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BAKERSFIELD - All goes well here...and time for the Georgies. There were so many good things this past year that we wish we could give an award to all of you for such fine work. Too bad we can't afford it...but some of the voting was very close.

BEST SERIES - LADY ALLUSHA for Symbols & Legends of the Wheel.

SERVICE TO CRAFT/PAGANISM - Catherine & Kent of COTOR in Australia.

BEST ARTICLE - the voting so close on this one that we felt it only fair to give two awards.

Linda Kellar for Holy Terror-Holy Tears

Haragano for Passwords of Our Faith

We'll get these in the mail (UPS) to you as soon as they are ready.

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More good news: The Georgian Board of Directors has approved a charter and minister's credentials for Shadowhawk & Blacksun. Their new church will be called "Domus Astrum Octivo" (house of the eight rayed star) and will be known as DAO. Certificates will be on the way as soon as they are prepared.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR NEWSLETTER. This issue begins our eighth year of publication and we still haven't missed an issue.

The Full Moon ritual went quite well even though we had to do it a day late. Elizabeth (HPs) and Debbie (Maiden) have been busy every week night rehearsing for a local version of "Camelot". I'll be glad when that's over. Elizabeth is a big help with the newsletter.... typing, collating, addressing, etc.

And we'll be busy this month with actually three celebrations.... Candlemas, Lupercalia and Full Moon.

Some of you are still getting material here too late...especially from overseas. Even air mail sometimes takes much too long. Deadline is the 20th of each month. That means it should be here by the 20th.

We get a lot of requests for sample copies of the newsletter. Tell your friends it's $1. It costs us 40¢ just for the stamps..

BEING A WITCH IS.....

.....realizing that you know all there is to know about the Craft after 30 days of study....and discovering that you've only begun after 30 years of study.

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STUFF & THINGS

ARDUIN in Bradenton, fla. sez: It's getting to be pretty definite: I'm going to California to finish school. I should probably be leaving here around the first of June so I can acclimate myself and settle in before classes begin in late summer. I'll probably be attending U. of C. at Santa Barbara. I'd very much like to be acquainted with some Georgians in that area as I plan to stay and get my Master's degree in some field of anthropology--that will be about 3 or 4 yrs. I am 27, a Sagittarian, Florida native, non-smoker, runner, single, S.C.A. member. I've been living with Lady Thea & Lord Fafner for nearly a year.

We had a lovely Yule Sabbat in our old outdoor circle - the first since Candlemas last year--with our Elder Morgana, Tuan, Canopus, Marthea, Lord Fafner, Lady Thea, myself, and members from Moonstar, Lady Hecate, Orion, Faune, Cambia, Artemis and Poseidon.
The Children's Pagan Way group is started up again. This time they're at Moonstar, and Cambia leads them with the help of Fauna. I don't know what name they've chosen but they meet weekly or bi-weekly.

Grades should be coming any day now. My weak point is algebra. Who would be the deity presiding over higher mathematics?
Much love,
Arduin

ED. NOTE: So you'll probably like California. We'll list your box number so you'll probably get mail from people claiming to be of various groups. Just be cautious about wht you get involved with. California being the "land of fruits and nuts" is really no joke. They come here from all over the country...and there are many who CLAIM to be Craft. Some weirdos can fool you for awhile...so just be careful.
As to a deity: my choice would be Hermes/Thoth.
Arduin, POB 3082, Bradenton, Fla. 33508.

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MOON MIRROR in Denver sez: love your newsletter. Thought your readers might find following helpful for relief of coughs due to colds.
In 1 cup of boiling water, add..
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 teaspoon alfalfa (raw) honey
½ teaspoon lemon juice
It's wonderful. Works and warms your tummy.
By the way, I'm a psychic trance medium and teach classes in opening your mind to the Craft. I'm also well versed in wort cunning.

Moon Mirror of Denver

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DIDJA KNOW????

In 1936, a rare animal arrived in San Francisco. Zoo officials described the curious thing as a cross between a bear and a raccoon. It was the first Panda to be exported from China to the U.S.

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HP: POWER BEHIND THE CRONE
#18 by Blacksun Of Elvenhearth

Several years ago, my high priestess, Shadowhawk, and I started celebrating full moons together by ourselves. It wasn't very long after that that we ended up leading a circle of other witches and taking on students and initiating to the Craft. We really didn't know at that time what we were doing that kept bringing these new people to our door. All that we know was that the Goddess had thrust these fellow seekers our way and we were compelled to help them struggle along the same path we were struggling along to find whatever it was we were supposed to find. We were not compelled by any laws or commandments, but by the feelings we had about who and what we were.

We were priest and priestess. To turn away one who had come to us with love and trust would be a denial of the trust placed in us by our initiators, a denial of our laws (there are many wordings in many traditions, but they all say the same thing: teach to those will hold the Craft sacred), and a denial of the charge given to us to insure that the Craft ever survive.

This is not to say that we took in everybody who came. Some we directed to other priests and priestesses, and some we led to another path. There are many paths, and Wicca is only one of them. And there were s ome who came to us NOT in love and trust. These were carefully led around so they ended up facing some other direction. B ut the ones we could work with, we did. We celebrated life with our new found family and we worked out the problems we could see.

Several of these people we initiated. Others had been initiated through their own works or the works of others. They all have been facets of the jewel which has been our circle, our coven. Many have reached to the highest levels and gone on to start circles of their own. But still, there are those who have stayed and enriched the circle with their wonderful light. All have given to the circle with love and trust, and all have benefitted by that giving. As I sit here and write, there is a lump in my throat and my eyes are wet as I recall with wonder the joys and the heartaches we have shared with our circle. May the circle - this Craft - ever survive.

Now we are on a new path. Not one that takes us from our circle, for there is no power that can do that. But one which requires that we stand down from the roles of leaders of our circle. We have a new high priestess and high priest, and they are teaching us new things, fresh things, other things. We sit as elders, yet we sit as children. It is good and we love the fresh winds that blow from our new East alter. Now we can pursue the new path which has opened before us.

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HP: POWER BEHIND THE CRONE (cont.)

We are starting a church. This church will be in many ways like the churches which are all over the countryside and which open their doors each Sunday. No, we have not turned Xian. But there is a job which many Xian churches perform which most Wiccan churches do not: serve the masses. We do not intend to fling the door open for all to enter. But there are many who share our religion but are not Wiccan. They are the Pagans. They often have nobody to serve as ministers and nowhere to gather to celebrate their (and our) holidays. We will not be working "heavy" magic and ritual which places entry to the circle beyond the means of so many. We will still have our security measures, but we will not be making such heavy demands on those who attend. We will serve the Pagan community with the ceremonies for the lunar, solar, and terran holidays. We will counsel the troubled or confused among the Pagan. We will be the open door to this closed community.

This is not something which will happen overnight, and we know that. We could not handle if if it did. We start small, with only a few people, and hope to grow. It is a work which will take many years. We are not fooled by the ease of the beginning steps. It likely will take the rest of our lives. We also know that others tread this same path. We do not compete with them, indeed we welcome their presence, for they all help with the great amount of work needed to be done. We do not look for "greatness" and most certainly do not seek fame.

We do seek help. We need as much guidance as we can get. We ask for wisdom and strength from the God and Goddess. We also ask that any who feel like it, please send a little energy our way from your next circle.

This newsletter has been part of our growth and pleasure for several years now. Pat, you and the Georgians have provided a wonderful church. We hope that it will ever survive. And we hope that we can build a church which someday you will be able to point to and say, "We helped there, and we are happy we did".

I'm ending this series with this last article. I'll write again now and then, but not on a regular basis. I've very much enjoyed being able to rap out some of my more personal thoughts. It has helped me in many ways. Thank you, Pat and all the rest who work so hard every month putting out the Newsletter. I do hope to meet you all someday in the future other than on paper. UntiI then,

Blessed Be,
Blacksun Of Elvenhearth.

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DID YA KNOW? The country that has the highest consumption of sugar per capita is Bulgaria. Bulgarians consume an average of 6¼ ounces of sugar per person per day.
The odds against making a hole in one in a round of golf are 43 thousand to one.

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STUFF & THINGS

JOYCE in Pittsburgh sez: Hello and a blessed Yule! Enclosed is the first poem I have been able to write in almost 2 years. (My mind has been too fogged withdope & booze all this time to be of any good use to me or anyone else.) Thank Goddess that is all behind me now! It's a short poem, not much, and not very good, but it's a start, and you people have given me such an incentive to begin writing anew that I'm going to try to start on some more poetry. It isn't going to be easy - but then again, not much of anything worthwhile is (such as sobriety- I've learned that the hard way.)
And again, all of you beautiful people out there, thank you for your love and support when I need it most. Goddess bless all of you.

Love and Blessed Be,
Joyce (Ariel)

REBIRTH

Crackling flame so full of power
Speak to me, leap up higher!
Warmth and wisdom merge in thee
Draw me nearer - set me free!

Beauty wonder glory glow
Let your power through me flow,
Strength and sureness, swiftness sweet
Let them all within me meet.

Lend your power, lend your glow
Show me what I long to know.
Sweet wind breathe throughout me go
Why do you attract me so?

Reclaimed my power-
Yes I can tell
I'm me again,
bright Ariel.

12/10/82

ED. NOTE: Okay, Joyce, keep going. We'll be expecting more.

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LEANN in Columbia, Mo. sez: Yule tide greetings! I have enclosed an article which appeared in our inter-campus newsletter. Looks like Missouri may be coming up-to-date with the rest of the country. Hope you have a nice Yule. I'm looking forward to it. This is the first year in many that I feel good about the season. I've let go of all the commercialization; been doing things like making all of my gifts or buying unique gifts from crafty people. I feel really great.

Love & Kisses
(under the mistletoe)
Blessed Be
Leann

ED. NOTE: The article Leann enclosed is about UMR-Stonehenge being built at UMR on a half-scale of the original Stonehenge. Completion hoped for by summer solstice, June 21, 1983. Guess UMR stands for University of Missouri something.

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ELLEN in No. Hollywwod sez: Now that the holidays are over, I could use some days off to recover! No flu in my neck of the woods, but colds are running rampnat.
I'm trying to start the fiscal New Year with a bang. Perhaps that was a poor choice of words. I've made the horrible discovery that there is nothing wrong with my bathroom scales, so here comes the diet and exercise. I'm building up slowly on the exercises, though. I'm in front of the TV every morning doing Yoga with Richard Hittleman, and I've started catching the bus 2 blocks away instead of ½ a block. IT's a start. When gardening time gets here, I'll be working off even more pounds.

I'm also doing a lot more writing. At the December Moontalks, I finally got to give my lecture on Qabala for Pagans, and I was thrilled at the reaction. The purpose of the lecture was to show what a wonderful tool Qabala is, and how easily suits paganism. Apparently. I succeeeded because several of the people told me they would be doing further study on the subject. Their reaction was just what I needed to give me the extra nudge to work on my book. It is an expansion of the lecture, going into more detail.

Julie's out of the hospital, but not free of the ileitis. Doctors have very little to offer her except drugs. The disease isn't life threatening, but it does take a lot of the joy out of living to be in pain a lot. We're tryingto work on it magically.

Time to start planning for PACIFIC CIRCLE III. Please note: It will be held June 16-19, 1983. We've expanded to 3 days, and will have more time for workshops, rituals, etc. I have a lot more help this year...can turn over some of thework to someone else. We're open to suggestions, and offers of workshops, seminars, etc. Some suggestions recieved so far have been: A bardic circle for pagan poets--each presenting a poem, a "Pagan Cabaret," with skits, songs, etc. One handfasting is already planned. Anyone interested in giving a workshop, or whatever, please contact us as soon as possible: PACIFIC CIRCLE III, Box 9513, N. Hollywwod, CA. 91609.

I'm so glad you enjoyed the Yule Carols. We've had a lot of fun with them. I'M enclosing a master copy that includes a couple of extras. Maybe next year I'll do some more, and early enough to share them before Yule.

Possible money-making idea for the GN--if authors agree: some of these wonderful series could be put in booklet form and sold as fund-raisers for the land fund. There are several I'd like to have that way...especially since I'm missing a couple of issues right in the middle of a few! Mimeographed would be fine, and maybe some folks would volunteer to help type. What say you? And what say the authors?
Time to get back to work.
Blessed Be.
Ellen Cannon Reed Box 9513 N. Hollywood, CA 91609

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STUFF & THINGS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dear temporary chubby...always good to hear from you. Hope your Pacific Circle is successful as always.
Thank you for the Yule Carols. Remind us near the end of the year, and we'll publish the Yule Carols again plus any you add in the December issue.
About publishing booklets: we hadn't considered that. However, we had discussed going over all the back issues, picking the best articles and series, and then with the permission of the various authors, putting it all together in a book form, proceeds to go for the land fund. This was the suggestion of our church secretary, Lady Fauna, and she offered to work on this project.
However, both Lady Fauna and her husband are continuing their education and also working at jobs...so there has really been no time to work on this. Perhaps this note will get some respnse from her.

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SHADOWHAWK of Elvenhearth sez: Hope you are better from that protracted bout of strange flu. Hope the furry people are fine, too. By the way, CONGRATTS to JANICE and DEMETER, and YES, DEMETER, I, FOR ONE WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED in an article series on parenting.

BLACKSUN sez: We have all been extremely busy, what with our annual Yule celebration and other events which seem to just eat up the time faster than it happens this time of year. Both Shadowhawk and I have been trying to get things ready for our first "church" meeting. I'd like to explain something about what we have in mind.

The church is our first step, our "outer grove" as it were. It is not intended to be a Wiccan circle. It IS intended to provide rituals which can be attended by those who may not be interested in becoming priests and priestesses, but are interested in following the old ways of the pagans. We will be attempting to provide for those "little people in the pews", as I heard it stated by a parish RC priest one time.
It is about time that it is realized that the Wicca are the priests and priestesses of a RELIGION which has benefit to those who are only interested in the surface. It is from these that we can help more than a select few understand that there is more than mumbo-jumbo to what we do. It is perhaps a diluted and less intense ingestion of the principles, but there are many who can benefit from exposure to those principles in a less intense form. These are worthwhile people and should not be excluded from the communion with the Gods just because they do not wish to go the whole route.

Boy, what a pompous bunch of verbiage, but I think you get the drift. Will wrap this up for now. GET WELL! That's an order!
Blessed Be, Blacksun & Shadowhawk

ED. NOTE: I'll be interested to see how this turns out. Actually, I had always considered our PAGAN WAY as much the same thing serving a double purpose...a place for those who wanted only the religion, and as preparation for entering the Craft for those who wanted it all.

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DOG DAYS

JEANNE of Blue Moon sent an article from the N.Y. Times. Seven German Shepherd dogs recently grauated from a 23 week training course in police work as new members of the state police. Emphasis has been on sniffing and tracking. Dogs and their handlers live together 24 hours a day; the dog becomes a part of the handler's family.
"These dogs are unbelievable," Sergeant Curry said. "For example, they can go over a place where a V.I.P. is expected within a matter of minutes whereas it might take four men five hours to go over the same place to check for explosives."
During training, the dogs learned obedience to hand and oral commands, agility in climbing ladders and scaling walls, how to control crowds, protection of their handlers, tracking with and without scents, locating explosives, detecting drugs and searching buildings for drugs and explosives.

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Israeli farmers are having a problem with birds and some animals destroying their crops, but the laws in Israel are very strict about methods of animal control. Much experimenting has been done to find humane methods. One method has been to have radios in the fields blasting out loud rock music. Then it was found that any music would keep the birds away if it was loud enough. A later development was the use of dogs to chase away the intruders. However, it was found that only very aggressive dogs could do the job. Trouble here is that the very aggressive dogs tend to sleep very soundly and would often sleep through an air attack of flocks of birds. To solve this problem, each aggressive dog has been teamed with a more mild-mannered dog. The job of this dog is to awaken the aggressive dog to tell him when it's time to go to work. Seems to be working out well.

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Guess al postmen are not so bad even if they can't deliver the mail on time. Recently, a postman saved the lives of two Doberman Pinscher puppies. Carrier Jerry Hatley saw a commotion at a service station while making his rounds. Two puppies had fallen into a five-gallon bucket of water that was for the convenience of two adult dogs, and had gone unnoticed for some time. Hatley and the dog's owner, Dorothy Clark "pumped and breathed" for almost two hours to keep the pups alive. "Yes," Hatley laughs, "mouth to mouth resusitation." Hatley says he has "all kinds of pets running around, rabbits, horses, dogs, chickens" on his farm in Burlington, W. Va. He says he was trained in CPR at the Cumberland P.O. where he has worked for 10 yrs.

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FROM U.P.I. A drug-sniffing sheriff's dog named Maggie uncovered a small cache of heroin and 16-thousand dollars worth of metamphetamines in a Modesto, Cal. house...resulting in the arrest of six people.
The Stanislaus Sheriff's Department says the dog, a German Shephard, sniffed-out a cache that "officers wouldn't have found."

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BEING A WITCH DOG IS....
...helping the HPs & HP quickly spot newcomers who just aren't "Craft material."

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FROM YOUR EDITOR

CAN WE TEACH PROPLE TO BE KIND TO ANIMALS?

A difficult question! How can we teach people to be kind to animals when they haven't yet learned to be kind to one another? So much of this attitude starts when we are very young.
The Xian teaching of "an eye for an eye" certainly sets the stage for "get even" for any real or imagined wrong. And often as not, the wrong is imagined more than real. But if we are taught to "get even" when we are very young, we are more likely to act on what we think may be truth rather than taking time to look for truth.

One of the most kind people I ever knew, one who would never say anything unkind about anyone, thought nothing of putting live crabs in a pot of water, putting a cover and weights on the top of the pot, and boiling the little animals alive. She had been raised to believe that these creatures had no feelings. the fact that one could hear them fighting and scrambling to get free did not change this conditioned belief. When, as a child, I caught tadpoles and frogs and kept them penned until they died, or captured crawfish and kept them penned until they ate one another, I was not taught that this was cruelty. These were "cold-blooded creatures that had no feelings. Much of this attitude was carried over to warm-blooded animals. Conditioning!

It was not until later in life that I learned from my own observation that animals are so much like the human animal. They have the same need for love and affection; they show the same signs of grief and lonliness at the loss of a mate or friend..even to the point of dying of grief. Have you ever seen a mother animal trying to sacrifice herself to a predator in order to protect her babies?

Often a parent is blamed for the vicious behavior of a child. Often this is truly the case, but often there is a child that is truly a little monster. No amount of teaching or discipline seems to get through to them. But for the most part, children can be taught to realize that all living creatures, human, furry or feathered, have much the same feelings, needs, and desires.

What do you do about it?

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Thought I'd relax the other day by watching TV for awhile. Nothing I wanted to see, so I turned on the Buck Owens Show. Really can't stand much of the music, but love to see those gorgeous gals. At the end of the program, they all sang "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands". Realized this would make an excellent song for Pagan group singing. All you need do is change "HE" and "HIS" to "SHE" and "HERS" to make it an excellent Pagan song.
There are many other songs like this that can be easily changed. Look around and see what you can find.
If you haven't tried group singing at your mettings and Sabbats, try it, you'll like it!

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THE WORLD EGG AND THE FOUR ELEMENTS by RIK in Tucson

In the beginning was the Goddess, who divided Herself into Herself and Her other half who was the God. The Goddess became the Moon and the God became the Sun and They joined together in love.

From this union was born the first egg, the first of all things; and around this egg was coiled the ram-horned serpent, coiled about the egg with its tail in its mouth.

And the God and the Goddess contemplated this for ages until the Goddess, the Mother, grasped the egg and broke it open. From the egg flowed forth the first water, the primal principle, and this water was captured and contained within the coils of the ram-horned serpent. Within these coils the water pooled and from the center of the water rose an island, formed from the water and churned from the movements of the God and Goddess.

From the passion of the God and Goddess came fire. And as the fire touched the water, steam formed and cooled to form the air.

And thus were the four elements, the four principles, the basis of all things formed. From the World Egg came the elements, and from the elements came the universe, and all came from the Love of the God and Goddess.

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THE EVENING
by Jean Opperman (in Australia)

Shafts of moonlight through the leaves,
Scent of blossoms on the breeze
Crickets chirp upon the air
To serenade a night so fair.

Sweet melofy for pale moonlight
Softly played, the stars so bright.
The silent movement of the grass
Whispering to the winds that pass.

Night birds call in voice so low,
Branches moving to and fro
And so create a tiny sound
Reverberating all around.

The moon glides slow across the sky
Where diamond bright the stars on high
Reflected glory moonbeams shed,
A misted way that we may tread.

Jean Opperman

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THE SYMBOLS OF THE WHEEL: The Meaning of the Legend by Lady Allusha

OSTARA - Also known as the Spring Equinox, the Vernal Equinox, Spring Rite, and Eostar. It is one of the fertility festivals, celebrating the returning fertility of Nature, and its magickal stimulation. This annual renewal of fertility was seen as a repetition of an original act of creation, and be re-living it, the Earth was assured of a good and fertile y ear. It is a time to celebrate the freedom from the discipline and restrictions of winter, to begin magickal projects, and to celebrate life. The Feast of Pan - the Spring Horned God rite in celebration of fertility - is usually held on Ostara.

This is also the time when the day and the night are of equal length. The powers of Light and Darkness are equal, and Time seems to stand still. But from this day the days grow longer, while the nights grow sharter. Our focus turns to those things which belong in the realms of the Lord of Life.

The year is still young, therefore children are special at this time. Many games and light entertainment are enjoyed by them on this festival. Children have a special talent for innocently enjoying life. We would do well to learn from them.

NOTES ON THE STORY: The Spring Goddess of fertility was known to the Saxons as Ostara or Eostar. To the Britons she was Helen or Ellen. And to the Celts she was Olwen or Niwalen. All of these were essentially the same Goddess, who brought with her the powers of awakening life. The trefoil, egg, and hare are all sacred to her, for they are all symbols of fertility and Spring. Because of their love for her, all the plant and animal life display their life-giving powers, and the goddess encourages abundance in them.

The Tale of the World Egg is a Druid story of creation. It tells how the Great Goddess laid the World Egg. It was warmed by the Sun God, and in time it split open. Thus the World hatched.

This is the symbol of the Fire Wheel. The eight lines meeting in the center represent the eight Sabbats of the year. These are the seasonal celebrations which revolve around us as the spokes on a wheel. Each one comes and goes, followed by the next, rolling as the wheel through Time. The tail on the end of each line indicates motion, the never-ending cycle. Where there is motion, there is energy, and this energy which pushes the Wheel is the Power of Life, the Life Force, the Fire of Life. Through the seasons the Sacred Fire travels; thus is its symbol. The Sun-God gives the Sacred Fire to the world, and must himself travel the path of the Wheel. Therefore is this symbol belonging to him.

This symbol is also know as the Whirling Without Motion. As such, it represents the Earth-Gpddess as she moves through the seasons of the Wheel. The seasons continually pass, yet she is always with us.

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THE SYMBOLS OF THE WHEEL: The Meaning of the Legend (cont.)

Ancient legend has it that Lugh was cursed, that "Never would Lugh marry of flesh and blood." This would later prove to be a problem.

The earthen body of Cernunnos, the Horned God, was spared due to Lugh's compassion. The people in some lands who saw this horned man/creature gave to him the name of Pan.

The Need Fire was kindled by friction. A wooden stick was twirled in a small hole cut in a log. When a fire began, it was considered nothing short of magick, therefore it was a spark of the Fire Wheel. The act of kindling this fire was a symbolic sexual act. As such, they were encouraging the union of the God and Goddess, which they felt was necessary to ensure a productive year.

Some of the celebrations included the baking and eating of hot cross buns, which were symbolic of the Goddess' fertility spot, the vulva. The people also liked to brightly decorate her regeneration eggs, often painting them red for the Sun.

OSTARA (March 21) - Throughout the land the proclamation resounded, the Sun-God has returned to his people, to overthrow the Lord of Darkness, and give them the warmth and light they have missed. And with him has come a Maiden-Goddess of Nature. This must be the Goddess of Spring, Ostara, which will kindle fertility in the Earth-Mother once more.

And it was observed, "the maiden was clothed in a robe of flame-colored silk, and around her neck was a collar of ruddy god, on which were precious emeralds and rubies. More yellow was her head than the flower of the broom, and her skin was whiter than the foam of the wave, and fairer were her hands and her fingers than the blossoms of the wood-anemone amidst the spray of the meadow fountain. Her bosom was more snowy than the breast of the white swan, her cheek was redder than the reddest roses. Whoso beheld her was filled with her love. Four white trefoils sprung u p wherever she trod. And therefore was she called Olwen.*

This many-named Goddess of Spring travelled the land, accompanied by her Sacred Hare, spreading he r magick and leaving gifts of the Egg of Regeneration. And so it was, when the people saw the signs of the trefoil or the hare, they knew that Spring had come. And the Druids told the tale of the World Egg.

Now it came to pass that Lugh had grown very strong, and had taken the symbol of the Fire Wheel. It was time to challenge the Power of Cernunnos. But the Lord of Darkness does not give up his reign without battle. They meet upon the High Mountains, where all destiny is decided, and battle rages between the strength of Darkness and the strength of Light. It is an even match, w ith neither gaining the advantage, until. . . .

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THE LEGEND OF THE WHEEL: The Meaning of the Legend (cont.)

By Lugh's sheer force of Will, the spirit of Cernunnos is banished from his flesh, to return to the Land of Death from whence he came. As he left, it could be heard on the wind, "Never would Lugh marry of flesh and blood!" The Sun-God filled the remaining body with the essences of warmth and life, and set him free to roam the forests and glades wild and untamed.

Thus did Lugh gain the Throne of Power, and become the Sun-King.

And the people rejoiced, celebrating the freedom from winter and the returning of life. The Need Fire was kindled from a spark of the magickal Fire Wheel, and some of it taken into every home. Throughout the land could be heard, "Come with me, and in the Fire of Spring, the Winter garment of restrictions fling."

*from THE MABINOGION, Tale of Kilhwch and Olwen

NEXT MONTH: OSTARA

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KAIDU in Tucson sez: I find the sheer variety of articles in your newsletter quite refreshing in these days of narrowed views and a clique orientated culture. You are to be commended.

Although I could not properly be called a Witch (though I did study with a coven for awhile) I am a Pagan and proud of it. I have learned much through the Lord & Lady, and have realized that one can never learn enough.
You mentioned in the Jan. '83 newsletter that you have a personal altar of your own for Lillith. Do you consider her an aspect of the Goddess, or is she an individual entity? (or is it none of my business?) I hole the Lord & Lady as the central focus of my rituals and prayers, but in times of stress or when I need a quick burst of flow, I call on Arioch, God of Cleansing Fire. I regard him as an individual entity, a patron god, saint, great one? if you will. He/it does not compete with the Two any more than, say, a Quality Control Manager competees with the owner of a corporation. I would be interested in hearing from other Pagans/Witches on the subject. Do they consider it blasphemous to worship other gods than the TWO? Is it normal practice for them? Do they consider all gods, One God and all Goddesses One Goddess?

Blessed Be, keep up the good work
Kaidu

ED. NOTE: I can't speak for everyone, but I teach our people that it doesn't matter if they consider them as individuals or as different aspects of one. Whatever way the person can best understand it is the correct way for that person.
As to my own belief: it really doesn't matter if all are one or not. When I call on one in a ritual, I certainly consider that one as an individual, certainly at least for that time. So it works well for me even if that individual is only an aspect of One.

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FOR THE BIRDS from U.P.I.

Would you believe a man who said he broke into a school at 4 A.M. to catch a pigeon? Security guards in Houston didn't buy Wilbert Taylor's story...and arrested him. Taylor claimed he'd caught a pigeon, but it got away and flew into a second-floor window of the school. The guards didn't find any birds inside, so they put Taylor in jail. When he finally came to trial, Taylor showed members of the jury a wooden cage containing pigeons he caught on other occasions as part of his hobby. One member of the panel said the jury didn't necessarily believe Taylor's story, but after deliberating an hour, decided to acquit him because Taylor had been caged himself for 8 months while awaiting trial.

A bird specialist in Chicago says our feathery friends are staying north for the winter.
Ornithologist William Beecher of the Chicago Academy of Sciences explains that the weather in the windy city area has been so warm lately, the birds think it's spring and are beginning to nest.
Beecher says 10 species of Warblers, some Orioles and Wrens have been spotted feeding on insects and berries that normally would have been dead or covered by snow this time of year.
But he says it could become a problem now that real winter weather is here...because the birds are "putting themselves in danger of encountering a winter storm they won't get out of."

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Jamie - a Pelican outfitted with an artificial beak following its mutilation by an unidentified human(?) - was transferred from a Laguna California, animal hospital to Sea World in San Diego recently to be prepared for release to the wild.
A second Pelican with an artificial, fiberglass beak was also destined for Sea World, but its beak was broken in loading.
In all, three Pelicans have been fitted with artificial beaks.

A total of 19 Pelicans have been found with their beak tops cut off, and four have died. The others are fed by hand at the Laguna hospital.
Game officials speculate a fisherman, irate at having his bait stolen by Pelicans, may be responsible. Rewards totaling several thousand dollars have been offered for information leading to the culprit's capture.

Jamie will be observed feeding with other Pelicans in a control situation to determine how well the artificial beak withstands the pressure of diving for fish. If the beak withstands the pressure, Jamie is to be released with wild Pelicans that regularly feed with the Sea World Pelicans. The latter are kept at home by taping down their wings.

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DIDJA KNOW???

Lord Byron..the English poet..was born in 1788. His full name was George Gordon Noel Byron.

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STUFF & THINGS

The 1983 National Pagan Spirit Gathering will be held June 18-26 at a private sanctuary in Wisconsin. Pagan musicians, storytellers, dancers, etc. interested in being part of the program, contact Circle by April 20. Circle, Box 9013, Madison, Wi. 53715 or phone 608-437-8964 weekdays 10 am- 5 pm or 608-767- 2345 leave message.
The 1983-84 Circle Guide To Wicca & Pagan Resources will be published in late Spring. If you haven't recieved a listing form, call Circle, 608-437-8964 weekdays 1-4 p.m. central time.

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HESTIA (CHILDREN OF THE EARTH, POB 417, Keyser, W.V. 26726) sez: Hope your Yule was great. I thought you'd enjoy the enclosed. Maybe you'll read it to your furry people to show them all Postmen aren't the pits.
Our new dwelling is lovely and soon we should be settled enough to get an issue together. First I must assemble the desk.

Blessed Be!
Hestia

ED, NOTE: Hestia sent a news article about a postman saving two puppies. We'll save it for the Dog Days page.

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FROM JEANNE of BLUE MOON, N.H....a very nice letter which she sez is not for the newsletter. NO! Not out of the cat house..back to the dog house!
Jeanne also enclosed one of their nice new T-shirts...this one of a Witch stirring her cauldron with a black cat sitting behind her..the T-shirt in bright orange and the Witch in black. Very nice. Must be number 15 in the new catalog. Yep, 15 different occult designs, and in 4 sizes. Only price I could find said $7. but doesn't explain if this includes postage. More dog house.
Thought Jeanne might like to know that T-shirt and letter mailed Jan, 11...arrived here Feb. 14. Guess the P.O. really is getting a little faster.
BLUE MOON, BOX 4413, Portsmouth, N.H. 03801.

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KAREN in Denver sez: The issues are getting better and better. I've enclosed a little article from a Denver paper I thought you might like to include in the religious news section. All is well here in Denver.
We're in the middle of the blizzard of the century - no kidding - so things are pretty quiet. As you know, I'm not much of a snow person, so will be glad when it all melts again. No doubt, I'm jumpint the gun with that wish, since I think this stuff will probably be around until April.

We had a very good and successful seminar here by Circle - Magickal Healing Methods. There was a maximum turn-out for it and everyone seemed to enjoy it and get a lot out of it.
There is a possibility that we (Gary and I) will be visiting California this coming summer. If it happens, I'll keep you posted.

Love and Bright Blessings
Karen

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From RHEA in ATLANTA, GA.

MEMORANDUM

TO: All departments DATE: February 1, 1983
FROM: Personnel Department
SUBJECT: Streaking

1. Streaking will be permitted as follows:
   a. female employees will streak on odd days.
   b. male employees will streak on even days.
   c. on payday, all employees may streak, subject to the following:

2. Girls who have tatoos on the lower half of their bodies such as "sock it to me" or "what you see is what you get" will not be permitted to streak due to inspection regulations.

   Men with tatoos such as "Let it all hang out will not be permitted to streak.

   Also, men with tatoos of butterflies, roses, or elves will streak with females.

3. Executives may carry their briefcases while streaking, however, the usual rule applies - Executives may never carry any business papers, but may carry the usual, such as a box of kleenx, lunch, wife's shopping list, and Playboy magazines.

4. Girls with bust size larger than 36D must wear a bra while in the area of any moving machinery. Girls with bust size smaller than 36B should not try to impress people by wearing a bra.

5. If you streak in any area where food is served, you must wear a hairnet(s). These will be available in the vending machine by the kitchen areas.

6. In the event your physical make-up is such that your sex cannot be determined, such as flat chest for girls or long hair on boys you must wear a tag stating "I am a girl" or "I am a boy". Tags will be attached to girls with hairpins or paper clips, on boys with rubber bands. Please return your paper clips and rubber bands to stationery supplies after you finish streaking.

7. Girls may wear jewelry while streaking, but in no event should they bend over to retrieve it should it fall, due to insurance regulations.

8. No female beyond her seventh month of pregnancy, or those wishing to become pregnant, may streak.

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BEING A WITCH IS . . .
. . .streaking at the Sabbat. . .and nobody notices.
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STUFF & THINGS

Third Annual Celebration of Womanhood - Nexus
Gathering In Social- Friday Night, Feb. 18.
Crafte Items Bazaar - 9 A.M. Saturday, Feb. 19
Massage & Healing Workshop - 12:30 P.M.
Chants Workshop - 3:30 P.M.
Supper Break
Women's Ritual 7:30 P.M.
Men's Open House - at another location
DALLAS, TEXAS Feb. 18, 19, 20.
For info: Women's Circle, POB 45061, Dallas, Tx. 75245.

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A new newsletter from Australia..THE SOURCE...published 8 times on the Sabbats. $1.50 per copy or $12. within Australia. $2. per copy or $16. overseas. Postal orders or cash only. No checks or stamps. Just recieved the first issue and they seem to be off to a good start.
Also...The Australian Wiccan is supposed to start publishing again this year. No date on that but we're looking forward to it.

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JIM & LISA, Coven of Moonstar in Sarasota, Florida sez: enjoyed the short phone conversation with you recently. It cleared up sort of a mystery for us on The Festival of Lights.
We had a nice Yule at the covenstead of Windstar. Windstar is going to join us here at Moonstar for Candlemas. We are looking forward to a great time.
We finally have our indoor and outdoor Circles the way we want them, collecting a rock from here and there. We are enclosing a couple of photos of them.
We celebrated with Penny & Chris for their handfasting anniversary a few nights ago and had a grand time. It's cool here now so we had a chance to watch the oil heater that Chris made recently take on a warm red glow.

We are working on networking, so if anyone is coming our way and needs a place to stop over for a night, they can contact us at POB 3905, Sarasota, Fla. 33577 or phone (813) 955-8020. We have a few couches and sleeping bags and plenty of floor space or room out in our back yard near our Circle for a pup tent or two.
We hope to take a trip out your way sometime and say hi in person.
Enclosed is a poem by Lisa. She says some of it was hard to rhyme.
We just came by 2 more that seem anxious to begin Pagan Way - Looking Great!
BEING A WITCH PUP is.... from Lisa

...barking to get libation at the end of Circle..and also barking and expecting the same thing when the phone man (delivery man or anyone) leaves by the front door....and getting a cookie.

ED. NOTE: Sounds like all goes well. Your material will be on other pages. Lady Fauna getting electronic stencil of the photos in Long Beach. Local A.B. Dick sold all their electronic stencil makers.

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RELIGION IN THE NEWS

MOON MAGICK in Littleton, Col. sent an article from the Rocky Mountain News.
The Church of World Peace Inc. , the tax-exempt Denver group that began offering instant sainthood and martyrdom in 1978 and plenary indulgences in 1981, has now inaugurated the "Born-Again Virginity ceremony." Through the church's "Rent-a-Bishop" program, the virginity rite is designed to "fulfill a deep spiritual need...the ceremony is meant to provide a new innocense that is possible to a born-again virgin."
The church's Rent-a-Bishops will perform the new service, sainthood, martyrdom or sin-forgiveness rites, at parties and office gatherings.

ED. NOTE: Guess it's less expensive than having a doctor put it back. There was a time when virgin simply meant a woman who had not yet had any children. I like that definition better.

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FROM U.P.I. TV evangelist James Robison says his reading of the Bible led him and Texas millionaire T. Cullen Davis to smash and destroy an estimated one-million dollars worth of art objects.
The objects...of jade, ivory and gold..all related to Eastern religions...were part of an art collection owned by Davis, which he donated to Robison.

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After more than doubling for three years in a row, anti-Semitic vandalism in the U.S. declined noticeably during 1982. According to a survey by the anti-defamation league of B'Nai B'RITH, there were 829 reported incidents in 35 states and D.C. during the year....a drop of almost 15% from 1981. A-D-L officials say the number of arrests in connection with the Anti-Semitic episodes increased by nearly 50%. More than 80% of those arrested for such acts as defacement with swastikas and attempted arson of synagogues were under 20 yrs. old.

The American Jewish Committee has asked the Reagan administration to make the fight against unemployment its highest domestic priority in 1983.

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Monkeys, like other animals, are sacred to Hindus...but some Indians are going after them with legal documents. Monkeys are allowed to roam free on the streets...but one University has students who want police protection against monkey assaults. They break into hostels and pantries, have bitten 15 students, on the banks of the Ganges they run away with the clothing female pilgrims leave on the bank during ritual bathing. They have also stolen books and lunch baskets from school children...and went berserk and attacked people at a conference on the handicapped.

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Continuing a 20-year trend, the November elections put more Roman Catholics in Congress than ever before, with 142 members making them the largest single faith in the 98th congress.
There are 50% more Catholics in congress today compared to 1962, and the number of Jews has tripled since then.

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TALL GREEN GODS by RUSS of WITCHES' ANNUAL

What mind inspired by zeal divine
Conceived the Shrine. What master's hand
Raised up the columns tall and green,
And vaulted them with branch and leaf.
A crystal spring for holy font,
A moss-gowned rock for altar stone,
The horn-crown'd Stag stens forth--a priest
Of time and rite beyond recall.
His priestess comes--the love-eyed Doe.
And blessed in golden radiance,
In worship bound not yet by time,
Nor by the fear of alien beast,
The Gods, tall, silent and serene,
About them breathe--and bless their rite.

Before the Gods had human shape, they had animal shape. And before that they had the shape of trees. Tree worship dates back to early human days, before hunting, when survival depended on gathering fruit and nuts against the winter. Man has always worshipped That which fed him and provided for his other needs.

Ages passed and sank into the sea of forgetfulness. Man learned to provide food in other ways. Yet still the forest served him. For the walls of his home, for his tools and conveyances, to help him do work far beyond the capacity of his hands alone. And in times of war and persecution the Forest was his fortress and sanctuary.

And it was the Forest, with its many mysteries hidden by dense foliage, silent by day, and filled with strange sounds by night, that inspired him with awe and reverence. Men came and went, born, growing, aging and dying, but the Forest stood as it stood in the days of their grandfathers, and as it would stand in the days of their grandchildren. Tall, large, eternal, like the Gods. A tree, it seems, has an unlimited life span. Every year, if Nature is kind, it adds young growth, and strengthens its structure a little more. It may fall prey to termites, or fire, or lightning, or the woodman's axe. But if the root is still alive, new trees will sprout from the stump of the Old One. If storm or earthquake topples it, if there is at least a root in the ground, the tree will go on living. Like the giant Antaeus, as long as it has its feet on the ground, it goes on living. The only sure death for a tree is when it is lifted clear of the ground--roots and all--and after a certain even that becomes impossible.

Our ancestors believed that eventually every soul attains godhood, at which point it takes a home in a sacred tree. This belief gave rise to the practice of setting aside the most beautiful and majestic stands of trees as sacred groves. Within the sacred grove no tree may be cut. No animals may be hunted, and no weapon drawn against any human. And the animals know this, and don't run from humans in a sacred grove.

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TALL GREEN GODS (cont.)

It was a tree worshipping people that made up the last all-Pagan nation in Europe. The Ziryane were one of many Finno-Hungarian-speaking peoples in Russia. For some reason the Ziryane never adopted Christianity, perhaps because the Russian church had little interest in converting people of other languages; anyway, they continued in their Pagan tree-worship right into the present century, when they were destroyed by the communist regime.

But, as an old saying goes: "A holy place does not remain empty." A few decades later the Old Religion was reborn in Europe, in a more free country.

You can cut down a tree, you can burn it, you can topple it, but if its roots are in the soil, it will go on growing. Only by uprooting can you kill a tree, and that too becomes impossible after a certain number of years... Our Pagan tree is as old as the human race; there is not enough power in all the tyrannies in the world to uproot it.

Next month: Wake up! It's Spring!

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FROM U.P.I. The annual number of cases of Rabies in Americans has declined to only one or two a year over the past three decades, but an infectious disease specialist says rabies is still a serious problem in the U.S.
Dr. Robert Fekety, Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School, said more than 30-thousand people in the U.S. recieve vaccinations each year.
This was particularly serious until two years ago because the rabies vaccine then in use, obtained from duck embryos infected with the virus, produced relatively frequent and serious side effects even if the person had not been exposed to rabies.
A new vaccine derived from virus grown in human cells was licensed for use in the U.S. in 1980. Fekety said it is remarkable for its effectiveness and apparent freedom from serious side effects.
He said the availability now of that vaccine should greatly reduce the real and psychological dangers of exposure to potentially rabid animals.
Fekety said in a typical year in the U.S. some 4,000 domestic animals are found to have rabies..2,000 cattle, 1,000 dogs and a slightly lower number of cats.
Rodents are not considered important sources of rabies infections for humans. People bitten by mice, rats, hamsters, chipmunks, squirrels, rabbits and moles need not be vaccinated unless the rodent has been shown to be rabid.
Fekety said need for vaccination following bites from pet dogs & cats varies from region to region. He said if the bite is provoked, and the dog or cat is available for 10 days of observation, treatment should not be given unless the animal develops signs of illness.
If the bite was provoked but the animal has escaped and condition unknown, treatment can be dispensed with if the region is urban and ' known to be rabies-free.

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SIMPLE HOME MADE OILS & SCENTS
From Jim in Winchester

Making your own oils and scents can be a bit of fun as well as save you alot of money. It also seems to me that when you use something you h ave actually made yourself and not gone out and bought it at the local craft store, it has more meaning to you in whatever ritual or rite you are doing.

As an example, I will use eucalyptus as it is easy to work with for a beginner and is strong enough to give positive results to a beginner It will not discourage them as some gentler fragrance might. It has many healing properties to speed the healing of a skin injury, or breathed in, to help colds and nose and throat problems when used as a steam. A little eucalyptus oil dabbed on the body is a highly sexual stimulant, so use only a little or be prepared for the results.

Let's make a simple fragrance first by gathering a bunch of tender leaves and seed pods. Be sure to explain to the tree what you are going to use its gifts for and thank it for providing shade and beauty and smell. Be gentle with it and don't just take its gifts roughly. Remove all the small branches so that you have only leaves and seeds. They have to be green as dry leaves and pods lose their fragrance rapidly. Crush these well so that they release the natural oils. Put the crushed pulp in a jar and cover with alcohol ...vodka will do nicely. Don't use whisky as it has to many other things in it. Let the jar sit for about a month. Then strain the liquid through a cloth (pantyhose work well..besides it's so much fun getting the filter off your best lady friend).

There you have a good concentrated scent that may need diluting with alcohol depending on how you use it.

For oil, the initial preparation is the same, but put the crushed leaves and seeds in a hot oil and simmer it well on a low heat for a fairly long time. Then strain and bottle as before. You will have to experiment with what oil to use. I don't like using mineral oil as I feel it adds a too strong earth element. A pure vegetable oil works well, but it can turn rancid after being on the shelf for a while. Remember the alcohol and oil will not mix.

Use your new preparation on your candles, on your body and in your bath water. You will enjoy wonderful eucalypeus oder.

Now experiment with other scents such as rose petals or verbena. Don't be discouraged if something doesn't work out, just try again. Have fun with what you are doing as the enjoyment of the end product is well worth all the effort.

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BEING A WITCH IS...

...smelling like an herb garden.

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RICHARD'S RAMBLINGS of CALUMET PAGAN TEMPLE
STAN SLAYS THE DRAGON

Recently, several suburbs of Chicago decided that rather than allow the kids to go trick or treating, there would be a big Halloween party sponsored by the village. Five such parties were to feature "burning a witch" in a big bonfire.

A reporter for the Chicago Tribune called Stan Modrzyk, Priest of the First Temple of the Craft of WICA, of Chicago Heights, and asked him how he felt about it. Stan told him he thought there would be all sorts of Hell to pay if they said they were going to burn a Jew or Baptist, and immediately wrote to all five villages, several local papers, (including the Tribune), and an attorney, saying that making a Witch burning, even in effigy, was a poor lesson for the kids, that it smacked of religous persecution, and he was prepared to go to court to stop such demonstrations if they did not call it off. Bonfires were OK, but no Witches in them.

A town meeting held by one village which was attended by the "village fathers" several local residents, representatives of several local covens, and the Channel 7 News, the local ABC affiliate. The controversy was picked up by both TV and Radio, as well as the local papers, and at least three of the five villages agreed early on not to have Witches in their bonfires. I don't know if either of the other two villages went on with their "Witch burning", but you can bet it won't happen next year!

I feel members of the Pagan Community have a duty to speak up when incidents like this occur. History tells us that Witches, or at least some accused of Witchcraft, were burned in the past. History tells us that Witches, or at least some accused of Witchcraft, were burned in the past. History also tells us that quite a few Jews were put in gas chambers in the '40's. If anyone were to make a municipal display of "gassing a Jew" there would be screams, boycotts, legal actions, etc. by every Jewish organization in the country. The Jewish Defense League would probably show up and stop such a demonstration with physical force if necessary. Can Witches do less?

I am not advocating violence. I am saying that we should start looking out for ourselves and fighting ignorence of the Craft wherever we find it. Let the world know that the various forms of Paganism, including Witchcraft, are legitimate forms of religion, that Witches and other Pagans are practitioners of a religion older than Christianity, and that we desire and expect the same respect shown to other religious groups. The respect will be forthcoming. Since the Aquarian Anti-Defamation League seems to be inoperative at the moment, anyone with problems or questions may contact me, Richard Clarke of Calumet Pagan Temple 1519 Kenilworth Calumet City IL 60409 or Stan Modrzyk of First Temple of the Craft of WICA, PO Box 664, Chicago H eights, IL 60411. We will be glad to help in any way we can. I imagine there are a lot of other folks out there, especially those who put out newsletters and are already 'public' who would be willing to speak out in case someone mocks or desecrates the Goddess or the Horned One, or their worshippers.

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RICHARD'S RAMBLINGS (cont.)

For those who wish to keep their craft connections secret, it should be possible to approach such offenders as friends, and point out that such things as burning Witches, etc. have been the subject of suits in the past, and that as a local you don't want the national (or Chicago, or whoever) Witch groups to sue other locals. Let us publish a list of people willing to publicly defend the Craft and such folks can respond to future slander.

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From CATHERINE & KENT of COTOR in Australia

Merry Meet Pat and all the Georgians, Happy and bright 1983 to all! We seem to have been ages writing to you, but we moved Covenstead and office $ days before Yule! Nuff said. The move was horrfic, first our familiar, Har Bibi, (arabic, means My Darling), got very upset at the thought of leaving the only home she has known in her 15 years of this incarnation, so she refused to eat for over a week, then got a blocked bowel, and right in the middle of the moveing required urgent vet attention! She has settled down now and is all well again. Then the movers dropped the typewriter, naturally we forgot to check if they carried insurance for such, and quite naturally, they did not! result, $95.00 to fix my machine! $100.00 vet fees for the cat, and to top it off we had a heat wave last week, 110° day and night for two days, so the TV packed it in and there went another $85.00, what a way to start a new year. We would like to vote in the Georgies, and thank you for nominating us again we feel very honoured.

As usual we enclose some cuttings of interest for you, and also some fun. Here in Oz we are all scratching! No not fleas, but INstant Lottery! We have enclosed a couple of cards as a new year gift, also one which is scratched out, to show you what to do. You simply take a coin and gently rub the surface of the card until you can see if you have three identical amounts on the card, if you have, you win. Now if you win anything, send the card back to us, we will collect and send the cash back to you, good luck.

We loved the last issue, it was so full of good articles and news, a great way to start 1983. We were a little peturbed at the information given by "Moon Mirror" from Denver, dealing with oil of wintergreen, usually oils world wide are of a similar strength, and oil of wintergreen is used in many patent rubs for arthritis and allied complaints, it is VERY strong, and many of our clientel refer to it as "smelling like a horse blanket". It can be very harmful to those with sensitive and delicate skins, so we prefer a gentle alternative, to 50 ml witch hazel, add three drops oil of rose, that is, if you prefer your deodorant and bath to leave you smelling of a garden, and not take the risk of YOUR skin being sensitive. As a douche, sorry, "Moon Mirror", we are very much anti wintergreen, lavender is so much sweeter and again gentle.

But please accept our thanks for giving a supply house for Pennyroyal to our student, it is great to share. Pennyroyal with other herbals has been used in Celtic Craft for centuries as a method of birth control and can be an abortifacient, it must be treated with care, as per your instruction. Maybe we could swap old formulae, if so, please write us c/o Pat.

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CATHERINE & KENT (cont.)

C Congratulations to Demeter in Florida, we hope your anticipated daughter will be happy and healthy, just ignore what other people say, we are in the dog house, (sort of), as my 40 year sister in law, who has her first byby boy, just reaching 10 months, has been confirmed as 5 months preggers again, with TWINS!! Worst of all, if that is possible, I forecast this through a clairvoyant reading last year, and to top that off, my friend who is 42 has a baby girl of 14 months, has also been confirmed with twins. I wonder why they won't speak to me? After all, I only forecast the events, I dint do nuttin! Be happy and enjoy your lovely gift to be.

If readers would like a run down on the astrological personality of animals, again, without wanting to "pushy", we will give brief details if Pat will have space occasionally. Well I guess I have prattled enough, but I don't mind long letters when I sit & watch green trees and flowers being sun kissed below me, Love to all,

Blessed Be,
Catherine & Kent in Oz

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From RHEA IN ATLANTA

Howdy:

Enclosing a few clippings from the local fishwrap. They did catch the fellows who did in the two "devil-worshippers". Had the clippings and the cleaning people at work decided to toss out some of the "scrap paper" on my desk. Had a few choice words with them, but that didn't return the papers.

Also enclosing check for newsletter sub continuation. Know it is up next month and want to make sure I don't forget it. Which reminds me--ever get a chance to see if you had any of those which I was missing (list sent in previous letter)? Sure would like to fill out the missing gaps in my collection!

Also enclosing small token for land fund. (Trying to remember all the "I should do's"!)

All goes well. Still strange weather. Today it is in the 60's. No one can believe it--but enjoy it. Will probably pay for it later in the year, though, when the price of local fruit is sky-high. Many of the trees are trying to bloom, and if and when a cold snap hits them--bye, bye fruit for a year! Much as I detest cold weather, in this part of the country it is needed. Guess one can't have everything!

Tried to look up the Goddess (?) Penny asked about. Can find no such name in any of the books I have. Did find a word which is very similar--but is not a Goddess. Can't recall it at the moment (at work and my books are at home). Penny, are you sure it is a Goddess?

Haven't given up on that research project--although must admit it hasn't been worked at too diligently for the past few weeks. Holidays got in the way! But--one of these days-----Too many irons in the fire!

Not much in the way of news--so, til later--take care--be nice--

Love and Blessed Be--RHEA

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STUFF & THINGS

DANA, in Boise, Idaho sez: Gail showed me the latest copy of the georgian Newsletter. I was completely stunned by the article on "The Year of the Bible" and called my congressman to verify it. The result is enclosed. I have written (under my regular name) to all my National Representatives - including Ronnie-Ray-gun to protest. Thank you for bringing this terrifying development to light.

Blessed Be
Dana

Dear Friends:

Last March, the U.S. Senate passed Senate Joint Resolution 165. On October 4, President Reagan signed it into Public Law # 97280. This resolution proclaims 1983 "The Year of the Bible". It states that the Bible is the word of God, and urges a return to traditional Christian values and lifestyles. Its net effect is to make the United States a Christian Theocracy.

An Atheist organization has attempted to obtain a court restraining order blocking the implemantation of this law. Because they neglected to give a copy of the motion to the White House, however, the case has been dismissed.

The time has come when we Pagans can no longer afford to sit on our hands and let the atheists fight our battles for us. Unless we stand up and fight for ourselves, we may as well walk tamely to the fires, because there will be fires unless we move now to douse them. And it needn't be a risk-taking move.

All you have to do is write a letter stating that you are a devout, practising member of a non-Christian religion, and that you object to this blatant sectarian favoritism. If your group is recognized by your State, mention that. Quote the Constitution:"Congress shall make no law respecting religion."Be sure to mention the Resolution and Law numbers; only one member of Idaho's Congressional delegation (or at any rate, one staff member) knew anything about this when I enquired.

Make one copy of your letter for each member of your State's Congressional delegation, get their addresses out of the phone book, and mail them. Mail the original to President Ronald Reagan, The White House, Washington, D.C. Finally, make some copies of this letter and pass them around to your friends.

If we allow the Christian far-right to think that their only opponents are the radical atheists, their next move towards theocracy will be even more blatant. Something like requiring baptismal certificates for public school enrollment, perhaps. If that sounds far-fetched, think how unlikely "The Year of the Bible" sounded ten - even five - years ago. Your freedom depends on it!

Blessed Be.
Dana C.
HPS, Hy Breasel Coven
Boise, ID.

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STUFF & THINGS

Lots of you sending in articles from newspapers, etc. Of course we can't print everything, but keep 'em coming.

PEKING - A sorceress who tortured a heart patient to death to exorcise a demon was sentenced to prison..her husband scolded by the Communist party.

ATLANTA - The killers of those so-called "Devil Worshippers" have been found.

COBB COUNTY- After 7 years a neighbor complained that Richard Kerr's dogs were used for breeding. He was told to get a land-use permit. The permit was denied.

DEKALB COUNTY - A neighbor complained about John Whiting having six dogs. The zoning board allows only three. Variance denied.

MADISON, WI. - The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has recieved dozens of complaints aftr an article told of 135 Mallard ducks...74 having wings broken, the others with wings tied down... being released in the wild to see if they could survive being crippled by hunters shot. Only one survived.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA - American imports of kangaroo products are ondangering the animal. The U.S. lifted the ban on kangaroo products two years ago. Since then, the killing of kangaroos has reached six million a year, twice the number the Australian government licenses. A documentary film is really turning people off. The kangaroo industry has asked that the film not be allowed to be shown outside Australia.

AUSTRALIA - An interesting, long article on the Quakers..often confuesd with Mormons and Shakers. There are about 250,000 Quakers in theworld, 1100 in Australia. The name, Quaker, is said to come from Founder George Fox telling an English judge to "tremble at the word of the Lord." The judge called Fox a "quaker."
Quakers in Europe assisted the Jews against the Nazis when many religious bodies were silent.

An astonomer associated with the Apollo program has run the predictions of Nostradamus through a computer to get dates and locations according to planet positions. Predictions include: a major war between 1983 and 1988 started when a Russian-Arab force invades Greece, Major battles involving NATO forces in the war lasting 3½ years... the U.S. not involved until the last year, Russia & China will invade Malaysia & the Philipines with Russia losing many thousands of men, Francewill be invaded, Arab countries uniting and linking to the Soviet Union, in 1984 the worst floods of the century for France & Germany, soon after, a giant asteroid falling in the Indian Ocean causing tidal waves on Australia, East Africa and India causing flooding and loss of life, a major West Coast city badly damaged by an earthquaks before 1988.
There was one bright spot: historians thought Nostradamus prediction for the world to end in July 1999 may have been misunderstood. When all information was re-assessed by computer, it was found that Nostradamus most consistent choice for doomsday is the year 3797.
Well, that should allow for a few more lifetimes.

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FROM LADY AYEISHA of K.A.M. in Maryland

Rebirth...joy...Renewal
Concepts easily understood-
Translatable
In any pedestrian moment
Ideas
To be grasped by even The
Newest born of Souls

Slices of Ecstasy
Bless us...Sometimes
Thunderous, furious
The Dance Roars into Reality.
And we dance, splendidly,
Perfectly
Effortlessly
With all our might

We Return
Aware of the Abyss which
Nestles between
Understanding and
Knowing

Too many people are spending
Too much money unedr the glare
Of Too much Tinsel and Too Many
Lights?
Maybe it is because
They Too Remember...Almost
Nothing Solid
Nothing known
Something half-glimpsed
Perhaps a bit of cellular imprint
No...Not Known
But - longed for still.

So,
Longing begins The Journey
Which brings us all HOME.
Old St. Nickgod has his foot
Wedged in The door of
Memory
Bright lights and baubles, yes
But They are Trying To Remember
And They will
Tomorrow or six lifetimes from
Now, They will Remember.
They will
This is cause enough for JOY

Yule!
Time for a slice of ecstasy
Blessed be The Rebirth of The Sun
Blessed be The Return of Light
The Awakening
The Remembering
With conscious Knowledge
Of all our Rebirths
Past and potential

SO
Cherish yourself and all Creatures
For - all things are possible
SHE said so
And
SHE keeps HER promises!

BLESSED YULE!!

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The 1983 GOD, THE MOTHER calendar is $6.95 plus $1.50 postage and handling. THE GREAT GODDESS shown in 12 of HER various guises. Original versions of legends, poems & invocations accompany each image. Checks to Lighthouse Press, POB 19250, San Diego, Cal. 92119.

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Time again to send your info for listings in The Circle Guide To Wicca & Pagan Resources. Deadline Feb. 25. Circle Resource Guide, Box 9013, Madison, Wis. 53715.

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PEGASUS EXPRESS, 4701 Lyons Rd. Box #159, Pompano Beach, Fla. 33067 $5. yr., $1. sample. Checks payable to Richard Facchiano or Ellen Hansen. Published 8 times per year.

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DIDJA KNOW???

Dogs & cats are just little people with fur.

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PUSSY CAT CORNER

CATHERINE & KENT of COTOR in Australia sez:
Now to your friend's problem with worms in dogs & cats: we treat such with natural remedies based on Homeopathy. The remedies are the same for both animals.
There are two varieties of worms: round worms, the most common, and tape worms. Animals with infestation show symptoms of variable appetite, vomiting, sometimes convulsions can occur, the tummy is usually distended, and diarrhoea may be present.
It is a very dangerous complaint for puppies and kittens, so they should be wormed as soon as they are six weeks old. If you have a new pet, and you feel after worming with any vet mixture for this problem, that the coat looks dry and uninteresting, give a dose of SULPHUR 30 potency, and use Pet Comfort oil to rejuvenate skin and coat.

To rid the pet of worms at any age, CHENOPODIUM 3X potency and CINA 3X twice per day. We suggest 5 drops to a tablespoon of water. Put medication in a little syringe, and dispense it over the tongue.

Should an animal appear constipated and have ugly breath, SPIGELIA 30 potency once every three days until relieved. If the case still remains tough, you may need to destroy the obcious excess of lactic acid in the body: Potency 30 of Natrum Phos, three times daily for three weeks. Administer as previously described.

Tape worm should be treated with FILIX MAS Mother Tincture strength, same dosage, morning and night, but I feel this type of worm should be a vet job.

Your herbal remedies are easily obtained from any practicing Homeopath or Homeopathic/Herbal Pharmacy. I feel sure you have lots of these, and your local phone book should give addresses.
Please keep bottles well stoppered and in a cool, dim area when not in use, and away from all strongly scented mixtures.

To complete this little article on natural remedies, I know many small accidents occur to animals. For cuts and bleeding scratches, a few drops of Calendula lotion applied to the wound will stop bleeding and give good healing. If there is laceration and any crushed part, give Hypericum lotion, 10 drops to wine glass of water. Apply externally to ease pain. In bad or severe cases, do not remove the guaze dressing, but moisten with lotion as needed for a period of 24 hours.

We are happy to help with Aromatherapy and Homeopathy remedies through The Georgian, at any time.

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JIM & LISA in Sarasota sez: Our familiar, Wickett (black cat) caught <u>our</u> cold. We took her to the vet (shots and all), and he said they were taught that animals couldn't get a cold from people, but his years as a practicing vet has changed his mind on that.

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MAIDEN RITE OF PASSAGE by Lady Hecate in Florida

A position of great responsibility.
The altar would be decorated with natural Rose with thorn.
On the altar would be a small finger bowl or dish with Ash.

Inner circle members would be present.
The Maiden to be would be bound and hoodwinked by the HPS, and left beyond the circle gate. Her feet would be bound prior to binding of the hands. The hands will be bound with a cord of the appropriate coven color, then the maiden postulate hoodwinked.
Circle would be cast as usual.
Challenge to the Maiden initiate would be made by the HPS with sword, at the east portal. Challenge would be given as such.

HPS - I, as mother and as crone, mysteries, shadow, full moon born, challenge thee with dread resound, yet do ye dare cross this bound to learn the dread mysteries and in shadow, are you ready?

Postulant* replies negative or affirmative to challenge.
At this stage, both HPS & HP would step over the circle boundary, in the east portal, and lift the initiate Maiden rapidly from the ground, and would proceed to step over the east boundary, carrying the Maiden (in a basket type hand-to-hand method) and would stand her facing the altar from the east.
The HPS would then say to the upcoming Maiden:

HPS - Priestess of both bud & thorn, will Ye bear to Thee be sworn to carry on the Lady's will, and give if ere it be required Thy very life, if not Thy love, devotion, all you can but give. Your Lady may desire to bear to Thee the family strength and power with wisdom, peace to feed and bear the trials of all in covens field, to hold and keep as is your charge. Are you prepared?

Postulate - Affirmative or negative.

HPS - And as your Lady did respond and at your first degree did bind upon herself the karma born to bind and teach and love and share the wisdom hidden through the age, are you prepared to face, be born of moon, of huntress Mother Crone?

Postulate - positive or negative.

HPS - are you now prepared to bear ordeal to vouch Thyself and as mother be if your Lady asks of thee?

Maiden Initiate - Yes or no.

At this time there is silence for 7 heartbeats - the HPS then scourges the Maiden initiates 9, then 9, then 9 times. The HPS then says:

HPS - then wait in silence, hear the sound whilst the Goddesses are born in Thee.

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MAIDEN RITE OF PASSAGE continued

Now there are 39 resounding chimes of the bell---
followed immediately by 39 heartbeats of no sound, no whisper, no movement.
**NOTE: At the time that the ordeal is mentioned, there should be an ordeal of SUDDEN CHANGE, of temperature, direction, sense, touch, wind, water, but it should be done rapidly and cause surprise in the postulate.
Back to the 39 heartbeats-- At the 40th, or directly after the 39th, the bell tolls once more, and then the HPS states once more.
HPS - Hear the sound whilst the Goddesses are born and have been born within Thee, and do await the Mother's call.
The HPS at that point unbinds the hands and lays it on the altar. She then unbinds and un-hoodwinks the New Maiden, the oath is now given. ** (see note)

MAIDEN - I _____ Do swear upon my mother's womb, and do call upon all of the Gods & Goddesses from the beginning to witness and seal this, my solemn oath that I will ever take this position with all dedication and sincerity, that I will ever keep secret all things taught me unless called upon to perform the duties of High Priestess, and will hold this circle with all reverence and honor. This I swear by all hopes of this life or ones to come. So mote it be!

The HP then salutes the new Maiden with sword, with athame, with wand, with pentacle, with earth, air, fire and water. He then proceeds to give the 5 fold kiss of the bride. When complete, he proceeeds to give the HPS in like manner. the 5 fold kiss and salute with sword.

Ritual cakes & wine are now done. There is at this time NO sharing of the cup. The cup and athame are returned to the altar.
As the HP then picks up the crown of Maidenhood and presents it to the HPS, the Maiden then kneels before the HPS and is given the crown of the Maiden.
The Maiden then rises, the HPS, HP, & Maiden, three--female--male--female share in partaking of the cup of the cauldron.

The rite is now ended.
Cakes & wine are shared. Blessings are given.
Circle is disolved in the usual manner.

Blessed Be!

**NOTE: Just prior to oath, the maiden takes the ash on the altar, and makes a circle on the ground at the east watchtower. She stands within this circle as she recites the oath.

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DIDJA KNOW???

The navy paid 18-thousand dollars for a custom-built, sectional couch installed in a wardroom of the U-S-S Kidd...the first of four Kidd class guided missile destroyers originally ordered by the Shah of Iran. Vice Admiral Earl Fowler says they'll use the couches for a long, long time.

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SNOW OR RAIN SPELL by Moon Mirror
in Denver

Your altar should be set up in this manner. A light bright blo six inch candle in center. A feminine symbol in the East, such as a small Goddess statue, cauldron,etc. , a masculine symbol in the West, such as small God statue, corn candle or pestle. In North have your Athame. In South, have a goblet of water and a small jar of salt. In front of you, place your Wand or Rod.
Cast your circle, light candle & incense with a purple vibe with your strong hand.
Gaze into the flame and meditate. Visualize a gentle rainfall or a thunderstorm. If it is for rain, a light snowfall or a blizzard for snow, feel the cool wet on your face, feel the wind whip around your body, hear the sounds of fury.

Now, pick up your athame and dip the salt out and into the goblet of water; 9 is the number here. Take the goblet up in both hands and hold it to your lips. Kiss the cool metal (or crystal), feel your energy pass to the cup. Now press to forehead. Hold now the cup high into the air and say, "As my power that reaches to the depth of the cup be charged in the name of the Mighty Zuess". Place the cup to the right, next to the candle.
Pick up your wand, and face outward of the circle to the east and say, "May the great winds of Michael blow the winds of (snow or rain) unto this dry and desolate place". Turn now to the north and call upon Gabriel, then the west, call Raphael, and finally to the south call Ariel, saying the same as before.
Face back to the altar and continue.

Hold arms upward and say, "May the Goddess bless m works and use my words as like unto the tool, like a carpenter his hammer, let this wand (pick up wand & hold in both hands, male end to your left) be my hammer, and let this tool do its work. Like same the salt & water from your earth: touch male end to the salt water, and return wand to place in front of you. "Bless me now, let your silvery beauty surround me and my work. So be it". Now close your spell and open the circle.

Take your wand in your right hand and the goblet in your left, and leave your front door.. Go now to the east of your house. Go six inches over your yard line and take the wand and make pentagram on the ground. Do same, moving to north, west, south. Then go back to east and pour ¼ of the salt water on ground over pentagram, say, "As my will so mote it be. Repeat at others.

It is done. I did this on Dec. 22, '82; of course the country is now aware that Denver had a major blizzard. Most people don't realize that Denver is always in need of water. If a great amount is dumped on the ground, a simple incantation out-of-doors asking the Goddess to stop the downpour is enough to see relief. I do this spell in summer for rain; it takes 24-48 hours for results. Best done around midnight on 3rd or 5th night of the waxing moon.

Moon Mirror

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FROM YOUR EDITOR

As some of you know, most every moment that I'm not eating, sleeping or working at my job is spent on the Craft in some way: putting out the newsletter, answering mail, teaching, doing rituals, etc. That's the way I want it.
Several years ago a couple from another part of the country came to visit. The major part of their conversation was trying to convince me that I was wasting my time. According to them, no matter how much time I spent, no matter how many people I tried to teach or help, there would really be so few that it would all be a waste.

If I had any respect for this pair, their comments might have bothered me. However, their greatest achievements seem to have been experimenting with all available drugs and having sex with anything that walks, creeps or crawls. They are a pair of educated asses who should have been successful politicians. They have an amazing ability to string together polysyllabic words to impress an audience, and they will travel anywhere to make speeches for any group who will provide a place to sleep, meals and a few dollars.

Anyone who DOESN'T listen may be quite impressed with one of their speeches, but anyone who listens and analyzes what was said, will soon discover that they really didn't say a damned thing...they just said a lot of words.

Failures? Sure I have lots of failures; there are just some people I can't get through to no matter how much time I give them. But even if I reach only two or three to make them understand the Craft and find happier lives, I think my time is well spent. Would I really accomplish more by sitting on a mountain top and contemplating my navel? What do you think?

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FROM U.P.I. Michigan Appeals Court judge John Gillis was moved to poetry when he rendered a ruling against a driver who smashed into an oak tree.

We thought that we would never see
A suit to compensate a tree
A suit whose claim in tort is prest
Upon a mangled tree's behest;
A tree whose battered trunk was prest
Against a Chevy's crumpled chest;
A tree that faces each new day
With bark and limb in disarray;
A tree that may forever bear
A lasting need for tender care.
Flora lovers though we three,
We must uphold the court's decree.
Affirmed.

The car owner's insurance company offered $500. to pay a tree surgeon's bill...but tree owner William Fisher demanded $15,000.... insisting his tree was a beautiful living thing...not a mere "tangible property."

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THE HIVING by Lisa in Florida

We are a young coven, newly born, hopeful,
excited, with each bright new morn.
Looking to each new experience with glee,
in hpes that new Wisdoms will be born in me.

We look to our leaders to lead us, not sway
our decisions, but guide us and help as they may,
for we know that we are as a first child left home,
but allow us to grow and mature on our own

And do not proclaim that your way must be ours,
but guide us and let us grow strong through the hours,
For if we're not smothered, we will ne'er be far
But allow us to grow and mature as we are.
Your teaching, no doubt, will carry us far.

And do not forget that you, too, once flew free,
So release us and give us the freedom to be
the finest of covens as we can be.
And though you find it hard not having us near at each book and call at every affair,
We are taking the time to develop our wings
And one day all our children together will sing.

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FROM U.P.I. Every January 19th for the past 34 years..three roses and a half-bottle of fine cognac have appeared mysteriously on the grave of Edgar Allen Poe. Poe was born on January 19th, 1809. This year, on the 19th, five volunteers staked out Poe's grave in the catacombs of a Baltimore church...and got a glimpse of the mystery donor. A spokesman described him as a "well-dressed" man"...but had little more information.

It sounds like something from a cheap horror movie. The Swiss Touring Club says an army of furry rodents with an insatiable appetite for automobile ignition wires has invaded Switzerland. The rodents, known as Martens, first began attacking cars in N.E. Switzerland a couple years ago. One of the victims was a parked police patrol car..and the patrolmen who returned to the car were less than pleased when they couldn't get it started. So police lay in wait one night and managed to shoot one of the critters. Sure enough..bits of rubber were found in its stomach. Authorities discovered the martens ...a bit larger than weasels...are attracted by still-warm motors... and like to chew on the rubber wiring.

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The latest secret to leak from the Pentagon...a topless dancer in the basement. Columnist Jack Anderson BARED that story...saying the professional dancer performed at one of several Christmas parties in the huge defense complex. An Air Force official says a number of officers were disciplined for the incident because it was "not in good taste." The officer wouldn't say what the punishment was...because that's another secret under the privacy act.

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STUFF & THINGS

CHILDREN OF THE EARTH, POB 417, Keyser, W.V. 26726-0417. $5. 4 issues.

ENCHANTED HERBS, POB 452, Gates Mills, Ohio 44040.
HARVEST, POB 228, S. Framingham, Ma. 11701. 8 issues Check or M.O. $10.

UNICORN NEWSLETTER, Box 8814, Minn., Minn. 55408.

GEORGIAN NEWSLETTER, 1908 Verde St., Bakersfield, Ca. 93304. $6. 12 issues U.S. $12. overseas surface and $24. air mail.

ANIMAL PROTECTION INSTITUTE OF AMERICA, POB 22505, Sacramento, Ca. 95822.

HOUSE OF HERMETIC (catalog) 5338 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, Ca. 90027.

BLUE MOON (occult T-shirts) POB 4413, Portsmouth, N.H. 03801.

I know we had an announcement from Circle but I just can't find it.
I use my dining room table (and the room) as an office for the newsletter. It's a big table but it's always covered with stacks of paper, letters, newsletters, etc. Sometimes things get misplaced.

CRISTIE in Nashville sez: our house burned in November and we're still scattered here and there. Please send some help. I'm about at my wit's end. My husband isn't Pagan or Wiccian and I'm hard pressed carrying two loads.
My subscription doesn't expire until Feb, not January.

ED. NOTE: Sorry about your problem, Cristie. I'm sure help will be on the way.
About subscriptions, I'd better explain a gain. Old system of dating showed the date for the month when your sub would be due. New system has an asterisk following the date which means that is the last issue on your present sub. EXAMPLE: 2/83 meant sub would be due for February issue. 1/83* means January is your last issue. Both mean the same thing. We are changing to the asterisk as subs are renewed.

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FROM U.P.I. A trio of sky-diving pigs were kept earthbound by animal protection groups who said taking such a porky plunge would be forcing animals to commit an unnatural act. Promoters of the "Great American Pig-Out" music festival had palnned for the pigs to take the fall - strapped to the backs of human skydivers. Plans were changed following pressure from the St. Petersburg S.P.C.A.

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DIDJA KNOW????
The average American eats about 4.3 pounds of potato chips a year...except the average Detroiter eats about 7 pounds.

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STUFF & THINGS

ROBYN in Australia sez: I'm just writing to send in my votes. I really enjoy all the series and articles so it was very hard to choose. I look forward to the next copy of the Georgian News. I especially like the little snippets of news on the Stuff'n Things page and the Pussy Corner. See how hard it is to choose when the whole magazine is enjoyable.

ED. NOTE: Robyn, your letter arrived so late we'll have to save the rest for Dog Days next month. I usually type the first and last page of the newsletter after all the rest is printed.

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AVA in Oregon sez: I have some poems that Blacksun said you might be interested in, so if you have any special specifications for submission, I would really appreciate hearing them.

ED. NOTE: Specifications are simple. I prefer typing since some handwriting is difficult to read and I might copy it incorrectly. Printing is also easier to read.
Avoid unnecessary profanity...some people let their children read the newsletter.
Write about whatever you wish but it should be Craft or Pagan related in some way. If you write articles, they should not run more than 3 pages in the newsletter unless broken down to more than one installment.

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PAM in Orlando, Fla. sez: we have settled here in Orlando. Frank, my husband has just retired from the army, but my oldest son has just joined the army because there is no hope of a good-paying job here. We did some travelling around the states on our way from England but we didn't come close to California.
I see in the newsletter that you thought I had taken up with a British group. I did look and contact a so-called Pagan group but they were not what I was looking for.
I now have another son just 13 months old, born in England....this is definitely the last one.

ED. NOTE: Do you think your Witchling will have a British accent? I am forwarding your enclosed letter to Lady Thea in Bradenton.

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Thanks to inflation and Reaganomics the Georgies are a bit small this year, but at least you'll know the readers appreciate all your talent and hard work. They should be on the way by the time you receive this newsletter.

THAT'S ALL, FOLKS!
LOVE AND BLESSED BE,
PAT AND ALL THE GEORGIANS

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