

BAKERSFIELD - Festival Of Lights: Martha & Les conducted the Pagan Way ritual. Bobbie & I did the Craft ritual. Yule ritual not yet done as I write this...more on that later. Ken invented a new dance step at the Festival. It's called "The TRIP"...invented when he tripped over the cauldron while we were dancing.

GEORNA - Beth finally talking about her European trip. She didn't visit any witches in England, but she did visit Stonehenge, and a "Witches Museum" in Bocoastle. Says she took some photos but most of them didn't turn out. Ology, Beth, take some lessons in photography before you make that next trip you're planning.

Pam, 7 yrs. in the U.S., from England, now busy with the pre-initiation tapes. Should be interesting to hear the Circle cast with a Southern-British accent. Let's hope she won't get confused and say, "I say, old thing, y'all come now". Pam says she uses the self-hypnosis lesson to put the baby to sleep.

PENNSYLVANIA - Clem says the local media covered the story of a rumor of a coven about 40 miles from his home. He says the frightened housewives began sleeping with guns under their pillows. Guess we need some good P.R. in that area. Clem still looking for Pagan or Craft contacts in N.E. Pa.

NEVADA - Barda wants to know if there is such a thing as rose geranium seeds. She says she has an albino sparrow that frequents her feeder. She named him Caspar. Also says there is a hawk and a roadrunner.

FLORIDA - Janice & Dennis were a bit concerned about lack of communication from here and from Rhea. However, they understand now that we sometimes get snowed under with so many things to do, and just get a little behind. (Hmm! That takes a little time, too.) There was also a problem of one of our tapes being partially erased. Nothing that can't be replaced. Even though we clearly label...Recorded Material...the P.O. sometimes gets them near electronic equipment that causes problems. Anyway, Janice, Dennis, and the kids are all very happy with the way things are going...and they are busy with Craft lessons.

My daughter, Patty, now a student nurse, says she enjoys the newsletters. Too bad she lives so far away.

HESPERIA, CAL. - Nice Yule card from Marion. Trial now going on over her loss on the silver deal (earlier newsletter). Let's wish her success.

DETROIT - Caprice is now busy with the pre-initiation tapes. Do hope she gets around to sending us some news from her area.

HONOLULU - Adele says things are going great at "The Future Eye". They appreciate all contributions of occult books for the lending library.

NEW HAMPSHIRE - Connie & Paul working with water and air dynamics, and the powers of nature. They wonder if anyone else is interested in this. Also would like contact with other Pagans on the east coast. Didn't say about giving out address...so write through me for contact. Paul sent some poems...we'll print one at a time.

EL PASO - Isabel attended the Samhain seminar in Albuquerque. She was much impressed with Susan & Jesse, Selena & Jim, Louise & Loy, various rituals, speakers, sing-a-long, and concert. Only negative comments regarded one female and one male speaker. Isabel had a most pleasant visit and is very happy with the new friends she has found.

BRITISH COLUMBIA - John says it's not all ice and snow where he lives... cold, but the warmest temps in Canada (near Hecate Strait). The description of his home sounds great...made of logs...and a wood fire for heat. John would like contact with other Crafters.

MOJAVE - M. called. Hadn't heard from her for quite awhile. Says she has been out of town, and hopes she can stay put for awhile.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA - Pixie moving somewhere north but no address yet. Probably Washington. Cathy has also moved again. Arts in the pants?

TUCSON - Ernie Bidwell has an active coven in Tucson for anyone in that area. Still hasn't mentioned if his address is public. Ernie is writing a book..The Craft..More details in next newsletter. Also from Ernie: NEWS: English Witches are demanding protection under the Race Relations Act in Parliament. ..according to Doreen Vallente of Brighton...in the London Daily Express. Doreen seems to be the spearhead of this. Witches fear losing their jobs, and dare not tell their co-workers the truth about themselves. Rick had trouble getting the air force to list his religion as Wicca. Finally, with patience, got them to list him as Wicca, and also got them to change his dogtags as well.

DENVER - Had a pleasant phone conversation with Jo Dixon of Castle Rising.. 1730 Wazee St., Denver, Col. 80202. The newsletter is \$5. per yr. Hope they'll renew the pentagram sweatshirt offer.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY - Marsha busy counselling people...she doesn't really explain that. Also making progress in her music lessons. Ted sold something to "OUI" magazine. Marsha will have some things in "The Phoenix". Marsha says she understands Manon's typewriter problems because she has the same problem. Does that mean that she can't spell...or has she been in the Ruby Chablis?

AKRON - Anthony working 12 to 14 hrs. a day during the holidays. Very impressed with his meeting with Linda.

NEW JERSEY - Ellen reports that Marion Weinstein did her usual midnight ritual on radio as she does each year for Hallows. Also..Margot Adler is back on WBAI every Thursday at midnight. Ellen hasn't had time to work on her writing but her magick is really working well.

LAKEWOOD, CAL. - Peggy Ellen says the frost has caused her to lose a few plants...so cold that dog & cat don't want to go out. Her brother in England says they have removed the red paint from Stonehenge by a special process without damaging the stones. They also have a new security alarm system. P.E. wants a copy of Gwydion's album for a friend in Finland.

MEETINGS

The International Congress Of Parapsychology - First world Congress Of Science & Religion...Italy..June, 1979. 8 days in Rome for \$430...at the Hotel Midas Palace. For more info write...U.S. Co-ordinator, Int'l Sec., Katrina T. Blank, POB 270762. Tampa, Fla. 33618.

Pan-Pagan Festival tentatively set for July 12-15 in the midwest. For info.. write Selena Fox, Circle, POB 9013, Madison, Wi. 53715.

BOOKS

Isabel says Circle, and The Brotherhood Of Life store, 110 Dartmouth S.E. Albuquerque, N.M. 87106...had nice displays at the seminar. Write for catalogs. Isabel sent us a very nice Yule present...Tolkien's The Silmarillion.. and The Tolkien Companion by J.E.A. Tyler. Excellent choice.

Forgot to mention: Circle has both Goddess & God posters...11 x 17".... \$2. each or both for \$3....add 50¢ postage.

The Future Eye, 1009 University Ave., Honolulu, Hi. 96826 now has a newsletter subscription for \$1. per yr.

The Unicorn Newsletter, Box 8814, Minn., Minn. 55408. Don't know the price New catalog available Feb. 15. \$2.

BOOKS & THINGS cont.

Artemesia Press, a Pagan-oriented small press in Colorado, seeks poets, philosophers and ritualists of the modern Pagan religions to contribute poems, and short essays dealing with Pagan philosophy and magical ritual for a 1979 anthology, NINE APPLES. All copyright to work in the anthology will be retained by the individual contributors. Mail to Mary & Chas Clifton, editors, Artemesia Press, POB 6423, Colorado Springs, Col. 80934 U.S.A. Enclose SASE. Deadline...May 7, 1979.

Barda (Nevada) sent literature about "A Field Guide To The Little People" by Nancy Arrowsmith with George Moore. Sounds good ..but no other info.

Received a beautiful Yule gift from Marilyn & Les...FAERIES by Brian Froud & Alan Lee...Pub. by Harry N. Abrams, Inc. N.Y.

K.A.M. newsletter now \$1. per issue or \$2. per yr. Twice a year...Yule and Midsummer. Write: K.A.M. newsletter, POB 922, Columbia, Md. 21044. A new format...really very nice, and certainly worth the price.

Several people want Gwydion's Songs For The Old Religion...but don't know if there are any more available. If so, will try to get info for next issue.

CIRCLE MAGICK MUSIC...cassette \$7. (1 hr.) Song Book \$3. Circle, Box 213, Madison, WI. 53715.

Earth Religion Supplies, 35 W. 19 th St. , N.Y., N.Y. 10011. Various records, tapes, cassettes.

GOLLUM'S COLLUM

I'm trying my new-found amor (that's Latin if you didn't know) out with my roommate, Tia, but unfortunately she is not quite cooperating.

In other words, it is my time of the month, day, hour...and you know how that is around all these sexy, wine-loving Witches.

Special thanks (oooo) to (mmmm) Sassy Cat for her (oooo) sexy letter. (give me your cat house phone number).

Thank you, Shanti, for your typewritten letter (you know I love intellectual cats) from Honolulu.

And to you, Muffin, thanks for the letter. I've got your address, and I'll be in L.A. to see you meow...I mean soon.

TO YOU HUMANS: If you love your cats, please don't declaw them. For one thing, when you declaw us, it has to be done surgically. (And don't be self-styled doctors, and use fingernail clippers). The bandages can cause infection, and they do hurt us. We can't walk or stand. For the second thing, the claws can grow back, and we'll have to go through the whole mess again.

So, preferably, get a scratching post or a few unused Xtlans....because my second favorite sport is ooooo.

Adele (Honolulu) says she found cat fur all over her typewriter keys, and a copy of the newsletter with Gollum's Collum circled with paw prints.

STUFF & THINGS

Forgot to mention that Castle Rising's issue # 2 of "A Pagan Renaissance" is now available. Subscription \$6. per yr. Castle Rising, 1730 Wazee St., Denver, Col. 80202.

THE GODDESS
by
Linda Halsrud (L.A.)

The Goddess is not a person
and yet She's very real,
Let her dwell within you,
She's there for us to feel.

The Goddess is our protector
To keep us safe along life's way,
But we must heed Her message
And help Her to keep us safe each day.

The Goddess is perfect love
The Goddess is perfect trust
The Goddess is alive and well
The Goddess is alive in us.

CIRCLE IN DEATH
by
Paul (N.H.)

Circle in death
and stir in motion.
Enter again
surround the sphere.

The arc of light
beneath which you are freed
Burns rock radiance,
returns the seed
of each unending
dream and deed.

Awaken in life
at the journey's end,
let flesh pierce through
and light break in,
Arise anew,
begin again.

FROM CYFRIAN (Tenn.)

The Craft/Pagan community must be especially alert now to unfavorable social and legislative pressures following the horror in Jonestown, Guyana, and the media attention being paid to "cults". We need only point out that despite all facts to the contrary, attempts were made to somehow link the murder of Mayor Moscone to the Jim Jones cult, and in the public mind, this link does exist. Public thinking and public reaction have little to do with fact, anyway, but are largely the foster children of media hype and politicians ever on the trail of votes.

Although the first amendment of the Constitution would seem to guarantee our religious freedom, such is not the case unless you are a member of a recognized and socially acceptable Xian denomination (whatever that is) and then you have a limited degree of religious freedom provided you do not step outside of that framework.

Eager politicians will not find it necessary to amend the Constitution, either, to get at us. Ample bureaucratic administrative machinery already is at hand; those twin horrors of Washington, the I.R.S. and H.E.W. And don't ever forget that you have to PROVE your innocence TO THEM. If that doesn't remind you of the Inquisition, it should.

CYFRIAN'S THOUGHT FOR JANUARY

Now does the good man walk his fields, and upon Plough Monday does he plan his crops for this NEW YEAR.

BEST WISHES FOR A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE FROM THE GEORGIANS.

HERBS

MERIE SEZ: A very interesting article was carried on A.P. wire service on Dec. 25, 1978...datelined...Bangkok, Thailand. The opening statement proclaims that the Thai pharmacists and chemists are reviving some ancient practices, and are experimenting with local herbs to find possible cures for diseases. This research parallels similar interest in The Third World where much of the traditional medicine was neglected or discarded with the influx of Western cures.

Qualified medical specialists in Thailand claim effectiveness for some of the traditional medicines...especially herbal ones...in curing such ailments as sinus congestion, stomach ulcers, hypertension, drug addiction, and diarrhea.

Thailand has long been a major supplier of herbs that have been bought by Western drug companies who take the herbal extracts, combine them with pretty or good-tasting chemical substances, and sell them for a very slight \$400million annual profit.

The practice of herbal medicine has been going on in Thailand since at least the 13 th century, but invading armies sometimes stole all important herbal medical recipes, so in the 18 th century King Rama II ordered the inscription of herbal recipes on the walls of the Wat Po temple in Bangkok where they can still be seen today.

The Wat Po College Of Herbal Medicine has had a growing enrollment over the last few years of medical students from around the world...in such numbers that there is now a long waiting list of pharmacists, herbalists, and doctors who want to learn of this great "new" method of treatment. As an herbalist myself, I can only extend my thanks to King Rama II for his part in preserving for us these priceless herbal treatments.

How could King Rama II (by all western standards of his time) a poorly educated and backward king who fathered his 14 th son at the age of 82, and lived to be 109, have known the value of herbs?

PLANETARY HERBS FROM MANON: MARS: All heal, aloes, basil, bryony, broom, coriander, dragons' blood, flax weed, garlic, gentian, hedge, hyssop, masterwort, mustard, nettles, peppers, plantain, sarsaparilla, squill, woodruff, and wormwood.

LAST MINUTE STUFF

Our combination Yule and New Year's Eve party went quite well. A good-sized crowd...and lots of fun. Kit & Les really did a fine job on the Yule Pagan Way ritual...their most complicated one. Shirley & Luke were scheduled to do the Craft ritual, but...Luke & Randy drove up to the Bay Area to bring back Joan & Gail. A couple hundred miles north of Bakersfield Luke's new car was rear-ended by another car...totaled. Luckily no one was injured...but they arrived late...by bus. So Shirley and Shawn did the ritual. Schedule for Feb. We'll celebrate the Sabbat on Saturday, Feb. 3..and then Lupercalia on Saturday, Feb. 17.

Don't forget...newsletter subscription starts with the next issue...\$2. per year...12 issues.

For the Hallows issue the Capitol Times..Madison, Wi. had a full page & more on Wicca...with a large color photo of Selena Fox and an altar. Very nice.

EARTH SCRIPTURES

by
PAUL

I come to touch her rocklike flesh
and starfish sky
That opens deep
and closes wide, this earthwomb.

I come to trace embryonic
shadow dreams,
Mysteries carved deep into her side
etches by rushing tides.

Sandstone, woodroot, rockflesh:
These are the parchments
upon which
the secrets are carried.

They need no jeweled coverlets
or leather bindings;
All too true for man's adoration
they stand secure,
In time finding
their own congregation.

FLIGHT

by
PAUL

Soar onward
spirit found,
Beneath you
cast in hollow stone:
Fossils
of wing and bone,
Questions
left unanswered.

Somewhere
between Icarus
and
the sun,
Clouds witness
your silent
fury.

THIS ONE FROM REBECCA (Pixie)

We close our minds and hearts to things that are.
We look for things to be. But being is the
here and now, and not the things we see. We can
not trust our eyes and touch. But we can trust the
soul. The soul is the I, my being and my source.
The love that's meant to be. Now we must teach our
world the truth and show them how to go. Or we
are doomed to life, blind and without soul.

L-I-F-E by Linda Halsrud

L- is for the Love we find along the way
I- is for the information we learn every day
F- is for the failures we must overcome, not repeat
E- is for Eternity, and everlasting, time we can't defeat

L- is for Little things we must all accept
I- is for Insight which makes us more adept
F- is for Fun and Frolic without which Life's a bore
E- is for the Eagle which like our souls continue to soar.

We hope you guys are enjoying these things. We don't know what you like
if you don't let us know.



Manon before...and after. Well, they told her she should never get me angry. Now the real story.

As some of you know, Manon has been spending the weekends in Bakersfield since Hallows. Weekend of Dec. 8 she was a bit late arriving due to a detour to a hospital for most of the day...finally emerging covered with bruises, wearing a neck brace, on crutches, and her foot in a cast.

Manon has made it a habit to listen to the Georgian tapes as she drives the 200 miles to Bakersfield. As she was changing cassettes on the morning of the 8th, her car left an overpass at a place where there is no off-ramp. As she flew through the air for 300 feet with the greatest of ease, she had the presence of mind to turn off the ignition. She also wanted to yell "Geronimo"...but couldn't remember the name.

Her car landed, rolled a few times, and came to rest on its wheels. After a momentary blackout, her first thought was.."what the hell's the name of that Indian?". A motorist arrived and asked if she needed a ride home. A woman ran in circles around the car yelling, "She's dead..she's dead". Manon said, "Don't rush me".

A CHP officer arrived and wanted to give her a ticket for flying without a license,, but he couldn't find any mention in the rule book about flying Toyotas. An ambulance arrived but Manon said she was going nowhere until they got her books out of the trunk (BOS and other Craft material).

As they put her in the ambulance, she was told that she musn't let her arms hang over the sides of the gurney...she should cross them over her chest. Manon said, "No way are you going to rush me into that position!"

Since she insisted on coming to Bakersfield instead of going home, I had to drive 200 miles each way to pick her up at the hospital.

Guess that's one reason we get along so well...no one has figured out yet which of us is the craziest!

Sambhain



Blessings

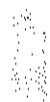
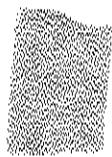
These are copies of a couple of Seleneithon Sabbat Cards. They all have really nice poetry with them, too. I think we should encourage him to get them made up for sale.

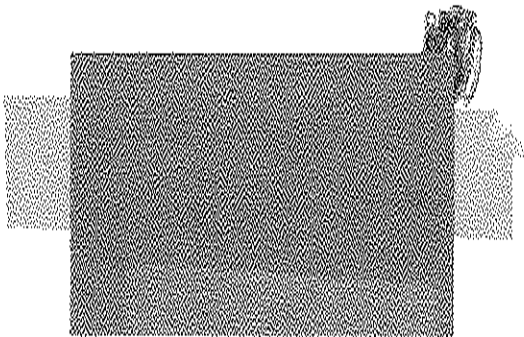
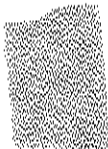
His very nice "A Witches' Calendar" are sold by MI-World Publishing Co. P.O.B. 8237, 511 Palm Springs Mile, Hialeah, Florida 33012...for \$1.25. Didn't say what to add for postage but I guess 25¢ would cover it.

Seleneithon is also considering a book of sketches and verses pertaining to the Sabbats. Let's hope he does it. Should be great.

*That's all, folks.
Love & Blessed Be.
Pat (and the other crazy Georgians)*







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