

CALIFORNIA

BAKERSFIELD - Our celebration of the full moon in March went quite well. It was planned that the Pagan Ways would conduct the ritual for all of us. Due to a last minute emergency, Diannia was drafted to act as HPs. It was her first time to conduct a ritual, and she did it beautifully.. Jerry did his usual fine job as HP. They also conducted the P.W. Sabbat ritual, and Bobbie & I did the Craft ritual.

Congratulations to Randy Weiser who has been appointed as poet laureate of the local coven, and also as our first wandering minstrel.

I'm sure some of you will remember my mentioning Tony stopping for a visit some months ago as he was travelling about the country. He has come back to Bakersfield, has taken a job, and says he plans to stay here.

We're all busy preparing again for the "Tomfoolery" Fair at Cal State Bakersfield. We've had a booth there each year since it began. We never make more than a few dollars for the church kitty, but we do have a lot of fun. Date this year is April 22.

Finally found out where Judith has her mountain cabin...in the San Bernardino area...but she says she may have to give up her cabin to move somewhere warmer. But she says she'll be here for Beltane for certain. Judith found a friend in an old hollow oak tree. Hope we have room for her sketch.

MODESTO- Manon's coven has a new HP. Magus Alexis is quite happy as he now has someone to help carry the load. Adonis has given the coven a very large copper cauldron. Pagan Way initiations went great, and they'll soon be taking new people into the classes. Iris recieved her 2nd degree at the Equinox. Congratulations. Both the Coven and the P.W. group are preparing to open an occult shop to raise funds to buy some land to build a temple. Margret is busy sewing robes & capes for samples. Iris is working on posters. Lela, Dalino & Manon busy grinding herbs & things for incense & oils. Jim, Dan, Karen, Tommie, Cathy, Wanda & Cathy S. will be helping with handcrafts & jewelry, and holding yard sales, flea markets, etc. to raise funds. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

The Sephuses' wish to thank everyone who made the long trip for the house warming. Everyone had a great time...and the house not only got warm..but hot.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA - Recieved one of those form letters from Cathy... the kind where you don't have to write...you just check the things you want to say. No news! To the doghouse!

LAKEWOOD - Peggy Ellen says England has had the worst winter in 33 years. Her brother has the book Guide To Occult Britain, and is hoping the weather will clear so he can visit more places. He has been to Stonehenge to see the new fence...high and electrified...only the Druids at the solstice are allowed to enter.

P.E. was planning a trip to San Diego for some fishing but has to take Mr. Slats along since she has been playing full-time nurse to him since his injury. P.E.'s vet bill is now near \$500. Let's hope she finds the creep responsible.

LOS ANGELES AREA - Mariah visiting in Oregon to attend the Shakespear Festival. She's really excited because she'll be allowed backstage.

HESPERIA - We were very happy that Marion finally got to join us for a Sabbat. We found her to be a lovely, intelligent person and we hope we'll see her often. We do thank her for the Aloe Vera plant and the gift for the aquarium. And our thanks to Georgia for bringing Marion.

TEXAS

SAN ANTONIO AREA - The Lone Pentagram Coven, a small, cabalistic oriented coven, is now open for new membership. Write to Diane, P.O.B. 1094, Cedar Park, Texas 78613.

AUSTIN - Lori says incorporation and tax-free status has been granted to The Church Of Eternal Light...a Dianic/Gnostic/Wiccan Church. Lori says she'd like to hear from Pagans in central Texas to arrange for a meeting this summer. For info write... Loretta King, TCOELI, 415 W. 39 # 103, Austin, Texas 78751.

FLORIDA

FT. LAUDERDALE - Alice says some of her people plan to attend the Psychic Seminar in Atlanta.

Anthony is happy to be back in Florida, and just getting over a bad cold he caught in Akron. He has not only been busy studying and practicing but also busy working on his house.

Haven't heard from Janice & Dennis this month. Off to the doghouse with them.

MAINE

Jennie has 4 cats, does silversmithing, and is now busy on the pre-initiation tapes. Jennie hopes to move to Florida in the near future to find a warmer climate and warmer people.

OHIO

Linda has been attending meetings of a new group and seems enthusiastic about it. She is just recovering from pneumonia, and has had some time to catch up on her Craft reading. She says she plans to go to a meet in Georgia. She also hopes to visit California sometime. Linda sent a nice photo but it was too dark to copy. Hope she'll send another.

NEVADA

Barda says her smaller toad was too weak from hibernation to fight off a fungus infection. Abdo, the large one, loves to be petted, and croaks loudly to show his appreciation.

NEW YORK

N.Y. - Received a very nice letter from Hans Holzer. He has been very busy with filming, and I hadn't heard from him in quite awhile. Hans is planning to spend more time in Hollywood with filming and TV. His documentary on the Craft may be finished this summer after 10 yrs. of work.

BROOKLYN - Lady Seanara of the Prometheans phoned because she & Rus did not receive their newsletter. We talked for more than $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. (glad I don't have her phone bill) and I learned a lot about the Prometheans. Have also received some very amusing letters from them. Too bad we can't print them, but in the interests of preventing all of us from being sued, we shall refrain. In another letter:

For Pam, who wants to know of a spell against toothache: This one, copied in the 1840's right out of a Russian Witch's spellbook.

"I rose early in the morning, I went out to the fields. In the fields I saw many dead warriors. Dead men's teeth don't ache, so mine shouldn't ache either.

If there's another Witch handy, she could recite this spell over her:

"I rise early in the morning, I go out to the open fields, I call to the black Raven: 'Hail thou! O Black Raven! Hast thou seen dead warriors in the field? Do dead men's teeth ache?' "Nay" calls the Black Raven, "Dead men's teeth do not ache, nor do _____'s teeth ache; it is the toads and the lizards and the slimy little devils of the swamps whose teeth ache. That's why the toads and the lizards and the slimy little devils of the swamps cannot sleep at night, but our _____ sleeps soundly, without ache, without pain, without worry." I lock my spell with 39 locks, bind my spell with 39 chains, seal my spell with 39 seals; I throw the keys into the Ocean Sea under the White-fiery Stone Alatau. Whoever can drink the sea dry, move the sands grain by grain, lift the White-fiery Stone Alatau, only he can overcome my spell. My word is strong."

And if all else fails, there's the curse:

"Out of the head the toothache goes, into the mouth of Satan Satanovich. Him it may trouble, him it may drill. I am well; but Satan, you're shit!"

NEBRASKA

Sam would like a contact in his area. (Lincoln)

ARIZONA

TUCSON- Rik planning a trip to the mountains to get away from cars and concrete. Hopes to do some herb hunting. Rik would like letters and contacts from anywhere.

ILLINOIS

Les says he is a solitary but both he & his wife are members of a temple of Ceremonial Magic. They say they'd like the book section of the newsletter expanded. Les says Illewellyn has some nice books but delivery takes about 2 months. He says Tyrad ships quicker. Les hopes to be at the Pan-Pagan Festival.

MARYLAND

BALTIMORE- Ayelsha & Kern had a witchling (Jason, 8lbs. 3 oz.) 2/19/79. Kern & Morgana were her coaches, and were busy in the labor room with incense and chants. All went quite well. Morgana says the book they used is called "Naturebirth" by Dana Brooks, published by Pantheon...hardback & paper. Morgana raves about the book & says it must have been written by a Pagan.

The Yule party went quite well, and Morgana was happy that daughter, Donna, got home for the holidays.

K.A.M.'s Dianic groups are doing very well. One of the groups has moved to Minnesota. K.A.M.'s Dianics are a bit different from some of the others you may have heard about.

The Baltimore Dianics will be doing workshop/seminars at the Women's Growth Center on the Dianic Calendar And Wheel.

Morgana says she didn't see "Wicker Man" but she read the book and found it depressing.

WISCONSIN

John, Terri, & Randy are doing well with the pre-initiation tapes. John sent some poetry but not really any news.

MICHIGAN

DETROIT - Caprice starting on the 2nd group of tapes, and doing very well. She is very happy with her new car and very happy to have found a suitable Goddess statue. Caprice says her friend's ghost is gone, and all is peace & quiet.

NEW JERSEY

Ellen says she & Liz have been more or less solitaries for 10 yrs, but are now making new friends. Ellen is enjoying the evening parapsychology class she has been attending. She tells of an interesting out-of-body experience, and the not so unusual slam-back ending.

SPAIN

Herbi & Gordon visited a cave to see the wall paintings. Herbi says they were not allowed to take photos because then the guide might not be able to sell his postcards. Anyway he says the cave paintings were interesting. Herbi is now aboard a ship, and he recently sent a card from Venice.

ARKANSAS

Iake is still visiting his parents. He is enjoying that but not the redneck atmosphere. He expects to be back in Bakersfield soon but only for a visit before returning east.

IDAHO

Ron is attempting to open an occult shop in Pocatello, but he is having problems locating wholesalers of occult supplies. Someone in Bakersfield having the same problem. Please send any info you may have, and we'll see that they both get it.

GEORGIA

RHEA says all goes well with her coven. She really is keeping busy. She says the Full Moon for March went great, but the inclement weather meant it was an indoor Circle. Poor Rhea. The weather is keeping her out of the mountains. We had a pleasant phone conversation with Rhea the other day. She isn't goofing off so much as we thought. More on that at a later time.

ATLANTA - Sefa is back after a 2 week visit to Des Moines. She says the weather was rotten, but present plans are to move back there at a future date. Baby Fauna's constant "Blessed Being" of her day-care lady has led to the lady becoming a student of the Craft. Sefa says she hopes to make it to our August Mountain meeting this year. Sefa was unhappy that I didn't mention that it was she in the Circle in the photo in last month's newsletter. Sorry, just didn't have enough time to get her okay on that.

Pam says she didn't get her newsletter. I also had another letter to Rhea returned twice. I think we have some rednecks in the Georgia post office. Pam is doing fine with her lessons but took a break for awhile. Had to prepare for her citizenship test on March 28. Hope she made it.

Beth spent St. Pat's day in Savannah. She was surprised that she ran into so few people she knew. Beth was busy helping her family plow and plant a garden. They live on an island. Beth & her brother are planning to plant some Cedar and Magnolia trees, and cultivate more Oaks. Some of the 200-300 yr. old trees are decaying. Beth has finally found a really good job scheduled to start April 1.

HAWAII

HONOLULU - Finally a card from Adele. She says she hasn't dropped off the edge of the world or run into the saber tooth tiger of Tagoo! She's just moving. She didn't make that clear but I assume she means her apartment and not the shop. Absolutley no real news except to say that their newsletter has been delayed. Guess we'll have to put her in the pineapple house.

COLORADO

DENVER (I think) Karen. Do Witches really look younger than mere mortals? I guess it must be true. Karen was on her way to speak about the Craft to a high school psychology class. As she pulled into the parking lot, she had a minor accident. The kids all gathered around and expressed concern that Karen would get in trouble with her mother for damaging the car. What kind of vitamins do you take, Karen? Karen is about to the end of the classes she has been giving at the university, and is now preparing for the summer session. She is also now selling her incenses, sachets, and oils to a local occult shop.

MASSACHUSETTS

BOSTON - A nice letter to Gollum from Nancy's cat. That's Nancy of the Luna Press. She published the Lunar Calendar (see earlier newsletter). Nancy enclosed a nice poem and the author's name but didn't say what book she copied it from, so we don't know if it might be under copyright.

WASHINGTON

SEATTLE AREA - Dean bought a Harley Davidson Super Glide, so Jeannie says she is now a "motorcycle mama". Don't guess they'll ride that when they move to Long Beach. Not sure just when, but as soon as sale of their house goes through.

Donna had a little female witchling...Jamie...on March 16. (Bionic Woman II?) Congratulations.

I guess John finished the bathroom in Virginia because he passed thru Washington on his way back to Ketchikan. Something about a strike being settled.

Pixie says her car stalled on a dark country road at night. She was rear-ended by a VW bug which was then rear-ended by a racing Pontiac GT. Words of wisdom from Pixie: "Don't get a VW bug between two BIG cars." Anyway, Pixie is okay. She says she didn't get to see the eclipse...too many clouds. Pixie hopes to contact Stef again in the near future...very bored with mere mortals, and wants to be with Crafters again. She is also looking for a young Craft boyfriend. Anyone near Ft. Lewis wish to apply? Write and I'll forward.

HERE & THERE & EVERYWHERE

Tanya (Colo.) seems to be on the right track and all goes well. She sent some nice photos of the view from the college.

Sharon (ms.) would like contact with Pagans and Crafters anywhere.

Paul & Connie (N.H.) want contact with Jonny in Maine. Also asked who would be celebrating Beltane. I guess they meant to ask if there were any big meetings scheduled. None that I know of.

We have permission to print this taken from the Promethean B.O.S.

CHARGE OF THE GOLDEN-HORNED GOD

(After the Drawing Down Of The Moon, the HPs crown the HP with the nerys of the Sun, and draws the Golden-Horned God into him. He then stands in the position of the Pentagram and sings:)

From the Summerland's distant shore,
Golden-horned God of yore,
Guardian of the sleeping earth,
Flame in the Cauldron of Rebirth,
Child of the Light and brother of man,
I am ALL, for I am PAN!

Mine the meadows and the trees,
Mine the honey of the bees,
Mine the flock and mine the seed,
Mine the song of wing and reed!

Mine the power to excite,
Fill the heat with lovers' night,
Mine the leaven to raise your bread,
Drew your beer (and spin your head!)

Fly away from misery!
All ye, fond of revelry,
Come!
To the feast
In the Wiccan grove!
Drink my cup of Mirth and Love!
Gather ye 'round the merry flame!
Dance the Circle in my name!
Heigh-ho!
Sabbath night!
'Round the cauldron blazing bright,
Merry meet,
Merry make,
Till the dawn doth break!!!

TO DIANA by Jim Thomas in New York

In the temple of my heart
Where my dreams kneel and pray
There will always be a candle
Burning night and day.

And in that candle's glow;
In the light of love's pure flame,
The chair of my soul
Will softly ring your name...Diana.

BOOK REVIEWS by MARSHA SMITH-NEWSOM

I finally got around to buying a copy of Z. Budapest's epic work "The Feminist Book Of Lights & Shadows" published by Luna Publications. It's available from the Feminist Wicca in Venice, Cal. for \$5. + postage, but it's not a bad little introduction to the Dianic philosophy. Of course, it's riddled with the prejudices of the author (such as the historical myth of patriarchal hordes descending upon the matriarchies, inventing rape & the subjugation of women), but it is otherwise a most informative and well-constructed work on a little known side of Witchcraft.

Along with that, I'd suggest "Moon, Moon" by Anne Kent Rush for a more intellectual discussion of women's religions and the lunar cults.

I have also read "The Goddess Faith" by Willa Chew published by Exposition Press. Ms. Chew has obviously researched her material well, but also brings her own prejudices and religious training to her work. In this instance, Ms. Chew is convinced that the Virgin Mary is the most relevant Goddess figure for modern humanity, since she is the latest in a series of Goddess figures to sway the mind of Western people. It was obvious to me that Ms. Chew was raised a Catholic and also received some training in occultism from a group somehow associated with Dion Fortune or her philosophies & teachings. I only suggest this work if one wishes to add to their library on Goddess-worship a book of modern interpretations based on Roman Catholicism and Victorian occultism. For \$10. it just wasn't worth it.

Another book recently read is one by Marcia Moore and her new hubby, Howard Alltounian, M.D. "Journeys Into The Bright World" is a book about their experiments and subsequent addiction to a relatively well-known, widely-used anesthetic, ketamine hydrochloride. This drug will induce, in mild doses, a state of euphoria and hallucinations somewhat like LSD, but without the flashbacks. Ms. Moore & Dr. Alltounian are now using ketamine as a key to samadhi, in fact, believe that the states of consciousness induced by ketamine ARE IN FACT samadhi. I was surprised and disillusioned that a woman of Ms. Moore's intelligence and spiritual training could be fooled by a drug into believing that she could finally have the samadhi experience anytime, simply by injecting herself with a beginning dose of 25 mg and then boosting it with another 25 mg 15-30 minutes later. Obviously, if this were true, why then did the spiritual masters of all great cultures insist on certain practices being followed? Was it only to induce samadhi or was it indeed to train the mind and body to receive true samadhi when the time had come? If anyone, anywhere can suddenly be propelled into the land of bliss by a simple injection, as Ms. Moore suggests, what is to happen to the training and education involved in true spiritual oneness? Knowing people for what they are, they will opt for the simple, easy way out, just as they hoped to do with LSD, marijuana, peyote, and other "cult" drugs. Ms. Moore complains with much bitterness in her voice that she has never really been psychic, that her etheric being is too compact for the veil to tear easily for her. Thusly, ketamine trips are valid and worthwhile because now she can see the bright colours she had previously blocked by force of will. However, she can only perceive those colours when under the influence, if she were truly psychic (the veil torn or at the very least sheer) these things would surround her daily. I also suggest that in her deep desire, Ms. Moore has blithely ignored the warnings of some very

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knowledgable people about the effects of ketamine on the human spirit. One such warning came from Dr. John Lilly, who had himself experimented extensively with ketamine before finally refusing to use it any longer. Ms. Moore & Dr. Alltounian feel that they somehow know better than the eminent Dr. Lilly and will be able to handle the drug more effectively. I suggest that Ms. Moore & Dr. Alltounian have lost sight of the goals of spiritual enlightenment and have gotten caught up in a whirlpool of self-aggrandizement and false knowledge, induced by the overwhelmingly powerful effects of ketamine. It would be well for them to remove themselves from the drug and clear themselves completely before attempting to understand the ramifications of those 4 months using the drug daily. Having met Ms. Moore on a couple of astrological seminars, I can say that my impression of her was of that of a searching person, who, unfortunately, spent her time searching outside of her Self for peace and knowledge. I can only hope that the Goddess will provide answers to her, now or in future lives.

As a personal point, I have had ketamine on several occasions when having surgery performed. Even though the large doses used in anesthesia don't allow much time between waking & unconscious, I have had many experiences of the high associated with going under & coming out. These states are brief and definitely hallucinogenic, giving the patient a comforted & secure feeling about life & the surgery about to be performed. As such, then, ketamine has become a "preferred" anesthetic among most doctors. However, I do not feel that ketamine highs are the way to find one's Center. It is too easy that way and no truth comes out of it. Besides, I thought we had gotten beyond all that years ago.

I am currently enjoying a new book by Liz Greene, "Relating" published by Samuel Weiser, Inc. It's an astrological guide to living with others on a small planet and it is excellent in many ways. Even if one only has a very basic background in Astrology (sun signs and such) it will be very helpful and most enlightening. I can't praise it enough, except to say if you've got \$7.95 laying around--BUY IT! This book has something for everyone.

MOVIE REVIEW by ELLEN SMOLLIN

The Last Wave

This Australian movie is about the results of our sanitized modern society being totally out of touch with Nature. It stars Richard Chamberlain as an English lawyer living in Sydney in a split-level home with his wife and two small daughters. He is asked to defend a group of Aborigines accused of killing their friend in a drunken fight, in which the victim drowned in a puddle of water.

Chamberlain begins having nightmares about water, and sees one of a group appear in his home offering him a sacred stone. Questioning the man later, he learns they are members of a secret tribe. He also finds he had precognitive powers as a child.

Meanwhile, Sydney is hit with torrential rains, huge hailstones and showers of oil. As rain pours into Chamberlain's home, he sets out to find the secret behind the tribal murder, as he feels the victim was killed because he violated certain taboos.

Chamberlain must give up all the trappings of society and literally go down into the depths to learn the nature-based cult's secret, dealing with

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the apocolypse.

Another film, "Picnic At Hanging Rock" recently opened. By the same director, Peter Weir, it promises to be just as eerie and engrossing.

MOVIE REVIEW by MARSHA SMITH NEWSOM

Ted & I saw "The Wicker Man" on Saturday. It was most interesting and quite good. The only thing I felt was "bad" was the blood sacrifice in the end. Of course, it was contrived to end the movie, because having the poor uptight Scottish police officer turn Pagan would have been dull. However, it is poor magical practice to have an unwilling blood sacrifice due to the nasty vibes of the situation. The victim should actually go willingly and not cursing & damning those who are sacrificing him. The power of a dying man's curse is not to be taken lightly or without thought.

However, it was the only cinematic way to end the film. Otherwise I found most of Summerisle's practices & teachings to be most innocuous & even delightful (even with my streak of prudishness). I highly recommend seeing the film and keeping an open mind as well as an open eye.

An interesting side note: After the film was finished in 73-74, a few of the higher-ups in the production company buried parts of the edited film at a crossroads.

MERLIN by Judith (Cal.)

Merlin, magical wizzard
friend to the common and
betrayed by kings

Merlin, the powerful
teacher of nature
bearer of enchanted rings

Merlin, the forgotten
looked upon as a dream
Nay, for I have seen

Merlin, alive in spirit
gentle and kind
protector of secret things

SPRINGS NEW HOPE by Judith Black

Misty meadows
awaiting Spring's shadow
Into the twilight
on the blackest of nights
Rides the Witch, upon a steed,
robes flying higher, faster with the speed

Magick Black, Magic White
Magick time is midnight
for upon this time of bewitchment
we cast our wishes of contentment
to drink of magical wine
a dream of enchantment we find

In the Circle hand in hand
together we'll stand
on the threshold of a dream
where visions are clearly seen
of the touch of the crystal moon
gently healing psychic wounds

Queen & huntress chaste & fair
seated upon thy silver chair
bless us with thy psychic sight
Oh Goddess,

Shining

Excellently bright.

GOLLUM'S COL COLLUM

MEOW THERS!

Received several nice letters and will do the best I can to answer the questions.

PYWACKET, PANDORA, BRANDY (Jeannie, Wash.) Good for getting rid of fleas: Eucalyptus leaves...make pillows of the leaves for your cat or dog to sleep on. They may also be put on your couch, etc. in small sacks around the house wherever the little buggers may be. A pennyroyal pillow for your cat or dog is good, too.

MEESKA (Mark, S.F.) a good diet & lots of TLC from your human & you're sure to have bee-utiful kittens.

Minnaloushe (Boston) (Nancy) I like yogurt, too. Like your poem also. Wish we could publish it, but you didn't say what book you got it from so we couldn't check to see if it was in public domain.

Morgan Le.Fay Blackfurr (Rus & Ruthi, Brooklyn) Wacka-wacka to you, too. Like the T-shirts. My humans would like to have one...LOVE A CAT.

Oh, by the way, my humans went to Modesto March 10, and guess what they brought home? They say he's cute, but Tia, the kids & I know better. He's the UGLIEST Chinese Pug I've ever seen! They think he's adorable, but between him & Ken snoring...they keep the whole house awake..day & night! His name is Shao Lin. What will they bring home next? I'm almost afraid that when they go to Coeden Brith in June that they'll bring home a redwood tree for Shao Lin...or one of Morning Glory's snakes! I prefer the redwood tree. Got to keep the claws sharp.

Meow for now.. 'til next time. May the Lady walk with you.

LETTERS TO GOLLUM

(Judith, Cal.) Lavendar Mist is a calico with cream & lavender greyish stripes...her tummy soft & creamy in color, 's eyes orange with cream all around. Silver moon shadow is only 4 mo. old & full of energy. He's black with silver on his little behind.

Tanya (Colo.) Thanks for the pennyroyal thing.

Peggy Ellen (Lakewood, Cal.) Thank you for the photo. We'll print if we have room.

(Morgana, Balt.) Didn't give your cat's name. Glad you were happy to find out about vinegar. You say you knew about the yeast tablets & most cats love 'em.

If we missed anyone...sorry. It wasn't intentional. It's just hard to keep track of all the mail.

TO DIANA by Jim Thomas in New York

In the temple of my heart
 where my dreams kneel and pray
 there will always be a candle
 burning night and day.
 And in that candles glow,
 in the light of love's pure flame,
 the chair of my soul
 will softly sing your name...Diana.

BOOKS & THINGS

Arcane Crafts is promising all kinds of goodies especially for any of you RICH Witches. Things like a silver wand, 13 in. long, with choice of Goddess or Horned God head for \$48. Or...an all-silver chalice similar to the cups in the Ryder deck (handmade) \$228. in silver or \$4400 in gold. Sterling silver maiden's crown for \$27.. Made to order coven symbols approx. 2"x2" for \$13. For more info or catalog write to Arcane Crafts, 181 Bergen St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11217.

Marsha, S.F. Valley...sends info on classes but doesn't say where or How to apply. Guess if you're interested, you'll just have to write for me to forward. Folklore class Mondays 7:30-9:30 on Mondays April 30- for 6 weeks. Fee \$15. registration begins April 7. Marsha's astrology class meets on Saturday mornings 10-12 beginning May 5 for 6 weeks. Also \$15.00. Other classes available including "Metaphysics & Psychic Development, Folklore, & Wilderness Survival.

And that reminds me...if you really like the out-of-doors and consider living close to nature, you should enjoy "The Foxfire Books" ..4 volumes edited by Eliot Wigginton & published by Anchor Press. All about the things you should know.

Herbi (Spain) suggests these books for Ronda or other young people: Andrew Lang's Fairy Tale Books, The Velveteen Rabbit, Lloyd Alexander's Taran series.

Reiner in Germany sent more money for books. We're getting some of them slowly.

We had a pleasant phone conversation with Debra in Tenn. She says "Mother's Book Shelf", POB 70, Hendersonville, N.C. 28739...has "Baek To Eden for \$2.45 and 95¢ postage....for 3 or more. Catalog is free. Debra also mentioned Q.P.D.C. something about paperbacks....but I was half asleep.... guess I missed something. Forgot to mention that "Eden" is item 60014.

Arcane Crafts..catalog should be out about now..181 Bergen St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11217.

If you can't find The Witches' Almanac in your local bookstore, you can order it from the publisher for \$2.50...postpaid. The Witches' Almanac, c/o Grosset & dunlap, 51 Madison Ave., N.Y., N.Y., 10010.

Forgot to mention our phone conversation with Reba (Tenn.) Also forgot to give address for Q.D.D., Middletown, Pa. 17057.

The Unicorn, Box 8814, Minn., Minn. 55408. Rik (Tucson) mentions that Unicorn has an herb book called Andrius Book for \$2. which he recommends.

As we told you last time, the album, Gwyddion Sings Songs For The Old Religion is available for \$6.95 pospaid. And now the music of Gwyddion, the songbook..."Wheel Of The Year" is available for \$6.0028 songs & dances for the first time in a single edition...all the seasonal & Sabbat songs.. plus 12 songs never before published. Nemeton, POB 212, Redwood Valley, Cal. 95470.

Unicorn Newsletter....The Unicorn, Box 8814, Minn., Minn. 55408. It's free...and you'll love it. Also...Andrius Book...\$2....lots of things about herbs & prices.

Marlah (L.A.) highly recommends the 2 volume set "Dictionary Of Mythology & Folklore & Symbols" by Gertrude Jobs...published by Scarecrow Press, Inc. N.Y.....\$20 each. Are there really any rich Witches?

MORE BOOKS & THINGS

Just finished reading "The Quest" by Rhuddlwm Gawr & Macey Edwards. Contains some basic Craft info but not really anything that hasn't been published before. The authors don't quite say that this is a true story of initiation into Welsh Paganism in Wales but they do give that impression. Whether it's true or not, if you read it as you would any other novel, you'll probably enjoy it. Order from Pagan Grove Press, POB 1514 Smyrna, Ga. 30081. I've misplaced the price list but I think it is \$6.95.

I ordered 15 copies of The Witches Almanac from the local Pickwick book store. About 10 days later they called to say that they had recieved a notice that the Almanac is out of print. We all know better than that. Wonder who is goofing up?

Fortunately, Elizabeth Pepper sent a copy of the new edition. (She is one of the beautiful people). You'll find the Almanac as delightful as always, and the new cover is even better. Looks more like a paperback than a magazine. Don't forget, sales must be good this year or it will be the last issue. If you can't get it at your bookstore, order from the publisher. Address on another page.

THOUGHT FOR APRIL (Cyprian, Tenn.)

At Beltane we lead our flocks and herds into the woods and green pastures, and light our fires, and merry-make as the Goddess directs us.

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL we turn people into abhorrent, abominable, aberrant, androgynous aardvarks.

These are from & by Rhea in Georgia

SPRING PROMISE

Spring...dressing in her gown of green...
 Bringing forth beauty long unseen.
 Decking Herself in jewels so rare...
 Or are those raindrops in Her hair?
 Lightly She steps forth from Her morning Shower..
 To preen Herself in a sun-drenched bower.
 Gaily She dons more glory each day
 And adds to Her beauty in Her slow, sweet way.
 Oh, yes, tis Spring, and young hearts sing
 To the promise of future, only Springtime can bring!

FIRE MAGIC

Dancing flames,
 Bewitching, beguiling,
 Evoking thoughts, feelings,
 Long left unstirred.
 Wood-scent smoke
 Intoxicating,
 Benumbing,

Heat
 Seeping through veins
 Reaching fevered heights.
 Fingers touch,
 Increasing all
 of
 FIRE MAGIC!

AURAS by GEORGIA (L.A. area)

If you want to see a true aura with all its colors, you must look at a nude body. Clothing has a tendency to hinder the true aura colors because the vibrations on the clothing will linger on. A female's body colors are more distinct. Her color is easier to see and much brighter. This could be because a woman is more emotional than a man.

If you want to see your own aura, it will take practice, but here is the way:

Find a nice quiet place where you can be alone. Make sure the place has a subdued light, and have a neutral background behind you...black or white. Take off all your clothes, and look at yourself in a full-length mirror. Do not try to see anything at first, just relax and look around your body.

Wait a few moments while gazing at yourself in the mirror quite idly. Look at your head, then look around your body...from your arms to your hips. You know you are making progress when you see a bluish tinge or a heat wave around you. It might take several tries. When you do see your aura, the colors want to be as bright as though you were looking at someone else's aura, because the aura is reflecting in the mirror...and back to you.

After you can see your aura quite well, begin experimenting to change it. You do this by thinking of different things...such as a happy event, a sad event, etc.

Try no more than two different events in one sitting. You can see your aura change colors with the different things you think about. In between each event, relax & think about nothing so that your aura will go back to normal.

If you want to read the aura of another person, get that person nude if possible in front of a neutral background. Tell the person to relax. As you relax, look at the edge of the person's head. The halo or color around the head will vary from person to person according to his/her progress in this life. As the person improves spiritually, so the color improves, becoming more pure and more brilliant. The basic colors will alter or completely change in shade if progress changes, either forward or backward.

The aura swirls & flows like a particularly intricate rainbow. Colors race around the body. The basic color is the main indicator of a person's potential. Colors change with one's mood and thought, but the basic colors do not change unless the person improves or deteriorates in character. When you are looking at the colors of the aura, you should ask yourself these questions:

- 1- What is the color?
- 2- Is it clear or mucky...how plainly can you see through it?
- 3- Is it a continuous band of color holding its shape and form? Or does it fluctuate and have sharp peaks and deep valleys?
- 4- We must always make sure that we are not prejudging a person because it is a very simple matter to look at an aura, and imagine that we see a muddy color when it is not muddy at all. It may be our own wrong thoughts which make a color appear muddy, because in looking at any other person's aura we first have to look through our own aura.

Next month a few of the colors and their meaning.

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HELPFUL HINTS FOR BEGINNERS

Question - is it necessary to copy the Look Of Shadows in runes?
 No, it is not necessary although a few people do this. I certainly do not recommend this unless you really know the runes you are using very well. Otherwise you will only create confusion. I do recommend writing it in 3 colors. One color each for instruction or directions, one for the HP's spoken words, and one for the HP.

HERBS

MERLE SEX: This time Merle answers some questions:

To Valerie - Although the properties of Lobelia are listed by most books dealing with herbs as an antispasmodic, diaphoretic, diuretic, emetic, expectorant and a nervine, Lobelia in the past, was used mainly in the treatment of asthma and whooping cough. I would never recommend the internal use of this herb to anyone! Many homemade preparations have resulted in poisoning. Externally it's great for insect bites and poison ivy irritation...and that's it...believe me! Let me suggest a book in paperback published by Dantam Books, written by John Lust, called simply "The Herb Book". It contains many safe & sure herbal reliefs for asthma.

TO Richard - the above book by John Lust will answer all of the needs you will have for herbs...where found..how to identify, etc.

Come on, newsletter readers, let me hear your questions about herbs. I'll try my best to answer them.

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REBIRTH by Jeraldine Davis & Jaysen. (Fla.)

Deny me not my magical powers
Lock them not in the Vatican's tower.
A Golden Age of the past
Shall return this time to last

Once again the magicians do rule
Nature's magick becomes our tool.
Ancient sorcerers set to test
Given gifts which manifest.

The Old Religion now will flourish
To the people it does nourish
Need to know, need to grow
New dimensions unfold.

In the forming of a new race
Enlightenment becomes man's base.
Elevation to the plane
Where the Gods sow our grain.

Stuff & Things

We're still having the same old problem: recieving announcements of meetings coming up during the month...but after the newsletter is out. If you want anything in the newsletter, we must recieve it before ...at least several days before the end of the month. The newsletter goes in the mail by the first of the month.

Occasionally we recieve letters from people looking for contacts, and asking that we publish their name and address. No! This could be opening your door to all kinds of crackpots. We will mention your first name, your area, and that you're looking for contacts. We'll forward any mail that comes for you, and you can decided if you wish to reply. This is for your protection. The only exceptions will be if you are an organization or if you have a P.O. Box number.

I use it anyway & swear by it! Must be very careful with it, however.

Manon is fascinated by the tropical fish. She sometimes sits and watches them for hours.

One night she stayed up until 5 A.M. with a sick fish that seemed to have a breathing problem.

If she isn't watching the fish she's playing with the budgies.

In between typing letters, that is.



Pat's "Pal", a Deer Chihuahua.

Pal just passed his 16 th birthday.

Still thinks he's a pup in the mornings. Loves his bed by the heater at night.



One of Bobbi's Pokes. In the foreground, that is.

Ken in the background enjoying his favorite reading chair.

But which dog? Is it Cassie or Precious?

Winner of this contest gets a one-way trip to Mars.



Judith found a
friendly spirit
in an old Oak
tree.

Could it be Merlin?

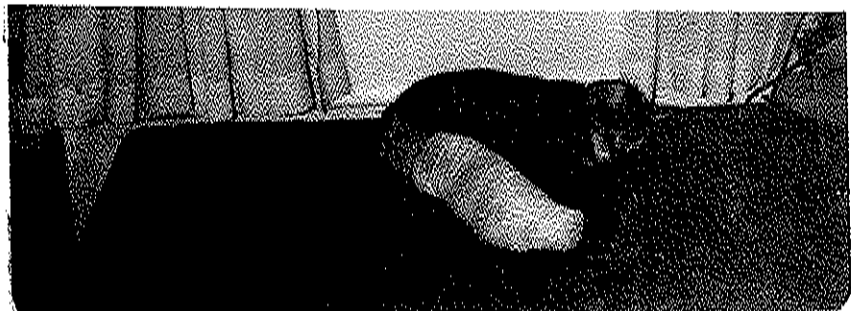
Sketch by Judith.

Wish you could
see it in color.



Mr. Slats still in a
cast as he recovers from
his operations. We hope
P.E. finds the person
responsible.

*Love & B.B.,
Dad*



MORE STUFF & THINGS & Last Minute Stuff

Georgia called to say she is planning to move to Oklahoma soon. Anyone down that-a-way need a High Priestess?

Peggy Ellen says she has found 2 herb seed catalogs for 50¢ each, and they are worth it for the info they contain. One gives both common & botanical names; and both give info on how & where to grow.

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Forever Forests is a continuing thing. You don't have to wait for the tree planting meetings to send tax-deductible donations for trees. Forever Forests, POB 212, Redwood Valley, Cal. 95470.

We received a form letter addressed to President Carter which is too long to copy here. The heading is "Stop Harrassment Of Herbalists By F.D.A." If you are interested in this, you may get copies from N.H.F., POB 688, Monrovia, Cal. 91016 or phone 213-357-2181. 100 copies for \$2.00.

MEETINGS

2nd Annual Gathering Of The Tribes...5 days in the mountains of Unicoi State Park near Helen, Ga. Sunday thru Thursday, June 17-21. Workshops Sunday thru Wednesday, June 20, a seasonal festival & ritual. \$45. for 5 days. For info: write "Gathering Of The Tribes", POB 4152, Campus Station, Ga. 30602 or call 404-353-7943.

PanPagan Festival tentatively set for July 12-15 at Lake Holiday, Ind. Write Circle, Pox 9013, Madison, Wi. 53715.

Midsummer Festival at Coeden Brith June 22-24. Write "Holy Order Of Mother Earth, Pox 982, Ukiah, Cal. 95482.

Georgian Annual Mountain Meeting will be held at Panorama Heights as usual (about 50 miles N.E. of Dakersfield) weekend of August 4 & 5. This is open to everyone. More details later. No charge except for cabins or rooms or food. Hope to see you there.

More Stuff & Things

Caprice (Detroit) says Lady due to have her pups any day now. Caprice & David just bought 2 large aquariums.

Valerie (S.F. BAY AREA) says the oat posters are by P. KLIFFAN, and are available many places.

If this is a sample copy of the newsletter, and you wish to continue receiving it, subscription is \$2. per yr. Checks to : Church Of Wicca Of Dakersfield.

THAT'S ALL, FOLKS....
LOVE AND BLESSED BE!

PAT AND ALL THE GEORGIANS

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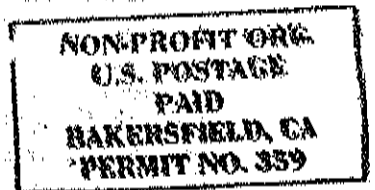
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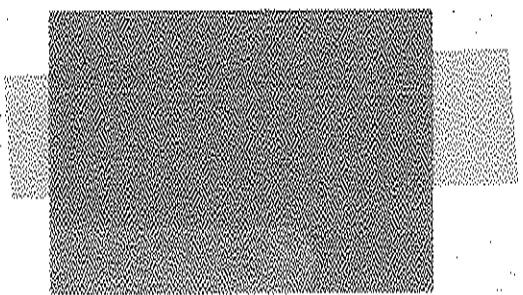
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