



Seen here with artifacts from the African country Mali where she spent eight months.

Chronicle Profile

**'International Vagabond'
Returns to City**

This week's profile subject spent five years getting a B.S. degree in psychology and a master's in Urban problems and city planning for Howard University in Washington, D.C., not to mention finishing Barbizon Modeling School at the same time in 1972.

Ms. Brenda Humphrey, 29, of 3811 Carver Rd., was given a trip around the world for a year, because of her achievements in Washington. The trip however lasted four years.

Always the "mover", Ms. Humphrey, a native of Winston-Salem, was educated here in both public and private schools. She spent a year at Palmer Institute in Sedalia, N.C. and finished her secondary education at Bishop McGuinness High School.

She continued to move around while in college as well. She did a semester at the University of Southern California, Winston-Salem State and Wake Forest before settling in at Howard.

After Howard says Brenda, "I gave myself a trip around the world because I figured I deserved it."

The trip called for a year abroad but Ms. Humphrey spent the first seven months of the trip in the United Kingdom and Ireland. She was to have been there for only two weeks.

"I realized that to cover the remaining territory the rest of the trip would have to be by air," she said. "It would have been a rush job," she said, "the trip by air would have put me in one urban area after the other and all urban areas look the same to me."

She explained that her interest in the trip was to get a real flavor of the people and the country rural life.

So what did she do? She cashed in her plane ticket and began her trek overland. She visited every country in Europe except three. They were Russia, Rumania, and Albania. Hoping around that continent for a year and a half, Brenda did various jobs from modeling to clerical work in London's business district for temporary job placement agencies.

Jumping off in Switzerland, Ms. Humphrey along with two friends drove to Morocco, in North Africa. She stayed for three months in a fishing village just off what was once the Spanish Sahara with the Berber people, a people of mixed heritage from black and semetic Africans.

It was the beginning of a two and a half year stay on the continent. She visited about 14 different countries during that time period. While in Liberia she worked for the government in the Ministry of Planning and Economic Affairs.

She worked as a planning economist in Liberia for a year to set up the groundwork for a social security system for the people in that country.

She said that during a visit to Gambia in 1974, she first heart of Alex Haley, author of the best-seller Roots. "The Gambians were very excited about the American black man who had traced his family's beginning to their country," she said.

Brenda recalled on one of her excursions to a country called Guinea-Bissau that she was accused of being a spy by that country's government.

She explained that the Angolian war for independence had not been over a year. "Feelings ran high against Americans even black Americans," she said. She said that was the closest shave she had with fate during her stay. She said she still doesn't know what happened or why they accused her of being a spy.

She said that while rural African society was much like that of

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'Dear Liz'

Got Everything and Nothing

Dear Liz,

I am told that I'm a beautiful young lady who has everything going for her. I have a wonderful husband, a nice home, a good job, and yet, I am always depressed. What solution can you give me

for the way I am feeling?

Dear Worried,

Maybe you are lacking in spiritual love. Go to church and have conferences with the pastor. If you don't have a

church, United Metropolitan Baptist Church would welcome you any Sunday. This church is located on Metropolitan Drive between Fourth and Fifth Streets.



YOU AND THE STARS

by sylvia hairston

ARIES-MAR 21-APR 20

Meditation, spiritual and esoteric studies are attracting you during this period. You are able to make wise decisions and offer valuable advice to others. You feel an upsurge of energy and discipline, enabling you to accomplish and progress in day to day tasks. Although love life still glitters, you will keep your cool and may cement a relationship which will endure for years.

TAURUS-APR 21-MAY 20

Attention is focused on your home life now and through some sources, extra responsibility is placed upon you. Family members come to your aid helping to stabilize your affairs and bring greater security. Put out the welcome mat as we see unexpected reunions in your picture. We see this as favorable for you, and much good will come out of the meeting. Your interest in someone you have known for several months, could take on romantic aspect.

GEMINI-MAY 21-JUN 20

Your love of variety and change could see you making new friends and social relationships. Your mental powers increase as a new reserve seems to have come over you. This is a good period personality-wise, with a change in your attitude towards people in general. Those of you seeking marriage or other partnerships can meet with cooperation and success.

CANCER-JUN 21-JUL 22

Prominence and status is in the picture for you now, so this is the time to seek out those who can be of help to you. Come out of your shell and prepare to branch out socially and with anything to do with the arts. Financial dealings go well and you will have a welcome increase in money stability. So approach that wealthy backer who can help your pursuits. Emotional trends must be handled so that you do not allow yourself to become jittery over anything. Have faith that all will turn out well.

LEO-JUL 23-AUG 22

You are in a growth cycle, and are becoming more philosophical. People will find you to be a nicer person to be with, as your often over-bearing and boisterous attitude are somewhat quieted, as mysterious, dramatic or unusual conditions broaden your interests. You may be away from home, traveling for business purposes, and although you like this type of life, you are also eager to get home. Try to reason out family matters which you feel are bothersome at times causing you to be harsh and sometimes unreasonable.

VIRGO-AUG 23-SEP 22

The atmosphere around you now has taken on the aura of enchantment, your home is a peaceful and uplifting place, and you have inner peace of mind. Your personality is extremely winning, and you meet people of influence whom your charm will impress. Look ahead, to an expansive type of life, the resulting new interests and realizations will serve you

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