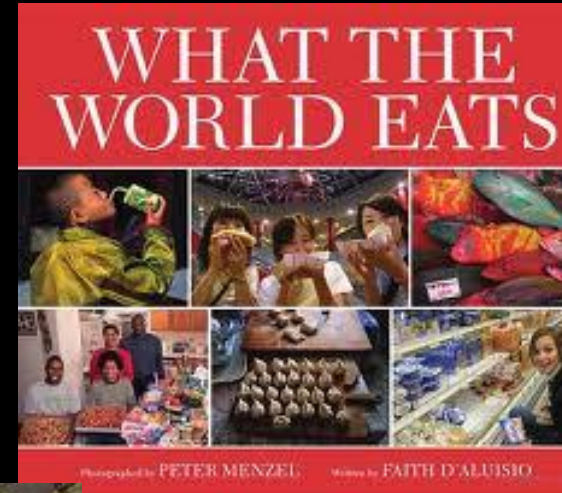
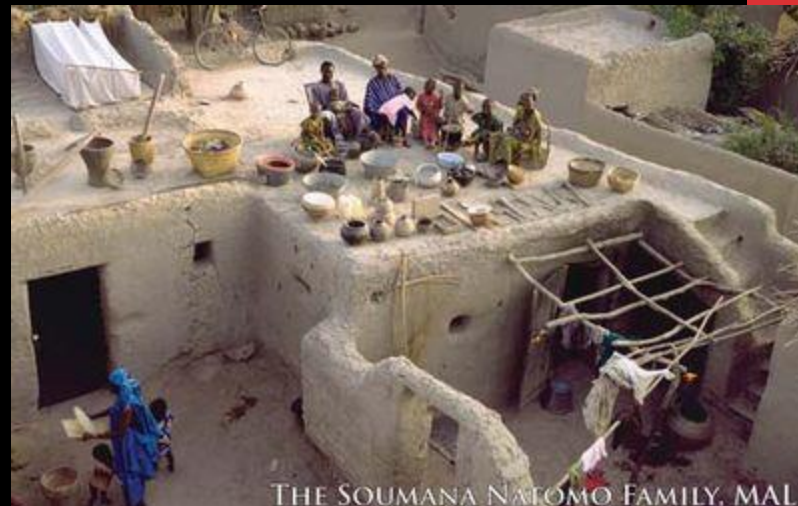
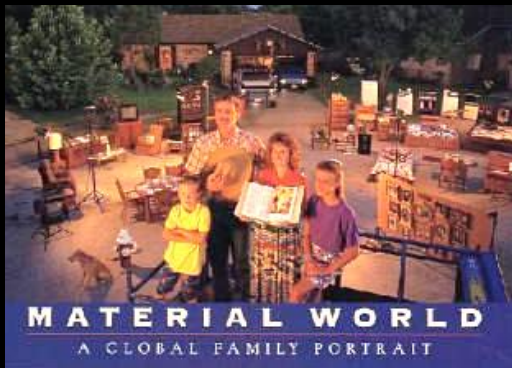


USING DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHY CROSS-NATIONAL INTERACTIONS □ GLOBAL “BIG PICTURE” UNDERSTANDING

THE FOOD & STUFF OF OUR LIVES

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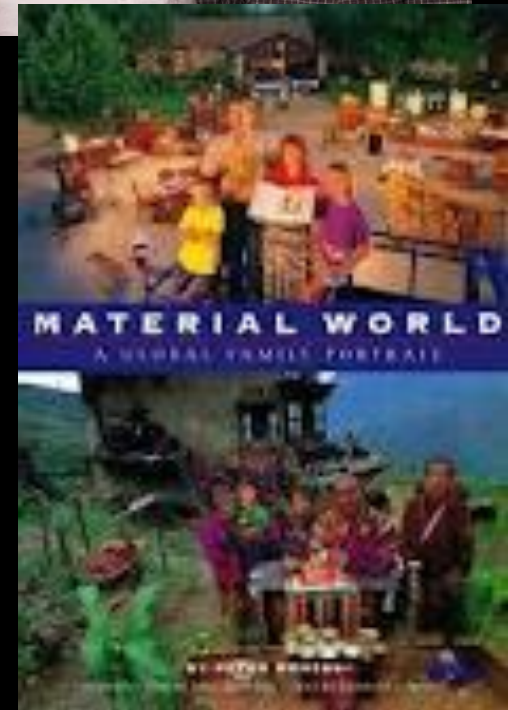
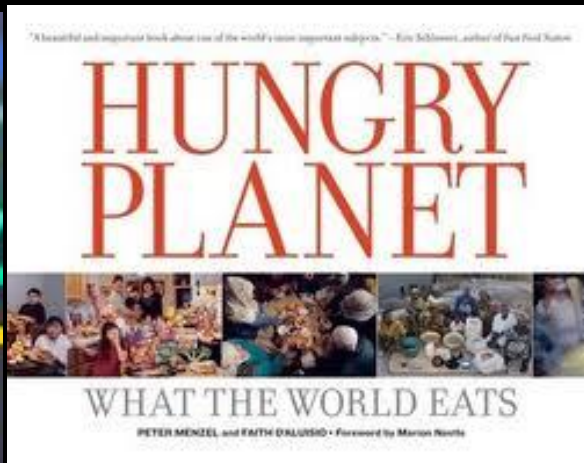
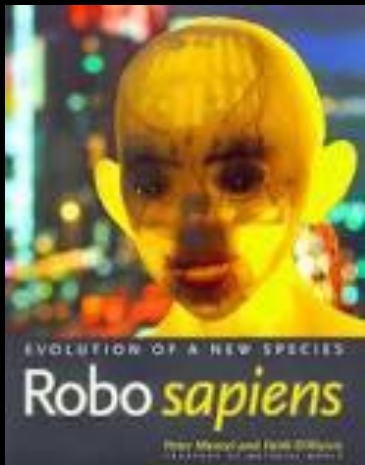


Documentary Photography

Cross-National Interactions → Global “BIG PICTURE” UNDERSTANDING

Photography-Based Research Projects by Peter Menzel and Faith DALuisio

1. Material Worlds: A Global Family Portrait (1994)
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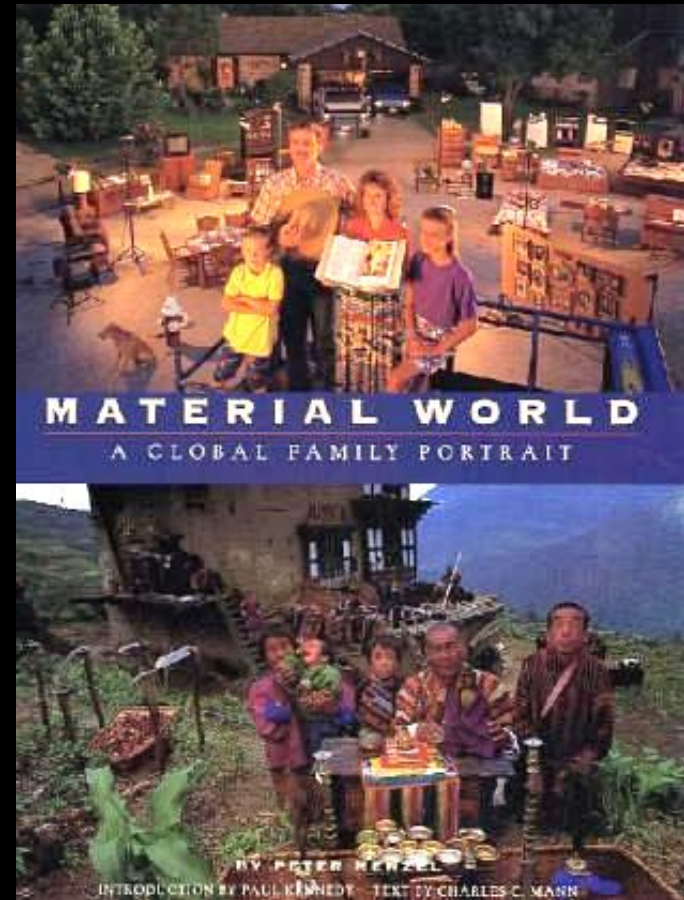


Material World: A Global Family Portrait

By Peter Menzel & Faith D'Aluisio

Menzel & D'Aluisio's CENTRAL Research Questions:

1. What are our connections (emotional, identity, family, sacred, etc.) to our **MATERIAL OBJECTS & Possessions** on a **GLOBAL SCALE**?
2. **Photography + Anthro/SO Research.** HOW can we use the medium of **PHOTOGRAPHY + writing** to gain a **LARGER**, more intelligent, and more **multi-LAYERED** set of **perspectives** of our world and important issues we **all** face?
3. **GLOBALIZED MATERIAL GOODS! NON-RENEWABLE MATERIALS → PLASTICS** (“forever chemicals”)
4. **CELEBRATE DIVERSITY** on **GLOBAL SCALE**! Through the things we **collect**, **connect** to and **those objects/spaces we make SACRED.** **OVERCOME** cultural stereotypes and **FEAR** of the **“OTHER.”**
5. Can all 7-8 Billion **HUMANS** on **EARTH** have ALL of the things we want and still sustain a **HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT** for all human cultures and other animal/biological creatures?

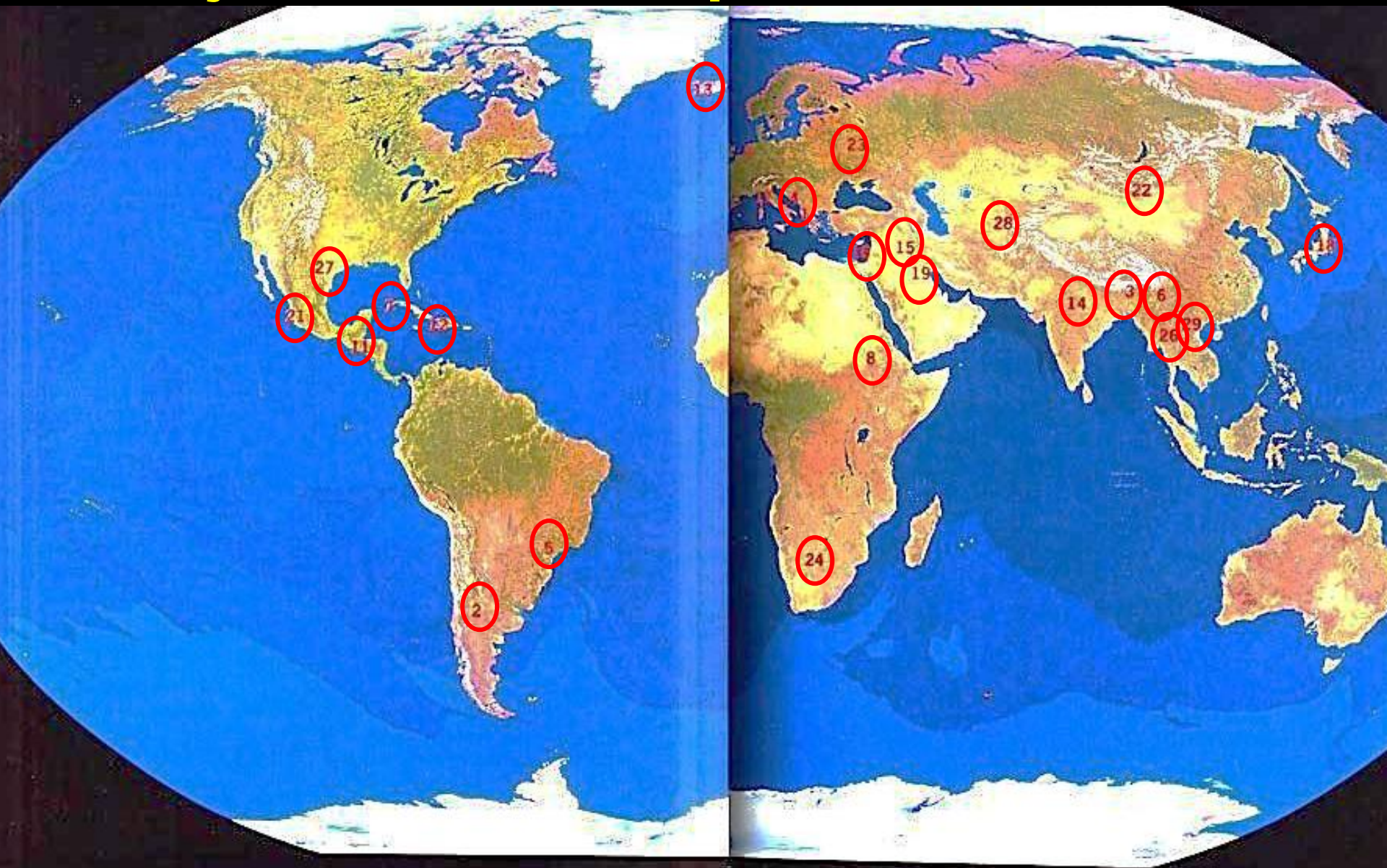


Focus and Approaches for Material World

- ⇒ **Underlying Premise:** We have **NO** true, **ACCURATE**, or valid **vision** or **appreciation** of the **“other”** and little understanding of our **common connections** as human beings.
- ⇒ **HAPPINESS/Life Satisfaction vs. MATERIAL ITEMS?** What are the connections-contradictions?
- ⇒ **DISMANTLE THE NEWS OF FEAR!** Typical **NEWS** & **photojournalistic** views of the world are **REPEATEDLY** and **CONSTANTLY** instilling all of us with **FEAR**, **distrust**, and **xenophobia**.
- ⇒ **Focus and Approach** -- An examination of Family and Material Consumption for the 21st Century
 - ✓ **16** documentary photographers
 - ✓ Traveled to **30 nations** around the globe
 - ✓ Lived for a **week+** with families which were statistically average for that country
 - ✓ At the end of each visit, photographed a portrait of the family **outside of its home with ALL of its possessions (prioritized)**.
- ⇒ **Funding\$\$** -- Supported in part by the **United Nations Population Fund**, the United Nations Development Program **AND** Menzel's own \$\$



The Project: 30 Countries Spread across the Globe



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Mali

MALI

Dirt Poor

The Natoma Family

6:30 A.M., MARCH 27, 1993
KOUAKOUROU, MALI

PHOTOGRAPHS BY PETER MENZEL



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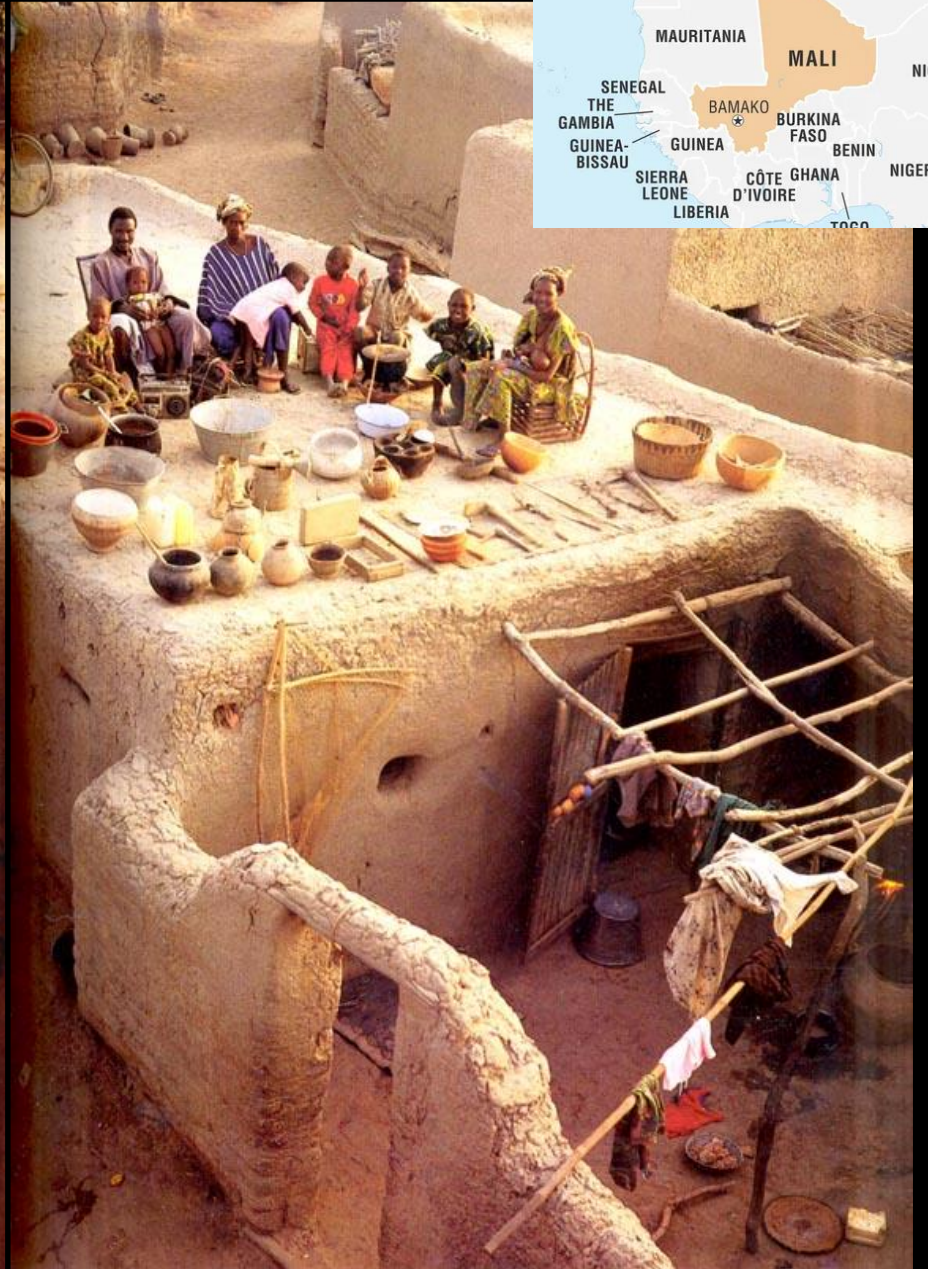
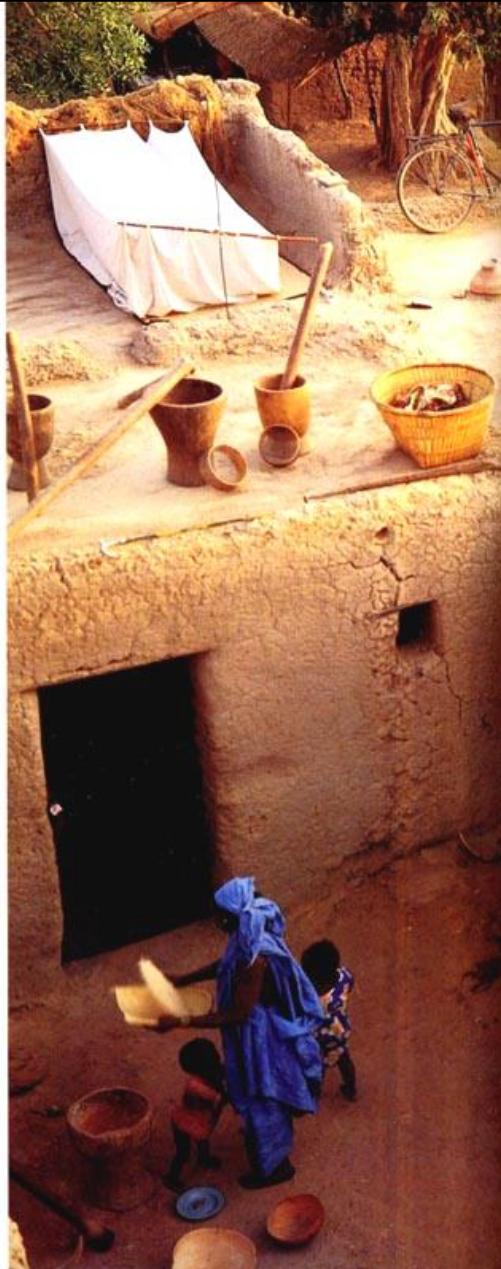
1. Sourmana Natomo, father, 39 (not pictured) Tata Natomo, 1st daughter, 13
2. Pama Kondo, 1st wife, 28
3. Fatouma Niangani Toure, 2nd wife, 26 (2nd wife's household)
4. Pai Natomo, 2nd daughter, 11
5. Kontie Natomo, 1st son, 9
6. Mama Natomo, 2nd son, 6
7. Mamadou Natomo, 3rd son, 3
8. Toure Natomo, 1st daughter, 5
9. Fatoumata Natomo, 2nd daughter, 3
10. Mama Natomo, son, 1
11. Cia Niento, wife of father's brother (in blue, with children — not part of household)

OBJECTS IN PHOTO

(Roof, left to right)

- Mortars and pestles (3, for pounding grains)
- Sieves for sifting grain (2)
- Ritual cane (at roof edge)
- Musket (broken, inherited from father's father)
- Mosquito netting (covers bed)
- Bicycle
- Broken pot
- Basket (with clothes)
- Washing tubs (5, plastic and aluminum)
- Broken bark basket (with rags, scraps)
- Cooking pot (with ladle)
- Plastic water containers (2)
- Water kettles (2)
- Watering cans (2, one broken)

- Rectangular adobe brick mold (with sample brick)
 - Battery-powered radio/cassette-tape player
 - Folded blanket (between father and 1st wife)
 - Sweet rice mush (near children, in cookpot fitted with firepot)
 - Wooden condiment container
 - Cultivating implements (hoes, shovel, knife, broad axe)
- (Lower wall and open kitchen)
- Fishing net
 - Wooden rack (for shade, drying clothes)
 - Cooking fire
 - Water (in big clay pot)



Mali-2

NATOMO FAMILY

Size of household

7 (1st house, including father)
4 (2nd house)

Size of dwelling

540 sq. ft. (50 sq. m.) 1st house
450 sq. ft. (42 sq. m.) 2nd house

Workweek

112 hours (Father)
112 hours (Both mothers — all
inside home)

Number of

Radios: 1, Telephones: 0
Televisions: 0, VCRs: 0,
Bicycles: 1, Automobiles: 0

Most valued possessions

Bicycle (Father)

Per capita income (\$US)

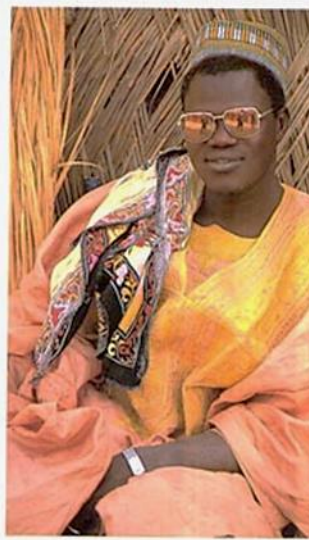
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Wishes for future

Irrigation system, motorcycle,
enclosed garden

ON MARKET DAY

in Kouakourou village. Soumana Natomo goes to purchase rice, which he buys in bulk and later resells. After haggling with the female wholesalers (B), he returns with two sacks of rice to store in the house that he shares with his first wife, Pama. The second, Fatouma, is two years younger than Pama and lives in a small one-bedroom apartment up an alley 250 feet (80 m.) away. Returning from the market, Soumana hears the muffled thumping of women pounding grain to make flour (A). Because it is Ramadan, the month when Muslims fast during the daylight hours, everyone is working at a slower pace than usual. Indeed, some men use the occasion to lounge about for hours, dazzling passersby with their most elegant outfits (D). The Natomos dress up, too, expending their yearly clothing budget at this time. Part of the reason is that after the fast ends at sunset, Kouakourou fills with food and music — Ramadan is also the month for weddings, dances (C), and other social activities.



STATS

Area

478,841 sq. mi.
(1,240,189 sq. km.)

Population

10.8 million

Total fertility rate

7.1 children per woman

Population doubling time

22.2 years

Percentage urban/rural

27% urban, 73% rural

Percentage of forest lost between 1981-90

0.8%

Life expectancy

Female: 50, Male: 47

Infant mortality

159 per 1,000 births

Population per physician

19,450

Literacy rate

Female: 24%, Male: 41%

Rank of affluence
among the 183 U.N. members
162



Ethiopia

ETHIOPIA

Constant Struggle

The Getu Family

8:30 A.M., FEBRUARY 12, 1994
MOULO, ETHIOPIA

PHOTOGRAPHS BY SHAWN G. HENRY



KEY TO BIG PICTURE

1. Getu Muleta, father, 30
2. Zenebu Tulu, mother, 25
3. Teshome Getu, 1st son, 10
4. Like Getu, 1st daughter, 8
5. Mamoosh Getu, 2nd son, 7
6. Mulu Getu, 2nd daughter, 3
7. Kebebe Getu, 3rd son, 8 months

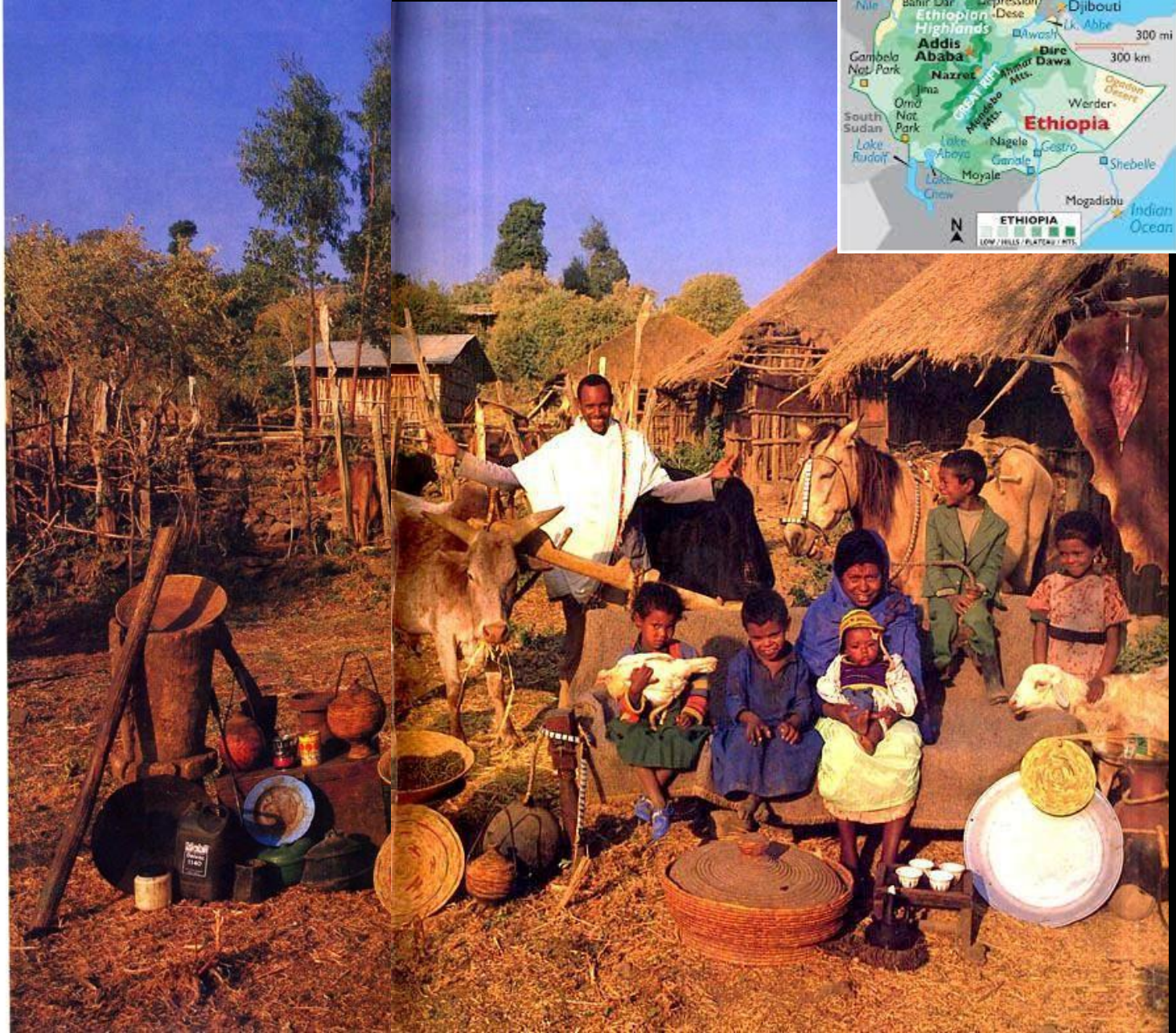
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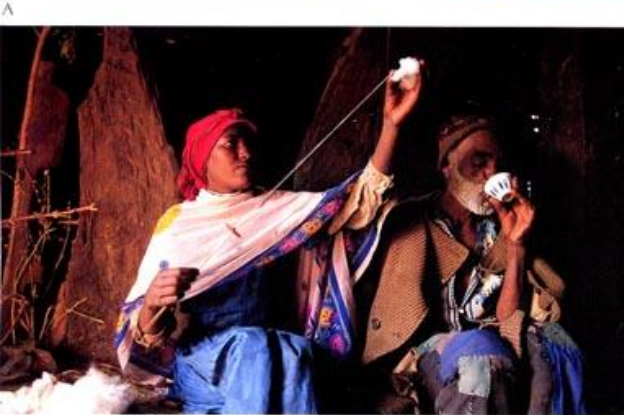
- Basket
- Mortar and pestle (for pounding grain)
- Frying pans (2, one on ground next to house)
- Plastic containers (one for coffee beans, one for water)
- Iron frying tool
- Salt (in can)
- Plastic bowl and plate
- Clay cooking pot
- Wooden storage box (with clothes)
- Gourd jar (holds butter)
- Baskets (3, for milk and other food)
- Tin cans (2, for drinking)
- Oxen (2, one with yoke)
- Basket (on low table, full of endod)
- Shallow basket (leaning on table, for serving)
- Clay pot
- Halter (for horse)
- Bed (with wool blanket)
- Basket with lid
- Chicken (1 of 8 owned by family)
- Coffee set
- Tea kettle
- Serving tray
- Partially completed basket
- Clay water jar
- Sheep and lamb
- Horse (1 of 3)
- Cowhide (used as cushion)
- Umbrella (hanging from building)

(Background, left to right)

- Corral with cattle (5)
- House of father's brother
- Brother's cook house
- Family house
- Father's parents' house

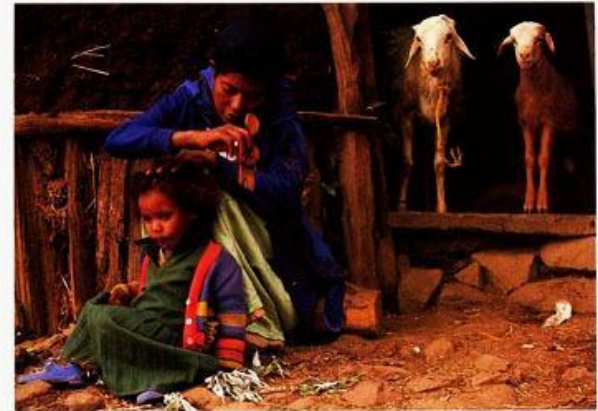


Ethiopia-2



A SITUATION with few resources, the peas depend heavily on cattle dung. Every morning, *mebu* collects fresh dung from the corral and mixes it with *tyw* into a paste. Some of the paste is used to plaster the walls of the house (A, decorations printed with a mixture of *hus* and *water*). She flattens the rest into wide patties that are red, broken into pieces, and used for fuel. At other times *mebu* scavenges the fields and bring home dried dung (C). Working with dung takes up much of Zerebu's time. Other tasks include attending to the children (B, combing daughter *Ida's* hair) and preparing coffee for the men. The latter may happen several times a day. Three times a day, relatives congregate at each other's houses, having a bit of coffee in a coffee ceremony (D, Geta's father, *Mullata*, having a cup at Geta's house, while his sister, *Bezu*, threads cotton). With good reason: the strong, richly flavored coffee of Ethiopia is celebrated by the *aficionados* — the province of Kaffa in southwestern *tyawa* is reputed to be its birthplace.

ETHIOPIA



ETHIOPIA ETIYOP'IYA

STATS

Area	471,815 sq. mi. (1,221,991 sq. km.)
Population	58.0 million
Total fertility rate	7.0 children per woman
Percentage of couples using contraception	4.0%
Population doubling time	23.1 years
Percentage urban/rural	13% urban, 87% rural
Government debt as percentage of GNP	51%
Ratio of people to automobiles	875 to 1
Ratio of people to cattle	2 to 1
Life expectancy	Female: 50, Male: 47
Percentage of rural population without safe drinking water	89%
Rank of people per physician among the 183 U.N. members	183
Rank of affluence among the 183 U.N. members	183

A home to humankind for at least 1.5 million years, Ethiopia is the only African nation never ruled by foreigners (except for a brief, chaotic incursion by Italy, 1935-41). Its history made it into a proud emblem of African independence, with the Organization of African Unity having its headquarters in Addis Ababa, the capital. In recent years, though, Ethiopia has become a symbol of civil strife and ecological devastation. A famine from 1972 to 1974 led to a coup that ended the almost-50-year reign of Emperor Haile Selassie. The new dictator, Lieut. Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam, waged war for years on many fronts: within Ethiopia, against rebel groups; in the south, against Somalia; and especially in Eritrea, a northern area annexed illegally in 1962. Economically, he followed the Soviet model. In the 1980s his government forcibly resettled 500,000 farmers and used food as a weapon against areas with rebels. Added to a series of droughts, these policies led to famines that consumed 2 million lives. The collapse of Communism coincided with the victory of rebels in Eritrea and within Ethiopia. Mengistu was overthrown in 1991. A coalition government took the reins, letting Ethiopians return to their homes and trying to restart the economy. Many troubles remain. Use of wood as fuel and the nation's abundance of livestock have caused some of the world's worst deforestation and erosion. As a result, this ancient place will simultaneously have to become more prosperous and transform its relationship to the environment — a daunting prospect.

Bhutan

BHUTAN

Resisting Cultural Change

The Namgay Family

4 P.M., JUNE 7, 1993
SHINKA, BHUTAN

PHOTOGRAPHS BY PETER MENZEL



KEY TO BIG PICTURE

1. Namgay, father, 50
2. Nalim, mother, 47
3. Kinley, 1st son, 17
4. Bangum, 2nd daughter, 14
5. Zekom, 3rd daughter
6. Sangaym, 29, 1st daughter
7. Sangay Khandu, 33, her husband (their children listed next)
8. Choeda, 9, their 1st daughter
9. Chato Namgay, 7, their 1st son
10. Sangay Zam, 5, 2nd daughter (on porch, near steps)
11. Chato Gyeltshen, 3, 2nd son
12. Tandin Gyeltshen, 2, 3rd son
13. Kinley Dorj, 61, mother's brother (unmarried)
14. Kado, 27, father's cousin, (visiting monk, on ground)

OBJECTS IN PHOTO

(Foreground, left to right)

- Bumpas (2, with peacock feathers, hold water in purification rituals)
- Jeles (2, double-reeded ceremonial clarinets)
- Choeps (14, metal bowls for water offerings)
- Book of Buddhist teachings
- Chodrom (table used by visiting religious functionaries)
- Trow (on chodrom, cast bronze ceremonial vessel)
- Statue of Namtose, god of wealth (on chodrom)
- Lamp (on chodrom, uses butter as fuel)
- Shakyamuni Buddha statue with silk robe (on chodrom)

(Left of family)

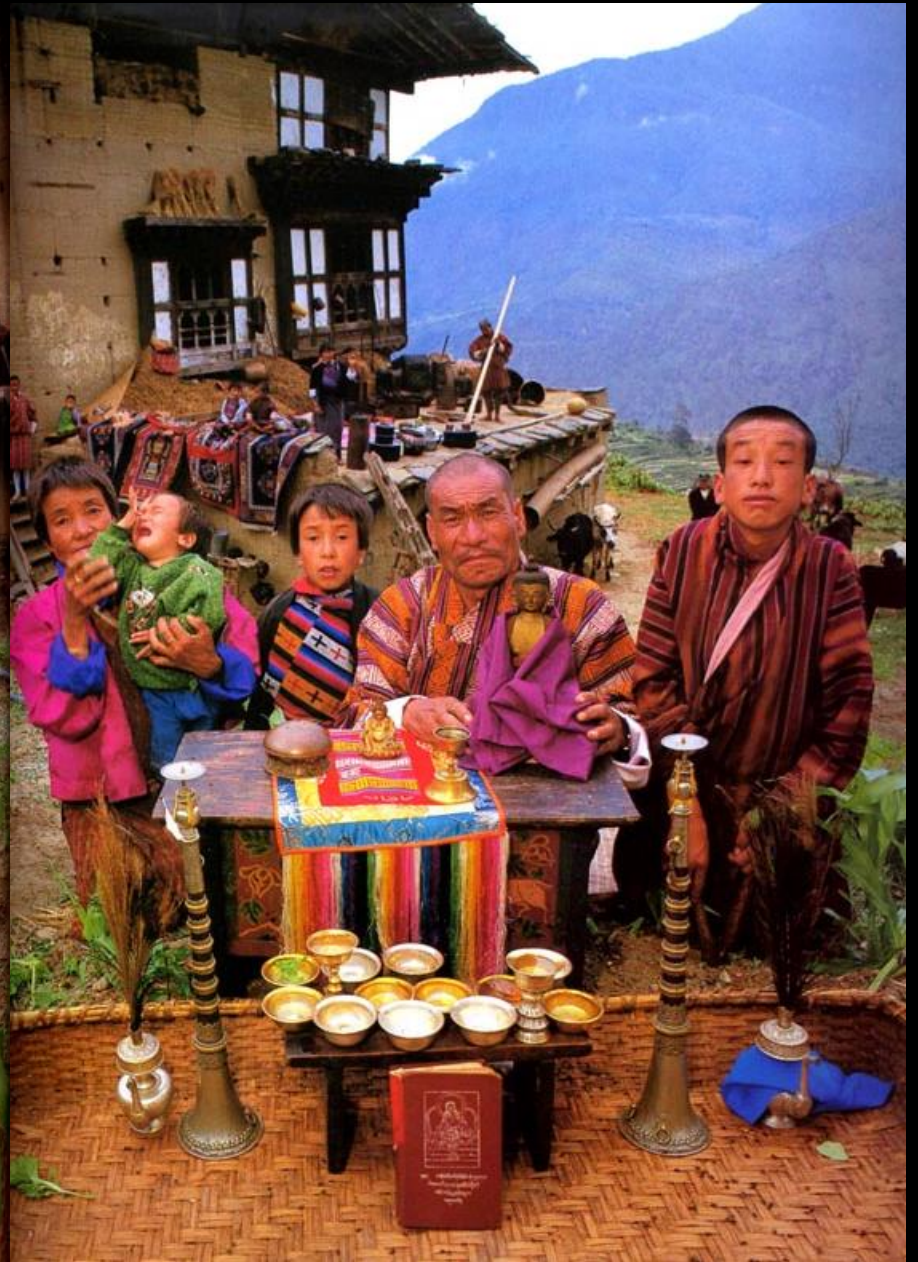
- Corn plants
- Hoes and cultivators (9)
- Basket for winnowing grain (with downy seed pods)

(Ledge on house, left to right)

- Basket and bag of rice (2)
- Ladder to attic (hewn from tree)
- Clay pot for water
- Pantry cabinet (left of door)
- Wind socks for temple decoration (3, hanging from rafter)
- Storage chests (3, for clothes)
- Blankets (3, folded)
- Sewing machine (treadle type)
- Pig (tied under steps)

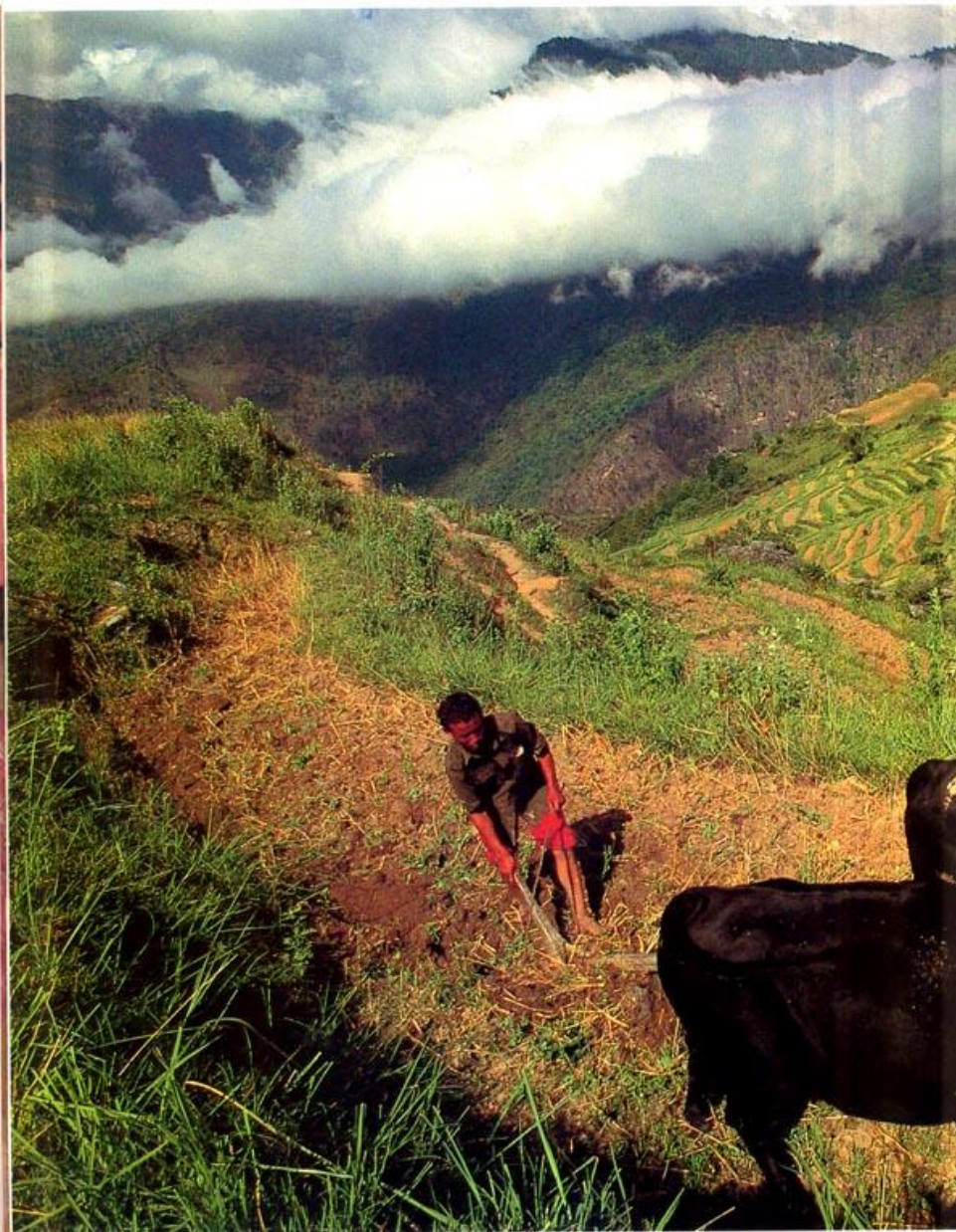
Porch (behind family, left to right)

- Rugs (5, for altar room)
- Wheat (for making bread and alcohol)
- Pitch fork (wooden)
- Butter churn and cooking pots (by 1st daughter)
- Storage baskets (11)
- Wood (being hewn with adz into yoke for bulls)

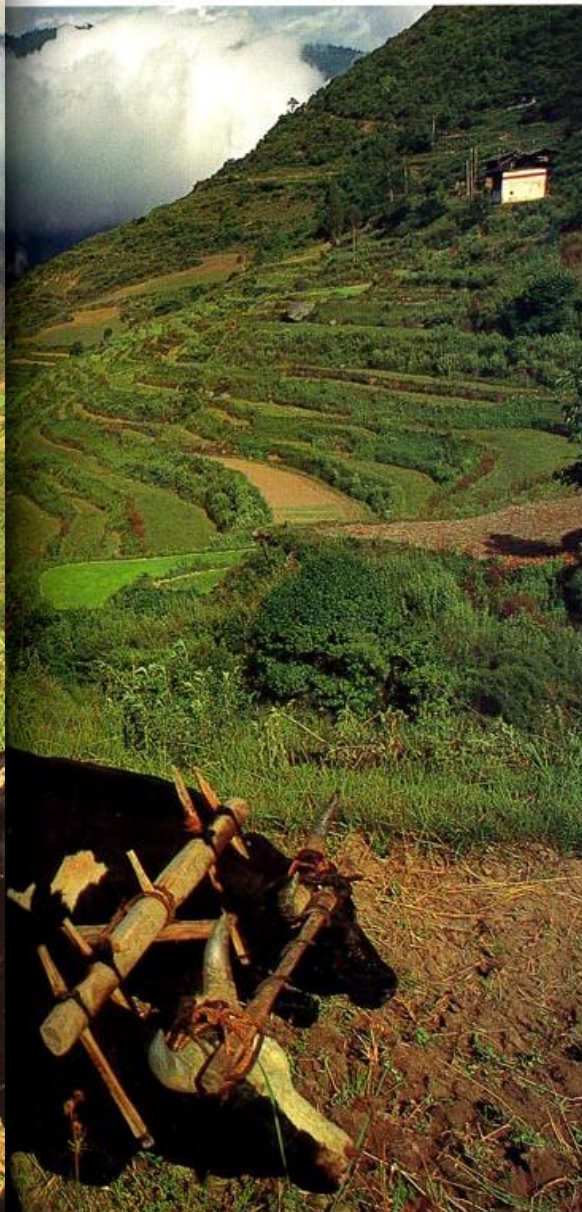


Bhutan-2

BHUTAN



BHUTAN



HUSBAND AND WIFE, Sangay Khanda and Sangaym, spend much of their day with the family cattle. One of Sangaym's morning duties is milking the cows into a wooden bucket (B). Sangay Khanda uses the bulls to plow the field, readying it for rice planting (A). He moves gingerly around the beasts, which are notoriously bad tempered. The Namgay household owns 5 acres (2 ha.) of land, scattered in terraced strips through the hills, each strip being devoted to one crop: wheat, rice, chilies, or potatoes. The wheat harvest (C), now in full swing, is assigned to the women. They take two long, dowel like sticks, pinch a fistful of wheat heads between them, and then pull up, snapping off the heads. For long-term storage, they cut the whole stalk, bind it into elegant sheaves, and store the result in the attic, from where it is threshed little by little, as the family needs it.



Iceland

ICELAND

Fire and Ice

The Thoroddsen Family

4:00 P.M., DECEMBER 15, 1993
HAFNARFJÖRDUR, ICELAND

BIG PICTURE BY PETER MENZEL

DAILY LIFE PHOTOGRAPHS
BY MIGUEL LUIS FAIRBANKS



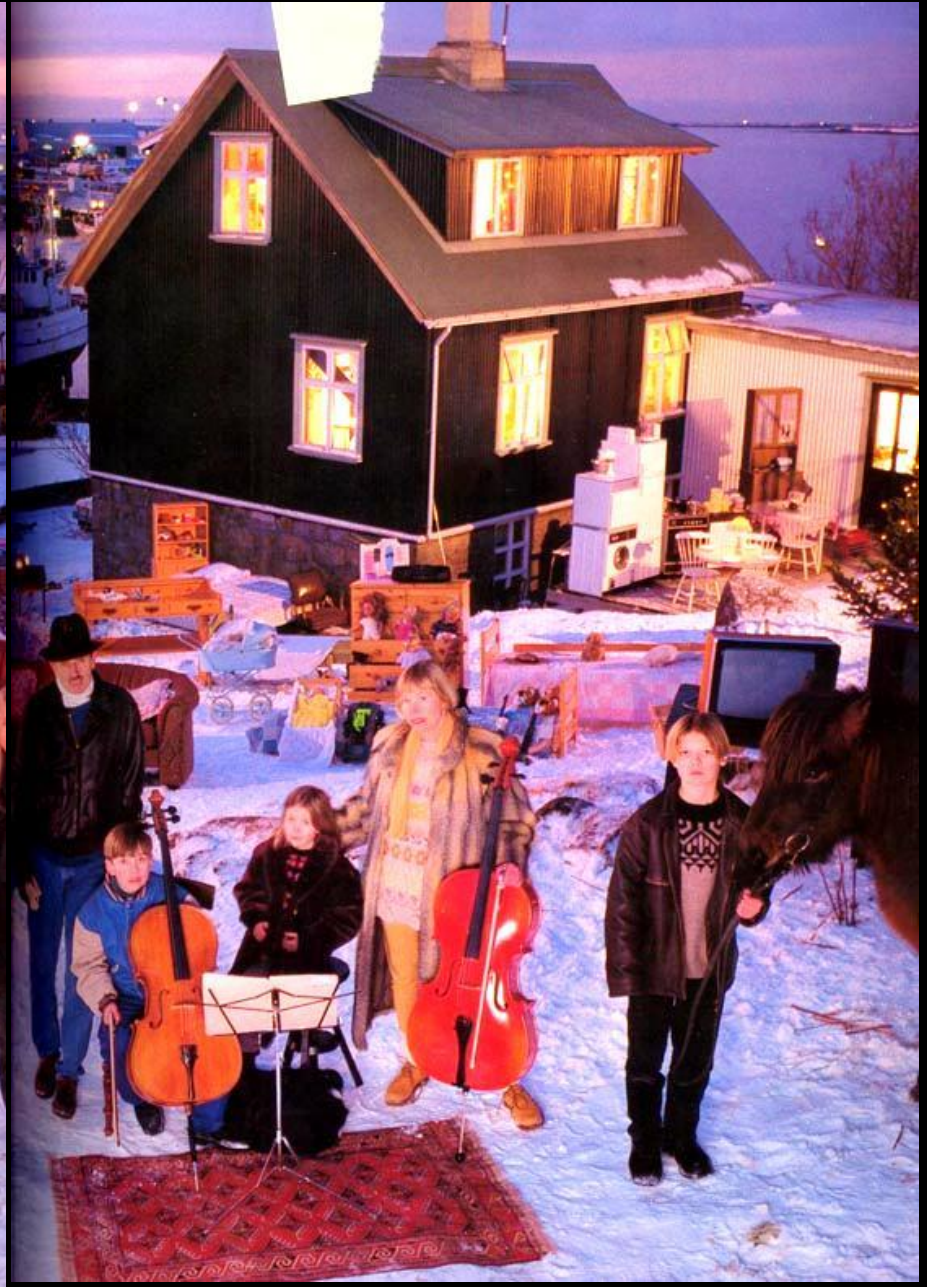
KEY TO BIG PICTURE

1. Björn Thoroddsen, father, 57
2. Margret Gunnlaugsdóttir, mother, 42
3. Sif Hauksdóttir, daughter from mother's 1st marriage, 18
4. Gunnlaugur Björnsson, son, 13
5. Gestur Björnsson, son, 11
6. Þóris Björnisdóttir, daughter, 7

OBJECTS IN PHOTO

(Left to right)

- Icelandic-breed horses (2 of 4 owned by mother)
- Rug (observed by horse)
- 150-year-old desk
- Loveseat, chair, and sofa (matching set)
- Damascus-style table
- Swivel chairs (2, one by corner of house)
- 2nd sofa (behind 1st sofa)
- Cars (BMW and Citroën, lights on)
- 2nd desk (for children)
- Toy airplane and helicopter (on 2nd desk)
- Tall shelves with knickknacks
- Parents' bed (queen-size)
- Stroller (not currently in use)
- Cellos (2, with music stand and sheet music)
- 2nd rug (beneath cellos)
- Antique chair (beneath boy)
- Music stool (beneath girl)
- Chest of drawers filled with toys, stuffed animals
- Portable cassette tape player, pink plastic doll house (on chest)
- Children's beds (3, around chest of drawers)
- Doll, doll bed, big black toy truck (leaning on foot of nearest bed)
- Toy guns (2), Tony the Tiger bedroom slippers (leaning on head of nearest bed)
- Washing machine, dryer, refrigerator, mixer, toaster, food processor (on patio)
- Stove/oven, pots and pans
- Dishwasher, storage tins
- Storage cabinet
- Eating tables (2, one with lamp and crockery)
- Kitchen chairs (3)
- Tool chest (red)
- Televisions (2, on TV stands)
- VCR and stereo (under right TV)
- Christmas tree
- Shovel (behind tree)
- Bicycles (3, at rear)
- Clothesline with clothes



Iceland-2

ICELAND



A

ICELAND ÍSLAND

STATS

Area	39,758 sq. mi. (102,972 sq. km.)
Population	0.26 million
Population density	6.5 per sq. mi. (2.5 per sq. km.)
Total fertility rate	2.2 children per woman
Population doubling time	67 years
Percentage urban/rural	92% urban, 8% rural
Rank of per capita electricity use among world nations	2
Rank of fish consumption among world nations	1
Rank of per capita health-care spending among world nations	1
Rank of life expectancy among world nations	2
Rank of affluence among the 183 U.N. members	8

Iceland meets almost all of its energy needs by tapping the heat of its 200 volcanoes and the flow of the rivers on their slopes. Partly as a result, its people enjoy one of the world's highest standards of living while breathing some of its cleanest air. Historically, this state of affairs is a change. Norway and Denmark occupied Iceland for 600 years and kept it in penury. Only in the 20th century could it create a real fishing industry, which became the mainstay of its economy. Independence occurred in 1944, followed by a relatively stable coalition government. Recently a national preoccupation has been protecting the fisheries. Extending territorial waters to a 200-mile limit provoked the "cod war" of 1975, in which Britain severed diplomatic relations. Although mediation resolved the dispute, Iceland and its neighbors will now have to face a larger issue: overfishing. The same fisheries technology that accounts for one-seventh of Iceland's gross national product is wiping out the harvest, and the nation faces a sharp conflict between its long-term and short-term interests.



B



THE COCKPIT of an Icelandair 757, Björn (A) readies for takeoff on a flight to Orlando, Florida. Because he spends so much time either in the air or on the ground in other nations, the majority of the housework and errands falls to Margret, who balances the chores with a thriving business as a millinery. In winter, Margret, like many of her neighbors, seldom ventures outside without her furs (D, at a mall store 15 minutes from their home, one of a growing number of boutiques that take her hats on consignment). An auspicious exception takes place during a weekend expedition to the springs pool in Hafnarfjörður, the family's town, which is 5 miles (8 kilometers) from Reykjavik. Scampering in the snow at the water's edge, 7-year-old Thórdís grins at her daring (B). Afterward, Gestur, her 11-year-old brother, gets in some time with his Super Mario Brothers video game (C). Outside through the windows is the briny clutter of the boats and the fish processing plant about 250 feet away.



Mongolia

MONGOLIA

Reconstruction

The Regzen Family

4:00 P.M., SEPTEMBER 28, 1993
ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA

BIG PICTURE BY LEONG KA TAI
AND PETER MENZEL

DAILY LIFE PHOTOGRAPHS
BY LEONG KA TAI



KEY TO BIG PICTURE

1. Regzen Batsuury, father, 37
2. Lkhamsuren Oyuntsetseg, mother, 31
3. Batsuury Khorloo, daughter, 9
4. Batsuury Batbileg, son, 5
5. Oynjargal, father's sister, 33
6. Yenuultzul, her daughter, 12
7. Mother's sister with husband and son (seated on bed, next to their ger)

OBJECTS IN PHOTO

(Clockwise from left)

- China cabinet with stickers of Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers cartoon characters
- Family portraits (2), ceramic horses (2), ceramic Buddha (atop cabinet)
- Tea sets (2), small bronze Buddha (in cabinet)
- Poles used to form structure of ger, family dwelling
- Dresser with alarm clock and vanity mirror
- Twin bed with woven coverlet, extra bedding (folded)
- Dining table
- Tomatoes, hard cheese, teapot, jar of preserves, figurines (2), soft drinks (6 bottles), bowls of cookies, condiments, and candy (7) (atop dining table)
- Electric hot plate, electric kettle (on table to right)
- Fluorescent light fixture, incandescent bulb (hanging from peak of ger)
- 2nd china cabinet
- Trays (2), teapots (2), china statuery (in cabinet)
- Washbasin (white, on wooden box)
- Photograph
- 2nd twin bed with coverlet
- Television (black-and-white, with Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers sticker)
- Incense holder, carved wooden Buddha in glass case (on television)

(Outside ger)

- Sheep (tethered to right)
- Ger and bed of mother's sister's family
- Icebox, barrel, water containers
- Outhouse (left of gate)



Vietnam

VIETNAM

Communist Free Market

The Nguyen Family

2:30 P.M., NOVEMBER 10, 1993
VIET DOAN, VIETNAM

PHOTOGRAPHS BY LEONG KA TAI



KEY TO BIG PICTURE

1. Nguyen Duy Ha, father, 33
2. Nguyen Thi Canh, mother, 31
3. Nguyen Thi Huong, daughter, 9
4. Nguyen Duy Hung, son, 7
5. Nguyen Thi Hai, daughter, 3 (trying unsuccessfully to blow up balloon)
6. Extended family (4 aunts, 4 uncles, grandparents, various children)

OBJECTS IN PHOTO

- (Clockwise from bottom left)
- Bicycles (2, 1 Vietnamese, 1 Czech)
 - Pith helmet (on low wall)
 - Insecticide pump sprayer
 - Kettle (on wall by sprayer)
 - Beds (2)
 - Pigs (2), chicken, rooster
 - Haystack (behind left bed)
 - Bedding (on left bed)
 - Slippers (2 pair, below bed)
 - Wheels for cart
 - Earthenware urn
 - Tall metal pot
 - Chair (partly obscured by fan blade)
 - House (built by grandparents, land still owned by them)
 - Desk with Huong and Hung's books (along house)
 - Hoes, rakes, other farm implements
 - Attached kitchen (directly behind the Nguyen family)
 - Bamboo bench (family sitting on it)
 - Sideboard with china behind glass doors
 - Thermos (on sideboard, Chinese-made)
 - Tea set (on sideboard)
 - Electric fan (on sideboard, base wrapped in plastic)
 - Ceiling fan (on sideboard, Chinese-made)
 - Basket of miscellaneous china (behind fan)
 - Serving trays (leaning against sideboard)
 - Basket of pots, pans, and bowls
 - Stools (2, one bebid trays)



Argentina



ARGENTINA

Stability — At a Price

The Carballo Family

2:30 P.M., NOVEMBER 27, 1993
SALTA, ARGENTINA

BIG PICTURE BY PETER GINTER

DAILY LIFE PHOTOGRAPHS
BY DIEGO GOLDBERG



KEY TO BIG PICTURE

1. Juan Carlos Carballo, father, 42
2. Marta Ekzabeth Inguez, mother, 31
3. Nahuel Carballo, son, 9
4. Maria Belen Carballo, daughter, 8
5. Maria Pia Carballo, daughter, 6

OBJECTS IN PHOTO

- (Foreground, left to right)
- Houseplants (8, most just behind family)
 - Dining tables (2, 2nd far left behind plants)
 - Silver tea set (atop 1st dining table)
 - Miscellaneous chairs (3, around table)
 - Shoes (20 pairs)
 - Sewing machine and table
- (Background, left to right)
- Office-style desk (far left, directly behind plants)
 - Beds (3, behind desk)
 - Floor lamp
 - Tableware (atop 2nd dining table)
 - Chairs (4, around 2nd dining table)
 - Curio shelf
 - Armoire and clothes
 - Dresser
 - Stereo and TV (atop dresser)
 - Refrigerator
 - Washing machine (on casters)
 - Stereo speakers (right of washing machine)
 - Piano
 - Photo-portrait (by Juan Carlos)
 - Dining chairs (6)
 - Dolls and stuffed animals (on chairs, bear in center is youngest daughter's favorite possession)
 - End table (in front of chairs)
 - Rug (under end table)
 - Home (yellow building, family occupies semi-separate apartment)
 - Sideboard for china (against building)
 - Couch (against building)
 - Cabinet for glassware (against building)
- (Rear)
- Catholic church (adjacent to family residence)

Televisions of the World

TELEVISIONS OF THE WORLD



IRAQ
THAILAND
ALBANIA
GREAT BRITAIN

KUWAIT
BRAZIL
JAPAN
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VIETNAM
ITALY
RUSSIA
BOSNIA

SOUTH AFRICA
SPAIN
MONGOLIA
KUWAIT

Toilets of the World

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SOUTH AFRICA

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GERMANY
ETHIOPIA
CUBA

TOILETS OF THE WORLD



GUATEMALA
ALBANIA
VIETNAM

MALI
WESTERN SAMOA
GREAT BRITAIN

BHUTAN
UZBEKISTAN
MONGOLIA

Germany



GERMANY DEUTSCHLAND

STATS

- Area**
137,838 sq. mi.
(356,998 sq. km.)
- Population**
81.3 million
- Population density**
589.8 per sq. mi.
(227.7 per sq. km.)
- Total fertility rate**
1.5 children per woman
- Population doubling time**
158 years
- Percentage urban/rural**
87% urban, 13% rural
- Population per television**
2.7 persons per set
- Annual per capita consumption of beer**
152 quarts (144 liters)
- Percentage of native freshwater fish that are extinct or threatened**
72%
- Percentage of trees with more than 1/4 of leaves lost to acid rain and pollution**
25.2%
- Number of people seeking asylum in Germany**
536,000 (1992)
- Life expectancy**
Female: 79, Male: 73
- Infant mortality**
7 per 1,000 births
- Rank of affluence**

Europe's biggest, most powerful nation, Germany has been at the uncomfortable center of European politics since Otto von Bismarck oversaw its unification in 1871. Seemingly overnight, city-states that had squabbled for centuries became a powerful force — technologically, commercially, imperially. Tensions led to the almost accidental flare-up of World War I. When Germany lost, the vengeful Allies imposed a humiliating peace treaty that led to vast inflation and social turmoil. Capitalizing on popular anger, a deranged, anti-Semitic agitator managed to seize power, launch a war, and oversee the extermination of Germany's Jews. When Germany lost again, the vengeful Allies divided it. Moscow controlled the smaller eastern part; the bigger western part was tied to its western neighbors. West Germany rebuilt its war-torn cities and became an economic behemoth. Indeed, it became so rich that when Communism fell most "westies" believed that they could easily absorb the "easties." Instead the eastern economy collapsed, and the west couldn't peep it up — leading to the kind of nationalist discontent that Germany's neighbors have learned to fear. At the same time, the country faces ecological limits. The east has some of the world's worst pollution, and the west has acid rain and water contamination. As a result, Germany finds itself once again in the center of the European messianist

GERMANY

Uneasy Unity

The Pfitzner Family

1:30 P.M., FEBRUARY 13, 1994
COLOGNE, GERMANY

PHOTOGRAPHS BY PETER GINTER



KEY TO BIG PICTURE

1. Bernhard Pfitzner, father, 38
2. Brigitte Klose-Pfitzner, mother, 36
3. Manuel Pfitzner, son, 7
4. Christian Pfitzner, son, 4

OBJECTS IN PHOTO

(Clockwise from center left)

- Bookshelf for picture books
- Video-cassette recorder (below bookshelf)
- Stereo and tape recorder (on bookshelf)
- Television, turntable, speakers (behind bookshelf)
- Dining table with chairs and 4 place settings
- Tripod with video camera (hooked up to TV, live image is of photographer from *Material World*)
- Bookshelf with books
- Antique cupboard for china and glassware
- Painting (through window of Pfitzners' apartment)
- Armoire (with clothes for parents and children)
- Corner sofa
- Kitchen cupboard (for china, spices, utensils)
- Potted plants (4, on entry to
- Ceramic statuette (on hutch)
- Desk (for boys, with lamp, clock, pencil jar, etc.)
- Toy shelves with toys
- Kitchen table and chair (behind desk)
- Plastic castle, little trucks, miniature dinosaurs (on table)
- Loft beds (2, for boys)
- Bookshelf (between beds)
- Station wagon (behind beds)
- Stove/oven with pots
- Dishwasher (full of dishes)
- Microwave (on dishwasher)
- Refrigerator (with stickers)
- Cabinet
- Dresser
- 2nd toy castle (on dresser)
- Parents' bed
- Bicycles (4, one behind 3rd bookshelf)
- Father's motorcycle
- Basket filled with items from family's history
- Sheepskin and pillows



Japan

JAPAN

Paradoxical Affluence

The Ukita Family

10:30 P.M., DECEMBER 16, 1992
TOKYO, JAPAN

PHOTOGRAPHS BY PETER MENZEL



BIG PICTURE

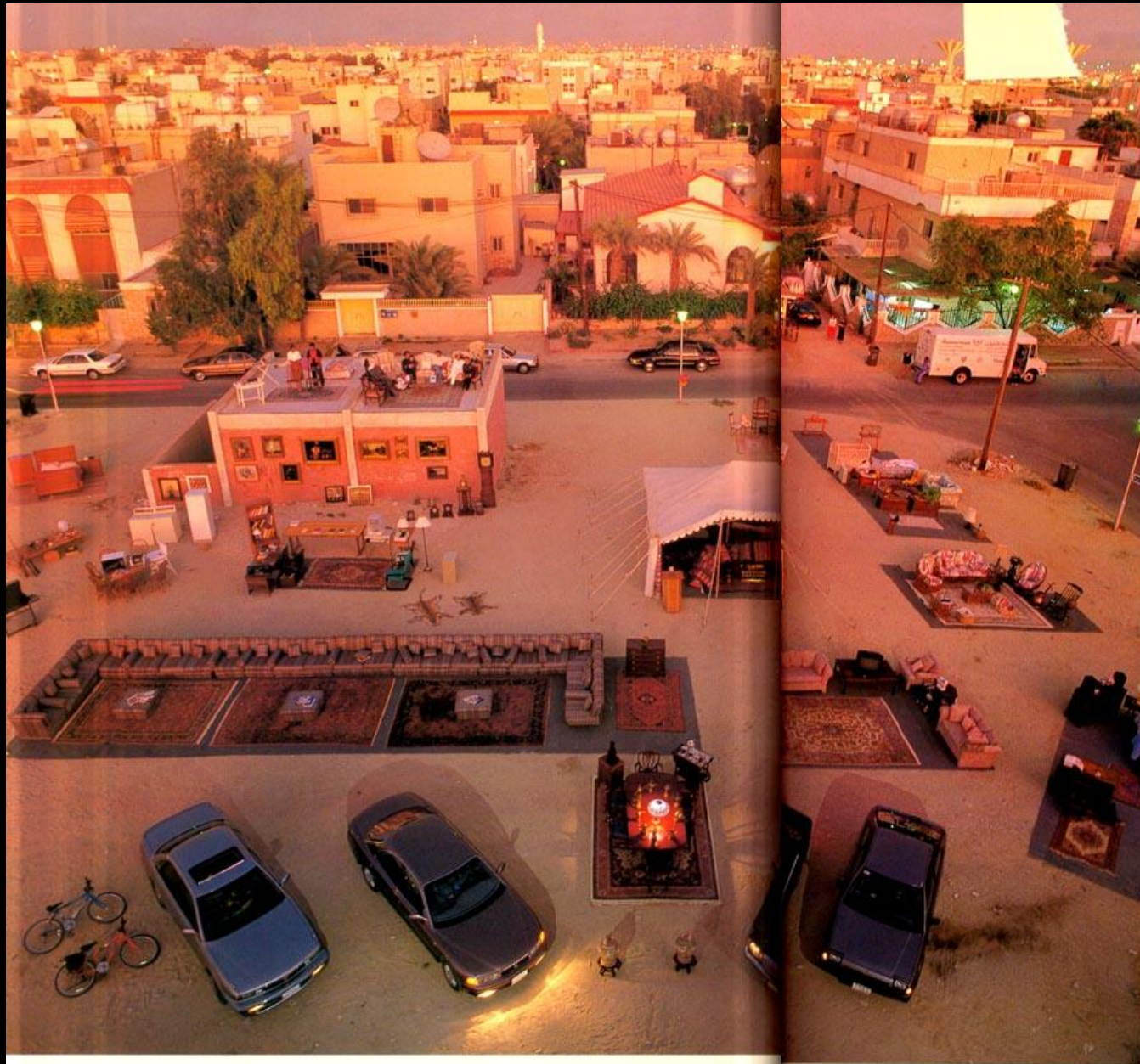
1. Father, 45
2. Daughter, 9

IN PHOTO

- Pots and pans (on end table)
- China cabinet (with china, microwave oven, toaster oven, liquor bottles)
- Papier-mâché animal (on cabinet, school project)
- Bed (behind cabinet)
- Dressing table with mirror (behind bed)
- Umbrellas (by dressing table)
- Dining table (with family)
- Fire extinguisher (on wall)
- Dog house (on steps)
- Dog (named Izumaru)
- Bunk beds (with blankets, video cassettes, toys)
- Clothes rack (with woman's suit)
- Entrance gate (right half, black metal, with mail slot)
- Butcher block table (with cooking utensils)
- Food-storage unit (by washer)
- Electric washer/dryer
- Cleaning supplies (in basket, on plastic shelf unit)
- Tub toys (by bathmat)
- Skateboards (2, leaning on shell)
- Sweater (3, in far right back)



Kuwait



KUWAIT

Oil Rich, Worker Poor

The Abdulla Family

5:30 P.M., DECEMBER 10, 1993
KUWAIT CITY, KUWAIT

BIG PICTURE BY PETER MENZEL

DAILY LIFE PHOTOGRAPHS
BY PETER ESSICK



KEY TO BIG PICTURE

1. Saif Abdulla, father, 52
 2. Zainab Abdulla, mother, 44
 3. Lubna Abdulla, daughter, 29
 4. Lail Abdulla, daughter, 26
 5. Abia Abdulla, daughter, 16
 6. Ali Abdulla, son, 2
 7. Agnes Fernandes, servant, 25
 8. Xavier Fernandes, servant, 30
- H. Family home (with refrigerator in entry, satellite dish)

OBJECTS IN PHOTO

- (Selected items, clockwise from left)
- 45-foot-long sofa (from basement)
 - Glass-topped coffee tables (3, with magazines)
 - Carpets (4, beneath sofa, chest)
 - Gas barbecue grill
 - Low table (with fishing poles, various sporting equipment)
 - Kitchen table (with microwave oven, toaster oven, high chair, 6 chairs)
 - Bedroom set
 - Washer and dryer
 - Refrigerator
 - Home-office furniture (includes telephone, fax machine, computer, printer, 2 leopard skins, 2 lamps)
 - Oil paintings, stained-glass windows (on wall of municipal pumping station)
 - Duck decoys (3)
 - Antique clocks (6)
 - Ironing board, iron, end table, radio, chairs (2), twin bed, carpet (on roof of pumping station, used by servants)
 - Sofa, chairs (6), coffee table, jumbo jet tricycle (on roof, near family)
 - Lectern, carpets (2), cushions, coffee pot collection (in family tent)
 - Living room sets (3, two with color televisions)
 - Bedroom sets (3, one with vanity, one with crib, one with long basketball trophy ribbons and guitar)
 - Cars (4: 1992 Mazda, 1989 Mercedes Benz, 1990 Honda, 1992 Mitsubishi)
 - Antique Chinese vases (2)
 - Dining room table with chairs (6)
 - Tiffany lamp, collection of antique coffee pots (on table)
 - Silver tea set (on tea cart)
 - End table with statue

United States



UNITED STATES

Moral Dilemma

The Skeen Family

6:30 A.M., AUGUST 4,
PEARLAND, TEXAS, U.S.

BIG PICTURE BY PETER O'NEILL
AND PETER MENZIES

DAILY LIFE PHOTOGRAPHY
BY LYNN JOHNSON



KEY TO BIG PICTURE

1. Rick Skeen, father, 36
2. Patte Skeen, mother, 34
3. Julie Skeen, 11
4. Michael Skeen, 7

OBJECTS IN PHOTO

- (Foreground)
- Family Bible (held by mother)
 - (Left to right)
 - Dog (Lucky, tied to real fire hydrant—souvenir of father's years as fireman)
 - Sewing machine (antique, treadle-style)
 - Easy chair
 - Photo lights for shooting Big Picture (scattered through-out scene)
 - End table with lamp
 - Living room couch
 - Coffee table (marble-topped, with books)
 - Storage cabinet
 - Television (on cabinet)
 - 2nd easy chair
 - Stereo (on matching marble-topped table)
 - Speakers (4, on ether side of secretary)
 - Dining table, chairs (6)
 - Place settings, bowl of fruit
 - Curio cabinet (with china)
 - Secretary (behind cabinet)
 - (Right to left)
 - Bicycles
 - Bookshelves
 - window
 - Computer storage
 - father's
 - Motor vehicle
 - F 350 pickup
 - minivan
 - Storage
 - Stuffed
 - above
 - U.S. flag
 - Dressers
 - Dollhouse
 - Camcorder
 - table, 10'
 - Refrigerator
 - Desk (with books)
 - 2nd TV
 - Washer
 - food prep
 - fee machine
 - Microwave
 - Beds (3)
 - Ironing
 - Piano
 - 2nd secretary
 - 2nd secretary
 - Family

The Cavin family of American Canyon, Calif.,



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