

## Gods's Sacred Calendar $\mathbf{8 6 - 8 7}$

# The biblical solar-lunar calendar, combined with the Roman calendar so widely used by today's Christian-professing world. 

HERE IS the true calendar for all mankind. Its principles go back to the very first chapter of the Bible, where the sun and the moon were appointed to be for signs, seasons, days and years (Gen. 1:14).

This is the calendar Israel used when God led the nation out of Egypt. It has been in continual use for more than 3,400 years since. In all major respects except one, it is the same calendar used from the days of the earliest patriarchs to the exodus from Egypt.

This calendar has been called the "Hebrew Calendar," but it long antedated the Hebrew peoples - having its origin in the days of Enos, Seth and Adam when men first determined the average length of the lunar month.

Here, combined with God's true calendar, is the Roman calendar. The Roman calendar begins a new year in the dead of winter, its months without reference to the moon - all in contrast to God's calendar.

But isn't the Roman calendar of Christian origin, some will ask? Doesn't it have the approval of almost all Christian sects? History answers: "Our [Roman] calendar is not Christian in origin. It descends directly from the Egyptians, who originated the 12 -month year, 365-day system. A pagan Egyptian scientist, Sosigenes, suggested this plan to the pagan Emperor Julius Caesar, who directed that it go into effect throughout the Roman Empire in 45 b.c. As adopted it indicated its pagan origin by the names of the months - called after Janus, Maia, Juno, etc. The days were not named but numbered by a complicated system involving Ides, Nones and Calends. It was not until 321 a.D. that the seven-day-week feature was added, when the Emperor Constantine adopted Christianity. Oddly enough for his weekdays he chose pagan names which are still used." From "Journal of Calendar Reform," Sept. 1953, footnote p. 128.

Further study brings one to the realization
that the entire Roman calendar is of pagan origins with the single exception of the seven-day-week feature. Ironically, the "Journal of Calendar Reform" would have men give up this feature also by adopting their World Calendar. This proposed calendar contains one day each year (two in leap years) that is not counted as a day of the week. The seven-day cycle of the week, which has persisted since creation, would then be broken. It would be a totally heathen calendar.

## God Ordained This Way

A new sacred year commences about the beginning of spring in the northern hemisphere.
"This month [Abib or Nisan] shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you" (Ex. 12:2). The beginning of this month and of all God's months basically correspond with the appearance of the first faint crescent of the new moon in the west just after sundown. (Traditionally observed from Palestine.) The astronomical new moon calculated for the United States is, in general, a day or two earlier.

The word month means moon. A new month begins with a new moon. At first quarter the
month is one quarter gone; at full moon half a month has passed. Months have 30 and 29 days alternately with a few minor variations on some years. Seven years of a nineteen-year cycle have a 13th month called Adar II.

A third unit of time, the day, was correctly observed by most people till only a few hundred years ago. The proper time to end one day and begin another is in the evening at sunset as the last rays of direct sunlight fade from the countryside. Notice the description of the Day of Atonement occurring on the tenth day of the month: "In the ninth day of the month at even [evening], from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath" (Lev. 23:27-32). Man has changed to beginning the day at midnight.

The division of days was correctly understood at Christ's time. On one occasion a Sabbath was drawing to a close. Those who wished healing waited, and "when the sun was setting all they that had any sick with diverse diseases brought them unto him," not being aware of the fact that Christ would have healed on the Sabbath day also (Luke 4:40). Mark records that they came to be healed "when the sun did set" (Mark 1:32).

A comparison of Leviticus 22:7 with Leviticus 15:5 gives the exact moment for a new day -
"when the sun is down."
The final division of time, the week, with a seventh day set apart for rest and holy use, has been preserved by its continual observance among God's people.

The annual festivals God gave to Israel all occur on fixed days of the month, except for the feast of firstfruits or Pentecost. It occurs on a specific day of the week and is determined in the following manner. In the days of the Levitical priesthood a sheaf or omer of grain (barley) was cut very shortly after the sun set at the end of the Sabbath, in the early moments of the first day of the week. This first day after the weekly Sabbath always fell during the Days of Unleavened Bread, and it was the first of 50 days of the spring harvest (Pentecost means "fiftieth") which culminated in the feast of firstfruits or Pentecost. Pentecost is therefore always to be celebrated on the first day of the week, seven weeks after the cutting of the sheaf or omer of grain. It always falls in the third month - Sivan.

## General Information

In brief, God's holy days are to be kept in the following way. On two of them no work is to be done: the weekly Sabbath and the Day of

Atonement (a fast day). On the following six no servile work is to be done (food, however, may be prepared): the first day of Unleavened Bread (Nisan 15), the last day of Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, the Feast of Trumpets, the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day (Tishri 22). The Passover, Nisan 14, is observed with the service of footwashing followed by taking the symbols of unleavened bread and wine. This is the only festival not designated a Sabbath.

For Christians these holy days are convocations or commanded assemblies. Historians of the early Christian era record that these days, often misnamed "Jewish holidays," were kept by the true Church of God with a new spirit and fuller understanding.

Holy days for several years have been calculated to aid you in your plans to attend services and in your employment schedule.

Information as to where these meetings will be held and how you may attend may be had by writing to Herbert W. Armstrong at the office nearest you.

Information on the meaning of the annual festivals is available in the free booklet Pagan Holidays or God's Holy Days - Which?
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At Singapore airport in 1970 Herbert W. Armstrong boards the GII for Djakarta, Indonesia.

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1 First day of the sacred year (Ex. 12:2).
10 Passover lambs anciently set apart this day (Ex. 12:3). Israelites cross Jordan (Josh. 3, 4). Jesus enters Jerusalem in triumph (Mk. 11:7-11).
14 Passover instituted in Egypt (Ex. 12:6); observed with new symbols by New Testament Church (Luke 22:15-20). First of seven annual festivals, but not an annual sabbath.
15 Feast of Unleavened Bread instituted in Egypt (Ex. 12:14).
17 Sabbath after which ceremony of wave sheaf occurred (Lev. 23:11).
18 Wave sheaf or omer offered up to God (Lev. 23:12).
21 Conclusion of Feast of Unleavened Bread.
24 First of seven Sabbaths counted to Pentecost (Lev. 23:15).

Herbert W. Armstrong has flown multiple thousands of miles a year promoting the way to real peace.

## April/May

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10 First day of the sacred year, begins the previous evening at sunset. 15 Death of Loma D. Armstrong in 1967.
23 Passover, service observed previous evening (I Cor. 11:23-26).
24 Feast of Unleavened Bread commences previous evening at sunset; first annual sabbath (Lev. 23:7); a seven-day festival (Ex. 23:15).
25 Beginning of San Francisco Conference, called in 1945 to complete a charter for the United Nations Organization.
25-29 Intermediate days of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.
30 Conclusion of Feast of Unleavened Bread; second annual sabbath (Lev. 23:8).


Producing text and editing copy of Mystery of the Ages aboard the GIII, May 1985.

## Iyar-2nd Month

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1 Second Sabbath counted to Pentecost.
2 Foundation of Solomon's Temple laid (I Kings 6:1), 964 B.C.
5 Israeli Independence Day. Commemorates founding of state in 1948.
8 Third Sabbath counted to Pentecost.
10 Traditional date of taking of ark by Philistines and the death of Eli in 1084 B.C. (I Sam. 4:10-18).
14 The second Passover, instituted for those unable to observe it in preceding month (Num. 9:9-11; II Chr. 30:1-3).
15 Fourth Sabbath counted to Pentecost.
22 Fifth Sabbath counted to Pentecost.
29 Sixth Sabbath counted to Pentecost.

The GIII over the High Sierras in the spring of 1985. The builder is Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation.

## May/June

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11 Emperor Constantine dedicates, in A.D. 330, Constantinople as his capital. It survived as the eastern capital of the Roman or Byzantine Empire until 1453.
14 First office of the Radio Church of God opened in 1941 in IOOF Building, Eugene, Oregon.
15 British scientists in 1957 explode a hydrogen bomb.
29 End of siege and fall of Constantinople to Turks in 1453.
5 Beginning of the Arab-Israeli Six Day War, 1967.


Leopold III of Belgium, above, and Nagendra Singh and Manfred Lachs of the World Court with Herbert Armstrong.

## Sivan-3rd Month

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7 Seventh Sabbath counted to Pentecost.
8 Feast of Harvest-also called Feast of Weeks or Pentecost (Ex. 23:16; 34:22, first part; Deut. 16:10; Acts 2:1). Third annual sabbath. Festival commemorates giving of the law at Sinai in 1443 B.C. (Ex. 19:1; 20:1-21). See also Acts 20:16 and I Corinthians 16:8 for New Testament observance of Pentecost.

Leopold III in 1970 presented watch to Herbert W. Armstrong to honor his contribution to world peace.
June/July

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13 Establishment of the Big Sandy, Texas, congregation of the Worldwide Church of God in 1953.
15 Pentecost, begins previous evening at sunset. Third annual sabbath. First commencement exercise of Ambassador College, Pasadena, 1951. 16 Establishment of the London, England, congregation in 1956.
18 Defeat of Napoleon's army at Waterloo, Belgium, in 1815, bringing to an abrupt end an attempt to restore the empire that had collapsed in 1814.
4 Britain's United Colonies adopt Declaration of Independence in 1776, leading to the ultimate formation of the United States of America. Republic of Philippines formally inaugurated at Manila, 1946.


One of the first invitations to visit world leaders came from the late Prime Minister Golda Meir of Israel.

## Tammuz-4th Month

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17 Jews' "fast of the fourth month" (Zech. 8:19); one of four fasts not instituted by a prophet but voluntarily adopted by the people of Judah at the time of the fall of Jerusalem to Nebuchadnezzar. Commemorates destruction of the walls of Jerusalem after one-and-a-halfyear siege by armies of Babylon (Jer. 52:4-11).
Commemoration of the ceasing of the daily offerings and the taking of the city by the armies of Titus in A.D. 70.

The late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. President Suharto of Indonesia in 1972 greets Herbert W. Armstrong.
July / August

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9 Establishment in 1933 of the Eugene, Oregon, congregation, the parent church of the Worldwide Church of God.
16 U.S. lands first two humans on the moon in 1969. The beginning of the Muslim era, A.D. 622, marking the Hegira (traditional date of Muhammad's flight).
26 Egypt's President Nasser announces Suez Canal would be "nationalized," a decision that culminated in the 1956 war.
31 Marriage of Herbert W. Armstrong and Loma Dillon, 1917.
4 English in 1704 take Gibraltar, which they have held ever since.


Former Presidents Thieu of South Vietnam and Suleiman Franjieh of Lebanon in discussions with Herbert Armstrong.

## Ab-5th Month

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1 Commemoration of the death of Aaron (Num. 20:22-29), 1404 B.C.
9 Jews' "fast of the fifth month" (Zech. 8:19). Commemorates destruction of the First Temple by Nebuchadnezzar's army and the destruction of the Second Temple by the army of Titus.
15 Commemoration of the reconciliation between the tribe of Benjamin and the other tribes (Judg. 21).
18 Commemoration of the cessation of the burning of the lamps in the days of Ahaz, when he shut up doors of First Temple (II Chr. 28:24).
24 Judas the Hasmonaean defeats Seleucids under General Nicanor in 165 B.C. Jews return to keeping "our own law."

Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, shortly before he was deposed, receives Herbert W. Armstrong in 1973.

## August/September

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6 Atomic bomb, secretly prepared for the war in Europe against Hitler, was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, 1945
9 Second atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki.
13 Manila captured by American forces from the Spanish in 1898, during the Spanish-American War.
15 Panama Canal opened in 1914.
21 Big Sandy campus of Ambassador College officially reopened in 1981.
1 Nazi Germany's forces invade Poland in 1939.
2 Formal treaty of surrender signed by Japan in 1945, ending World War II in the Pacific.
4 Traditional end of the Roman Empire, A.D. 476.


His Majesty the Emperor of Japan conferred on Herbert Armstrong the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Second Class.

## Elul-6th Month

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17 Commemoration of the death of the spies who brought the evil report on the Promised Land (Num. 14:36-37).
25 Completion of the walls of Jerusalem by Nehemiah in 444 B.C. (Neh. 6:15).
10 Death of Seleucus IV in 175 B.C. His brother, Antiochus IV Epiphanes, seizes power and reigns jointly for five years with the youthful heir Antiochus, son of Seleucus (Dan. 11:21).

Minister of Protocol Chikaraishi presents decoration on behalf of Emperor. In office of Prime Minister Nakasone.

## September/October

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13 Battle of Quebec, 1759, in which Britain's General Wolfe and France's General Montcalm are slain.
15 Herbert W. Armstrong makes first broadcast on KRSC, Seattle, Washington, in 1940, the first radio station outside Oregon to carry the "World Tomorrow" program.
25 Vasco Nuñez de Balboa crosses Isthmus of Panama in 1513 and discovers Pacific Ocean.
Leopold III of Belgium dies at age 81 in 1983
1 People's Republic of China National Day.

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In the garden of the late Jomo Kenyatta, Founder of Kenya. The late King Sobhuza II of Swaziland.

## Tishri-7th Month

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1 Feast of Trumpets (Lev. 23:24; Num. 29:1); fourth annual sabbath. Jews traditionally account this day as anniversary of the Sabbath (Gen. 2:2-3) of the week of re-creation. Festival mentioned in John 5:1.
3 Jews" "fast of the seventh month" (Zech. 8:19)-Gedaliah slain.
10 Day of Atonement (Ex. 30:10; Lev. 23:27-32; Num. 29:7; Acts 27:9); fifth annual sabbath. A commanded fast day. The years of jubilee were anciently proclaimed at the Temple on this day (Lev. 25:9).
15 Feast of Ingathering or Tabernacles (Ex. 23:16; Lev. 23:34; Num. 29:12; Deut. 16:13; II Chr. 7:8; Zech. 14:16-19; Neh. 8:14; John 7:2; Acts 18:21); sixth annual sabbath and first day of a seven-day festival.
22 Feast of the Eighth Day or the Last Great Day (Lev. 23:36).

President Moi of Kenya receives Herbert W. Armstrong in November 1982.

## October/November

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4 Feast of Trumpets, begins previous evening at sunset.
8 Ambassador College officially opens in 1947.
9 First radio broadcast by Herbert W. Armstrong, 1933.
13 Day of Atonement, a fast day, begins previous evening at sunset.
18 Feast of Tabernacles, begins previous evening at sunset.
19 General Cornwallis surrenders after siege at Yorktown, Virginia, ending the War of Independence (called in Britain the First American Civil War) in 1781.
19-24 Six succeeding days of the Feast of Tabernacles.
25 Last Great Day, the seventh annual sabbath.
2 Balfour Declaration, 1917, favoring national home for Jewish people.


Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak articulates international issues with Herbert W. Armstrong.

## Heshvan-8th Month

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17 Flood in Noah's day commences (Gen. 7:11).
27 Noah goes forth from the ark (Gen. 8:14-16). Note that months were numerated in the manner of the civil calendar before the institution of the sacred calendar (Ex. 12:2).

With the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and, below, the acting President of Cyprus George Ladas.
November/December

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3 Establishment of the Belfast, Northern Ireland, congregation of the Worldwide Church of God, 1962.
6 Bolshevik revolution, storming of Winter Palace and overthrow of provisional government under Kerensky in 1917.
11 Hostilities in World War I cease on Western front at 11 a.m. in 1918.
27 American Thanksgiving Day.
28 First issue of the Portfolio, the official student newspaper of Ambassador College, in 1951.
2 Napoleon consecrated Emperor by Pope Pius VII, 1804.


Former Prime Minister Begin greets Herbert W. Armstrong. Presenting protocol gift to President Yitzhak Navon.

## Kislev-9th Month

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3 Commemoration of the captivity following the death of Jehoiakim, when Ezekiel and many others were carried captive to Babylonia and Jehoiachin was briefly appointed king, 598 B.C.
6 Commemoration of the burning of the scroll of Jeremiah by Jehoiakim (Jer. 36:22-23).
7 Commemoration of the death of Herod the Great in late autumn of 4 B.C. (Matt. 2:19).
25 Festival of Lights or Dedication-beginning of the Jews' eight-day celebration in memory of the dedication of the altar in 164 B.C. after it had been defiled by Antiochus IV on this same date in 167 B.C. (Dan. 11:31; see also John 10:22).

President Marcos cites Mr. Armstrong for his "influence in moving people toward ... a just and peaceful world order."
December/January

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7 Imperial Japan attacks Pearl Harbor, 1941.
9 British General Edmund Allenby takes Jerusalem from Turkey in 1917.

17 Death of Dwight L. Armstrong, composer, in 1984.
21 U.S. Apollo VII first manned spacecraft to orbit moon, 1968.
24 Australian office of the Worldwide Church of God opened in North Sydney in 1959.
25 Charlemagne crowned Emperor in St. Peter's on Christmas, restoring the Roman Empire in the West, A.D. 800
1 Beginning of the Roman civil year, which at an earlier time had begun with the month of March.


His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand first received Mr. Armstrong in 1971.

## Tebeth-10th Month

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3 Conclusion of Festival of Lights, first celebrated in 164 B.C. by the Jews to commemorate the dedication of the altar after the absence of 2,300 evening and morning sacrifices (Dan. 8:11-14).
9 Death of Ezra.
10 Commencement of siege of Jerusalem in 588 B.C. by Nebuchadnezzar (II Ki. 25); called the "fast of the tenth month" (Zech. 8:19).
28 Expulsion of Sadducees and introduction of Pharisees into the Sanhedrin in the days of king Alexander Janneus (died 76 B.C.).

Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, Mr. Armstrong and Aaron Dean among Hilltribes. King Mahendra of Nepal, November 1984.
January

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7 First regular radio broadcast of the Radio Church of God-KORE, Eugene, Oregon.
U.S. Reader's Digest opens its pages in 1972 to advertising by the Worldwide Church of God.
14 Groundbreaking for Ambassador Auditorium, 1972.
15 British Parliament renounces allegiance in 1648 to King Charles I. 30 Charles I sentenced to death and beheaded at Whitehall, 1649.



King Hussein of Jordan, a longtime friend. Below, arriving for a private meeting with Prime Minister Thatcher.

## Shebat-11th Month

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4 A day in memory of the elders who succeeded Joshua.
15 Daughters of Shiloh went into fields to dance on this day, clothed in white (Judg. 21:21).
16 New Year for trees; Day of Tree Planting or Arbor Day in the modern state of Israel. Regularly falls on Shebat 15, but postponed one day if 15th is a Sabbath.
23 Commemoration of the division between Benjamin and the other tribes (Judg. 20:14).

King Juan Carlos of Spain receives Herbert Armstrong on the King's estate outside Madrid.

## January /February/March

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31 President Truman instructs Atomic Energy Commission in 1950 to proceed with its work on the hydrogen bomb.
10 First Ambassador Club inaugurated in 1953.
11 Concordat with Italy in 1929 defines position of the Catholic Church with the Fascist state (ratified June 7 of that year).
25 Herbert W. Armstrong establishes Council of Elders in 1981.
26 Prime Minister Churchill announces in 1952 that Britain had produced an atomic bomb.
1 Battle of Adua in 1896-Italian forces completely defeated by Ethiopians under Menelek; one of the worst colonial disasters in modern history, fulfilling Daniel 11:40, first clause.


Honorable Deng Xiaoping, leader of China and Honorary Chairman Soong Ching Ling Memorial Foundation.

## Adar-12th Month

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3 Completion of the Second Temple, 515 B.C. (Ezra 6:15). Day of death of Polycarp of Smyrna in A.D. 155.
7 Commemoration of the death of Moses (Deut. 34:7), 1403 B.C.
13 Commemoration of Esther's fast in 473 B.C. (Esther 4:15-5:1).
14 Purim or Festival of Lots, celebrated by the house of Judah in commemoration of their delivery in 473 B.C. from Haman in the days of Mordecai and Esther (Esther 9:20-32).
28 Commemoration of the recall in 164 B.C. of Antiochus IV's edict forbidding circumcision.

Sharing causes of Asia's problems with President Jayewardene of Sri Lanka and the Prime Minister of Bangladesh.
March

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5 The Boston Massacre, 1770; contempt for British troops in the city leads to a brawl in which several citizens were killed or wounded.
15 Assassination of Julius Caesar, 44 B.C.; Caesar authorized the Roman Julian Calendar to begin with the year now reckoned as 45 B.C.
24 James VI of Scotland proclaimed James I of England, 1603.

## The Annual Festivals of God

| Roman Year | First Day of Sacred Year | *Passover | Feast of Unleavened Bread | Pentecost | Feast of Trumpets | Day of Atonement | Feast of Tabernacles | Last <br> Great Day |
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| 1986 | Apr 10 Thu | Apr 23 Wed | Apr 24-30 <br> Thu Wed | Jun 15 Sun | Oct 4 Sab | Oct 13 <br> Mon | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct } 18 \\ \text { Sab } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct } 25 \\ \text { Sab } \end{gathered}$ |
| 1987 | Mar 31 Tue | Apr 13 Mon | Apr 14-20 <br> Tue Mon | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jun } 7 \\ & \text { Sun } \end{aligned}$ | Sep 24 Thu | Oct 3 Sab | Oct 8 Thu | Oct 15 Thu |
| 1988 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar } 19 \\ \text { Sab } \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\text { Fri }}{\text { Apr }} 1$ | Apr 2-8 <br> Sab Fri | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } 22 \\ \text { Sun } \end{gathered}$ | Sep 12 Mon | Sep 21 Wed | Sep 26 Mon | Oct 3 Mon |
| 1989 | Apr 6 <br> Thu | Apr 19 Wed | Apr 20-26 <br> Thu Wed | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jun } 11 \\ & \text { Sun } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sep } 30 \\ \text { Sab } \end{gathered}$ | Oct 9 <br> Mon | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct } 14 \\ \text { Sab } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct } 21 \\ \text { Sab } \end{gathered}$ |
| 1990 | Mar 27 Tue | Apr 9 Mon | Apr 10-16 <br> Tue Mon | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jun } 3 \\ & \text { Sun } \end{aligned}$ | Sep 20 Thu | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sep } 29 \\ \text { Sab } \end{gathered}$ | Oct 4 <br> Thu | Oct 11 Thu |
| 1991 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar } 16 \\ \text { Sab } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar } 29 \\ \text { Fri } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar } 30-A p r ~ \\ \text { Sab Fri } \end{gathered}$ | $\text { May } 19$ <br> Sun | Sep 9 Mon | Sep 18 Wed | Sep 23 Mon | Sep 30 Mon |
| 1992 | Apr 4 <br> Sab | $\underset{\text { Fri }}{\text { Apr }} 17$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Apr 18-Apr } 24 \\ \text { Sab Fri } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jun } 7 \\ & \text { Sun } \end{aligned}$ | Sep 28 Mon | Oct 7 <br> Wed | Oct 12 <br> Mon | Oct 19 <br> Mon |
| 1993 | Mar 23 Tue | Apr 5 Mon | Apr 6-Apr 12 <br> Mon Sun | $\text { May } 30$ Sun | Sep 16 Thu | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sep } 25 \\ \text { Sab } \end{gathered}$ | Sep 30 Thu | Oct 7 <br> Thu |

