflected in their state constitutions written nearly a century later after the American War for Independence. Actually all 50 U.S. state constitutions invoke the name of God as their authority with statements such as this:

"Whereas the glory of Almighty God and the good of mankind is the reason and end of government, and therefore government in of itself is a venerable ordinance of God, it is the purpose of civil government to establish laws which shall best preserve Christian and civil liberty". - from the Pennsylvania Preamble

During the Revolutionary War God repeatedly intervened, preserving a new nation founded on His principles. After America's victory against Mother England the delegates to the first constitutional convention worked hard to lay a solid foundation for our country, but a hidden ideological impasse arose so severe that many actually considered dismissing the convention.

At that time Benjamin Franklin, 81, stood up and said, *"I have lived, sirs, a long time; and the longer I live the more convincing proofs I see of this truth - That God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the Earth without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise from the ground without His aid?"*

After Franklin's speech the framers agreed on the course that our nation should take; and the constitution, with its unique guarantees of religious liberty became the law of the land.

As the new nation grew and prospered and as the settlers moved west there were great camp meetings and revivals in the new territories. But the strength of the Union and its constitution was put to its severest test during the Civil War. President Lincoln said the war was the nation's fault for having abandoned God and His principles.

"It is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history - that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord." - Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln was by no means the only president with a high regard for the Bible and prayer and their importance in our national life. Many presidents have had an abiding faith in the God of our Fathers and saw in His Book the answers to governing the nation. Below are just a few.

"It would be impossible to govern without God and the 10 Commandments." - George Washington

"The Bible Is the Rock upon which our republic rests." -Andrew Jackson

"In this Book will be found the solutions to all the problems of the World ." - Calvin Coolidge

"The Bible is the Word of Life. I beg you to read it and find out for your self. When you read the Bible you will know it is the Word of God. You will find it is the key to your own heart, your own happiness, and your own duty." - Woodrow Wilson



MY BAGGAGE

by Evelyn Garza, 2004 Student of the Year

How did it happen? I don't know. The last thing I remember is that I was crying for the life I left behind. When I left, I had so much baggage along. When I arrived, as I was unpacking I felt like it was all my memories, my friends, my family, their love, their blessings, my life what I was getting rid of. I started feeling so empty just like my bags were getting, too. I decided I had 10 months to fill them up again. I had to make new friends, to get new memories, start new relationships with new feelings.

The sadness however, was giving me a hard time. Before I left, I had everything I asked God for and even more. Love and wonderful people surrounded me. I just had the nicest life I could have asked for. It was too much to ask if I asked to get a new life as nice as the one I had.

With the situation I was going through, it seemed impossible to achieve. I thought I would never make it and that I had made a total mistake. I couldn't even be myself. How was I gonna make it all on my own? I couldn't take it anymore, so I gave up. I left everything in God's hands. I trusted Him more than ever in my life. I gave Him everything, my family, my friends, my dreams and the hopes that I had for the new life I was starting. I had no request at all. I just trusted him with faith and would respect His will, whatever it was. After that things just happened to me like a dream. The time went even faster than I wanted it to.

It's now that I'm packing again when I realized what an excellent choice I made. I'm packing and I just find no place to put everything I own now. My baggage has more than doubled. I luckily have not just everything that I brought, but so much more new things that I found here.

I'm taking with me great memories of so many wonderful moments. I also find some hard and sad moments that I keep because they made my spirit and my faith in God to grow so much. I get to take so many friends. They are extraordinary human beings who helped me through the tough moments and celebrated with me the joyful ones.

God has been more than generous because in my bags (my life) I find His blessings. I'm so thankful to Him and to all those people for everything they've done for me. I just hope I gave all these persons half of the happiness they gave me. They are the sunshine for every day of my life and even though I'm leaving it will always be like that. They'll be in my heart forever because I've learned so much from all of them and I love them so much. God bless them all.

FOLLOWUP READING

A favorite book of mine that I have read three times is "Traveling Light" by Evangelistic writer Max Lucado.

Goggle this title or the author. You'll find used paperbacks like new at a very low cost. It's about the baggage sojourners carry unnecessarily. This book turns each line in the 23rd Psalm into a chapter and is very inciteful.

The History of the Carpenter



There was once an old carpenter who, tired already of working so hard, was ready to retire and to now dedicate his time to himself and to his family. Once he made this decision, he knew he must go and tell his boss about it. Although it was going to surprise the contractor for whom he worked, it was something he knew he must do in order to spend time with his family. The contractor was saddened to here that his best carpenter would retire, but he asked him do one more house as a favor before retiring.

The carpenter accepted the proposal of the boss and began the construction of his last house but, as he spent the time building, it occurred to him that his heart was not completely in the work. Sorry to have said yes to his boss, he put less effort and dedication than was usual when he constructed other houses and he chose materials of inferior quality. That was to himself, a very unfortunate way to finish the last of the work to which he had dedicated most of his life.

When the carpenter finished his work, he went to ask the contractor to come to inspect the house. After finishing the inspection, he gave the key to the house to the carpenter and said: "This is your house, my gift to you and your family for all the years of good service". The carpenter felt the world fall away from him... Great sorrow was what he felt when he received the key to the house - his house. If only he had known that he was constructing his own house, he would have been sure to do everything in a different way.

This also happens with us. To those with whom we have relationships throughout our lives, we may on many occasions put the smallest effort possible into making that relationship work. Then, it is only with time that we realize how necessary it is to always do the best job we can. If we could do things over again, we would do them totally different. But we cannot return.

You are the carpenter. Every day you hammer a nail, you put up a door, or you erect a wall. Somebody once said: "life is a building project and we should choose good beams". Your attitudes and relationships are the beams that you use today to construct the house you will live tomorrow ". Construct it wisely!

Remember... work as if you did not need the money; love others as if you have never been hurt by them; dance as if nobody is observing you... Perhaps for the world you are a single person, but for a single person perhaps you are the world.

**PAN DE LOS MUERTOS
BREAD OF THE DEAD**

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| 1 package active dry yeast | 1/3 cup warm water (110°F) |
| 1 cup butter | 1/4 cup granulated sugar |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | 3 cups all purpose flour |
| 1 tablespoon water | 1 teaspoon crushed aniseed |
| 1/2 finely shredded orange peel | 3 eggs |
| 1 egg yolk | 1 egg white |
| 2 teaspoons water | granulated sugar to sprinkle |

Soften yeast in 1/4 cup water; set aside. In mixer bowl cream butter, 1/4 cup sugar and salt. Blend in 1/2 cup of the flour, water, aniseed and orange peel. Add eggs and egg yolk; beat 2 minutes at medium speed. Blend in yeast mixture and 1 cup of the remaining flour; beat 3 minutes at high speed. By hand stir in remaining 1 1/2 cups flour. Cover; refrigerate 4 hours.

Turn onto lightly floured surface. Remove 1/4 of the dough and set aside. Shape remainder into a ball. Place on greased baking sheet; flatten to a 6" round.

Divide reserved piece of dough into 4 portions. Roll two pieces into two 7" ropes to form "crossbones". Combine egg white and 2 teaspoons water. Place crossbones in an X atop loaf, attaching with some of egg white mixture.

Roll one of the remaining portions into a 2" ball of dough in depression, attaching with egg white. Cut the last piece of dough into 4 portions; shape each into a teardrop and secure onto sides of loaf with egg white.

Cover and let rise in warm place 30 to 40 minutes or till nearly double. Bake in 325 degrees oven for 35 to 40 minutes or till done. Remove to rack. Brush hot loaf with remaining egg white mixture; sprinkle with sugar. Repeat brushing and sprinkling after 5 minutes. Makes 1 loaf.

**JUST IN TIME FOR THANKSGIVING
MRS. PAGE'S CRANBERRY-PUMPKIN BREAD**

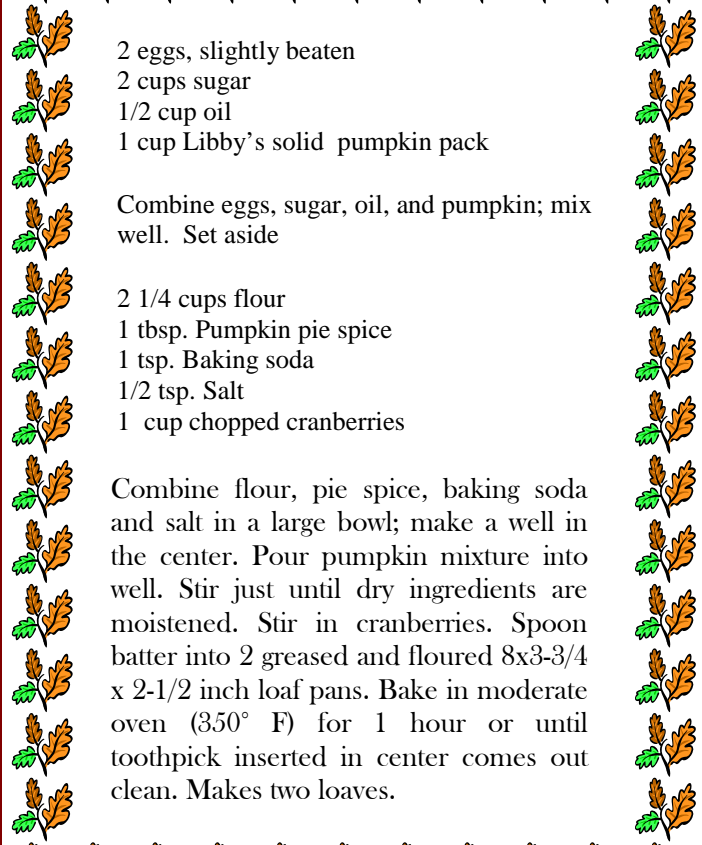


- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1 cup Libby's solid pumpkin pack

Combine eggs, sugar, oil, and pumpkin; mix well. Set aside

- 2 1/4 cups flour
- 1 tbsp. Pumpkin pie spice
- 1 tsp. Baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. Salt
- 1 cup chopped cranberries

Combine flour, pie spice, baking soda and salt in a large bowl; make a well in the center. Pour pumpkin mixture into well. Stir just until dry ingredients are moistened. Stir in cranberries. Spoon batter into 2 greased and floured 8x3-3/4 x 2-1/2 inch loaf pans. Bake in moderate oven (350° F) for 1 hour or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Makes two loaves.



Candy Corn Candle



- MATERIALS**
- paraffin wax
 - pencil
 - wick
 - candle mold
 - candy corn

Cut wick to desired length (length of mold plus 3 inches). Tie wick to pencil and lie pencil over candle mold with the wick inside. Gently heat paraffin wax in an old tin in a pan of hot water. Drop some candy corn in the mold. Carefully pour some wax into the mold. Add some more candy corn, then more wax, and so on until the mold is full. Let cool. Remove pencil and remove candle from mold. Have a "Bright" Halloween Night.

Five Kernels



The first winter in Plymouth was very cold
And hunger abounded as the year unrolled.
Some days each only had five kernels of corn.
Their lives were becoming sad and forlorn.
But then spring came and their harvest grew.
The pilgrims began to thrive and their spirits did too.
But they never forgot the bleak times after they did abate
So on Thanksgiving they'd put five kernels on each plate.

The first kernel reminded them of the autumn beauty.
The second one of the freedom that they held dearly.
The third reminded of their love and care for each other
And the fourth was for dear friends like the Indian brother.

The fifth kernel reminded of God's love and care for all.
So as you prepare and celebrate Thanksgiving this fall,
Remember to put five little kernels on each dinner plate
To honor the pilgrims and give thanks for our good fate.

MEIPING LIU WAS THE FIRST TO WRITE US AND SEND PICTURES THIS YEAR

Dear Mr. Page,

Sorry for the late e-mail .I received the "First Class Mail" on the first day I came to my host family, but I didn't read it until today .The reason why I did that its because I didn't think I can understand it because its written in English. so that why my email is late. Oh, I haven't introduced myself. I'm Meiping Liu from China (its my Chinese name) and soon it will be the third month I came to America. I am hosted by the Brummer, - a Christian family. I have a host sister and two brothers and they are Sarah, Daniel and Matthew, we live in Washington. At school I'm a junior and I'm the only exchange student in our school, but my schoolmates are friendly to me, the only problem is I haven't made a real friend ,most of them we just say hello, but I think I will. Same with other America students. I go to school by the school bus and my host dad drives me to the stop every day. My host mom is a homemaker. She has enough time to do the chores so we needn't even do the laundry ourself! and also she is a home-school mom. All of my host siblings were home-schooled. Sarah shares her room with me but she went to college (I go to high school) and she had a part time job, so most of the time we don't have a chance to talk a lot(but I love her), Daniel talked a lot to me on the first day I came here but after that he didn't talk to me a lot because he is totally different from Sarah but it is his personality. And my other little brother Matthew is 10, so he always plays joke on me but that is what brother's do. its ok ~And my host dads job is farming so during the weekend my siblings help him do the work and I knew nothing about farm so I can just help mom do the dishes ,clean the floor and so on .In short, my host family is a happy, responsible and perfect family!

Yesterday was Halloween and we went to church for the trick or treat and I helped give out the hot dog and it was the first time of my volunteer work! so glad I can came to America and experience different culture and life! Furthermore, we have driven a yacht on the lake and carved a pumpkin. Im so luck to have such a great host family!

thank you for gave me a chance to come to America and sorry for the late e-mail again!

Meiping Liu from China

BRUMMER FAMILY FEASTING WITH MEIPING



SARAH & MEIPING RAFTING ON MAYFIELD LAKE



SARAH & MEIPING AT PUYALUP COUNTY FAIR





¿Sabias Que? (Do you know what?)



Friends, Family, and Classmates



Meiping Liu at church with Brommers

Wall of Fame

STUDENTS, Please remember to send copies of your report cards to the PEACE office. Have your name included on our Honor Roll list in the next newsletter.

PEACE is the only international student exchange program to hold an annual awards banquet to honor top students. We recognize achievements in academics, service, public speaking, the arts and athletics, Last year, 50% of our young ambassadors made their schools' academic honor rolls in a language that was not their own!

Will your name appear on the 2014-2015 WALL OF FAME?



Meiping's loves reading.—favorite room.



Meiping with Brummer family pooch!

Gathering Leaves

by Robert Frost

Spades take up leaves
No better than spoons,
And bags full of leaves
Are light as balloons.

I make a great noise
Of rustling all day
Like rabbit and deer
Running away.

But the mountains I raise
Elude my embrace,
Flowing over my arms
And into my face.

I may load and unload
Again and again
Till I fill the whole shed,
And what have I then?

Next to nothing for weight,
And since they grew duller
From contact with earth,
Next to nothing for color.

Next to nothing for use.
But a crop is a crop,
And who's to say where
The harvest shall stop?



Meiping & super-friends in costume.



Meiping at volleyball post-game celebration.

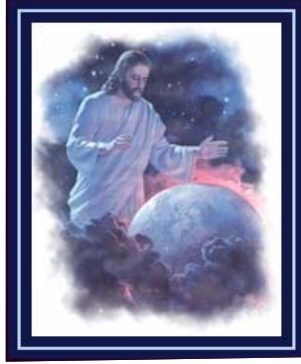


Mx International rep Magaly Villarreal's son, Enrique celebrated his birthday with his friends & future exchange students on June 29



Hilda Muñoz (Venezuela International rep and PEACE counselor) Grandkids - Victor was born on Halloween Day. Yes, he is the PEACE BABY. Tomas was born in March

*P.E.A.C.E.
Celebrated Its
26th Birthday
October 31*



Please keep in your prayers Mrs. Florence Page, who had pneumonia, daughter in law Michele now recovering from heart surgery and all the members of our PEACE family so that with the help of God, we may have a successful year, growing in love, patience, kindness, peace and faithfulness..



Gale Marvin & Margaret Tufino Orientation October 2014.



Christian Guaman—EC showing off native dress!



Christian Guaman—proud of host family—Rev. and Mrs. Palmer



Andres Reyes & Fernando Ayala of Merida demo Yucatan, MX



Christian Guaman—EC playing the Maracas!



Daniela Flores—EC owner of dress, showing other native crafts!



Orientation cake celebrates 4 Latin American countries



Venezuelan Mariano Zamora shows his exhibit