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BAKERSFIELD -

As Lammas came again this year,
we did approach it with a little tear,
for Lady Fauna and Dean did not appear;
to the doghouse for another year!

A long phone call from Lady Rhea in Atlanta;
bet the phone company thinks she is Santa.
But nice to hear from friends far and near
who close with a "Blessed Be, dear".

Julie did visit and act as maiden,
arrived with food, her arms were laden.
Elizabeth busy, the house and temple cleaning,
then later she did a bit of preening.

In the temple we danced the altar 'round,
lifting our feet high off the ground.
The outdoor Circle we could have made alive,
but not in heat of one hundred and five.

So Sabbats come and Sabbats go,
but there is one thing that we do know:
we'll celebrate them all and miss not one,
and say "Blessed Be" to everyone.

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So it was a nice Sabbat. As you know, we celebrate Sabbats here on the nearest Saturday for the benefit of those who come from other places. Too bad there was confusion over which Saturday is which for a Witch.

Newsletter is still $6. for 12 issues in the U.S., $12. foreign surface mail or $24. foreign air mail including Canada.

Be sure to read the editor's note at the lower part of page 16. This is important.

Next month we'll have the last in the Sabbat series from Lady Allusha. Let's hope she's been busy with some more of her writing. We know it's a lot of work but she does such an excellent job of it.

We're still getting lots of the kooky mail....send me info on Witchcraft...teach me to be a Witch...send all info on your church. Brief notes with not even a stamp enclosed. I don't bother to answer ...just send a sample copy of the newsletter.

Don't forget to send change of address. And don't forget to always include name and address INSIDE your letter.

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## STUFF & THINGS

DANA of Lifelight Temple in Kalamazoo sez: I can't believe it. I nominate the adults in this article, and the adults & legal system in the other, for a joint creep-of-the-month/year/aeon award. Blessed Be the great Goddess who leads us on paths of beauty & peace. Still in shock out here from Dick Clarke's death and other weirdnesses.

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Dana

Dana enclosed articles from local newspapers about a group called the House of Judah. They describe themselves as Black Hebrew Israelite Jews. All members must sign a paper saying they accept punishment, including beatings, for disobedience. The beatings include the children, who may be beaten with leather straps, broomsticks, etc. The group claims to live by teachings of the Old Testament.

Recently a 12-year-old boy died as a result of beatings. Members say the boy deserved to be beaten according to the Bible, therefore the boy died by the hand of God. The boy's mother gave the last beating, and she has been charged with manslaughter. Others have been arrested including the group's leader, charged with child cruelty. 66 children have been taken into temporary custody. Members of the group claim that God will punish everybody who had anything to do with the arrests and taking the children.

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Washoe County, Nevada, health officials have found an animal at Incline Village that died of the plague. The rodent's body, complete with Plague-carrying fleas, was found at the Glen Rock area. Officials have posted plague warnings in areas around Reno. They warn people also to stay away from dead animals that pets may have dragged home.

California's first confirmed victim of Bubonic Plague since 1981 blames it on a flea from the family cat. Donald Pritchard, a carpenter from the Shasta County town of Burney, said from his hospital bed that he noticed five flea bites on his body on Sunday. By Wednesday, he'd come down with plague symptome - dehydration, sore muscles, swelling of glands, a high fever, headache and dizziness.

A love of animals and children has inspired a Kansas City-area couple to make a 25-thousand dollar "Challenge Grant" to save the lives of about 50 farm animals at the Kansas City Zoo's "Touch Town," the Petting Zoo. Now open year-round, the zoo was to be closed for the Winter and the animals slaughtered as part of the zoo's effort to come to grips with a 78-thousand dollar budget cut. But Howard and Nadine Weaver donated nearly one-third of that amount to get the ball rolling for an upcoming Save-The-Zoo Telethon.
Donations for the zoo can be mailed to: KCTV-5 Zoo Fund, Box 30147, Kansas City, Missouri 64112.

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DIDJA KNOW??? Astronomers made an important discovery about the planet Uranus in 1976. It is surrounded by rings as is Saturn.

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## STUFF & THINGS

LADY EILONWY in Ft. Lauderdale (Children of the Moon Coven) sez: One of the most beautiful Wiccanings of the year - that of Rhiannon, daughter of Lady Demeter and Lord Apollo of the Welsh Celtic tradition who conducted the ritual with Lady Eilonwy of the Welsh tradition as Goddess/Mother, and Lord Orion of the Welsh Eclectic tradition as God/Father, on the Full Moon of 6/26.

Guests included representatives of the Egyptian and Gardnerian traditions, Children of the Moon Coven, a member of the Masonic order, Knights of the Round Table and Brothers of the White Light Spiritual Community, and a few Pagans. All enjoyed good fellowship, meeting of the minds, exchange of high positive energy and high spirits (Coors and Carlo Rossi). Thought you'd like to know no fist fights broke out in discussing the merits of each tradition...and the baby survived! It was a great time in all reallity.

Blessed Be
In Love & Light
Lady Eilonwy

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LADY RHEA in Atlanta sez: About the newsletter -- Ellen should get TWO gold stars for her article in the July issue!
Same for Rik--I second those emotions.

All goes well. Had a great Sabbat (Summer Solstice) and a fantastic ritual in the mountains for Full Moon. One of the group recieved her Third Degree then, and the entire ritual was truly Magical!
When 15" tapers burn down (not melt--burn!) in less than four hours, something is going on!
Enjoyed being back in the mountains. It is always such a special treat.

Weather is atrocious. HOT. And some of the California smog seems to have found its way East--it is terrible here. Need a good rain--about three days worth--to wash away the haze and give the Earth a much needed drink.

Take care--of self--of fur people--
Love and
Blessed Be
Rhea

ED. NOTE: What do you mean, California smog? The L.A. area has smog ...but believe it or not...that is not the total of California. There are other places. Bakersfield DOES NOT have smog. Sometimes fog... in the Winter..but no smog.

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Heard on a recent TV talk show:

Yes, Elizabeth Taylor is getting fat. Looks like she just swallowed Orson Wells.

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## GODDESS WORSHIP? from Rik in TUCSON

Some time ago, one of my students was reading her copy of the Georgian and noticed that not one person who wrote on What Is A Witch mentioned the Goddess. Later she said, after finishing the newsletter, "Magick, magick, magick...isn't Our Lady ever mentioned in this newsletter?"

I thought about it for awhile and decided she was right. We all have our own ideas on what a Witch is just as we all have our own reasons for being a Witch. But how often do we share this with others? or even ourselves? When Patti (my Catholic wife) reads one of my newsletters, she finds none of the wonder or joy or togetherness that I feel as a Witch. Instead, she says something like:
"You Witches must all hate men and want to rule the world."
"The person who wrote this must be on LSD."
"All you people seem to be interested in is magic."

Few articles seem to deal with the God and Goddess and how they relate to our lives. I confess that I am also guilty of this as my experiences have been personal and I am a bit too rational to admit to the world that the Gods do, in fact, exist and talk to man. It just is not accepted by modern man. Thus, I write on what I feel that the ORGANIZATION needs (rituals, myths, magick, physics, etc.) and have forgotten about the religion.

I, unfortunately, am not eloquent enough to put into words the love and closeness that I feel within the Circle; the inner warmth and strength I recieve when I look into the Full Moon is beyond my abilities with a typewriter. So I give to you, my brothers and sisters of the Craft, a gift.

Share your feelings about the Lord and Lady with the rest of us and come in; we will be able to re-experience that wonder and love that we felt and feel anew at that which the Lady has to offer.

Once I told Patti that I could not become a Xian for in a lonely field on a moonlit night, I felt the Goddess touch my heart.

To this I add...too many of my loved ones say, "I love you because ..." or "I will love you if..." Within the Circle I hear the Goddess say, "I love you..period." Love without qualification. Love without greed. Love in its purest form.

Blessed Be.

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ED. NOTE: Rik, we'd be happy to print such articles. I think one reason we don't see much of this is because we so much take for granted our love for the Goddess. Magick, too, is a part of that: learning to understand and use the ways of nature, of the Goddess. We can no more expect a non-Craft person to understand our feelings any more than we can really understand what a Catholic feels in church. During the summers when I was a kid we travelled around the country stopping at various points of interest. We visited some churches that we heard were especially beautiful. All I felt was admiration for the physical beauty, no feeling to do with the religion. Either one feels it or not, and we all experience it in a different way.

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## STUFF & THINGS

GAIL in Boise, Idaho sez: Dear Pat & Elizabeth,
Just a short note to say hi & I forgot to say thanks for the lovely dinner, Summer Solstice. It was good and the company was great. It was good seeing you both once again. I don't know when I'll be down again but will let you know.
Finally finished reading the June newsletter. It was really good. I cried when I read "The Jealous God" & then I had to read it over. Also, I liked "Why me, Goddess?" The newsletters always lift my spirits.
Elizabeth, I'm really glad you are there with Pat, & I know you have been really working hard. Sorry we couldn't spend more time getting to know each other, but you're a beautiful lady. Next time, huh?
Pat, as for you, as I have always said before, no one could ever take your place, and you are very dear to me. I love you very much. You were my father in lives past & I will always see you as such.
May the Lady bless, protect & help guide you both through the right paths of Her ways.
(You may print this.) Blessed Be,
Gail

ED. NOTE: Gail was with the local coven here for a number of years and we really miss her. Wonder how we could talk her into moving back to Bakersfield.

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SUE in Tucson sez: I had a friend who sews (I don't at all) make my robe for me. I told her what it was for (she couldn't figure out why no zippers, pockets or velcro), and she looked a little surprised but went ahead. When it was done, she informed me that she is a born-again Xian. My turn to be surprised. Anyway, we ended up having a very interesting and enlightening conversation about our religions. She told me she felt okay about what I do because I'm working for the betterment of the world. She was open-minded and didn't try to convert me, which was a real change from most of the born-again Bible-beaters around this town. It made me realize that there are a few good Xians still around that aren't potential Witch-burners.
I told my coven this little story. My H.P. just laughed and said, "Yea, but wait 'til the lights are off and a huge 'Jesus Saves' lights up in phosphorous on the back of your robe!"
From a novice in Tucson
Blessed Be,
Sue

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ED. NOTE: Sue, if the robe lights up that way, ask which bank.

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GUEST ON PHONE TO HOTEL MANAGER: I've gotta leak in my sink.
MANAGER: Okay, go ahead.

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What do you do with an elephant with 3 balls? (from Lady Fauna)
Walk him and pitch to the giraffe.

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## STUFF & THINGS

Recieved a nice phone call from Beth & Frank in Mississippi. All goes well with them and they are still keeping busy with studies. Also reminded me of material I forgot to send. Sorry 'bout that. I just get so busy sometimes I just forget and need a reminder. Frank still in the navy. He has recieved the Navy Achievemnet Medal ...the only enlisted man getting it, all the others were officers. Congratulations, Frank.

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BLACKSON of DAO sez: there will be a psychic fair at the Seattle Center Exhibition Hall Sept. 8 thru 11. It is our intention to set up a booth which will make information about the Craft, Paganism, Druidism, etc. available to any who wish. We would like your ideas expressed at the booth also.
People would be able to come up, pick up literature about the various Earth Religions at no charge, and talk with real, live people who are IN the Earth Religion movement. The hand-outs would be either with an address or not. It does not matter. We want to offer a broad selection of perspectives to those who come to our booth. The booth will be for INFORMATION only and offer NOTHING for sale. It is advised, for the usual reasons, that if you put an address on your hand-out that you make it a PO Box. Get your hand-outs to me BEFORE August 23.

I will need to approve copy and let you know if it's okay or suggest changes. Then I will need 200 copies no later than Sept. 6. I must ask for a $5. donation to help buy coffe and munchies for the people donating their time to run the booth. The church does not have a bank account; please make money orders to A.E. DUDLEY.
For more info contact BLACKSUN & SHADOWHAWK, c/O D A O , POB 4751, Federal Way, Wa. 98003. Time is running out.

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JIM from Winchester was in town recently. We just don't get to see him often enough. He says all goes well in his area. Found some nice people.

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LADY FAUNA in Long Beach sez: (her letters are beginning to sound like carbon copies) she and Dean still very busy with jobs and school ...lots of work, lots of study. She just had her vacation and is exhausted. Her parents came for a visit and she is worn out from lots of driving and entertaining. Vacation over.
Oh well, at least they still plan to come for Lammas.

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DIDJA KNOW????

Snails are found just about everywhere...on land, in fresh water and salt water. Some snails live two years, others 20 years. There are roughly 80-thousand different kinds around the world.

The biggest ferris wheel in the U.S. is 165 feet tall, has a 78-foot axle and weighs 220 tons. It's now at Darien Lake in New York.

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## PAGAN INFANCY III

As noted previously, we can take our hints and clues from all over if we open our eyes to everything from astrology to zoology. Astrologically speaking, the preparation of your child's chart can really be an invaluable aid. You might like a dreamy, sensitive, imaginative water sign child and not be prepared for or realistic about the random energy of a fire sign, call 'em as you see 'em earth sign, or a constantly questioning "why" air sign. A covener whose interest lies in astrology can help read the child's chart. This should never be left to memory but should be on tape or in writing. You can do this yourself too. A computerized plantery placement chart (no interpretation) is available from Neil F. Michelsen-Astro-Computing Services, P.O. Box 16430, San Deigo, CA. 92116-0430 and it costs a mere $2. Include date-time-place of birth. There is a $2 handling charge per order whether for 1 chart or 10 so it may be a good time to get the whole family's (or coven's) charts done at the same time. Then, the investment in a good basic astrology book (I like The Astrologer's Handbook--Frances Sakoian & Louis S. Acker--Harper & Row) is worth the expense.

And Zoology--as I mentioned before and will repeat--the witches best tool is observation. A quick look at wolves: social animals culturally similar to humans--can give us a guide to natural wisdom. Many people recognize the "nesting" symptom that overtakes a woman at various stages of her pregnancy. If we watch nature films we can also see other things that "come naturally". Most pregnant mammals, cats and dogs included, take it easier and easier as the pregnancy progresses. The she-wolf ceases strenuous hunting and is fed and cared for by her mate and pack "aunts". In the den, where she is totally devoted to the offspring, she also rests up a great deal of the time. The close bonding takes place while Mom recovers. Again pack "aunts" will babysit so Mom can get a break now and then. One of the best gifts a fellow covener can give is an afternoon away from the den. Craft afterall is a nature based religion and teaches us "as above so below".

Now back to the Witches philosophy that we can control our environment, how can we teach that to our offspring? Responding to the cries of a baby indeed is not spoiling it at all, but teaching it that its only method of communication is not in vain. Breastfed infants cry more in the first year because Mom responds better (her breasts are full and bonding may be a little stronger) but after that they cry much less and use more mature methods of communication. Observation will teach the parent when the cry signals a need or when the baby has to "cry off" gas pains, or excess energy or what oftimes might just be called "growing pains". As far as I am concerned you cannot "spoil" an infant under a year old. The mistake that can be made however is holding, cuddling or rocking mostly at feeding or crying times. This can build up the association of food as a comforter or crying as the best and quickest way to get a reaction. Share some quiet times with the infant too, holding the

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Pagan Infancy III (cont.)

little one while listening to music or meditating can teach the beauty of these pleasant moments.

Babies are born seeing and hearing. Communicating with an infant can confuse parents. "What do you say to a baby besides kichty-kichty koo?" Everything. Sharpen your observation as to what you are doing now. "I am picking you up. I am taking off your shirt. The right arm comes thru the sleeve. I am changing your diaper. The wet diaper is coming off. The dry diaper feels nice. When you are a year old we will get you a potty to start using instead of diapers (this is my experience of pre-training that virtually eliminated any problem in this area). Start early to use the phrase "You can". "You can come with me into the living room. You can sit in my lap. You can kiss Mommy or Daddy." The more positive attention you can draw to your infants behavior or involvement the greater its belief will be in its own capabilities and your approval. The Craft is, after all, more "can and do" than "don't and thou shalt not".

Thses patterns or habits will effect you surprisingly well too. As you sharpen your observations, you will begin to take delightful. "Wow, I found a great grapefruit in the produce department!" Observe how few enthusiastic people there are around. A sincerely enthusiastic person is "high" on life and like a breath of fresh air while the constantly negative person is a psyshic vampire.

Be gentle with yourself as practice makes perfect and again, we, for the most part, did not have role models. "Do as ye will--harm ye none". If you find enjoyment in what you are doing, it will be the best proof to your pagan child that you control your own state of mind and being.

Be yourself and share that your with the infant. Candles and soft music help you to relax..use them with the baby in your arms..of course keep in mind that a lighter incense should be used to prevent irritating an infant. Sure, take the baby into a warm tub with you. Alot of new parents are dismayed when an infant seems to jump away ar startle at the touch. Again, watch nature as a mother cat or dog licks and licks even the kitten or pup that screeches and wiggles. In other words, don't stop showing affection and touching your infant even when it appears to rebuke that in the early stages.

Color vibrations are important too so note your baby's reactions to them. Is it more annoyed or tense with a yellow crib sheet? Does the color green calm the baby or is blue its favorite?

Remember the tapes you might have played while infanticipating? Try them at baby's bed time too. For those interested in mental stimulation there is much to be said for singing the alphabet and making up flash cards with the letters and numbers.

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Pagan Infancy III (cont.)

Two good books to get a hold of are "The first Twelve Months of Life" by Frank Caplan, Bantam Books and "Understanding Your Child from Birth to Three" by Joseph Church, Pocket Books.

By Lady Demeter
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Richard Clarke, Calumet Pagan Temple passed to the Summerland on Saturday, July 9 of a heart attack. We still have two of his RICHARD'S RAMBLINGS columns. It would seem appropriate we should use this one for this month.

RICHARD'S RAMBLINGS

Theology

In the Pagan religions a Mother Goddess comes first, and after learning of love, warmth, and security at the Spiritual breast of the Goddess, the seeker is prepared to face the challenge of the discipline of the Father. We have a bunch of Christian theologians who have never known a Spiritual Mother, but were introduced directly to God the Father who promptly scared the spiritual shit out of them, but never taught them anything about love, tenderness, mercy, or any of the motherly qualities. Ask any psychologist what happens when this is done on the mundane level, and extrapolate to the spiritual level, then look at the 20th century Christianity. Never mind "God is Love" or "God is merciful"--what sticks in a kids mind is that Yahweh told some dude to kill his kid and the dude was going to kill his kid but at the last minute Yahweh said it was OK to kill some other kid, so he did. That is pretty sick love. And the dude never would have gotten far if the kids Mother had been around. And if Yahweh's old lady had been on the scene, he never could have given such dumb instructions in the first place.

Remember that regardless of the theologians angle of attack, Christian theology is formed by a bunch of guys who never had a Spiritual Mother - sister, yes, but Mother, no. So we have a bunch of guys who, in their efforts to please Dad, spend endless hours cerebrating about the nature of God, and sometimes attempting to 'live on a spiritual level', but they have never known love or security on a spiritual level. They would do themselves a favor to all go to a lakeshore under a full moon and dance naked around a bonfire, and remember Mom never spanked you for going skinny dipping.

In the Craft, it is claimed that the Goddess told man that "...All acts of Love and Joy are my sacrements..." so that to truly honor your Spiritual Mother, it becomes necessary to experience joy just as it is necessary to experience pain. To deny the necessity of either is sacreligious.

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## STUFF & THINGS

GLORIA in Midlothian, Illinois sez: It is with a very heavy heart I am writing you; my teacher, dear friend and initiator has left this system of things for his next life: namely, Richard Clarke. He died of a massive heart attack, wonderfully without pain, and his memorial service is tomorrow (July 11) in Hammond, Indiana. Afterwards, there will be a "bash" in his honor - as he would have wished - until...(as he would have wished). Unfortunately, due to the fact that I have just gotten out of the hospital myself, having had a coronary occlusion and being severely restricted by my doctors, I will be able to attend the memorial service and perhaps stay a li little while at the party - and Dick knew how much I love to party!

If you good people could please send some good thoughts and/or some healing energy my way, I would be most grateful! My strength is not coming back as I feel it should, and I really am tryingto obey the doctor's orders.

Once again, I am so very impressed with our Pagan community. (Getting back to Dick...) Everyone who possibly could has rallied around Dick's wife, Janel, with labor of love, time, work, and those who can't help out immediately because of their own jobs or whatever, are giving gifts of much-needed money instead of flowers. Friends have been cleaning house, cooking, and doing the much needed chores that can't get done by the immediate family due to making arrangements of one sort or another. I get high on the love that is being poured out, and it is truly marvellous to see and feel our sisters and brithers doing such good when and where it can benefit someone who is so deserving of their efforts. This is what it means to be a Pagan! Unselfish love! But, of course, there is more to being a Pagan than that! I may expound on this in the near future when I am more "together" than I am at this time.

Blessed Be!
Gloria.

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ALYCE in Ohio sez: It's nice living here in Berlin country. Trees surround me in my own personal oak grove. We have only one close neighbor and even they are far. Most things are as they should be. However, there is one thing that concerns me, i.e. the daily occurrence of dead animals in the road. Rabbits, birds, woodchucks, opossums, cats, turtles and chipmunks, our Lady's creatures lying there flat as a pancake, run over by careless drivers. Most simply drive too fast and can not stop in time. There are some sickies who actually try to hit them. Please, folks, drive carefully and watch out for the little ones.

Love and Blessed Be,
Alyce

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ED. NOTE: Alyce, I can understand why you might mark your address "not for publication"....but the date, too??

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## RELIGION IN THE NEWS

Vatican sources say Poland's Roman Catholic Church and the Communist government have agreed to establish a church-run foundation that will administer millions of dollars in economice aid from the West.

In Santa Ana, Calif. , a superior court jury ordered the Hare Krishna religious sect to pay 32-poin-three million dollars in damages to a woman who says she was brainwashed 8 years ago..and the woman's mother.

Anthony Bush is the organizer of Billy Graham's trip to Britain next year. He says the night he held a meeting to discuss Graham's trip, a lightning bolt destroyed the front of his house near Bristol, England. He is convinced it was the work of the devil.

Roger Hilton, former pastor of a United Methodist Church in Bristol, Virginia, testified in federal court that he believes Bible Classes in the Bristol public schools "break the law."

Hestia of Children of the Earth sent a news clipping from Charleston, W.V. A special resolution was submitted to the House of Delegates requesting that facilities not be made available to certain entertainers..."utilizing the same public facilities to practice worship of the Devil and other heathen rites.." This brought on by an appearance of Ozzy Osbourne & his rock band.
Hestia wrote to the House Rules Committee protesting the wording since Webster defines heathen as "one who is not a Christian, Jew, or Moslem".
Children of the Earth, POB 417, Keyser, W.V. 26726.

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The membership decline in the nation's main-line Protestant churches continued to slow, while conservative churches continued to grow.

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Leaders of the Hare Krishna cult met in Miami Beach and excommunicated Hans Kary, one of the group's founders. The governing body said Kary became an embarrassment because of his "bizarre, aberrant behavior. His secretary says it is because he refuses "to go to airports anymore" to beg for cash.

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A couple met in a bar in Iceland and decided 30 minutes later that it would fun to get married by a Pagan priest. They didn't meet again until they each received an official letter enclosing their marriage certificates. The bar patron who officiated at the wedding turned out to be the high priest of the Pagan Aser faith, whose followers swear allegiance to the old Norse gods of Thor, Freia and Wodin. Followers are known to partake in ceremonies in which legs of lamb, purchased at the supermarket, are offered up to Thor.
Under the Icelandic constitution, the belief is recognized as an official religion. Justice Ministry officials say it will be difficult to annul the marriage because it was carried out by a priest, even though he is a Pagan.

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DEFINITIONS by Anon E. Mouse

ASTRONAUT - misspelling of astrnut- a nut who is out of this world.
ASTROPHYSICE - a laxative for astronauts.
ATHAME - be careful with this knife or you may stick someone in the ath.
ALEXANDRIANS - they drink only alexanders.

CIRCLE - a square without corners.
CRAFT - a small boat.
CROWLEYISM - people who worship crows.

ENGLISH TRADITIONALISTS - all rituals are done with a British accent.
FAMILIARS - Pagans who live together.
DRUIDS - ancient Pagan artists who DREW many things.

GARDNERIANS - they guard things..like their membership.
HEREDITARY - a bald Pagan.
NEOPHYTE - the new member who wants to fight tradition.

HIGH PRIEST - the one who drank too much wine before the ritual.
HIGH PRIESTESS - the one who finished all the wine left in the chalice.
PERFECT LOVE & PERFECT TRUST - what you expect to recieve whether or not you give it.

PROMETHEANS - they PROMETH you'll never be the same.
SOLITARY - a shy, lonely Witch.
TRADITIONALIST - Republican Pagens.

WELSH TRADITONALISTS - they serve Welch's Grape Juice instead of wine.
WEIGHT WATCHERS - they guard the barbells at the athletic club.
WESTERN TRADITION - Pagan cowboys.
WITCHCRAFT - a Witch's small boat*

TREES

I think that I shall never see
anything so lovely as a tree.
And this one's just made for me
said the dog as he took a . . . . (What'd he do?)

FEET

The boy stood on the burning dock.
WOW! What a crazy hotfoot!!

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T HP to neophyte chasing the HPs..."NO, NO!! I said after the wine you'll puckor!

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HPs to neophyte..."We do this ritual skyclad. Take off your robe."
HPs to Maiden....."Now hand me the sword."
Neophyte ....."Oh, no you don't. I was raised Jewish."

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A Witch she was, a Witch she is.
This gal is sharp, she knows her biz;
In fact, some say she's really a whiz,
And you'll regret it if you call her Liz.

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## DOG DAYS

A local business, The Pet Shop, held a fund-raiser for the S.P.C.A. ..a Dog Show featuring the smallest, biggest, ugliest, prettiest, and dog looking ,ost like its master. The show was held in a shopping center parking lot. There were plenty of water buckets for the dogs to get a drink, and pizza trucks with refreshments for the people. Entry fees earned about $150. for the SPCA. Maybe an animal shelter in your area might try this.
Rabies is still a problem. Even though an area may be free of rabies for a number of years, an outbreak can begin again. After 9 years, an epidemic in the Washington, D.C. area. In Nebraska, rabies cases more than doubled from the mid 70's to 1981. Cat rabies is now much more prevalent than in dogs. Texas had twice as many rabid cats as dogs, Iowa had four times as many. Many areas require dogs to be on a leash or confined, vacinated against rabies and licensed. But no regulations for cats. Protect yourself and your pet...have your cat vaccinated..

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A bill outlawing the use of pound animals for research won approval from a senate committee in Sacramento and was sent to the floor. The bill would prohibit any public pound from selling or giving an animal to a research facility for tests - and also would prohibit painful experiments on dogs & cats without anesthesia. The penalty would be a 500-dollar fine. Let's hope this passes.

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A German Shephard became the first known animal to get across San Francisco Bay via the Bart subway tube by itself. The dog was spotted at various Bart ststions in San Francisco, and then seen going into the transbay tube. The animal was hit by a train, but managed to get to the Oakland side of the tube and vanish.

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A Maine resident is doggone angry at the navy for spending nearly 46-thousand dollars to construct a doghouse for two canines at the Brunswick Naval Air Base. Senator George Mitchell received a letter from the taxpayer asking the senator to look into the matter. The navy admits spending the money, but a spokesman says it is warranted since the dogs are used for sniffing out drugs and explosives. He He says the dogs need to be treated very well to maintain their senses. The living quarters for the navy dogs has a grooming area, a food preparation area, outside lighting and a security fence.

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Police have recovered six Seeing-Eye Dogs stolen with a van in a San Fernando, Cal. shopping area, but they say there is no sign of the car thief or the vehicle. The dogs were found wandering along the street in the Pacoima area of nearby L.A. They've since been picked up by a Guide Dog agency, which gives the trained animals free to the legally blind. The dogs, five trained Labrador Retrievers and a German Shephard, are valued at approximately eight-thousand dollars each.

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## STUFF & THINGS

Dear Editor,

We were both extremely disturbed by the racist tone of an unsigned comment at the bottom of pg. 14 in your June 1983 issue. The comment dealt with cruelty to animals, allegedly perpetrated by recent Oriental (races are capitalized) immigrants. The author refers to these people as "government imports" and accuses them of being too lazy to work, and of stealing people's pets to eat them!

As members of an all-too-frequently misunderstood (religious) minority, we find such blanket statements outrageous and unacceptable. If one substitutes the word 'witch' for 'Oriental' and 'sacrifice' for 'eat', the bigoted nature of this article quickly becomes apparent.

We live in a city where the largest ethnic minority is Oriental. Many of these people are Pagans, many are vegetarians! Angus employs an Oriental refugee in his photolab. This young man was a Chinese, living in Vietnam, who fled to this country after persecution by the Communist government. He is honest, intelligent, diligent, and would be revolted at the thought of eating someone's pet. Our landlord, his wife, parents, and family, all American citizens, were incarcerated and lost all thier possessions during WWII because they had Japanese last names; because an atmosphere of mass hysteria was created by slanderous media remarks such as you have published. Unless you have Native American blood, you too are an import!

The vast majority of recent Asian immigrants are not "government imports". They are people who fled here, fled for their lives, often at extreme personal expense and peril, because they were threated with imprisonment and death by Fascist regimes. Coming from the Third World, without job skills, they arrived in the most technologicallly advanced country on Earth during a depression the likes of whic haven't been seen for 45 years. With the Ph D's begging jobs, is it any wonder some of them, still struggling with our language, are out of work?

We did not hear the MBS news broadcast mentioned in the article, so we cannot comment on its authenticity. A specific location was not mentioned, so it sounds like yet another 'urban myth'. We can never condone cruelty to animals; but if we adopt the viewpoint of an Asian immigrant, we might question the ethics of a society where the death of an animal for food draws more ire than the deaths of millions of Thrid World victims of oppression and malnutrition. We like your newsletter in general, but printing racist remarks we can never condone.

Blessed Be,
Angus Rowan & Seafoam
Maidenspirit, Seattle

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ED. NOTE: From your comments it is obvious that you not only missed the MBS broadcast but have missed a lot more of what goes on. It is also obvious that you don't work in the news media or you'd know how much news is edited out by editors, and how much deleted by pressure from various officials.

Here are a few things you seem to have missed:

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Various stories covered by all the media (and some in the newsletter)about the immigrants stealing pets and killing birds and animals in public parks. One member of a group caught in a park in the Bay area was carrying hundreds of dollars in cash. Poor starving people!
A couple on a plane with strange-smelling baggage. When inspected, it was found to contain a dog's head which they said was their lunch. Poor people couldn't afford to buy food but they could afford to fly. Incidents of this nature occurred in many places where the 'imports' settled.
A local Oriental restaurant, operating for many years, was closed by the health department when refrigerators & freezers were found to contain dogs and cats. Only one brief report on this leaked out before it was dropped. The business was open next day because the owner said he had these items only for special friends and not for the public. Korea, where many of these "imports" came from, has an annual convention of American travel agents in Seoul. In the past they have requested that restaurants that serve dog meat and snake meat take down their advertising signs during the convention. Their was no compliance. So this year, officials in South Korea have ordered the restaurants to close or take down the signs before the convention. Those who fail to do this will have water and electricity turned off.

As to Third World countries: teams were sent to these areas to teach the people methods of birth control. They weren't interested. And the over-population gives the "charity" organizations more excuse to press the public for more donations. Of course, whatever isn't ripped off by "charity" officials is largely ripped off by officials of the countries recieving the aid.

The report in June 1983 about people getting 'fed up' with the actions of many 'imports', came from a national news organization. Just one short paragraph with no repeat before it was dropped. Pressure!

Have you ever wondered whether all the money the U.S. dumps into these countries (our taxes) is really for humanitarian purposes or a political game to control people and nations?

Of course, all orientals are not the same. Most problems are caused by the recent 'imports'. I also find it interesting to discover how many of these "poor starving" people suddenly own their own business after arriving here.

By the way, I do happen to have some Native American blood.

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DIDJA KNOW???

For some time, Washington has contended that a phenomenon in Southeast Asia and Afghanistan called "Yellow Rain" is evidence of Soviet chemival warfare. But two scientists, a Harvard chemist and a Yale biologist, say they have "persuasive evidence" that yellow rain is caused not by men, but by BEE excrement.

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## STUFF & THINGS

DEMETER in Florida sez: did you recieve the tapes I sent? I had them insured.
ED. NOTE: Tapes recieved. Thank you. Just haven't had time to listen to them or write to you.

DEMETER: Rhiannon's Wiccaning went very well, with a nice representation of various traditions here. Lady Cara had some personal problems pop up and could not officiate. We missed her and the No. Florida Georgians, but no doubt we'll all get together sooner or later. Besides many wonderful magical gifts on the physical plane - magical mobiles, books & jewelry, special pillows. As an example - Rhiannon received many beautiful spiritual gifts - that of poetry, music, healing, health, clairvoyance, strength, beauty, etc. during the Circle. I was so touched by the wonderful thoughts and vibrations, I almost cried. How different we are, and how happy I am for the difference from Christianity where baptism ceremonies mainly keeps the devil at bay.
The new place is going fairly well. You can't make a fortune on Craft supplies - a $2. bag of Frankincense lasts a couple of months - so the Tarot Card readings most of the time pay the rent, but I just don't mind at all. I guess, like you Pat, there is a tremendous amount of personal satisfaction doing besides just talking, and I love the things I sell.
I read July's Georgian Newsletter with delight, and I cannot tell you how happy the positive comments on my Pagan Parenting Series made me feel. Thanks, people, for taking the time to write those encouraging words.
I like the great variety expressed in your newsletter. I loved "Help My High Priestess is All Burnt Out by Ellen in No. Hollywood. Lady Phoenix's sharing was gorgeous, and Lady Allusha's "The Legend of the Wheel" informative, and so many who share in each newsletter.
People can write me at the shop address if they like as this is "off season" and there are times when I can write back.

Blessed Be
Lady Demeter
Under The Stars, 7001 Taft St., Hollywood, Fla. 33024.

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FROM YOUR EDITOR: a couple times in the past couple of years someone has sent an article for publication. After we had it typed on stencil and printed, at the last minute they wrote and said some book or magazine was going to use it so we shouldn't publish it. This is the last time we will waste hours of work plus the cost of ink and hundreds of pages that must be thrown away because someone is thoughtless and inconsiderate. From now on if you send an article story, poetry, etc., IT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY PERMISSION TO PUBLISH, THE DATE AND YOUR SIGNATURE (NOT TYPED) or it will not be used.

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DIDJA KNOW? The Declaration Of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776..but the Continebtal Congress adopted it on July 2, 1776.

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## MOUNTAIN MEET June 1983

As we came down into the camping area, what a beautiful change in the forest. Everyone who was there on Thursday, wrapped brightly colored papers around the trees., giving off the feeling that you were stepping into time that was standing still. So peaceful and Breathtaking.
We enjoyed 3 streams this year, as the forest had upto 60 inches of rain. Everything was green and luscious.
Our Lady's beautiful ladybugs made their appearance, too. For years we have called the area "Ladybug Land".
The pageant this year surrounded the story of "Circle Dancing", an article that Merle wrote some years ago. We had all age groups participating this year.
The Entertainment:
Lady Allusha and her Coven did a beautiful demonstration of Belly Dancing. Even Mike, John and Richie joined in the fun this year. Puck brought his guitar, and led us in some lively songs.
Around The Campsite:
Lady Mariah and Aaron brought up their cooking cauldron this year, and we asked everyone to add a little something to it; we had 5 pots of delicious stew brewing all the time during our atay there. There was no waste--everything was eaten.
Decorations:
Everyone really went out on their decorations and costumes this year. Diane and Kevin had a banner saying "Welcome to Oz" on it, and many colored flowers decorated their tent.
Judith had a beautiful Arabian Nights arrangement, high back chairs, bed and pillows, and netting, too.
Announcements:
Bill Adams received his first up in the mountains this year.
Judith and Cinda are now 3rds and so is Jim, who is from Winchester.
Julie has also received her 2nd this summer.
We are going to have another mountain meet this coming September, on the 16th, 17th and 18th. The theme this time is going to be the North American Indian era, so Indian costumes may be worn.
More next month on what we will be doing. Until then:

Blessed Be,
Lady Selene and Lord Vulcan & The Coveyne
Of The Dolphin

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Robyn in Australia sez: I recieved two month's issues in two weeks. I've been slowed down by winter and able to enjoy all the o/s news. So many things going on over your way. Have you heard of our Oz rock group "Men At Work"? They sing a song called "Down Under" with a part about our famed Vegemite Sandwich.

Love,
Robyn

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PAGAN TIME is an excuse for thoughtless, inconsiderate slob to always be late. Being a Pagan is not an excuse to have the manners of an illiterate hillbilly.

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# H A N D F A S T I N G

TEMPLE IS PREPARED:

CIRCLE IS CAST:

LUMINARIES BROUGHT DOWN (ISIS/OSIRIS CHANT)

(HP turns after drawing down sun and speaks:)
HP: My thought is a tree, rooted deep in the soil of tradition and whose branches grow in the power of continuity.

(HPS turns after drawing down the moon and speaks:)
HPS: My thought is a cloud moving in the space. It turns into drops which, as they fall, form a brook that sings its way into the sea. Then it rises, a vapor, into the sky.

(HPS pauses--13 heartbeats, then continues as HPS, not Goddess)
HPS: Marriage is a state of beingness, not merely a legal status. For Larry & Pattalee, marriage has been an expression of the nature of love--taken back and hidden in their hearts and now a second time uttered.

HP: We celebrate their marriage today in the witness of the Old Ones and the elements of life.

(Bride stands to the North of the circle, Groom to the South. As they speak the following, they slowly move to the eastern altar.)

BRIDE: When you were a wandering desire in the mist, I too was there, a wandering desire. Then we sought one another, and out of our eagerness dreams were born. And dreams were time limitless, and dreams were space without measure.

GROOM: And when you were a silent word upon Life's quivering lips, I too was there, another silent word. Then Life uttered us and we came down the years, throbbing with memories of yesterday and with longing for tomorrow, for yesterday was death conquered and tomorrow was birth pursued.

BRIDE: And now we are in the Gods' hands. You are a sun in their right hand, and I am earth in their left hand. Yet you are not more, shining, than I, shone upon.

GROOM: And we, sun and earth, are but the beginning of a greater sun and greater earth. And always shall we be the beginning.

LOW: I, who stand as Father-kin, release you to the fullness of your love for each other.

I wish for you long years, full life, easy passage, kin-favor, roof-fortune, and child-holding. Thus be it ever.

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Handfasting (cont.)

(Father-kin kisses Bride's cheek, and steps back)

LOUISE: I, who stand as Mother-kin, send you forth with my blessings to the strength of your love for each other.

I wish for you the joys of learning each other, the inner warmth of pleasures given and received, growing love, thought-sharing, and hand-holding in old age. So it shall be.

(Mother-kin kisses Groom's cheek, then stips back. Both move back into the Circle.)

GROOM: We are not one, but are in harmony as one.

BRIDE: We are ourselves, but can, at will, commune as one.

(She reaches to touch or kiss his ears, then says:)

May I hear with your ears as well as with my own.

GROOM: (Kisses her eyes) May I see with your eyes as extensions of my own.

BRIDE: (Touches his hands)

May what I feel beneath my hands be felt as if it lay beneath your touch as well.

GROOM: (Kisses her lips)

May what I taste be sensed as if it also touched your lips.

BRIDE: (Offers him a flower to savor)

May the fragrances of the universe be shared together.

GROOM: May the understanding of the universe be ours, separately and together.

PETER & LAURA: "YOU FILL UP MY SENSES"

(Bride and groom each take their ring from the altar or attendant, and facing each other, palm to palm, consecrate the rings as they make their vows.)

BRIDE: I swear before the Olds Ones and the elements that I will cleave to you and you only, as long as love be in our hearts. That, should love die, will I tell you truly and will I honestly ask you to release me from this bond. Even then will I help, protect, and guard you, as long as there is life in my body.

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Handfasting (cont.)

GROOM: I will cleave to you and to you only, as long as there is love within our hearts. But should, unhappily, our love wane, we shall honestly tell the truth to each other and if we must part, shall do so in peace and love, and we shall forever guard and protect each other, both in this live and in the next.

(Each takes the ring they have chosen to give, and offers it to their partner on their open right palm. Each takes the offered ring with their left hand, then transfers it to their right.

Couple crosses left hands, and HP/HPS bind the joined wrists with the braided cord from the altar.)

B & G: "With my body I thee worship.
With my heart I thee love.
With my mind I honor us."

(Each places their own ring on their own left hand.)

(HP/HPS pricks ring fingers of each, presses them together, and asks:)
HPS: You have made your vows, and your life-bloods are blended into one.

Do you also each accept the children born to your partner as children of your heart and home, though not of your body--to love, protect, to guide and cherish as if they were your own?

B & G: (Respond)

HPS: (Turns to those children present)
Do you each honor your parent's partner, and accept them in love?

CHILDREN: (respond)

(HP/HPS takes Gift from Air, and starts it around the Circle)

HP/HPS: Hail to Thee, Gods and Goddesses, Powers of Air, do you witness these vows?

AIR: I record these vows upon the winds to harmonize whatever they touch in their journies.

HP/HPS: Have you a Blessing for this Temple of Marriage?

AIR: To this Marriage, I bring the gifts of gentle breezes, and winds of storm. I bring the smell of new-mown hay, roses, as well as scents less pleasant. I bring from the world of Air all things over which I rule--to be shared, experienced and known together.....

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Handfasting (cont.)

(Air gift is returned, and is shared by the couple, placed on the central altar, and they move to the South of the Circle.)

(HP/HPS take Fire gift and start it around the Circle)

HP/HPS: Hail to Thee, Gods and Goddesses, Powers of Fire, do you witness these vows?

FIRE: I have recorded these vows in the flames of the sun, to warm those hearts that know not love as you do.

HP/HPS: Have you a Blessing for this Temple of Marriage?

FIRE: To this Marriage, I bring the gifts of the blinding sun, the soft glow of candlelight, the blazes uncontrolled and the gentle warmth of the fireplace flames. I bring from the World of Fire all things over which I rule--to be shared, experienced, and known together.....

(Fire gift returns and is shared by couple, placed on altar, and they move to the West of the Circle)

(HP/HPS Starts Water gift around Circle)

HP/HPS: Hail to Thee, Gods and Goddesses, Powers of Water, do you witness these vows?

WATER: I record your vows upon the waves of the ocean, which when drawn into the skies, become rain and shower to the earth again, washing away the doubts of those who have not your faith in each other.

HP/HPS: Have you a Blessing for this Temple of Marriage?

WATER: To this Marriage I bring the gentle and the driving rain; I bring water, both salt and fresh. I bring the mist and dew. I bring from the World of Water all things over which I rule...to be shared experienced and known together.....

(Water Gift returns, is shared by the couple, placed on central altar and they move to the North.)

(HP/HPS start Earth Gift around Circle)

HP/HPS: Hail to Thee, Gods and Goddesses, Powers of Earth, do you witness these vows?

EARTH: I have recorded your vows upon the mountain peaks so that your understanding shall endure as long as they.

HP/HPS: Have you a Blessing for this Temple of Marriage?

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Handfasting (cont.)

EARTH: To this Marriage I bring the fertile land with its grains and flowers, the barren land which fails to reproduce. I bring the level plains and the sheltered valleys. I bring from the World of Earth all things over which I rule--to be shared, experienced and known together.....

(Earth gift returns and is shared by couple, placed on altar, and they return to the East.)

HPS: In the depth of love is strength, companionship and joy of communication and understanding. Hand rises to clasp hand, falling away, but always there to reach and hold again when it is needful.

Thus today we have fasted your hands to signify your vows to each other.

(Draws invoking pentagram of spirit over clasped hands)

In the Presence of the Old Ones, the Elements and the Family gathered here, you now face the world as Man and Husband, Woman and Wife--Two who are joined in harmony as One.

Each of you is imbued with the elements of the universe; Because of your love for each other, the air is fresher, the sun is brighter, the water purer and more refreshing, and the Earth more abundant.

B & G: Will you share with us the Feast of the elements of Life in our Temple of Marriage?

FOUR FOLD FEAST:

B & G: Share with us the Planting of our Marriage Tree.

(Ceremony moves out of doors, to prepared area, plants tree, and returns indoors to dismiss elements and for reception.)

Lady Phoenix
in Dallas

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DIDJA KNOW?

The largest cactus in North America sometimes grows to over 50 feet tall...and can weigh as much as 10 tons. It can be found in Southern Arizona, Souther California and Northwestern Mexico. It is known as the Saguaro.

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DIDJA KNOW?

The four-thousand species of ladybugs are friendly because all they eat are other insects that are harmful to agriculture.

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## PUSSY CAT CORNER

FROM U.P.I. - L.A. - Ida Bolin...the Cat Lady of Topanga...has died at age 87. The widow became well known recently when she appealed to the public to adopt 50 cats that had been abandoned over the years at a kennel she ran at her home. Her money had run out and she had gone hungry so the animals could eat. Cat lovers, hearing of her story, adopted about 35 of the pets, and many others sent money to help her...but Mrs. Bolin was in a car accident June 13th, and on June 28th she died of internal injuries from the crash. 15 cats remained at Mrs. Bolin's kennel. Her sister has been supervising their sale and adoption.

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ALYCE in Ohio sent a news page from a Toledo paper. The story about a Middleburg Heights, Ohio police sergeant who killed a six-week-old kitten with a shotgun in the police department parking lot. The stray kitten had been a pet of another officer who started caring for it about 2 weeks earlier. Councilman Doris Lange said she had recieved an earlier report that Sgt. Peter Gawry had shot three cats behind a discount store.
Sgt. Gawry is also accused of assaulting a 60-year-old woman, then arresting the woman and her daughter on a traffic violation and strip-searching both of them in the company of 7 other officers. Gawry has been suspended without pay pending an investigation brought on by council involvement and public furor.

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Here in Bakersfield, Elizabeth recently had a problem with her pussy. Morgan was lying on the window sill of the second floor, apparently dozed off and fell. She lost one of her fangs and required a few stitches in her posterior. The vet says because she is so young the tooth may grow again. Anyway, she seems to be in good shape.

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The first case of Rabies in a domestic cat in 15 years in the L.A. area has been reported by health and veterinary officials. Special clinics have been set up to stave off an outbreak of the disease. The disease was confirmed in a 10-week-old kitten found along a road in the BIG BEAR area about 70 miles east of L.A. A couple from San Pedro picked up the cat and took it to their motel...where it bit the manager. The couple, the manager and his grandson are undergoing anti-rabies injections.
Rabies is usually transmitted by bats. Health officials are concerned because there has been an increase in recent years in rabid bats. Large numbers of bats invade L.A. & Orange counties in late August and early September to escape the cold. Both counties offer anti-rabies shots for domestic cats at animal shelters for $3. to help prevent the disease from spreading. They usually cost $15.

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BEING A WITCH CAT IS.....

....learning to be familiar.

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## FROM YOUR EDITOR

In the last newsletter, Rik more or less suggested that I should shut up to avoid being "cursed" (attacked) by too many people. Well, that has never stopped me. I'm sure Rik has been reading the newsletter long enough to know that. I'm not suggesting that my ego is so big to suggest that no one could get through to me, but I will say that I have survived some pretty strong attacks over the years. And I'm certain that there will be many more.
You see, I do have one big advantage. I don't need the amount of energy to protect myself that the person sending the attack must use. To send an effective attack against someone takes much eneregy in both emotion and pure hate. I don't need to use either in protecting myself or in sending the problem back to its source.
Another adavantage: no Witch worthy of the name will waste time in attacking others. There are too many useful things to do. So I have no misgivings about returning an attack to the person or persons originating it. After all, they can't be Witches. And some people just have to learn the hard way. And sometimes they still don't learn. All magick takes energy, and really harmful magick takes the most... and it is the one that is also harmful to the sender.
You will give up energy doing a healing ritual, but you don't have to worry about it backfiring, nor will it have harmful physical or psychological affects on you.

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JUDY in Orange, Cal. sez: just recieved July issue at my new address. I always look forward to and enjoy it very, very much. It keeps solo Witches in contact with what's going on.
My new apartment has many trees. I haven't seen any small creatures (cats or dogs) yet, but beautiful birds. One blue bird has visited and one black bird visits every morning. I enjoy plants and animals very much. I'm close to the beach (30 min.) and visit every evening for sunset and night's beginning.
I enjoy your positive works. Don't let the negative responese get to you. We are all with you, in love and respect.
Okay to print my name & address.
Many special blessings.

Judy Shepard, 345 N. Batavia Apt. 5
Orange, Calif. 92668

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DIDJA KNOW???

The 110-story Sears Tower in Chicago is the largest private office building in the world. It took 3 years to build. During peak construction periods as many as 1600 people worked on the project.

One U-S President once worked as a hangman. As sheriff of the Erie County Jail in Buffalo, New York, Grover Cleveland was responsible for the hanging of two murderers.

The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco is eight thousand nine hundred and eighty one feet long.

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## TALL GREEN GODS

About 5 miles from our home is one of the most beautiful pine groves. It's called Cathedral Pines Park. The story of the park goes like this: In 1816 the land belonged to a farmer named Dayton. He planted on it some seedlings of White Pine from New England. The Prosser family, which owned the farm later, continued growing these pines. In 1969 the land was turned over to Suffolk County for use as a park.

A veil of ordinary Long Island oaks and scrub pines screens the park itself from the tiny parking field. Step through an opening in the trees, and your breath stops. You are in a natural, green Gothic cathedral. Great columns run straight up into infinity. Between them, the air is like a green mist--the needles of the White Pine are long, and so fine as to appear mistlike. The grove is both dark and sunlit at the same time. Once you've passed the one bench and the map of trails, the only signs of humans you will see are the wide path, and very few people. This park is for those who take their walks seriously, for those who seek the quiet of the woods for meditation or Earth ritual. There is no picnicking, no vehicles, no smoking, or pets. For those who want ordinary park amenities, there is a large park across the road, but on the east side of Yaphank-Middle-Island Road the Pines rule.

We first came to Cathedral Pines on a misty, rainy Spring day, and had the whole park to ourselves. With no Sun to distract us, we could sense very vividly the power of the Earth Mother. Yes! The Old Gods live! We passed the uprooted stump of an old tree, bleached by years of weather, with roots the thickness of an arm twisting about it like antlers of some long-fallen Kernunnos. Yet even in death the Old God radiates power. And then we were in the oldest part. There trees are far apart, each thick enough for three men to barely embrace it. There is no undergrowth except for about five very young pines. All the ground is a carpet of brown needles, and soft enough to roll and tumble on in ecstasy.

It is not a place to do our usual circles in. To dance, or play music, or even to chant above a whisper would be an insult to the Mother here. The only thing one can really do in the big Grove is adore the Glory of the Mother in silence, and receive the immense Earth-Force that springs from the ground. We once made the mistake of bringing some city pagans to Cathedral Pines. No more! They brought drums, and pounded them non-stop, completely obliterating the holy silence. And then they had the notion to "give power to the earth...!" If only they'd listened to the Earth, instead of indulging in their selfish trips, they would have realized: you can't "give" the Mother anything that is not already a part of Her.

"Mother Gea gives us power deep in the woods!"

Again, in a rapid singsong: "MO-THER-GE-A-GIVES-US-PO-WER-DEEP in the WOODS-in-the-woods!"

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Tall Green Gods (cont.)

And again, repeat the chant rapidly, over and over. Rise, from where you were lying, pressed to the Mother in an embrace. Rise to the sky, throw your head back, feel your feet on the earth, your roots winding their way down, into Her depths. Spread your arms wide and high and feel the branches sprouting from them, covering with leaves. Feel the Sun warming your bark, the sap flowing, humming, under the surface. "Mo-ther-Ge-a-gives-us-po-wer-deep-inthe woods-in-the-woods!" You are one of THEM.

by Rus Gulevitch
of Witches' Annual

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Three non-pagan girls died at about the same time and together met St. Peter at the gate. St. Peter said, "I'll have to question you before I can let you enter." To the first girl he said, "What did you die of?"

Girl One: "I had the big S."
St. Peter: "O, a stroke. Okay come in."

To the second girl he says, "What about you?"

Girl two: "I had the big C."
St. Peter: "O, cancer. Okay, come in."

And to the third girl he says, "What brings you here?"

Girl three: "I had the big H."
St. Peter: "O, a heart attack."
Girl three: "No, herpes."
Peter says: "Don't be silly, nobody dies of herpes."
She says: "If you gives it to big Ernie, you does."

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MERRY MEET GENTLE PEOPLE, MOON MIRROR HERE:

I'd like to extend an offer to you dear people, if you'd put in an o rder for our 'new' catalogue of Occult Supplies (its $2.00) before the First of September we will send you a "FREE" useful, Magickal gift. Also a 10% discount on any Robe, Mantle, Tabard and/or Cape on our customed page.
Please be sure to tell me you read about the offer here.
Much love to all my Brothers and Sisters of the Craft....Merry Part

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Bob Barker, host of the Price Is Right, appearing for The Fund For Animals on the Good Morning America show said that this country spends $4 billion each year in experimenting on animals.....
Most of it unnecessary and wasted.

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The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has called on the Agriculture Department to halt the distribution of misleading and deceptive radio interviews produced and distributed by the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).
HSUS President John A. Hoyt said that an APHIS interview with Dr. Oscar Claybaugh, USDA Area Veterinarian in Charge for the state of Kansas, encouraged the breeding of puppies by the farm community for the purpose of selling them to pet stores.
Hoyt said, "Such promotion of commercial dog breeding by the USDA is extremely inappropriate in view of the fact that our organization recentky completed an extensive investigation of USDA-licensed dog breeding kennels throughout the Midwest which revealed that many of these establishments are characterized by overcrowding, filth, inadequate shelter, haphazard breeding, and insufficient food, water and veterinary care."

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FROM U.P.I. The San Diego Wild Animal Park has hired professional trappers to rid the compound of predators. A park spokesman says coyotes & bobcats kill more than 5 animals a year at the park and could present a danger to some endangered species. Trapped animals will be relocated.

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A raccoon spontaneously nicknamed "Ricky" began climbing the 40-story Royal Bank Plaza in Toronto. By the time it reached the 23 rd floor, a crowd of 200 had formed below. Many were betting on whether Ricky would cling to the building or drop. Others stretched a tarpaulin over the street, cushioned with pillows & foam bedding in case a gust of wind brought Ricky down. Still others urged the poor, lost creature to jump. Rescuers tricked Ricky into perching on a lowered scaffold. He was put in a box, taken to the Humane Society for a few days, and released in the wilds north of Toronto.

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The Gilroy, California City Council decided recently to allow the city's Portuguese community to stage bloodless bullfights as part of religious celebrations. California law prohibits traditional bullfights, and allows bloodless ones if they're held in conjunction with religious events. The Holy Ghost celebration dates from 12th century in Portugal. The events held in a portable 3500 seat arena shipped to Gilroy from Portugal.

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The state of Wyoming recently sold 51 bison at an auction. The state keeps about 125 bison on hand; when the population exceeds that, they sell them. But you don't have to buy one. You can take one home and raise it...if you agree to split profits with the state. The state gets 40% of the calf crop and the rancher gets 60%.

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An official of Grrenpeace charges that the Soviets are catching and grinding up whales into mink food off Alaska. Edward Simmons said Greenpeace sent a 142-foot vessel to the Bering Sea to oppose the Russian whaling operations.

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## STUFF & THINGS

LADY RHEA in Atlanta sez: In typing out the poetry in the newsletters, ran across this bit (enclosed-attached). Ver interesting. Time for a rerun?
Ed: Okay here's a rerun.

### THE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

A magazine ad this fellow did spy,
said, "What the hell, I'll give it a try."
He sent his cash to that "Craft School",
and it was received by a crafty fool.

"Lessons" came soon by the U.S. Mail,
and a letter, "make payments without fail!
every month you send the cash...
or on your head, the collectors will crash!"

He studied those lessons he got in the mail,
even tried out the use of a flail!
Lesson 3 said, "Witches, you see, should not be bores,
you take my wife, and I'll take yours.

Next year we may swap a few old whores.
Swapping these chicks will open more doors.
We'll keep these broads so very confused,
it'll be years 'til they know that they've been used."

This yokel sent in his money for years and years,
even though he was laughed at by all his peers.
In time this fellow had a baby girl;
that really did put his head in a swirl.

A new mother each year, but the girl grew up,
even though some of them made her throw up.
She did grow pretty as girls will, though,
and at age 12, they sent her a real dildo.

Father by now had financed his initiation,
though it seemed he was paying the debt of the nation.
Only 50 more payments, and he'll get a charter...
by now this poor sap felt just like a martyr.

The years did pass and his money did dwindle,
not enough left to buy him a spindle.
One day, these "lessons", he decided to review,
and the waste of his life came into full view.

The "lessons" he carefully packed into a box,
wrapped it in chains and myriad strong locks.
Said, "I know just where this treasure should be,"
and with that...he buried it in the deep, blue sea!

Anono E. Mouse (January '80)

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## STUFF & THINGS

SUE in Tucson sez: I ahve a question I wonder if you would print for anyone to answer. I had a discussion recently about the laws & purposes of reincarnation. We agreed that when people reincarnate into a body, they do so with free will and understanding of what they're getting themselves into, be it to live a life of misery and pain or wealth and goodness, in order that they may learn from their experiences. But we differed in our opinions when we talked about animal sould reincarnating. My thought was that animal souls also reincarnate with full knowledge about the life ahead, in order to learn. But my friend does not believe that animals are born with the knowledge that humans may kick them around. My question is: what are people's views on laws of karma and reincarnation applied to animals? I would be interested in hearing some different viewpoints on this. Does the three-fold law apply to animals as well as humans?

B.B.
Sue

ED. NOTE: Okay, Sue, I'll give you my opinion to start. I do not think the three-fold law would apply to animals. Their knowledge of right or wrong, good or bad seems to be limited to what they are taught by humans. They do have much the same feelings as humans: love, hate, anger, happiness, sadness, etc., but these are emotions (feelings), not something learned through thinking. A dog may he taught that he must not bite or that he may attack. To the dog either is good because he pleases his owner by his actions.
Animals, even among the same species, are as different as people... at different stages of development. They differ in temperament and intelligence. I, personally, believe that they do in time reincarnate in a higher form, but I doubt that they make conscious choices until they do.
I have often met people that I felt certain were in their first stage of development as a human. It's somewhat as though I see the previous animal form when I look at them. At this point they will usually seem stupid and ruled more by emotion than logic. They have a long path of development ahead.
I have no doubt that animals do reincarnate. I have had animals that I am certain I have known before. One of my present dogs has been with me in the past, and somehow I know that he knows.
If you have an animal that you felt something special for the first time you met, this might be an indication that you have been together before. You might pick up flashes of memory by closing your eyes and meditating on the animals face. You may still see the animal in the present form, or perhaps in a different form, but you'll know it is the same. If you do this a number of times, you may pick up incidents from that previous time when you were together, which may have been earlier in your presnt life or an earlier lifetime.
The same method will often work with people. Try it on someone you felt instsntly attracted to, or someone you instsntly felt a dislike for. However, this may not be from reincarnation but from association of similarity to someone else.

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## DOG DAYS

GLORIA in Midlothian, Il. sez: Well, hopefully, our Huskies, Kodiak and Aurora, have finally finished shedding! Kodiak has gotten his red coat back, and Aurora no longer looks like she's had "Mange". Also, Ted and I can actually show ourselves in public without looking like we have been growing hair in the strangest places - and lots of it at that! But we wouldn't trade them for all the non-shedding dogs in the world! They more than make up for the inconvenience by the love they give us - and everyone else who comes into contact with them! What can we say, we happen to be "dog lovers". Oh yes, and bird lovers, hamster lovers, box turtle lovers, etc., etc., ad infinitum. (As a mater of fact, Ted at one time wanted a Koala bear and/or 3-toed Sloth, whichever is the gentler.) He got bravely over those desires when he found out what they eat, and how much, and the cost to keep them in the manner to which they've become accustomed.
Am running out of strength, so until next time, may the Goddess light your path with Her wisdom and abiding love!

Blessed Be!
Gloria

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FROM U.P.I. A Sacramento Police Dog named Macho has an 800-dollar smile. Macho was fitted with an inch-long, one-ounce fang...to the tune of 800 dollars. Macho lost his upper fang during a training attack, and sheriff's deputy Tom Lane said he needed the false fang to continue his work nabbing suspects. But Lane warned anyone considering stealing the dog's new tooth that he has about a 15-hundred pounds-per-square inch bite. As Lane put it..."He doesn't like anyone messing around with his mouth."

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Margaret Helewell of Lynchburg, Virginia, likes her pet Collie's coat so much she decided to make a sweater and mittens out of it. The 15-year-old girl crocheted the Collie's hair after spinning it into yarn. First, she washed it in vinegar, detergent, and perfume. Margaret said many of her f iends thought she was making the sweater for the dog, and didn't believe she would actually wear it herself. The Collie probably didn't believe it either.

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The Pennwalt Corporation of Philadelphia is asking the government for permission to test on humans an anti-Herpes drug previously tested only on animals. As many as 20-million Americans suffer from the so-called Herpes-Two Virus..with up to a half-a-million new cases occurring each year.

The Society For Animal Protective Legislation is backing a bill to strengthen the Agriculture Department's authority over treatment of animals used for scientific research. The Society says Agriculture Department inspections are filled with cases of poor conditions -- such as filth and overcrowding--in laboratories at universities throughout the nation.

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## REPORT FROM THE HALF-ASTRAL # 2
by Shadowhawk

"It's an ANARCOCISTIC COMMUNE around here - we take it in turns month by month."

"Who is your lord?"
"Janus."

Greetings from the half-astral again. As you've probably already guessed, those opening lines borrow heavily from Monty Python, who also asks "what is the meaning of life?" Well, that's an incomplete question. Had they bothered to ask the whole question, "What is the meaning of Life, the Universe, and Everything," (which is stated in full in The Hitchiker's Guide to the Universe) they may have received an answer (42).

And all of the above can be taken as opening filler for the following announcement: Elvenhearth has a new resident (they don't call them inmates any more). His name is Beeblebrox, and he answers our telephone in a clear, crisp British accent. He also talks to ANYONE and tells them the most scandalous things.

An example: "Hello, this is Beeblebrox, the mechanical butler and answering machine. The master is upstairs chasing the chambermaid..." (We live in an apartment, and if we had a maid, she'd probably be like Phyllis Diller!)... "and the mistress is off doing something scandalous with the chauffer." (on the bus line!?!)

"You've just called me away from polishing the silver..." (Blacksun just bought ANOTHER 100 paper plates! I've been doing demo's and promo's and general test marketing for my new game and therefore have not been at home much.)..."so this had better be good. I'll give you exactly 30 seconds to leave your name, number, and a brief message after the tone. Ta, ta."

Honestly, can you imagine what salespersons think when they call us! What if relatives should phone? Oh well, back to Beeblebrox. It seems that all of a sudden I've become infamous. People calling me up all hours of the day and night, wanting my "words of wisdom" about the Universe (I should explain that I'm master of my own Universe in my fantasy role playing game), or just wanting my company. (Where were they when I was in High School and couldn't get a date if my life depended on it?)

Since a quiet atmosphere (and time to do it in) are required to write material for fantasy games, and since I am certainly not the most disciplined of people, it became needful to get some "help". Beeblebrox came with a 90 day warranty and cost us a week's worth of food. Naturally, as soon as we installed him, the activity level dropped by more than half. OK, if that's what it took to cast the spell for

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REPORT FROM THE HALF-ASTRAL continued

personal space, it was worth it. I have had exactly 1 (one) day off to spend at leisure with my family this month. We went hot tubbing. We went without our son, who preferred riding his bicycle and playing football to spending some time with his parents. It was WONDERFULL!

I went to Vancouver, B.C. to a science fiction convention. While there, I was interviewed for a gaming magazine. The interview centered around how fantasy games get created, not my particular game. I held demo's at which some of the players gave me a contact for the Canadian Role Playing Association, a pretty large group. Also, while there, someone who I do not know came up to me with these words: "Oh, you're Shadowhawk - you're kind of infamous!"

To which I replied, "Whatever you've heard, it's all vicious lies and filthy gossip." They walked away kind of confused; I walked away quite satisfied. They had asked for it.

My cat is constantly telling me about how neglected she's been while I'm away. (It's a good story, cat. You can always get easy treats with the neglected routine.) She meows and follows me around the house and won't let me out of her sight. If I go to the bathroom, she's got to come in and make sure I'm not leaving again. Our other furry child (Sunshine, our tongue-foo master, animated dust mop and biological vacuum cleaner) our puppy has to completely wash me as soon as I get home and at least every time I go out and come in again, as when I go out to the mailbox (which is only at the building entryway. Oh well, it's great to be needed.

Blessed Be,
Shadowhawk

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FROM COTOR IN AUSTRALIA BASTILLE DAY 1984 (What year?)

Dear Pat and the Georgians,

Hope you will enjoy the enclosed clippings and find a few bits and pieces to share with readers. We particularly enjoyed the crocodile story, even 'tho it was true.
We here at COTOR also enclose $10.00 U.S. as a small donation toward the cause; well we know what the costs are in printing and mailing, so we hope this will help just a little.

We did print the enclosed poem once, years back, in TAW, but are unsure if you ever saw it. It is not strictly Wiccan, but it appears to have definite undertones, so we thought you may enjoy it, or maybe print it for others to enjoy.

We hope you will be pleased to hear that the second branch of COTOR is to begin in West Australia before the end of the year. The Lady

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Helen, who has been Craft most of her life, and who is Grand Mistress of the W.A. Grand Council, will be given charter to begin the very first Wiccan Church in W.A.
The Lady is well known to most Oz Crafters. She has an excellent reputation, although, like me, speaks her mind and does not pull punches. She has trained many Covens and is Gardnerian/Trad. Naturally, she has been, and is, a member of COTOR N.S.W. So you see, our infant Church is growing and thriving.

This will be a shorter letter than usual. We have to go and do the cooking for a Crafter's lunch we are having today. There are no French folk among us, but we thought Bastille Day was as good as any to have a celebration, (any excuse will do)we have even set our door bell to play the French Anthem. Wish you could hear our bell, it can play 60 different tunes, from classics to Dixie and jazz, plus all the anthems. We had a visitor recently from USA, and he was stunned to hear The Star Spangled Banner play when he pressed the bell!

Well dear friends, must away, looking forward to receiving The Georgian soon now.

Blessed Be,
Catherine et Kent and all at COTOR

ED. NOTE: We thank you at COTOR for ALL the nice things you sent. Some will have to wait for next month due to the late arrival. We're happy to hear that you're growing and that things are going so well. Congratulations to Lady Helen. We get along fine with Gardnerians. They've (Louisiana) started to raise alligators commercially for meat here in the U.S. Do they do that with crocodiles? No, Gardnerians don't raise them...probably aren't any in Lousiana anyway. Probably Southern Baptists.
So snakes are being driven into the city by floods. I don't envy the people who found that 16-foot python curled under the sofa. The story about the other man who came home to find a python crushing his puppy to death didn't make it clear but I guess the puppy died. Sad! Crocodiles & pythons! Makes Australia sound like a jungle movie. Dingos, too. Any other predators?
Another story about a black bear being shot in Korea. People upset because the bear is regarded with special affection, partly due to a legend which says the first Korean King more than 4,000 years ago was born of the son of a Korean god and a female bear. Nevertheless, the bear's gall bladder was sold for $60,000 to an oriental herb doctor. Many Korean's consider the bear's gall bladder a cure for just about everything.
Koreans eat most anything they think good for them. Fried red ants and barbecued grasshoppers are a common dish. Things like corn crisps sold outside the cinemas are the fried larvae of the silkworm known locally as bondegi. When a tiger died at a zoo, it's body brought $5300 at a public auction.

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## FOR THE BIRDS

F OM U.P.I. Drug-crazed Crows are terrorizing a new suburb of Traun stein, West Germany, by smashing window panes with their beaks. A spokesman for the town council says the crows have been raiding nearly completed houses in the early morning and pecking at the soft putty around newly installed windows. Experts say the putty apparently contains chemicals that make the birds hyper-active and aggressive. Builders at the site have started covering the windows with plastic to protect them--and the birds.

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Police in Rishon, Israel, say crows are terrorizing the town...attacking citizens and stealing money and jewelry from their homes. One man says a crow flew into his apartment, stole 42 dollars, a checkbook and a ballpoint pen. Other crows reportedly entered apartments and damaged tape recorders and TV sets.
Another resident says two crows that entered his apartment several times in the last few weeks stole cigarettes--and tasted food in the kitchen. Police speculate the birds may have been trained by human criminals to do their dirty work for them. But sceptics may consider that a bird-brained idea.

Scientists say the endangered population of California Gulls at Mono Lake may be on the upsurge. The annual census of Gull chicks indicates the adult population has produced more than 16-thousand chicks this season...compared to five-thousand last year. In 1981...virtually the entire population of chicks died from exposure and lack of food. Scientists say the rising water levels may be part of the reason for the high birth rate this year.

U-S Wildlife officials working in California and eight other states have announced a major crackdown on the killing of Bald Eagles. Some arrests have been made and others are expected. Interior Secretary Watt, displaying the carcasses of 23 Bald Eagles, was on hand to announce the crackdown.

Janie the "Watchgoose" is back at her home at a fire station on the south side of Chicago. The feathered fowl was kidnapped but police got an anonymous phone call. They found her wandering the streets in the western suburb of Cicero. Janie was so happy to be back home that she laid an egg.

A swarm of Barn Swallows flew into a Santa Barbara house and forced a young mother to flee with her baby. Sandra Dillard likened the invasion of her home to Hitchcock's movie "The Birds".

The Toucan is a bird primarily known for its enormous and brilliantly colored bill. There are about 40 known types of Toucans ranging in length from 13 to 25 inches long.

Toohead, the Mallard Duck, is an appropriately named young bird. The duck has three feet...one growing from the back of its head.

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## STUFF & THINGS

LORD ORIAN & LADY HECATE - Moonstar of the Old Religion-Wicca sez: Things here at Moonstar in Sarasota, Fla. have been busy. August 29 is our 1st anniversary and alread we have an inner circle of 7 counting ourselves, and 5 others who have made 1st degree since hiving. We also have a few Pagan Way students who look very promising. We celebrated Summer Solstice with Lady Cara and the Gardnerians in Ft. Lauderdale. They had a beautiful rituasl. Moonstar is proudly hosting Lammas this year for our area, and we are expecting guests from all over...Lady Cara & Lady Aurora & their groups; also many Craft visitors including Chief Little Summer & his wife, Warm Night Rain. He is chief of the Hawk Clan of the Shawnee nation..and a good friend of Moonstar, fine & gentle folk. Of course, our neighbors, Windstar from Bradenton will be here.

Love & Blessed Be.

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Janis in N.Y. stae (she moves so often she must be Gypsy) sez: Our cat, population grew; a stray came. I think he'll stay. Right now we're calling him Freaky Fred - it seems to suit his personality. Have to start packing to go camping this weekend. Hope things are well in Bakersfield.

Blessed Be
Janis

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FROM U.P.I. An electrified backyard fence that killed a 16-year-old San Jose boy reportedly was installed 2 days earlier by the boy's father to keep the family dog out of a vegetable patch. Allen Wells was pronounced dead at the hospital about 2 hours after the accident. The teenager was balancing on the narrow edge of an above-ground swimming pool when he slipped and his foot went into the water. He grabbed the wire fence three feet from the pool and was shocked by 110-volt current.
ED. NOTE: Amateurs should not work with electricity. Anyone with any knowledge of the subject would know the danger of such a stupid installation.

GOOD NEWS - Two California researchers say that not only is there sex after age 80 -- there's even sex after 100. A much higher percentage of men than women retain an active interest in sex...62% of men compared to about 30% of women.
As one researcher put it--"Interest in sex for men just doesn't seem to stop--even when some of them can't do it anymore."

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THAT'S ALL, FOLKS.

Love and Blessed Be,

Pat and all the Georgians

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