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BAKERSFIELD - The Sabbat went great. Gail was visiting Bakersfield from Boise, and she and your editor conducted the ritual. She had to return to Boaise before the Full Moon; Elizabeth & I did that one as usual.
The former Georgian Church of Wicca in Greensboro, North Carolina is now known as The Church of the Olde Religion Temple of Wicca, and is no longer associated with the Georgian Church in any way.
We are happy to welcome Joey back to the coven. Years ago he was acting HP for the teen coven, then later in the regular coven. He was away in the military for about ten years, but has now returned. We are happy to see him back.

In addition to her work for the church and working at a full-time job, Elizabeth is busy with rehearsals again. OLIVER...being presented by the Bakersfield Civic Light Opera Company.
Lady Fauna (Church Secretary) and Dean keeping busy in Long Beach with jobs, college classes and church business. Also something about chasing around with a bunch of Explorer Scouts on a recent weekend. Don't know what that's all about. Anyway, they plan to join us for Lammas. GREAT!

As you know, I just recently completed replacing all the wiring at the radio studios. I had barely finished when the owners decided to buy and move to some new buildings about 6 blocks away. So for about the past six weeks I've been busy wiring that building. It's coming along pretty well but have been delayed a couple of times waiting for the carpenters to finish various remodeling jobs. Deadline to complete the move is August 1, but we should make it on schedule. Trouble-shooting and repairing I find very boring, but I really enjoy designing and installing new things.

The newsletter is going well. I do seem to always say something to irritate someone; that brings in more letters and articles. Good! That's how we find out what people are thinking and doing. Keep up the good work.

PLEASE..PLEASE! Always include your name and address INSIDE your letters. They are often illegible on the envelope. Always make it clear whether all or part of your letter is NOT for publication. Please make it clear what name you want used with the letter or article. How am I to know whether you want your legal name or Craft name used when you sign with both...or do you want both. We do NOT publish addresses except for P.O. boxes unless you say you want it published.
Remember, you retain the copyright on what you write.
Newsletter is still $6. for 12 issues in the U.S., $12. foreign surface mail, $24. foreign air mail. If you can't send the full amount, we'll mark you down for the number of issues according to what you send. And don't stop writing because it's vacation time.

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STUFF & THINGS

ANUBIS, Coven of Dawn sez: I thought I would write you a letter to express my appreciation for sending me a copy of your newsletter. I, along with the members of the Coven of Dawn, found your newsletter interesting and most informative.
We would like to have our coven mentioned in your newsletter but, unfortunately, our finances are nil. If you could perform this service for us, we would be able to reimburse you in another way rather than money.
The Maine State Prison has a fine woodshop, and we would be more than happy to make you a jewelry box or whatever you would like. Also, we would be able to place a hand-carved picture on the box of your choice. If you have a special picture or design that you would like to have, please send us a drawing or picture of what you would like, and we will take care of it.
Once again, we thank you for the newsletter and your interest in us. Please feel free to write and ask any questions that may be on your mind about our coven.

ED. NOTE: There is no charge of any kind for mentioning your coven. However, we wonder whether or not you are allowed to make things for sale. Some readers may be interested.
Of course we have many questions. Are you following a particular branch of the Craft? Do you have regular meetings? Do you have rituals for Full Moon, Sabbats, etc.? What tools are you allowed to use? What do you use for cakes & wine? Are you allowed to have incense, candles, etc.? Where do you practice? Is this an all male group or are there women there? Lots of questions??????

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QUSIL of Pegasus Express in Pompano Beach, Florida sez: for your subscribers who like good Pagan music tapes...there is a new tape ..."Moon Hooves In The Sand". $8.95 includes postage. Checks to Kenny Klein, Blue Star, 1967 East 26 th St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11229. Songbook to come out this summer.
As to the article on 3 Fold Return and Law of Recoil...I can't agree with the author. It has been my experience that good returns good, and negative returns negative at least 3 times in amount regardless of the action being magical or mundane. After all, the truly magical person (Witches included but not exclusive) reaches a point where they stop <u>doing</u> magic and simply <u>are</u> magic.

Bright Blessings,
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JEANNE of Blue Moon sez: "NOT FOR PUBLICATION". Definitely she gets permanent residence in the doghouse....even if she does make great Pagan T-shirts. POB. 4413, Portsmouth N.H. 03801.

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DIDJA KNOW????

The Tasaday Cave Dwellers in the Philippines are the world's poorest people. They have no agriculture, no animals, no pottery, no wheels, no money and no clothes.

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By Lady Demeter in Fla.

PRACTICAL PAGAN PARENTING
Pagan Pregnancy and Child Birth-Part 2

So you want to/are going to have a pagan baby. What a lucky kid! What a glorious special time it should be in the old Craft sense of a fertility religion. Statues of a full blooming pregnant woman were used to exemplify the Great Mother in Her Full Moon aspect. Pregnancy is indeed a special experience that today's family will, in most cases, have far less often than our ancestors. For this, and karmic reasons, pregnancy should be well planned in the basic areas...physically, mentally and emotionally. On the practical level, both parents (a note here to bring to your attention that the poor father who was virtually ignored for years by science as an important contributor is vitally important in these preparations) should be in the best possible physical condition...good food, proper vitamins, avoidance of drugs and adverse mental and emotional attitudes.

The Great Rite and after Circle sexual consumation are logical practical steps of olden times. First, the pot luck feast gave many of the poorer pagans one of the best meals of the month. On a full stomach alcohol was absorbed into the blood stream at a slower rate. Wines and beers, good old home brews, have nutritional value. Hard or distilled liquers are newcomers on the scene--only hundreds of years old versus the thousands of years of wine and beer. A child conceived on esbat or sabbath night was believed to be blessed. If we think about that for a moment, we can see why. All of us have experienced Circle Highs-wonderful feelings and thoughts--free of stress, hostility-anger. There are feelings of personal spirituality and accomplishment. Laughter and joy, dancing and merry-making are often part of the good feelings that accompany the magick of Circle nights. The love of the Lord and Lady for each other and their union symbolized in Circle increases our awareness of the happy creation of the world of which we are part.

When pregnancy is planned, each sexual coupling should be as romantic as possible. Remember energy always follows thought--and how beautiful to hold the thought that a child was conceived with the spiritual love as exemplified by the God/dess. In holding and loving her mate, the female should think of him as the Lord...all the fine qualities of the male. In embracing his mate, the male should think of her in her Goddess aspect. Yes, these are the same points used in sexual magick but their applications are varied. "Love making" in candle light with a favorite incense burning and music playing will trigger off good vibrations and these practices should not be forgotten tools.

Fertility rituals are not just for those who are having a difficult time conceiving but can be used by the would-be parents to get their thoughts in concentrated focus. Purification rituals for both parents aren't a bad idea either. (A note here about bathing, avoid hot water as this will decrease the sperm count and retard

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fertility.) And, of course, attention to the lunar cycles will help.

During pregnancy many positive steps can be taken. There are many beautiful rituals to Diana, the patroness of pregnant women and childbirth. Health rituals in general can be used too. A positive mental attitude is so very important and I emphasize it because at this time there are numerous hormonal changes that uncontrolled can lead to negative emotional upsets. A simple daily chant as "Problems bother me only as much as I permit them to" or any uplifting mantra can help the pregnant lady control herself during the difficult times. Stress periods caused by work or fatigue can again be helped with our often used candles, incense, meditation.

To be wise is a tall order. Understanding what is happening physically helps both parents to cope with the tremendous change--The First Nine Months of Life by Geraldine Lux Flanagan, Simon and Schuster, available through library or book store, is a great book which details the month by month growth of the baby within the womb. Both parents can read this and experience the wonder of the miracle of life and share the information with other children in the family.

It is being proven now that about 5 months in utero, a baby is capable of hearing. Thus the pregnant woman can read out loud knowing that this sets the stage for increased learning of her to-be-born child. At the same time, it will keep Mom mentally stimulated and less randomly emotional. Another good practical move and well worth the financial investment is a tape deck. Playing positive thinking tapes at naptime or bedtime can do wonders for mother, father and child alike (I've used the psychic series from Potentials Unlimited 9390 Whitneyville Rd. Alto, ML 49302.) Relaxing music played during pregnancy later will have a calming effect on a newborn (I've enjoyed 'You Are the Ocean-Schawkie Roth' for a free catalogue write Heavenly Music P.O. Box 1063, Larkspur CA 94939.) I've enclosed a few other tapes with this series to Pat. Coveners can share their relaxation techniques with the pregnant couple..We have so many beautiful chants and songs that utilizing them on a daily or weekly basis should not be forgotten.

Coven involvement can be a great support system. The La Maze exercises of relaxation and breath control can be used even to teach neophytes how to ease into meditation. Thus, group involvement with these exercises with a pregnant couple are not a waste of time and can be fun.

Now, you may think--if this child is karmic, a wise soul (of course to have picked me) what difference does my active involvement with a body that will not be occupied until birth make? While it is true that the soul will bring with it past life knowledge--the vehicle of residence of that soul is still extremely important. The better built the vehicle, the more responsive it will be to the owner's desires and needs. The more energy and effort put into the preparation of the body-the more potential it will have for its inhabitant. A healthy mind in a healthy body.

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Restricting upsetting and negative emotions holds in check the shared hormone surges of mother and child. Hypnotic regression studies show that the in-utero child responds to the mother's emotions. The sound of laughter..happysinging often repeated will establish brain patterns which will predispose the physical body to respond easily to these good emotions.

In pagan parenting it is a good idea to firmly plant in your mind the Craft principal that we can, indeed, control our environment. We gain more confidence in this with each ritual that succeeds. We can begin to get this message across even in-utero. How? Watch a pregnant woman for awhile and oftimes you will see her hand on her tummy-rubbing, rubbing. This is her response to the movements of the baby within. The baby within learns it has control over its own environment..its action causes a reaction. Mommy informing Dad or sibling "The baby is moving" should merit not just the physical response but a verbal one as well. The more often the better. This is also true in infancy...and the crying infant...your response will confirm the child's attempts to gain control over its own life.

Since I have experienced both drugged childbirth (my 17 yr. old) and two La Maze births, I have to extol the benefits of the latter. Some studies indicate that oxygen deprivation is a strong possibility in drugged childbirth which leads to brain lesions. "Why Johnny can't read" might be traced to drugged childbirth where these brain lesions cause various forms of learning disability (See the book Magical Child by Joseph Chilton Pearce, Bantam Books, pgs. 54-57) There is again that control of environment aspect and an awake and aware Mom (and Dad) are there to greet the baby after its trip from the inner to the outer world. Undrugged births see the child, too, born awake and aware. More choices are available to the pregnant couple today from hospital birth..home birth..midwife births.

Those first few hours and days after birth when bonding takes place are vitally important. Be with and expose the newborn to the immediate family as soon as possible at home. Letting it sleep in the family room during the day time hours will let the sound of family voices and activities impress themselves.

The Witch's greatest tool is not the athame, sword, pentacle or wand--but observation. One only need watch how a mother cat or dog practically refuses to leave her newborn litter to see the bonding instinct in action. We can learn alot by observation of the animal kingdom.

To touch on the occult sciences which are so much a part of our tradition indicates what an important time this is. Choosing a name for example is certainly a point to ponder. There are some things that will be helpful. Numerology can be used as a guideline for the name number at birth has a strong influence. There are many good books on the subject. Oftimes a child will disclose its own preferred name in a dream. Pay heed as this may come across in symbols..a repeated dream of an ancestor or another person may be the symbol for that name. While some mythological names may make a child an outcast

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in today's society, it still doesn't mean that they cannot be given it as a 'secret' name shortly afterbirth or at the saining.
NEXT: Pagan Infancy

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ROBIN in Saratoga sez: first, is our subscription money, plus some extra. The Goddess has been good to us and we wish to share. I'm sure you can use it. I think the Three-Fold times comes in here somewhere.
Your newsletter gets better and better with each issue. Someday I hope we will be able to write something as moving and meaningful as "Jealous God" by Rik in Tucson. If he writes his permission, I will be happy to get it published in C.O.G. Newsletter. Maybe others.

We practice solitary (Marion and I) but we are not alone. There are many Witches in Northern California. We do see Gail and Martha on occasion. Would like to hear from others. Publishing our address and phone would be okay.
We thank you for writing about Marion's robes. We have recieved some letters of inquiry and would welcome more.

I (Robin) have become a member of Northern California Council, C.O.G. Press Relations Committee. Its purpose is to 1: Prepare a press info pac that will explain the Craft in easily understandable language, so that the Craft can have a POSITIVE IMAGE available to religious leaders and editors. 2: To develop relationships with Religious News Editors and Interfaith Councils, so that we (as Witches) might be called on to provide insight and knowledge about the Craft in a positive light. This is to offset the negative press and "kook" label attached to stories in the media, as they usually do - perhaps from lack of information. Let them pick on the religious beliefs of someone else.
The Anti-Defamation League of Bnai Brith started this way. Maybe in years to come Witches, too, will have the understanding and acceptance which is now shared only by the Big Boys (Judeo-Christian) religious doings.
WHAT WE DO IS NO ONE'S CONCERN. WHY WE DO AND BELIEVE, IS. FROM THIS WILL COME THE UNDERSTANDING, hopefully. We will not expose the Craft.

May the Lady and Lord fill your life
with love and laughter
Blessed Be Robin

ED. NOTE: Marion makes robes of various styles. Write for the drawings of various body and sleeve styles. MARION, POB 2658 SARATOGA, CA. 95070 (408) 249-1861

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DIDJA KNOW???
Musk Oxen, when threatened, form in a circle, like wagon trains in Western Movies, keeping their young in the center for protection.

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CATHERINE & KENT of COTOR in Australia sez: All goes well with us here at Cotor. We still have a very small membership, but quality before quantity has always been our motto. Many members are spread all over OZ, so these folk can rarely attend our Circles, but we send them a copy of the ritual and any other relevant info, so they do not feel out of things.
We would be interested to know what the situation is in America re. Magickal orders, e.g. Crowleyian etc, with the Craft. Do you have much communication, and is friendship between the different Pagan groups possible or established?
ED.NOTE: There are groups which claim to be Magickal orders, and those who claim to follow Crowley, and people who claim to follow just about anything you can imagine. Any contact I have had has been only by mail...and they don't say what they are doing. There are Craft or Pagan groups which claim to join some of these others for celebrations...and there are times when this has been disastrous. Others claim all goes well.

C & K continued...Here in Oz the relationship is generally not one of communication, trust, or anything else. Only recently the leader of a magickal order, (Crowley), was invited to a party at the Covenstead of a certain HPS & HP, and during the evening, he told all present that Wiccans only "Practice low magick!"
The hostess HPS was well on her metal; she replied with, "Wiccans do not practice magick, they have it perfect already!" The same man poached a neophyte from a training Coven, persuaded her to leave her husband and work, in order to train as his Priestess. The lady concerned was one of those with no patience, wanted to be initiated yesterday. We're sure you understand that type, they're all over.

Anyway, the fool woman was convinced by his glib tongue and her great desire for what she thought was power. She did as he asked, taking her 6-year old daughter with her. What she found was total degradation. First, he cut off/shaved all her body hair, head and all, put a slave collar on her neck, and dressed her in soldier's jungle greens! She was made to walk three paces behind him, and call him 'Master'. He explained to her that to work powerful magick a women must become androgynous. After a few weeks of this treatment and other, which is too sick to print in a great paper, she escaped, literally ran away when he was out of sight. She returned to her husband, then wrote to us, asking if we would accept her for training, and detailing the whole horrid mess.

Do you find this sort of treatment over there, or does it mean that it is only Oz who is breeding creatures of this sort? We have extended psychic healing and cleansing to the unfortunate woman, but refused her other request. We feel she would be vastly unsuitable for our groups, and really needs medical attention.
Pat, your thoughts on this would be appreciated. Most magickal orders over here are full of very young people, mainly men. They range from about 18 to mid 20's, and kinky sex seems to be the basis for them all.

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CATHERINE & KENT continued... Well, I said our drought has broken; it sure has, with a vengeance! Half of our state is now experiencing the worst floods for many years. Mather Nature is certainly showing all her aspects this year.
With love and warmest blessings from all at COTOR.
Blessed Be,
Catherine & Kent

ED. NOTE: No, Oz does not have all the nuts. We thought they were all in California. Yes, there are such evrywhere really. There are also people who seek the "slave" treatment...many of them.
I had a letter from one woman asking for such just a few months ago. I suggested she should either contact Anton La Vey or a good psychiatrist. There are a lot of this type and they are not necessarily involved with anything Pagan or magick. There are also S & M clubs where the sadists and masochists get together. Sometimes I think most of the world is ONE BIG LOONY BIN!
As to the woman who wanted you to teach her: you might be able to help her on an individual basis. I don't know much about your education or background other than Wicca, but if you feel equipped for the task, remember that a minister can do much in "counselling" that might bring a charge of "practicing medicine without a license" aginst non-clergy.
As to the woman in your postscript: have you considered the possibility of an honest mistake or misunderstanding?
Love and Blessed Be from all the Georgians here to all at COTOR.

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KATHI in Portland, Oregon sez: First of all, I would like to thank you for being the energy center of the Church and the publication that keeps me going month after month. And certainly, all the people who contribute their time, energy and spirit to the publication. I know that, like a Coven, it takes the people that care and share; the newsletter is a result of many.
After reading the June newsletter, I really have something I'd like to tell you. Those who would, for whatever reason, use the name of the Georgian Church to charge for what the church has always shared with love and in the spirit of the Lady, hurt us all, all of us who depend on the church, and have learned from you, Pat. There are so many "crazies" practicing in the name of the Craft, the Lady, and "the occult" who prey on others and harm them, that it hurts me to think that The Georgian Church might be hurt by anyone. At least, as the editor of the newsletter, you have been supportive of all kinds of different viewpoints. I have seen you print, out of fairness, letters from people whose viewpoints I know you don't share. It angers me to think that a few people have put the church in jeopardy.

re: Richard's Walpurgisnacht festival. It did occur to me that if there were 64 people dancing in a 9 or 10 foot Circle, that's why the ritual felt so good!
It also occurred to me that, while I don't agree with Ann Forfreedom's

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KATHI continued: views - some of the people who wrote in and attacked her are just as wrong.
I would like to thank Lady Demeter for her Practical Pagan Parenting. No matter how well the rest of my life seems to go, parenting is where I feel most inadequate. For all practical purposes, I am bringing up my two daughters, 15 & 11, alone. And the Goddess knows, I need strength to do it. Demeter, I will be keeping your articles close at hand so I can grab them, go in my room, and re-read them whenever the going seems particularly tough.

Blessed Be
Kathi

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FROM YOUR EDITOR

I recently recieved a letter criticizine me as follows: "he has a full time job, he rises each morning at about 5am, he comes home to a box full of mail, numerous calls from around the country, puts out a newsletter and runs a church. He does not have the time to give his students the personal attention they need,or answer in detail the many questions they may have. The tapes,though quite good,give the principles, but do not explain how or why they work. Words are used like Asana position,which means nothing t o the layman,it is a term of oriental origin. The pentagrem, I know that penta meant five sided,but he did not mention until several weeks later that it is a star, this he did in some writen material,this again was merely a collection of information, very little explanation."

This person continues that his way is better. He says he does not charge for lessons, he just charges monthly dues to those wanting lessons. He says he will devote 12 hours a day to this when there are enough students so he doesn't have to work at a job.

I don't rise at 5:00 A.M. I rise at 4:15 A.M. I do work at a full-time job. I do gets loads of mail, numerous phone calls, and put out a newsletter and run a church. The only thing anyone is charged for is the newsletter.
Everyone wants everything just handed to them. I do expect students to care enough to do a bit of studying and research on their own. If they're too lazy to do that...tough. If they really don't understand something, I'll explain on a cassette if they send the question or problem on a cassette...when I have time. Since I don't CHARGE for lessons and don't have a staff of secretaries, they may have to wait 'til I find time to do it.
I'm really sorry I have to work at a job, but I do have a lot of bills...some of them for the church out of my own pocket. But I do consider it more in Craft tradition to work for a living rather than making people pay for something they should get without charge, or "selling my religion" to anyone who can pay.
By the way, the pentagram is NOT a star.
What do you think is the better way?

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DOG DAYS

ROBYN in Australia sez: Little Dog has her winter coat, and so has Ista. They are great company and they don't get tired of my complaining. We've been dosing up on lots of veges and vitamins to get us through this rough patch.

ELLEN in L.A. area sez: Don't remember if I told you about the beautiful lady who came to live with us last summer. Her name is Jessica, and she is probably the sweetest dog I ever saw. Recently, our human housemate moved and took her dog who was Jessica's playmate. So we gave her something most dogs don't have - her own cat. He's black, about 8 months old, and loves Jessica. They sleep together, either with Spider (he's named after my favorite author) between Jessie's front feet, or curled next to her. Spider loves us, too, but he loves Jessica most.

FROM U.P.I. A Visalia police officer remains hospitalized after being bitten by a police dog he was training. Officer Dennis Rhynan was bitten on the arm when a chain restraining the dog broke. Rhynan was hospitalized for observation because of danger of infection. A police spokesman said no action would be taken against the dog because he was doing what he was trained to do.

Micky the terrior is a hero. He saved his rival..Percy the Chihuahua..from an early permanent grave after Percy was hit by a car north of London. Percy's owner , thinking the little dog was dead, wrapped his body in a sack and buried it in the garden. But feisty Micky dug up the bundle and dragged it to the door. Percy's heart was still beating. He was rushed to a Vet and treated for concussion.

A Seattle police sergeant says you go about capturing a wolf "very carefully". Seven wolves escaped from the Seattle Zoo recently... but they were rounded up within six hours without mishap...except a broken leg suffered by a wolf hit by a car. The wolf is reported "doing fine."

An early afternoon party started recently on a Saturday afternoon at a house next door. A couple attending there left their female Border Collie in the back of an open pickup parked in front of my house for hours. Though it was none of my business, I checked on the dog several times an hour to be certain she was okay. Just 10 minutes after the last time I checked, she was missing. I drove around to help them look for her, but no success. The owner says she would never have left the pickup on her own; she had to be taken. We feel sorry for the owners..but more so for the dog because we don't know what kind of people took her.

No matter how well-trained the dog, it is certainly foolish to leave it that way. I wouldn't consider leaving one of my furry people unattended that way for even five minutes...not even if they were chained to the pickup. If one of my furry people can't go where I'm going, I either don't take them or I don't go.

People will steal anything that isn't bolted down...and they'll try to steal that, too.

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By Lady Allusha

THE SYMBOLS OF THE WHEEL: The Meaning of the Legend

LUGHNASADH - Also known as August Eve, Lammas, Mid-Summer Festival, and the Sacred Day of Marriage. It is one of the great fire festivals, and is a Celtic summer festival of play and of giving thanks. It is the festival of the Funeral Games of Lugh, the Shining One, the Celtic Sun-God, commemorating his fostermother, the Earth Goddess Tailltiu. This is the time of the start of the harvest season, and the early harvests are blessed. The first grains were baked into a ritual loaf, thus the name Lammas, meaning Loaf Mass. We give thanks for the increasing plenty, and honour the decreasing light. It is the celebration of the wedding of sunshine and fertility, of inspiration and growth.

The celebrations of this early harvest festival are joyous and high spirited. In addition to the thankful offerings of ripe fruit and flowers, they traditionally include: rites for a good harvest and to increase the material supplies, races of all kinds, games of valor and skill, sporting contests, feasting drinking, storytelling, divinatory cake, making wishes, visits to the nearest large body of water to immerse themselves in its healing properties, the decorating of Sacred Wells and Stones with garlands, and all sorts of entertainment and merrymaking.

NOTES ON THE STORY: It was traditional for as many clans to gather as was possible for this very important occasion. This practice is still carried on today.

Valor was an important facet in the lives of the ancient Celts. This was reflected in their games and tournaments, as well as their battles and stories. They loved to show their sporting skills and physical prowess. These games also allowed the people to learn from each other. The chariot, horse, and foot races were the favored sports, with 'hurling' (distance throwing, usually of a spear) following close behind.

In the days of olde, parties of people would spend the morning of this day in the woods, harvesting such foods as acorns, berries, mushrooms, and crabapples. These were the fruits of the wild harvest, the gifts of the Earth. These, along with the first grains and fruits of the orchards, were thought to be blessed by the Nature Goddess. From these were made the sacrificial offerings. The divinatory cake was made from these first berries and grains, and was an important part of the day's feast. To insure a bountiful harvest season, the High King was obliged to eat only of the foods of this first harvest.

The sacrificial bonfire was believed to govern the vigour and extent of growth of the remaining crops. This was judged by the distance from which the fires, which were high upon the hilltops, were visible, as well as the height the people reached when they jumped over these fires.

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Lady Allusha - NOTES ON THE STORY (Cont.)

It was said that even the Nature spirits were particularly loving and playful at this time, for they too had worked towards the bounty of the harvest, as the invisible caretakers of all that grows.

Tradition has it that "even the most improbable fancy can become reality on Lunghnasadh Day". This stems from Lugh's curse, and is the basis for the many Wishing Rites that are presently popular at this festival.

Sacrifice has long been associated with this festival, both in terms of the Goddess and God. This brought a reminder of the approaching darkness and cold, and stressed the need to use their gifts wisely and well. Through the acknowledgement of seeds, the people accepted reincarnation, giving them faith in the future.

It was common, and considered good luck, for people in ancient times to be married on this day. Often, there would be held public mass-marriages at these festivals. These came to be known as Teltown Marriages. (Teltown is the name of the small town which is now near the site of Taillt iu's grave mound.) This type of marriage was considered to be on a trial basis. After a year and a day, the couple could, if they wished, dissolve their union. They must return at that time to the place of their wedding, and walk away from each other, to the North and the South. Thus were they freed of their bond.

THE LEGEND OF THE WHEEL: A Celtic Story of the Seasons-by Lady Allusha

LUGHNASADH (August 1)-It has come to pass that Lugh descends into mortal flesh, and is proclaimed High King Llew Llaw Gyffes. Near Tara, the Seat of Kings, he prepares a burial mound for his foster-mother, the Earth-Goddess Taillt iu. All the people throughout the land have been invited to attend the funeral celebration. Once Taillt iu has been laid to rest, Llew commands the festival to begin.

All through the day were carried out games and tournaments, horse races and feats of strength, feasting and merrymaking, all in the honour and respect of the spirit of the Earth-Goddess, mother of all things, who has given all of herself for her children. Offerings from the wild harvest and the first grain harvest are tossed into the sacrificial bonfire, in hopes that the Lord of Death will allow the spirit of Taillt iu to pass through the Realms of Darkness into the Land of Faerye. Thanks are given for the wondrous life-sustaining gifts Taillt iu has bestowed upon her people. The first of these harvests were taken to the forest temple of the Nature Queen, the Goddess Litha, that she may bless them. The first berries and the first grains were baked into a ritual loaf, which, being blessed by the Nature Goddess, contained her magick of the Special Sight, enabling the people to discover the answers to their heart's desire. For it is said that even the most improbable fancy can become reality on Lughnasadh Day.

The Wyrrd, having been most honourably and respectfully invited,

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Lady Allusha - A Celtic Story of the Seasons (cont.)

were in attendance at Lugh's Funeral Games. And so it was, that Llew consulted them on the matter of acquiring a wife. They advised him to send Gwydion and Math, the best magick workers in the land, to the Temple of the Nature Goddess, and there would be found his bride. Then they warned him: his wife would kill him at the urging of his mother, and his brother, the Dark Lord, would rule the world.

Llew disregarded the warning. Gwydion and Math were sent to the Temple as directed, to find Llew's bride. Upon arriving at the forest Temple, they heard the sound of soft female laughter amidst the rustling leaves. Before them appeared the naked Goddess, soft and supple, in the prime of her years.

She told them of their task, that with her help, they will make a bride for Llew out of birds and flowers. 'And Gwydion said to Math. . . .

"Come now, and let us make a wife for Llew"
And so they broke broad boughs yet moist with dew
And in a shadow made a magic ring:
They took the violet and meadowsweet
To form her pretty face, and for her feet
They built a mound of daisies on a wing,
And for her voice they made a linnet sing
In the wide poppy blowing for her mouth
And over all they chanted twenty hours.
And Llew came singing from the azure south
And bore away his wife of birds and flowers.'*

Thus came Blodeudd into being. Through magick was this young Earth-Goddess created, not of flesh and blood. To put life into this body that Gwydion and Math had fashioned, Litha sacrificed her youth and beauty, giving them to Blodeudd. Such was her love for the Sun-God.

Without her youth and beauty, the Nature Goddess grew old and withered. She no longer belonged in the forests, so off she flew to the Realms of Darkness. She had become Cailleach, the Crone of Darkness and Mystery. Seeing the spirit of Tailltiu making her way to the Land of Faerye, Cailleach steals her away, and the two become one. Cailleach now has some power over the world of Men.

And so it was, that Llew, in his joy of acquiring a wife, declares this day as a Sacred Day of Marriage. Llew and Blodeudd were wed, and the people rejoiced.

* from a Francis Ledwidge account of the Welsh legend of Blodeudd

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UPI--21 year old Leon Philip was lucky he was wearing cowboy boots. He was walking along a main street in Cairns, Australia, after a night on the town when a crocodile snuck out of a storm drain and grabbed him by the legs. A cab driver came to Phillips' aid and helped kick the creature away. A police spokesman said--quote-- "The croc dived back into the drain and is still at large." He added that Philips' cowboy boots "Probably saved him from a nasty bite."

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STUFF & THINGS

LADY THEA in Florida sez: on the Full Moon we are dedicating two children to the Lord and Lady by the wish of the children and their parents. They are 8 and 11, raised Craft.
We are beginning to get the children's group going again. More work until someone comes into the group who can take over.
Enclosed is a donation for the church.

Love and Blessed Be.

JENNIE in Florida sez: I moved and forgot to notify you. I wondered why I didn't get my newsletters.
We live near a lake with a little land. It's really beautiful and peaceful. We have seen one large rattlesnake..55". It came right up to the back patio and was staring at my cat and rattling..it had 7 rattles.
I've been accepted into para-medic school, starts in August, a hard course.

Love and Blessed Be.

GLORIA in Midlothian, Ill. sez: we've just returned from a visit with Ted's mother & step-father in Cape Coral, Florida. It's just the beginning of the hurricane season, and unless a person likes very hot, muggy weather, this is not the time to be in southern Florida.
May we highly recommend Epcot Center to those who might be going to Florida? It is geared mostly to the adult level with only a few exhibits for children. Definitely not for 3 and 4 year olds.
If anyone is interested in having dinner at one of the lovely restaurants, reservations have to be made when you first get there.
One exhibit, "The Land", takes one through 'Tomorrow Harvest', describing man and nature. Very Pagan. "Journey into Imagination" is a very colorful trip employing 'witchy sayings'.

The weekend before we went to Florida, we spent with Murray and Betty in Tennessee. Cyprian was there, and a few others from various states. It was a wonderful, magical time, spent with caring, loving and hard-working people.
Ted and I are going to be participating in a group ritual for the public on the north side of Chicago. It promises to be lots of fun, and there is always plenty of food and drink afterwards.

May silver wings help lighten your tasks on the Path,
Gloria, c/o Aglaian Triad of Wicca, 15138 So. Harding Ave.
Midlothian, Illinois 60445

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STAN in Angels Camp, Cal. sez: Concerning your remarks as to a computerized spell-caster, you will be happy to know I have developed the same.
But it is not for Pagans. No, that is not where the money lies. Pagans can manage their own spells, and are quite happy. A bit complacent, perhaps, but happy.
My invention is for our poor benighted friends, the Xians. Now, of course, it will not break the rules of Karma. Maybe bend them a little, but break them - never. Of course we will not designate the soft-ware as spells or incantations. Prayers answered, results guaranteed - that is a promise. Not in distant Beulah Land, but NOW, HERE ON EARTH.
I concieved the idea from a leaflet left on my car windshield - there were the words "--- on Earth as it is in Heaven". And then it struck me - a flash of genius - so awe-inspiring as to border on madness. I thought - "if on earth as it is in heaven" - why not - IN HEAVEN AS IT IS ON EARTH? And then I knew!

My computer I was to build had its prototype in heaven. A little research showed me the design: ten layers, alternating NPN to PNP, but with the positive or one being negative in respect to the one above, depending upon the phasing of the 32-degree phase shifting, in lock loops. The entry would be easy, - simply direct the frequency 1 KC above or below the desired contact. This would destroy the stasis or equilibrium of the two adjacent layers, giving a beat of the sum and the difference. The negative beat, called the klip-off, will be stored in lead and asbestos-shielded cans. These will be sold to the Jewry Fellwells for use in their Brimstone incantations on the Wattsline. The residue will be taken up by the Jamison Whats, known to many as Old Skullface, and to others by other epithets - to which all agree.

Now, having positive access and adequately taken care of the negative, comes the software. Ah, this is where the Federal Reserve Notes lie.
First, we must program the instrument to 6.7314159265 cps, the composite taken from 5000 Zen Buddhist monks. Then we must increase the amplitude and eliminate any Beta, Alpha, Gamma, or Delta Vibrations. Lastly, the supplicant, who by now is master of his fate and no longer a supplicant, must punch in a clear, concise description of his prayer. This is often the hardest part. The computer will then turn this into a graphic image or visualization as it used to be known
Second, we need the barbarous Words of Power, essential to unlocking the memory chips of the Master Computer. A simple F.E.T. (transistor) and ALM 380 audio-chip soon built me a super-sensitive amplifier. Fortunately for me, a Rabbi lived next door, and with the aid of a few banana peels scattered on his front doorstep, I soon had the bits I needed, complete with the correct intonation and frequency. The computer (whom I called OVUT) did kick out one word - "HESU", he (OVUT) said, "centuries of misuse and no recharge had drained all the power from it."

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STAN continued:
The correct visualization and the unlocking of harmonics (or the words of power) are now superimposed upon the computer-carrier channel, draining off just enough electro-magnetic charge to activate an artificial Elemental. A further side tone is then sent upwards to allow the force to flow down and recharge.
One more small thing remains. In order that the Earth be not cluttered and cloned with wishes disguised as prayers, a self-destruct must be built in. This is done by adding negative bias, cheaply and easily obtained from your household television set any Sunday morning.
And there is more to come. Future software cassettes will assure you of a favorable place in heaven close to the Pearly Gates and away from celestial traffic. Programming will be available not only for our Xian friends but for those of other Faiths as well.
Get yours now, as demand is sure to be high, and supply is limited.

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ANN in Kansas City sez: I feel like I know you quite well after reading your newsletter for several years. You might even remember me - I wrote a few years ago asking for help in contacting Pagans in the Kansas area. If it isn't too presumptious, I'd like to ask for a little more help. I've just moved to the Kansas City area and would like to find an already existing study group or, begin a group on my own. Not anything very technical, just a way to share ideas and try to learn from each other.
Mostly I want some face-to-face contact with people having beliefs like mine, instead of letter-writing. I give you permission to use my name & address in the newsletter.
Ann Simony, 1523 So. 49 th, Kansas City, Kansas 66106.

ED. NOTE: Hope you got your newsletter. The change of address you sent me was 1423.

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RIK in Tucson sez: I got a call from Prof. Turner (he teaches an occult class at U of A) regarding an altar cloth found on a church altar near Tucson. The DPS people who found it needed an expert to interpret it, so Turner called me. I rearranged my schedule to meet with them (visions of human sacrifices and headlines about Witches running through my head) and as I entered the office, I saw Turner and the two Dept. of Public Safety people looking at the cloth with fear and worry. I glanced at the cloth, and burst out laughing! It was an ordiary white tablecloth that had been marked with some "psuedo-occult" markings drawn in magick marker. The pentagram had been drawn wrong, so they tried to decorate the mistake with a pattern of checks. The only symbol that made any sense was the 666 in the center, and that came directly off the paperback version of the OMEN novel. I told them it was probably some high school kids playing games, and not to worry. Then I gave them a simple lecture on human and animal sacrfice and why it doesn't exist, and said goodby.
Blessed Be
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STUFF & THINGS

We have been running short on Pussy Cat news lately, not only in letters but from U.P.I. However, we got this from Kathi in Portland, Oregon She sez: maybe someone else has had this problem and can help. My Siamese cat, Brat, began scratching and losing large patches of his beautiful hair. When it began to look like the moths had attacked him in force, I took him to the kitty doctor. She checked him, and he didn't have a flea, a rash or any skin disorder. She asked what cat food he was on. When I told her it was the same one he had been on for years, she asked if the box said "New & Improved" lately. The box said the flavor is new & improved. She said the pet food market is so competitive that they change formulas on the average of every 2 months. She said Brat was allergic to something in the new formula. He got a shot of cortisone to help the itching, and we changed brands, but there's no way to know if it will happen again.

Blessed Be,
Kathi

ED. NOTE: Kathi, I think you need to give Brat more variety. Animals are less likely to get bored with food and more likely to get better nutrition with variety.
I use Purina dry foods...they've been making feeds for all animals for a great many years and probably have more experience than many others. I rotate each day through 4 different Purina dog foods. At 4:30 A.M. they get Graham crackers and ½ cup of dry food. At 8:30 another ½ cup plus dog biscuits, treats, etc. At 4:30 P.M. they get ½ can dog food every other day (they like only Skippy and Vets). The other days they get cooked liver or beef hearts or Hamburger Helper. They seem to enjoy the Hamburger Helper (it takes 2 lbs. for 4 dogs) but won't eat hamburger alone. On Sundays they get chicken with the bones removed...I have more time to cook on weekends.
This gives them plenty of variety of flavor and nutrition. Whenever they go to the vet for shots, the vets always remark on how healthy they look. So I suggest you try more variety.

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J.M. in San Jose sez he went to Coeden Brith for road work and Beltane. Saturday was spent on such mundane chores as moving a 500 gallon water tank and digging culverts. After dinner, fiddles, pipes and drums went all night. Sunday, a fantastic ritual in which everyone had a part. Time for the hot tub. How many Pagans can you fit in a hot tub? Three more than it can possibly hold.
I have started studying Tarot and herbology, as well as returning to jewelry-making.
I'm going to try to get down that way sometime this summer. I'll let you know.

My best to all. Blessed Be,
Michael

ED. NOTE: Sounds like you're having fun.
We'll look forward to seeing you.

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HELP! MY HIGH PRIESTESS IS ALL BURNT OUT! WHAT CAN I DO?
from Ellen in No. Hollywood

The first question should probably be, "What could I have done?"

Consider the duties of a High Priestess (or High Priest). Traditions vary, but I would imagine the duties are much the same.

She has to create, schedule and conduct rituals, bot the major sabbats and moon rites, plus any additional ones needed--every one--no skipping because she'd rather do something else.

She has to schedule and conduct classes--every one--no skipping because she'd rather do something else.

She must know enough about most occult subjects to teach their basics, whether she's interested in them or not, and develop sources on the others she can't teach.

She must be a spiritual counselor to the group, available 24 hrs. a day.

She must screen new members, and that's harder than you think.

She must work on her own spiritual growth as hard as (or even harder than) you do -- as well as help you with yours.

She must learn about you, the things that interest you, your rate of spiritual growth, your weaknesses, your strengths, in order to guide and teach you better...you and every other member of the group.

At rituals, she must make sure that all the equipment is ready, see that the altar is prepared, etc.

All this and more, in addition to all the duties of mundane life.

So...what did you do to help?

If you have been with the group for any length of time, there must have been something, if only to be considerate.

Were you prompt to class, call if you were going to be late? Did you attend class w henever it was scheduled, unless you had a good reason? (A special TV show, a date, or not feeling like it is <u>not</u> a good reason.)

Read the above paragraph and change the word "class" to "rituals."

Did you have to be reminded every time when class or ritual were scheduled?

Did you ever offer to help set up rituals, or straighten up after?

Did you read what you were supposed to, do your meditations as instructed, learn what you were told you'd need to know? Or did you have to be pushed into it...did she have to ask you again and again?

Did you ever offer suggestions for a ritual, write one? Perform one?

Did you ever notice if she looked tired, or offer her a shoulder to cry on?

Did you ever offer to teach a class (assuming you'd learned the subject?)

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HELP! MY HIGH PRIESTESS IS ALL BURNT OUT! continued

Did you make an effort to make your group a successful one, contribute your time and energy--work on your relationships within the group, help new members feel at home, etc.

Did you expect her to hit you with a lightning bolt to develop your skills instantly--or did you put your time and energy into their development?

Have you let her know you were having troubles with your studies, or with the group, or muttered behind her back and expected her to read your mind?

Have you tried to be an integral working part of the circle, or have you been sitting like a sponge, taking but not giving?

ER--UH--WELL, I...

No matter. She's still burnt out. What can you do now?

All of the above, plus--extra amounts of love, strength and as few demands as possible. She is not the circle...you all are.

Priestesses don't get burnt out if the circle gives back as much as they get...if they are ready to grow and be a real part of the group.

Most priestesses tend to overwork themselves, especially if the group isn't cooperating, and my own experience shows that we tend to blame ourselves entirely if things don't go as they should.

She has chosen to dedicate her life to the Lord and Lady and to teaching. Appreciate that. Take care of her. Understand what she has to deal with, and understand her. Let her get her strength back, and be careful in the future.

Remember...you could be in her place one day.

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DARK by Roweena in Oregon

Dark...it's so dark.
Where is the lady of the night?
Away, my dear child, She shan't come tonight.
Soon we'll see the Lady's Silver Light.
First crescent comes, slowly waxing to full.
I watch as She glides across waters, dancing in the night sky.
Beautiful Lady, bringing silver light to the night.
She wears a fine dress of dew-dipped spider's silk, silken slippers spun from clouds. Her crown and necklace ade dew drops...so perfect, none but My Lady could make them. She carries a scabbard of glowing silver, in it, Her white-handled knife, a bow of finest yew graces Her shoulder.
This Silver Lady, My Lady, Huntress that She is. Lighting the path, She shows me my way.
Soon..., too soon, the full moon wanes...slowly, 'til its dark. A sad time as the Lady fades from view.
Dark...it's so dark.
Soon my Lady shall return...but for now, only the dark is here to greet me.

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RELIGION IN THE NEWS

FROM U.P.I. A Hollywood Celebrity Auction whose items included Sylvester Stallone's boxing gloves and Carl Reiner's toupee raised 125-thousand dollars for producer Norman Lear's Anti-Moral Majority Group...People For The American Way. The auction at 20th Century-Fox Studios was the group's first major fund-raiser aimed at entertainment figures and the rich in L.A.

New Roman Catholic Church policy in San Francisco says it's all right for a person to be homosexual but it's wrong to engage in homosexual acts.

A University of California researcher says people who are prejudiced against minorities or who are religious fundamentalists tend to "lack imagination and originality."

Prostestant and Jewish leaders are joining public school education groups in urging a new round of hearings on a proposed constitutional amendment on the school prayer issue.

Roman Catholoics in the tiny farming community of Thornton in the San Joaquin County got some bad news. A religious commission that spent a year investigating the phenomenon says Thornton's "Weeping " statue of the Madonna is not authentic.

Viewers in L.A. who tuned into the National Christian Network expecting a list of religious events instead found themselves watching a porno show. A computer foul-up is blamed.

The government of Turkey is considering new restrictions on getting a driver's license. Unmarried couples living together or others committing adultery, alcoholics, people w ho disturb others and those who kidnap women would be banned from recieving licenses.

The United Presbyterian Church in the U-S has testified against legislation that would allow state-sponsored prayer to be returned to public schools.

The National Council of Churches strongly indicated it will not accept as a member a predominantly Gay denomination, the Metropolitan Community of Churches.

A county commissioner in Miami wants to banish a particular edition of "Mother Goose" from the Miami-Dade Public Library. Barry Schreiber says the book in question is anti-semitic.

Within five years, most of the nation's 19-thousand Catholic parishes will have installed computers to aid the local parish priest. That is the prediction of the Reverend Kenneth Baker, Editor of The Homiletic and Pastoral Review, a monthly theological journal for priests.

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ZEPHYR STARWATER in San Jose sez: Dear Pat,
Our lives here have been pretty exciting lately, but we've still managed to put together Beltane's Pagana. We're real happy with it. I love the cover, this time. Bet you will, too. I'll be anxious to have a copy of the artist's full Tarot deck as soon as it's completed.

I finished the May Georgian a couple of days ago, and was concerned about an apparent ruckus in a previous issue that touched on some matters that were pretty close to home for me. So I got hold of the April issue, and got more concerned. I have some complaints about compulsive soap-boxers myself, so I'll try steadfastly to avoid it, and just give some concerned and hopefully clarifying (please, Maat, Lady of Truth, help me speak clearly!) responses.

It seems that both you and Ann Forfreedom felt hurt and insulted, and as a result, got angry and shot at each other. I found things in both letters that I would have probably responded to with hurt and anger. So I won't touch either of them except to say that it seems to me that both women and gays have a few thousand years of cruelty and oppression to work with, and I'd be willing to forgive us a mere few decades of soapboxing -- you've got to start somewhere, and most people, and movements, tend to go overboard in their first stages (yes, I think we've got a long way to go in many ways). I've felt this oppression firsthand -- I'm gay. I know what it feels like (I'm not female as well, though, so I only have one of those points of view personally).

What I wished to respond to originally, after reading the May Georgian, was Hans Holzer's comments. He seems to have some basic misconceptions (in my opinion) about gayness that I feel are important to clear up.
"...for reasons of inscrutable nature have chosen to respond to members of their own sex." In general, that's wrong. Real homosexual desires are no more "chosen" than straight ones. Inscrutable? Hardly. I am erotically attracted to members of my own sex. Quite clear to me! I don't expect straight people to APPRECIATE gay feelings any more than I expect gay people to appreciate straight feelings, but lack of mutual appreciation doesn't have to mean plain ignorance.

In my experience, also, whether or not a bond will form between two or more people in circle or out depends more on the individuals themselves than anything else. I have participated in magical work with other gays, with mixtures of various sexual orientations (yes, there are more than two!), with basically straight Witches, and I can say that the energy is <u>different</u> each time -- not necessarily more or less powerful, sacred, valid, etc., in any of those cases, by virtue of sexual orientation or <u>type</u> of polarity (yes, there are more kinds than the male/female one!). <u>It depends on the individuals involved.</u> Any combination of gender and/or orientation can work if the sincerity, the sharing, and the mutual love and respect are real. I've been a Witch for almost seven years now, and have come to love and respect many varieties of people; I haven't reached my conclusions lightly either.

Thanks for listening. Love and Blessed Be!
Zephyr Starwater, Assistant Editor, <u>Pagana</u> Newsletter

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BLACKSUN & SHADOWHAWK of D A O in Washington Sez:
The Lady is keeping us busy, as usual. Oh well, it keeps us off the streets at night. Instead of making chit-chat about what we're doing, we thought we would pass on to you all a portion of what Life has brought us in the past few weeks in as light a form as possible. Ever mindful that all potions must have a measure of mirth, we offer our report to the Georgian. We will alternate authorship so we each have a chance to slander the other without interruption. We call this "contribution to confusion" series: REPORT FROM THE HALF-ASTRAL. Everything we write about is true at least half way. We just like to make fun of whatever we can, so this will be our way of reporting to you all what life is like for two witches too crazy to care about the "heavy" stuff.
Love you all,

Blessed Be,
Blacksun & Shadowhawk

REPORT FROM THE HALF-ASTRAL

I am quite sure that many Georgians, as well as many other Pagans, Witches, etc. , have a problem similar to mine: namely what, when, how, should I or shouldn't I...tell my parents (or some other person who might bristle with fear and rejection if told about your "AWH-KUULT" beliefs).
Well, I shall relate a true story to you all, oh best beloved:

Keep in mind that I had approached my initiators with a question about what they thought would be my best course of action concerning letting my parents know about my Wiccan training, beliefs, etc.... Their advice was that if I were going to tell them anything, I should tell it all. Not just all, but A*L*L*. Everything. Complete. Total. I should tell them So much about every little detail that they would not want to hear about it any more. EVER AGAIN!
Now, mind you, I didn't think this was such a bad idea. It had character. But I still would like to hold onto my illusions about how cool my parents are in the face of the utterly (to them) bizarre. So I think I'll put off telling them anything for now. I might tell them someday. I also know that that someday is not today. But something DID happen today which has given me cause to pause and think of the next logical extension. Here's how it goes:

I went over to my father's shop, where he has all kinds of tools. My father, you see, is a tool freak. The worst part of it is that he can USE all those tools to do all kinds of nifty things. And he DOES! So, whenever I need a tool that I don't have (which is almost always), I go and see my Dad. So there I am with this stock from a crossbow.
Dad looks at the stock and says, "What's that?" I tell him it's a stock to a crossbow. "Crossbow!" he says. "Yeah, a crossbow" I say. "Is that yours?"
"No, actually it's my wife's."
"Your wife's" he says with eyes wide.
"Yeah, it's hers."
"Her crossbow!?" he says like an echo.

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REPORT FROM THE HALF-ASTRAL continued

"Sure, you know, like for when she is in costume."
"In costume?" By now I'm sure there is a bad echo.
"Uh-huh, like when we go to one of our medieval group meetings," I say.
"Medieval group?" (there's that echo again.)

"She hangs it on the wall when she isn't using it."
"She hangs it on the wall?"
"Yeah, along with the rest of her knife and sword collection."
"KNIFE COLLECTION!?!?!?"

"Knife collection."
Now, as you can tell, I enjoyed playing my father along because it always gives me a warped pleasure to blow my Pop's mind. I feel it's like prune juice- he should have it happen regularly. But let us reflect on a slightly different set of events and project a similar conversation. Maybe on that "someday".

"Hi, Son, what's that?" He points to my sword and scabbard I've brought along with me.
"It's my sword."
"Sword?" (we are already at the incomplete sentence stage.)
"I've come to sharpen it."

"Sharpen it?" (That's better, he's up to two words together.)
"Yeah, so it will cut better."
"Cut?" (Oh well, he's slipped back to one word sentences again, this may take awhile.)
"Uh-huh, as in cut a circle."
"Huh?" (it's getting critical, I think we're about to lose him.)

"A circle, Dad, complete with candles and incense and altar and stuff."
"Altar?" (Well, at least we're back to complete words.)
"Yeah, where I keep the sword when I'm not cutting the circle."
"Sword?"

Now I AM in trouble. We've fallen into a closed communication loop and we are back at the beginning of the conversation. There may be no way to escape. Maybe I should have tried another approach, like telling EVERYTHING!

Blessed Be,

Blacksun

DIDJA KNOW???
A moth caterpillar eats 70-thousand times its weight in the two days after being hatched.

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From Lady Phoenix in Dallas

6TH MOON - HAWTHORN

TEMPLE IS PREPARED

OPENING RITE

ORACLE OF WINGED ISIS, ORACLE OF NUT

HPS: The Season of Fire nears its end. It has accomplished its purpose. The sacred Spirit Fires of the God and Goddess have refined our emotions, lighted our soul-searching, and now--as the season draws to a close, the inner flames, which were banked with the Earth Moon just past, spring to life again in the Moon of Air.

We turn our efforts from the mental and spiritual cleansing and instinctively begin to center on our homes--to sweeping, scrubbing, clearing out the unused and unusable--to leave our environment clean. We now put our energies into the spring cleaning of our homes as we have been cleaning our hearts and minds in past moons.

This we have done year after year--life after life. At this moon we have always cleaned the Temples, purifying the sacred places we have dedicated to the Goddess. We are now prepared, sacred sparks of Her Spirit, to blaze into full growth with the inspiration of Her Air Moon.

HP: Air becomes our thoughts. Think back, remember, and see the Great She Bear and Little She Bear dancing in the worshipful throng. Hear the cries: ARTEMIS! ARTEMIS!

GROUP: ARTEMIS! ARTEMIS! ARTEMIS!

HP: Relive the Festivals: MAIA! MAIA!

GROUP: MAIA! MAIA! MAIA!

HP: The She Bears turn Her Great Mill; cursed marriages of May are protected by Her Hawthorn. We call to Her: CARDEA! CARDEA!

GROUP: CARDEA! CARDEA! CARDEA!

HP: The Goddess is ever with us. Though we may not see Her, we can hear Her Voice.

HPS: I am Cardea. As with mortal children, you are not always

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6TH MOON - HAWTHORN (cont.)

ready to hear my voice, perhaps fearful of what I would say. So you have the characters with which to write and communicate, to preserve your lore and learning. Thus, my words are always with you, even in the silence.

CARDEA: You, my human children can become fretful with the silence, even though you are not yet ready to listen to my Voice.

I whisper to your soul in the rustling of the leaves; I sing songs of my love for you in feathered flights across my sky. Still--you listen without hearing and hear without understanding at times. I speak as the Maiden (USE WHISTLE ONCE), as the Mother (WHISTLE), and the Crone (WHISTLE). I but whisper and the Winds carry my Voice to the limitless reaches.

Harken, then, my sones and daughters, to the Winds, my messengers.

HP: (Blows whistle three times.)

CARDEA: EURUS! Great Wind of the East and South of East! Speak to my children of Knowledge and Understanding.

EURUS: 'There shall ye assemble, who are feign to learn all sorceries, who have not yet won my deepest secrets. To these shall I teach that which is as yet unknown.

Know that all thy seeking and yearning shall avail thee not unless thou knowest the mystery...that is that which thou seekest thou findest not within thyself, thou shalt never find it without thee.....'

HP: (Blows whistle three times.)

CARDEA: NOTUS! Great Wind of the South! Speak to my children of the Soul.

NOTUS: 'I am the Beauty of the Green Earth, the White Moon amongst the stars, the mystery of the Waters and the desire of the heart of men. I call unto my Soul to arise and come unto me, For I am the Soul of Nature.....'

HP: (Blows whistle three times.)

CARDEA: ZEPHYRYS! Great Wind of the West! Speak to my children of Love and of Death.

ZEPHYRYS: 'For my Law is Love--unto all beings...For mine is the Cup of the Wine of Life, the Cauldron of Cerridwen, which is

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6TH MOON - HAWTHORN (cont.)

the Holy Grail of Immortality....From me all things proceed, and unto me all things must return. I give the knowledge of the Spirit Eternal.....'

HP: (Blows whistle three times.)

CARDEA: BOREAS! Great Wind of the North! Speak to my children of Earth and of Living.

BOREAS: 'Behold, I am the Mother of All Things and my love is poured out upon the Earth....And ye shall be free from all slavery. ...Behold, all acts of love and pleasure are my rituals. Therefore, let there be beauty and strength, power and compassion, honor and humility, mirth and reverence--within you.....'

CARDEA: When you have need of my words, call to me--my Winds will speak my thoughts.

(Gives the silver whistles to each participant in Circle.)

HP: From Time Beyond, we have seen and worshipped our Goddess--as the silver of silver in the stars, the full glowing orb which lights the heavens, and as the aging crescent fading from our sight. But even in the Dark of Moon, when we cannot see Her Face--She is near. We have but to call--the Winds speak in Her Voice, if we will just take the time to listen and to hear.

It has been said that Poetry is the true form of Her Worship. If that be so....

"Who has seen the Wind?
Neither you nor I...
But when the leaves hang trembling,
The Wind is passing by.

Who has seen the Wind?
Neither I nor you...
But when the trees bow down their heads,
The Wind is passing through."

Whistle up the Wind! The Goddess speaks!

FOUR FOLD FEAST:

WORKING:

CLOSING THE CIRCLE/DISMISSAL OF SPIRITS.

(written by Phoenix, Circle of the Unicorn)

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Lady Phoenix enclosed with the ritual copies of Oracle of The Winged Isis from Fellowship of Isis, and Oracle of The Goddess Nut given through her Priestess from the Isian News. However, we are not including these since this is copyrighted material and we do not have permission to print. Some of you probably already have these or know someone who has them.

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MOON MIRROR in Denver sez: we are planninga trip this fall and would like to do lectures on Wicca-Magick-colour and psychic development, and psychic readings, plus past life regressions. We request feedback on where lectures could be held in the following cities: Kansas City, Kansas & Missouri, St. Louis, Des Moines, Chicago, Luisville, Nashville, Albuquerque and Cincinnati. Would really love feedback.

NATURAL BEAUTY TIPS

If you want long, lush, thick eyelashes, I have found one heck of a natural lash grower. In a one ounce glass bottle with a tight cap, add a 1 inch by ½ inch strip of orange peel...leave off the white. Slowly fill with castor oil. Every night, after cleansing your face, gently rub a drop into your lashes, uppers and lowers. You will be amazed in a month.
Castor oil is also a good eye wash for red, irritated eyes.

MUD PACK

Mix ¼ c. Fullers Earth with ¼ c. white clay and add warm water to make a smooth paste. Cover entire face and neck avoiding eyes, nostrils and mouth. Let dry. Wash off with warm water, then cool. Splash on witch hazel. Follow with a light coat of moisterizer. For all skin types.

FACIAL CLEANSER

Also great for removing makeup. Take 2 cups of all vegetable shortening, place in a bowl with 6 drops each of Rose and Lemon oil. Add 4 tbl. Almond oil (sweet) and 2 tbl. Safflower oil. Beat together and put in a pretty container.

FACIAL SCRUB

1 tbl. yellow corn meal, 1 tbl. table salt, ½ tbl. oat meal. Add a bit of warm water, and rub all over face or just trouble areas. Wash off, follow with witch hazel.

Blessed Be,

COSMIC AWARENESS, Moon Mirror
8530 Montview, Denver, Col. 80220

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DIDJA KNOW????

The smallest Republic in Europe is only 24 square miles in area, and has 19-thousand citizens. San Marino on the eastern slopes of the Appenine Mountains in Northern Italy near the Adriatic Sea.

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RIK in Tucson sez: Patti and I had a fight during one Coven meeting and she brought over some of her friends to help her out. Unfortunately, as soon as they found out that I did not belong to their approved list of minority religions, they cut us out and began to harass my children. All I can say is that they have reinforced my feelings about good Xian love and its expression towards their fellow man. I may have called for tolerance towards them in the past, and I retain that attitude, but I have always considered Xianity an evil faith, and this just shows that I may be right. Also, if they don't let up, we may move, so this address change may prevent problems in the future.
One of the womwn in the coven went to a local knife shop looking for an athame. She asked for throwing knives, then settles on a British commando knife. The shopkeeper asked if she was into knife-throwing, was she going to throw this knife, this knife wasn't made for throwing, etc. Finally she broke down, told him the truth about it and what she wanted it for. Wonder of wonders, he gave her a dollar discount for religious materials!!!

Pat, I personally think that the sand is settling in your body and it is making you too sensitive to others remarks. Try to calm down and allow them to make their remarks (stupid or not) without too much of a response. We need you too much to allow you to be cursed by too many people.
Also, to Ellen. Point one, one of my students who has more connection with the Goddess than Witches with ten times her experience, has been trying to contact you with no answer. You may want to check your P.O. box for lost mail. Also, to stir up a bit of whatever...one coven that I worked with for awhile had very little formal Craft training. Usually, the rituals were whatever the High Priestess dreamed up 15 minutes before the rite and included whatever she liked. One day she decided that as she was a bull dancer in ancient Crete in a past life, all the coven should anoint their foreheads with oil from her hanging pot. Also, she tossed in sin, guardian angels, spirit guides and different levels of evolution for the soul (naturally hers was the highest).

I think this is what Pat means when he says that there is no need to add to the Craft. Matters of technology are fine and good as how else can we learn? I would hate to give up my steel athame for a stone one, because steel knives appear to have a higher success rate in magick than stone or bronze or copper. But in matters of theology, I agree with Pat. The Craft does not need sin, 13 commandments, vices, spirit guides, angels, demons or devils, creationism, popes and such. The basic <u>religion</u> is all that we need, and when you reach that point that you no longer get the comfort that you once did, then you need to sit down for a year until you can see behind the dogma. Then you will realize that the Craft of the Goddess is complete after all.

If you want to add ceremonial magick to the magickal part, fine. Call it what it is, Ceremonial Magick that uses judeo-xian god-forms... because you personally find it to be effective. I toss Quantum mechanics and mathematics into magick because it helps me be a more effect-

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RIK continued

ive magician, but when it comes to being a Priest of the Goddess, I am strict Witch. When I finally develop my machine to draw a magic Circle and do an effective healing spell, I will do so because it will work better than I can, and frankly, if I am to cure acase of cancer, I want all the technology that I can develop. But when I do a ritual in honor of the Goddess, I do one of Her rites and use Hertheology because it is for Her and not for my ego.
So perhaps we should differentiate between the religious aspects of Witchcraft that need no additions and the technical aspects of magick that should always be added to in order to make it work better.

RIK

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STUFF & THINGS

INSIGHTS INTO PREHISTORY by Michael Baran. $7. plus postage. Exposition Press, 325 Rabro Drive, POB 2120, Smithtown, N.Y. 11787-0817. From the publicity release on this book, I didn't think I find it interesting, but I was wrong. If you enjoyed the von Daniken books, you'll like this one. However, it is quite different. A search for answers to ancient mysteries and theories about them. Whether you agree or not, it's intersesting. Theories on the gods, the development of man, creatures of mythology, etc.

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What Is A Witch in June issue was written by Rhea in Atlanta. I thought she wanted me to use that other name. To the doghouse for not making it clear.
I do wish all of you would make things clear. What is for publication and what is not. What name do you want on things you write. ALWAYS include your name and address INSIDE the letter. Just recieved a check for newsletter sub from a new subscriber. A scribbled name and address on the back of the envelope, and a different address on the check. PLEASE PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS. Always send change of address. The P.O will NOT forward newsletters.
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PAN PAGAN FESTIVAL, August 11-14, Niles, Michigan. For info: Midwest Pagan Council, POB 664, Chicago Heights, Ill. 60411.

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FROM U.P.I. The neighborhood is old and a bit run down, but archeologists in Egypt are enthusiastic about it. They say they've discovered ruins of an ancient "residential neighborhood," some 400 miles south of Cairo and at least 25-hundred years old. The dwellings built somewhere between 1600and 400 B-C...apparently were used by architects and laborers constructing an ancient temple.

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From Hans Holzer

Dear Pat:

I always enjoy reading your newsletter and the pros and cons of those fighting the good cause...since you mention in your recent issue the lady who wanted to become an initiate because of my novel, HEATHER, I feel called upon (by the Goddess perhaps) to comment.

Hundreds of people write to me all the time wanting to become Witches and once in a while they do have the right reasons and attitudes, often not; generally I require of them a written statement of some length as to their reasons feelings, and general philosophy before going any further.

Heather was only one kind of a Witch; there are others who do not do what she does; but Wicca is nothing if not broad and free in its interpretation of the Natural Law. My own view tends to be somewhat purist and/consider the ancient and medieval practices - such as outdoor celebrations, nudity, and fertility rites at certain seasonal festivals - not prurient but very valid expressions of natural feelings and result-getting to boot. I have little patience with some modern-day cocktail party type Witchcraft, the watering down or adapting to conform with the standard Churches just to remain innocuous. Nothing Wicca does needs to be apologized for, and those who cannot accept this, should not enter the Craft at all.

I also notice your exchange regarding Kabbalah: Wicca is essentially an Anglo-Saxon/Celtic Craft and mixing in other elements such as Kabbalah, Stregeria, Brujeria, etc. falsifies the thrust. Not that these other forms of Magick are any less worthy: but there are many ways, not just One Super Highway!

With all my best wishes of the Season,

B.B.
Hans Holzer

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ED NOTE: Hans, my intention was not to criticize the novel or Heather but rather the person who read it. I do not think reading one novel is sufficient grounds for changing ones religion. My intent was to suggest that she should have done more reading.

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FROM UPI - State and El Dorado County health officials held a news conference in Sacramento to warn of the possibility of Bubonic Plague this summer in the Sierra Nevada. Most of California's outdoor tourist spots along the coast...in the mountains and national parks harbor the rodents that carry the dreaded disease.

Last year, two campsites near Lake Tahoe were closed because of the problem, and this year's rains helped create the lush surroundings that breed the disease-carrying fleas which attach themselves to rodents. Although no Plague infected animals have been detected-health officials want campers to be alert.

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Richard's Ramblings

A thought that may invite flak is that Unitarian Churches seem to be excellent places to hold events. The church Mary used had a nursery, a kitchen, and a ritual room big enough to hold over a hundred people in a circle. I don't know the financial arrangements, but the only charge to the attendees was $3.50 for the workshop, so it couldn't have been too bad. Northern Way had a bash at a Unitarian Church in Chicago the middle of April, and Stan in Chicago Heights was guest speaker at a Unitarian Church in his neighborhood. I also hear that the Canadian Wic Can Festival was scheduled to be held at a Unitarian Campground at the end of May. Unitarians are usually both intelligent and liberal, so it is not difficult to approach them. Think about it the next time you want to have a bash and don't know what to do if you get 100 people and it snows. Unitarian Churches are possible resources in any community, and one could probably give the Chicago, Chicago Heights, Milwaukee and Toronto churches as references.

I hear the State of Arkansas is blossoming with Pagan groups. A lot of folks who didn't know each other are getting networks together and forming groups, and some of the groups are liking up - it won't be long before the Dixie Pagans take over the Bible Belt! I hope!! It will be a great day when we can all go about our business without worrying about what the neighbors think or that the born agains are getting ready to attack.

Professor Jim Rizik of Northeastern Illinois University's Philosophy Department has shown a great interest in Pagan/Occult Philosophy/ Theology. He attended our Beltane Festival and met several folks, and will probably be formulating some heavy questions for the Pagan theologians to tackle. More on this later.

Hare-brained idea of the month: How about if all the Pagan folk who can start volunteering for work at Forest Preserves. Maybe, eventually we could get the County Board to appoint a High Priestess for each Forest Preserve, and she could do New Moons and such there. They do have night walks after usual hours, at least at the Sand Ridge Nature Center in Calumet City, Illinois. Sure, we might have to be a little sneaky about it, but many of us have been covert workers in the past. Just something to think about.

Finally, something for the kids: a class on elementals that will perk up the little ones. Explain that sylphs are the elementals of air. They cause leaves to rustle and can play tricks with sounds, and sometimes steal hats, papers and anything else that can blow away.

Salamanders dance in fires. They can throw and ride sparks, and usually are very pretty. But, like kids, they can start things that can get out of control.

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Richard's Ramblings (cont.)

Undines are to be found in water. They dance and laugh in surf, and paint rainbows in the sky sometimes when it rains, or near waterfalls. But they also soak shoes and matches, make the ground slippery and hide holes or rocks in puddles.

Gnomes are of the earth, and proper offerings to them can make your garden grow better and keep the squirrels out of your attic, they also love to put rocks in your shoes while hiking and put roller skates on the stairs at home.

After this is explained to the young ones, get them in a circle and invoke the quarters, using the elementals; they seem to operate on kids levels. Some simple work can then be done. Keep it short and simple. Don't forget to thank and dismiss the quarters at the end. Kids love stuff like this, and it helps them learn the fundamentals of the Craft.

Richard Clarke - Calumet Pagan Temple

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The Nether Realm Of Desire - Tiffany St. Moonstar

Nothern moist green wind whispering
Soft sweet moss covers path glistening
Midnight stars across pacific skies listening

Drums beat tatoo of loins hot passion
The air pounds down in a heated fashion...

Secret smells of night jungle rise
Howling hungry abyss shrieks lust cries
Languid loins throb endlessly mew made ties

He and She meet in the ring of invisible fire
Eyes clash in a locked gaze of desire. . .

Cool singing waterfall whispers premival thoughts
Rasping lecherous parrots said crimson words that taught
Sweet peppy kisses like opium each had brought

Furry lip to smooth, turgid flesh to soft,
Hands on his manhood, teeth burning hot...

Pale decadent moon silver sliver of madness
Illicit shadow clouds rise above with gladness
Night stalking sweat soaked animals steal happiness

All is one and one is all,
Conquering child is himself conquered now.

by Tiffany St. Moonstar, HPS, Coven of the Dragon, Mt. View, CA

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CHRISTI in Chicago sez: I have enclosed a check for the newsletter. I found much food for thought, especially "What Is a Witch?", "Practical Pagan Parenting" and "The Sacrificial King." In fact, I loved all of it. There was so much in it that I have read it several times already and shall undoubtedly do so a few more times so that I may glean as much knowledge from it as I can. May the Lord and Lady guide and Bless you.

Blessed Be,
Christi

ED. NOTE: Thank you for the kind words, Christi. Glad you enjoyed it.

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JANIS in Valatie, N.Y. sez: I have a change of address. Hope I don't miss any issues...you do a great job on the newsletter - I can't even begin to imagine the work involved for you & those who help you with typing, etc.
Hope your weather has been better than ours this Spring. We've had so much rain. When the sun does come out, there's an immediate change in people's moods, improving them vastly.
I'm still working in research, but in a lab that uses few animals for experiments. That's a compromise for me - I hate the thought of inflicting pain on the Lady's creatures - in this case mice - but my only training is in research, and I have no other way of earning my income. Over the years I've felt there has been a "payback" on my part. I've lost several animal friends that I was extremely close to. I remember most places I've lived by who I buried there. Many people lose the animals they love, I'm certainly not alone in this - maybe it is karmic fate.
Anyway, keep doing your excellent job with the newsletter - so many of us would miss the newsletter terribly.
My husband is fine - he's trying to start his own TV repair business - very difficult these days.
Fluff, Freya (cats) and Thora (goofy Golden Retriever) are enjoying the Spring in spite of the rain.

Blessed Be,
Janis

ED. NOTE: Once the rain stopped here...came the heat. Hottest so far has been 105.
About research labs: I thought some of them had switched to computers to get the same results.

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ROBYN in Australia sez: have been busy either in bed with asthma or delivering in letterboxes...I get time to catch up on Craft news. I feel a bit cut-off as I disconnected the phone. Lynne & I working on E.S.P. Maybe we'll get our news through.
More flooding in northern states. What more???
Last year you printed an article on "Wobbly Moon Phase." The dates were spot on with those of myself & friends who experienced upsets. Will someone give us those for this year? It helps if we know when to keep ourselves cool and casual. All my love & best wishes to you all. Merry part & Blessed Be.

Robyn

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STUFF & THINGS

Recieved the 1983 WITCHES' ANNUAL. Songs, rituals, stories, articles, Earth Calendar, cartoons and much more. You'll love it. $4.50 ARCANE CRAFTS, Box 383, Mastic Beach, N.Y. 11951.
Rus sez: We're flooded with cats and water. Three of our cats had a dozen kittens between them...that on top of the dozen cats and half dozen visiting toms already here!. Anybody want 2 free kittens?? Pouring rain non-stop since winter. People wonder how it is the island hasn't floated away. One good thing: the rain is supressing the appetites of the Gypsy Moths.
Ruthi is graduating from Dowling College. Next stop is a graduate program in Social Work. During summer session Ruthi is teaching a class.. Pagan Way class...also at Dowling College.
We're looking for stories for the 1984 Annual. Interested Pagans should write to the above address. Deadline is end of November.
Blessed Be.
Rus

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JIM in Winchester sez: just got back from the mountain meet and had a very nice time. It was great to see all the nice people I have met through the years and meet some nice new ones. It was nice to see Elizabeth again as she is such a sweet person and a joy to be around her smile and sparkling eyes. I recieved my third degree Sunday and have taken a new name.

Love and Blessed Be,
Jim

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Wanted: Solutions to mundane household problems, particularly afflicting Witches (i.e. wax removal from rugs, etc.). We are compiling a book, and credit will be given for each problem solved. Send ideas to: Stone Creed Coven, c/o Dorothy A. Mannix, 1905 Fulton Rd. # 4, Cleveland, Oh. 44113.

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DEMETER in Hollywood, Florida sez: Well, I did it! I opened up anew! New name, new location...same old stuff- oil, incense, candles, books, talismans and all the odds & ends of an occult shop. I am now shopping around for a computer to cast charts...my math is not so good. A sudden decision with several contributing factors. One major one was the warm support & encouragement of Craft people here.
Having a baby pulls on all inner reserves of strength. Lady Cara was kind enough to take me as her guest to a Jack La Lanne spa - where I swam, saunaed and steamed for a few hours. The whirlpool bath eased a lot of muscle tension.
Lady Elonaway, of the Welsh tradition is a charming hostess, and Apollo and I enjoyed meeting another Welsh group.
Lady Cara will be doing the Wiccaning for Rhiannon at the Sabbath, and the Florida Georgians will be down for the occasion. I am looking forward to meeting them after all the time I have read their contributions to the Georgian Newsletter. Everyone down this neck of the woods adores them and raves about the wonders of their outdoor Circle.

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DEMETER continued...
Another thing about the shop...it is in an indoor flea market very similar to my last place on L.I. I was advised to avoid the word WITCH down here. Anything else is okay...astrology, psychic, metaphysical, parapsychology...and since the location is sandwiched right in between two very large Baptist churches, I decided on UNDER THE STARS (all 5-pointed, of course) as a good cover name. Would appreciate any good vibes sent this way for success.

May the Lady & Her Consort smile on all your endeavors.

Blessed Be,
Demeter

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FATE by Roweena in Oregon

Fate weaves her tapestries of the ages,
Carefully, for each thread contains a living soul.
The tapestries that Fate weaves are beautiful
indeed, showing love and sorrow, elation and strife,
histories that man himself cannot recall.

Fate weaves with the shuttle of time. As the
shuttle flashes to and fro, a life thread breaks,
so ending another soul's time. Quickly Fate knots
another thread in its place. Life begins anew.

My lady, Fate, I bid you, please, use great
care as you weave, lest my thread become
caught in the shuttle of time and break.

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DAVID in Ft. Madison, Iowa sez: I was approved for a 48 hr. furlough to my sister's home near Des Moines. I can hardly express the joy and happiness I felt in visiting with some of my friends and relatives again after 4 long years.
Life can be colorful, full of contrasts and interest, adventures and explorations. After all, isn't love the commitment between two people to recieve recognition that brings about a favorable rsepnse that provides security, and leads to new experiences?

Much Love & Blessed Be,
Davis

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BEING A WITCH IS.....

...not the way to get rich.

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THAT'S ALL, FOLKS.

LOVE AND BLESSED BE,

Pat and all the Georgians

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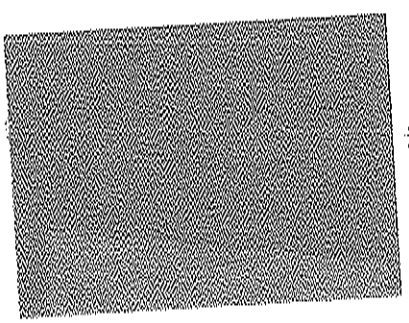
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