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BAKERSFIELD - We hope you all enjoyed a very happy Samhain, Hallows, or whatever name you prefer.
Ours went beautifully. Lady Fauna and Dean (Lord?-I just can't remember all these Craft names) from Long Beach made it up here and they conducted the ritual. Very nice.
We were also happy to have Frieda and Don join us for their first time at a Sabbat rittual. Nice people and we welcome them.
Elizabeth saw that we were well fed with a pork roast, mashed potatoes, beans, a big salad, and homemade apple pie and ice cream.
Later, Julie dropped by for a visit after attending the Sabbat with her own coven.
A very nice holiday.

Must apologize to the Australia air mail subscribers. The newsletter was mailed on Tuesday. The P.O. returned the air mails on Saturday for additional postage. Went to the P.O. on Monday and found that they were overweight...the newsletters, that is. Needed another 43¢ on each. Couldn't figure that out since we always have the same number of pages and always order 20 lb. paper. Just discovered that some heavier paper got mixed in by mistake. Check the pretty green page in this issue. It's 60 lb. Sorry 'bout that!

As this issue goes to the P.O. I will have had this virus thing for 3 weeks. Besides causing a fouled up stomach and head, it drains all energy and desire to do anything but rest or sleep. Fortunately, Elizabeth has had more time for typing or this issue wouldn't be ready yet.

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Karen, Elexa (Ellen) has misplaced your address. Please write.

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Recently received a newsletter from something called the Holy Southern Church in Van Nuys, Cal. They seem to be anxious to get chummy with Crafters and other Pagans. However, the entire newsletter sounds to me more like a branch of the K.K.K. than a church or Pagan group although they claim to be Odinists. They are unhappy that they can't get a church tax exemption, yet the entire newsletter is political. You can't get a church tax exemption and get it involved in politics...that's a no no...unless you're Jerry Falwell. The entire thing reminds me of a few years ago when some of us were getting mail from a Nazi group that was trying to convince us that they were the same as Crafters.

I wonder how we get on the mailing list of some of these things. I'm still getting newsletters and stuff from the Socialist party. I didn't ask for it and don't want it.
Guess I'm lucky at that. Haven't had any mail asking for lessons on sacrifices and blood-drinking. It would be nice if NASA would send all the nuts to another planet...instead of California.

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From Joanne in Castro Valley--Sunset, Monday, 9-20-83

"THE GODDESS IS ALIVE, MAGIC IS AFOOT"
run-dance-sing-chant
DUSK, DAWN'S SULTRY SISTER, THE DOGS AND I REVEL IN HER BEAUTY.
MAXWELL PARRISH CRIMSON COTTON CANDY SPUN BY THE SETTING SUN...
MUD PUDDLES REFLECTING FROZEN LAVA...
THE MOON GLOWS COYLY BEHIND SALLY RAND FEATHER CLOUDS...

RUNNING THROUGH THE TREACHEROUS BASEBALL FIELD...AT MY HEELS MY LOYAL PACK. SILLY PUGS BECOME FIERCE NIGHT HOUNDS FOLLOWING THEIR LEADER BITCH...AS WE RUN THE WARM PINK AIR LICKS MY FACE ERASING
drive-work-adding machine-phone-people STATIC

HOME TO COOL WATER, DOG FOOD, AND WARM LAPS.

A DIVINE WAY TO END A DAY

Typical Telephone Conversation (to hubby, from me at work)

"Hi, did I get any mail?" (me)
"...Ahhh, nothing of any interest..." (he)
"Nothing?" (me)
"Well, you got one of those big gobs of folded over paper from Bakersfield" (he)

TA-DA my day is made!!!

Please keep those big gobs of paper coming my way!

Love and Kisses,
JOANNE

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From Elexa in Hollywood---So many of the respected folk in the Craft have gone home in the last year or so: Cyprian, Richard, Sybil, Loy Stone, Gwyddion, and although I rejoice in the completion of this time around for them, and wish them a joyful rest, I'm also shouting "Wait! Not yet...we need them! They still have so much to teach us!" And we who remain, especially the teachers, realize that others are beginning to look up to us, as we looked up to those who've gone home. Inside, part of me cries out "Wait...not yet... I still have so much to learn!"

May the Goddess help us, for one day, some of us will be those "elders" the younger folk turn to as I so often turned to Cyprian... and I find that more than a little frightening.

All of you out there who are teachers, I think the Goddess is telling us to get to work. Cyprian and the others have done their part, laid good foundations. We have to build on that, and help those who are to follow us. May the Goddess grant that what we build is worthy of those who built the foundation.

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Elexa (continued)

It is time..and although the foundations may be underground, some of our building must be above it, and visible. The choice of being public or not is, of course, personal, but those of you who can... reach out. There are many of our people out there who want to find us...and the most public "teachers" are the ones who give us a bad name. We of the Craft do not proselytize in the same way as some other religions, but there are ways. The semi-public rituals we are going to perform in this area are one way. Another, which we are trying, is an ad in the personals "Does anyone know the Goddess?" and a P.O. Box. Those of you who can lecture, or write, or whatever ...do what you can. If we don't let the seekers know we are here, they'll find the other groups--the rip-offs, the teachers on power trips, etc.

And we have to work at our own growth, our own learning, because we will be needed. We can't always depend on our teachers to be there. They, too, will return to the Summerland when they've done enough... and we will be the teachers.

Blessed Be and Goddess help us!
Elexa

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From Lady Rhea in ATLANTA, GA

MAKE-UR-OWN COFFEE LIQUER
("Kahula")

½ gallon vodka
4 cups sugar
2 oz. instant coffee
3 cups water
1 vanilla bean

Mix sugar and water together. Cut vanilla bean into small pieces--be sure to split sides, so all flavor can escape. Add to sugar/water mixture. Bring to a boil, lower heat, simmer 30 minutes. Mix instant coffee with just enough hot water to dissolve. Add to sugar/water/vanilla mixture. Allow mixture to cool. Strain to remove vanilla bean bits. Add to vodka.
(You can sample now--but I let mine sit a week or so to thoroughly blend the flavors.)
Pour into bottles (makes a bit less than one gallon).

Enjoy!

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DIDJAKNOW? the term 'skid row' originated in Seattle, Washington. Do you know why? 'Skid row' was named after the road leading to a sawmill where logs were dragged over tracks or skids. The area became a haven for alcoholics and vagrants.

Do you know which American president wore a size 14 shoe? Warren G. Harding was the president with big feet.

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## Pre-School Pagan Parenting V

I agree with the numerous books that state the first five-six years are extremely formative times in our lives. The family unit, even if it just consists of Mom and child, is the home base for the child's exploration of both self and outside world. It is the Matrix.

Play is the essential learning tool. As I mentioned earlier laughter, singing and joy is something to repeat often. We create reality in our minds and too often we don't enjoy what we are doing because they are "chores" or work. Even parenting has been referred to as the "job". Too bad it has that almost negative overtone. It shouldn't. Enthusiasm and happiness are both within our own creative capacities in life. An old quote I sometimes use when reading Tarot cards for a generally negative client is: "Two men stood behind prison bars--one saw the mud, the other saw the stars". It all depends on how you look at things and where you focus your attention.

Daydreaming was taboo for years but now is being approved of generally whereas it has always been important to the Witch. "What the mind can concieve and believe - it can achieve!" is the basis of good spellcrafting. Einstein stated in his relativity theory that even a small portion of matter can contain a great deal of energy which can be released under the proper conditions. Cone of Power - Atomic energy. Remember, energy always follows thought.

What has all this got to do with Pagan Pre-schooling? Well, we know that there are two sides to the brain. One side controls the imaginative and creative, while the other side handles the concrete. Guess which side most schools aim at today?

Of course we aim for balance and polarity. Yes, you can strengthen your childs knowledge of the concrete world. And you should. There are plenty of books to help you do that. The majority of Pagans are highly intelligent people. In Margot Adler's book "Drawing Down the Moon" she mentions a survey done which states something to the effect: 20% of the general American population are readers while 80 or 90% of the Pagan community are readers. That's us, guys. So yes, read, read, read about child rearing. Use what you can and what you agree with and file away the rest.

You have a pagan child and most pagans that I know agree that they will allow their young to decide for themselves what religion to follow..mainly because so many of us had religion rammed down our throats. That doesn't mean we should leave a religious void. How can they make a decision if they are unfamiliar with our practices?

All the things that we strive so hard to expant are right there in childhood. The important thing in pagan parenting is to allow and encourage them. Early in life we can use the same techniques with our kids that we employ for ourselves. Here I give some general

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Pagan Parenting (cont.)

reminders. You can begin to bond your child to the Great Mother and the Watchtowers very early. Grab a thin blanket (if need be) and lay on the ground with the little one. Hands on grass or earth talk gently about "feeling" the vibrations of the Living Mother. Talk to the insects and the green grass growing with life. Pick up a stone and create the story of how it has been in existance for centuries and has seen countless risings of the Moon and Sun: Summer's warmth and was dressed in white winter snow; enjoyed a cleansing shower in the spring or a russet leaf cloaking it in the fall; a salamander made it a castle or a cricket came to visit; how it asked the root of a plant to push it to a new spot. These are great exercises for you and the child. Let your child tell you uncorrected stories.

We are nature people and our friends are the seasons, the elements. Introducing them as such to our children will enhance life for all. Sure, you can use meditation with your little one--why not set up a little corner in its room just for that. Together you can sit and start with (a for instance) "Remember that big old oak tree we touched and felt the sap flowing inside, deep deep down to the roots."

We can teach our child the ABC's easily enough too. Reading is magical, for once we are absorbed in the written word, our minds are transported from the physical chair we sit in. Yet, we have a heritage of psychic sciences that can be encouraged early. Why just use picture books when you can also grab a deck of Tarot cards and talk about the stories in them? Why just teach the numbers without teaching numerology (good chance for you to learn if you haven't already)? Children love letters and numbers to come to life. Go with their natural flow. You know that the vibrations of colors or gemstones will not be taught in school. Children, we know, are most psychic but this can be quelched by concrete facts. Balance your teaching between the logical and the fantasy, the mystical.

Childhood fears can be minimized also for Love is the Greatest Magick. If a child believes that most of the Earth and the Spirit world are its magical friends it will rarely feel alone or unprotected. Look how Walt Disney accomplished so much with a little mouse. The image of the terrible dragon was certainly changed into one of protector and friend in the movie "Pete's Dragon". And of course E.T., so alien and so ugly, is now the love of millions of American children. Fear can be an enjoyable emotion that gets the juices flowing. Safe fear. Horror flicks make millions of bucks and safe but scary rides are the essence of amusement parks. Admitting to the emotion in a child can open the doorway to releasing it away. Magicians know this--that the greatest demon is the one within.

Making nature friendly doesn't rule out respecting the elements. Fire burns (or does it--think about the mystic rites of the Fire

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Pagan Parenting (cont.)

Walkers). Still, you wouldn't want your child to be one of the casulaties of a house fire caused by playing with matches. You do teach respect by showing respect. One of the greatest temptations is forbidden fruit. Letting your child light a candle under your direction will not only teach it, but take it out of that forbidden fruit category. Most babies learn the first step in candle magick before their first birthday and the parents teach them to blow out the candle after they have made a wish.

Remember, we strive to control our environment thru our mental processes. By knowing the nature of the elements we learn 'tis better to bang our heads against a feather pillow than a stone wall.

Practically speaking, by encouraging all the imagination of your magical child it may be quite different from the normal run of kids. Blessed Be! But, as your child ages this may present a problem. You may have to build in some protection so that your child will blend in more easily with the non-pagan community. "Our magical world - our special secret - others aren't as lucky as we are because they cannot see the fairies. Ha ha they don't know the whole truth-their parents only know about Santa Claus and the Tooth Fairy. We know more."

This is a glorious special time of life for you and your child. Rejoice in it and grow thru it...remember "As I say..so Mote it Be."

By Lady Demeter
Sunrise, Fla.

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From Lady Rhea in ATLANTA, GA

Persimmon Pudding Cake

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| 2 cups persimmon pulp | 3 cups siften flour | ½ tsp. cinnamon |
| 1 3/4 cup milk | I tsp. soda | ½ tsp. nutmeg |
| 3 eggs, well beaten | 1 tsp. salt | 1 ½ cups sugar |

3 tablespoons melted butter

Use RIPE persimmons. Remove all seeds.
Mix persimmon pulp. beaten eggs and milk. Mix well.
Sift dry ingredients together.
Add liquid mix to dry mix, mix well.
Stir in melted butter.
Pour into greased pan (9" x 13" or ring pan).
Bake in moderate oven (350°) approximately one hour.
(Delicious served hot with cream--plain or whipped)
This is an "old-country" recipe brought from Germany in the 1800's.
Best when made with 'natural' ingredients.

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## FROM THE U.S.D.A.

The chrysanthemums you're going to plant this fall should be planted about 6 weeks before winter to give them a chance to get established. The U.S.D.A. suggests you prepare a soilbed about 10 days to 2 weeks before you plant. Dig and lossen the soil to a depth of 6 inches. Break up all lumps. Spade organic matter -peat moss, compost, or well-rotted manure into the soil. If the soil is very poor, use a garden fertilizer. Just before planting, respade the soilbed to kill weed seeds that have germinated.
To grow chrysanthemums on extremely heavy soils, you may have to install underground drainage. For more information about soils and drainage, see your local county extension agent. As you plant your chrysanthemums or cutting, press the soil firmly around roots to prevent air pockets between roots and soil. Water thoroughly to settle the plant. Plant low-growing, bushy varieties 2 to 2-and-a-half feet apart; plant other mums one to one-and-a-half feet apart. Place a coarse mulch on the soil around the plants. The mulch could be two to three inches of straw or tobacco stems, or a layer of evergreen boughs.

Have you given any thought to winter protection for your rose bushes? They need protection against low temperatures as well as against fluctuation temperatures. According to the U.S.D.A., roses stand a better chance of surviving cold weather if they were healthy during the growing season. To protect bush roses, immediately after the first killing frost while you can still work the soil, pile 8 to 10 inches of soil around the canes. Bring the soil from another part of the garden for this since if you dig it from the rose beds, you may injure the roots of the plants. After mounding soil about the canes, tie all the canes together to keep them from being blown about and loosening the root system. If the temperature regularly goes below zero, pile hay, straw or strawy manure over the mounded canes. To hold the hay or straw in place, throw on a few shovelfuls of soil. Remove the soil mound as soon as the danger of severe frost has passed in the spring.
If you have tree roses, wrap the heads of the plants in straw and cover with burlap. Where the temperature drops to 10 to 15 below, cover the plants with soil. Dig carefully under the roots on one side of the plants until you can pull them over on the ground without breaking all root connections with the soil. Cover the entire plants with several inches of soil. Set the plants upright come spring and danger of severe frost is past.
For climbing roses, lay the canes on the ground, hold them down with wire or pins or notched stakes, and cover with several inches of soil. Remove the soil come spring. You want the roses uncovered so that the Japanese beetles can find them.

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DIDJA KNOW?????

Two Chinese built the first known mechanical clock,...completed in the year 725.

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## DOG DAYS

From U.P.I. - The District Attorney of San Luis Obispo County says he'll file charges against a man who shot and killed a pedigreed Shepherd dog that had killed and started to eat his own dog.
The D.A. says William Kinsel allegedly drove onto the yard of a neighbor, Dr. John Hazeltine, and fired six shots into Hazeltine's dog. According to the D.A...Kinsel admitted shooting the dog, but said he did it because the animal had attacked and killed his Fox Terrier and began eating it.
D.A. Money says Kinsel would be charged with cruelty to animals, shooting at an inhabited dwelling, trespassing and discharging a firearm within 150 yards of an inhabited dwelling. All are misdemeanors.
The doctor has filed a civil suit against Kinsel...seeking 125-thousand dollars in general and punitive damages.

ED. NOTE: This sad story leaves a lot of unanswered questions:
How did the dogs get together? Was either restrained by a fence or leash?
Though it is not unusual for a dog to attack another dog of the same sex, the eating is unusual. Had the Shepherd been trained to hunt and kill small animals? Was he starving? How long since he had been fed?
Were the dogs running free with no one present to interfere with the attack?
Is this another case of animals suffering for human stupidity?

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A beachcomber may be 22-thousand dollars richer thanks to his sharp-nosed dog. Carlsbad police say the dog sniffed out a canister containing 22-thousand dollars buried on a beach in Carlsbad in northern San Diego County. If the owner doesn't come forward in four months, the jackpot will be turned over to the man who found it.

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The American Civil Liberties Union wants the Burbank Police Department to stop using drug-sniffing dogs to search student lockers, cars and campuses for illegal narcotics. The A-C-L-U filed a suit on behalf of Lyell Johnson, a 14-year-old student at John Muir High School in Burbank.
The suit says Lyell "feels his rights of privacy have been violated by the practice" of using dogs. In addition to the police department ...the suit also names the Burbank Unified School District, the Board of education and the City of Burbank.

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DIDJA KNOW????

An Irish Archbishop named James Ussher announced in 1650 that something very important occurred at 9:30 A-M on Sunday, October 23rd, 4004 B-C.
According to Ussher, that's when the world was created.
Do any of you readers remember that???

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LADY MARIAH sez: Lady Allusha asked opinions on Mike becoming an "honorary Witch" in her tradition.
I feel you should stop and know how lucky and blessed you are to have a mate to want to join you in your belief structure. Some of us have to learn to stand alone in our belief system.
Knowing Mike thru the years and watching him, he has learned about the Old Religion the best way possible. He watched and listened to everyone's ideas about the Old Religion, and never said they were wrong. He has already learned "Do as you will but harm none."

He has the qualities of being strong and gentle and knows the proper place in life where to use them. His ego is under control; he can be proud and humble at the same time. He is the "Lord of the Hunt"; he protects his family, and gets food and shelter for them, and loves his family deeply.
And you are the "Earth Mother". You cook the food he has brought to the home; you give love and encouragement to your "Lord of the Hunt" and your "earth child". You bring wisdom of the Old Religion to the home. When Mike is off hunting (working), you protect the hearth (home) and keep the home fire burning (stove).
Both of you have learned to stand close together but far apart, so each could grow in their own way.

Some people will disagree with what I am about to say now; so be it. A Witch is a Witch. No one can make anyone a true Witch. A true Witch is a Witch of the heart, it starts inside. Being a Witch starts inside from the heart, and then later, through studying with a group, goes to the mind. Then they practice by doing, like living the Old Religion and helping others with their wisdom.
A High Priestess can initiate someone as a Witch, but that is saying that they have agreed to teach and stand beside them (forever). But people make themselves a true Witch by applying themselves to the Craft of the Old Religion.

A lot of people, as we all know, go around calling themselves Witches but don't know the Craft of being a Witch. They are like some Indians that want to be brave and strong and becaome chief, but they do not apply themselves. They do not pass the test of strength, hunting and bravery to get their feathers to show how good they are. But some will go to the mountains and get feathers that fell from a bird, and put the feathers in their hat, and then go around telling everyone how great they are. They did not pass the test of being a chief when they got their feathers. But a true chief will always know another true chief.

What I'm trying to say is...Mike has already earned some feathers for his headset. He has never said how great he is on Craft matters but, as you have pointed out, "you were impressed with his knowledge when he was talking to his friend."
I watched him at the mountain meet working with you as an Acting High Priest, and saw that he was willing to turn the role of leader-over to you in the Circle.

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LADY MARIAH continued

And after the rite, he took the role of leadership back. I saw that both of you were comfortable with that order in life. Both of you kept the balance in life.
Then you suggested that Mike might be made an "Honorary Witch". In my English Tradition, we have only two ranks. The first time of initiation is bringing someone into the Old Religion as a Witch. As the years go by, they learn and study and remain a Witch, but some have leadership abilities and wisdom and wish to teach. Then they are initiated as a H.P. or H.Ps. , and then cut loose from their coven to go out on their own. Some may stay solitary H.P. or H.Ps., or some may, after a year and a day, find someone they love and trust, and start their own group. But their H.P. & H.Ps. will always remain their H.P. & H.Ps. to come back to to talk over their personal or coven problems. They remain their teacher, parents and friend forever!
Lady Allusha, go with your heart and use your Witches intuition, and you will never be wrong.

With respect to you and party friend,
Blessed Be,
Lady Mariah

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FROM U.P.I. - Separating male sheep from females at too early an age may be a leading cause of homosexuality among rams.
That's the conclusion of Edward Price, an Animal Science Professor at the University of California's Davis Campus.
He reported on a two-year study of homosexuality in rams, which can be expensive for sheep raisers. Breeding rams typically sell for up to $300. a head.
Price said that Rams placed in all-male surroundings can become conditioned to homosexual behavior, and will tend to retain it after they have been returned to flocks with ewes.
Earlier studies by animal scientists have revealed similar tendencies in goats.

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John McHenry says operators of Haunted Houses often set up at Halloween time are--in his words--"Pandering to...the darker side of the human soul."
McHenry is a psychologist in Portsmouth, Ohio, and he believes Haunted Houses ruin both a perfectly good holiday and the minds of children.
As he puts it, there is nothing "socially redeeming" about depicting "the human body being murdered, tortured, chopped, sliced, stabbed, hung, decapitated, burned or in any other way desecrated."
But McHenry concedes what's offered in Haunted Houses may be milder than what can be seen at the movies or on cable television.

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BEING A WITCH IS....

...enjoying Hallows for the true meaning of the holiday.

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## RELIGION IN THE NEWS

FROM U.P.I. - Protestant groups, stung by a little-noted effort to re-write U-S law to allow full diplomatic relations with the Vatican, are mounting a hurried-up effort to defeat the move. Groups say the move violates the constitutional mandate for separation of church and state.
Late last month, the senate - without hearings and with no debate- added to the State Department Authorization Bill - an amendment that would remove an 1867 prohibition on full U-S diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

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A prominent U-S Rabbi who heads an inter-faith human rights organiztion has called for a world conference of religious leaders to ...in his words..."Confront the festering, ever-deepening religious conflicts that imperil world peace."
Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the Appeal Of Conscience Foundation, siad -- quoting now - "We live in a world of heightened international tensions - a near freeze in the relationship of the superpowers and, no less serious, hateful interreligious conflict."
He said - "The era we live in - should we survive it - could be known in history as the age of religious wars," noting that "Bahais, Ctholics, Hindus, Jews, Mosloms, Protostants and others have all been involved in violent sectarian strife."
While these conflicts have social and economic roots, he says, "They have been exacerbated by and charged with religious hatred."
The rabbi says the foundation will convene a meeting next year of religious leaders on the theme "Peace, tolerance and human dignity."

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The American financial operation of the Hare Krishnas will be handled by a court-ordered attorney while the religious sect appeals a nine-point-seven million dollar judgment awarded a follower and her mother.
Last June, a jury awarded more than 30-million dollars to Robin George and her mother, Marcia. Robin was 15 when she allegedly was kidnapped in 1974, brainwashed and forced to stay at Krishna temples in Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York and Canada. The suit claimed that Robin's father died of a stroke brought on by his nationwide quest to rescue her.
Superior Court Judge James Jackman later reduced the award, which is now being appealed further by the Krishnas.

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Pope John Paul the second concelebrated a mass with 201 bishops, archbishops and cardinals in Rome to open a synod that will examine why a growing number of Roman Catholics are abadoning the sacrament of confession. It comes at a time when the church is increasingly worried about the number of the world's 700 million Catholics who have given up confession.
In the latest edition of The Chicago Catholic, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin wrote, "To put it bluntly, people are staying away from confession in droves."

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CATHERINE & KENT of COTOR in Australia sez:
Warmest Greetings to all Georgians!
Wow! What excitement we have all had in Oz of late. Honest, we are sorry you all are without your America's Cup, (you can try to get it back), but the wonderful feelings of all Oz, at our unexpected win, cannot be expressed. We did a ritual the night before the last race, and on the night itself, Lady Helena, (Cotor West Oz) and her crew also worked for fair winds for our boat, and voila!, we, with the help of the Gods did it. No, we are not skiting, just elated and delighted at the standard of sportsmanship showed all round. We do hope that when you folk mount your challenge to regain it, some of our Wiccan friends may even get over to Oz to participate in the fun, and visit with us.

Through your pages, may we also say many thanks to all those kind folk who took the time and trouble to write us about our S.O.S. on the Nemi Enterprises book? We have replied personally to each of them, but it is so heartwarming to receive caring letters from Crafters who don't even know us; the Lady's blessing be upon you all. We have written the new address, so far, no joy, but it should not be too long now. We figure we have lost our dollars, but at least we can blame the postal system and have trust in our own folk once again.

Enclosed a few snippets from our papers; this is only the second year All Hallows has been celebrated somewhere, even if it is a pub! Being Traditionalist, we really can't approve, but what the heck, at least the Cowans know it exists.
(Pat, do you think we are getting soft in our advancing years; even one year ago, the latter statement would not have been written?)

From my study window I am looking at the poplar trees below me, all dressed in crisp green leaves of spring, a soft rain is falling, and the Goddess and the Lord are truly in the spring element.

Being a 'Known' Witch in old Sydney Town can have its problems. We were sitting in the living room last Sunday, watching our new video machine, (skite, skite), when the door bell rang; outside, two charming young ladies, whom we had never seen before. The purpose of the call..."please Mrs. Witch, we have lost our cat. It disappeared 10 days ago. Will you please do something to get it back?"
Well, I ask you, was I supposed to zap it back, or what?
We gave up our ONE day off, chatted with them, and put them on the COTOR list for absent workings. We do hope we can help, but no further news to date. We do a morning and evening Rite for all those who contact us with their problems, and we are pleased to say, have been receiving gratifying results. Through the hands of The Old Ones, we have had money repaid to a student when she thought it was forever lost, a complete healing for a young man with peritonitis, a diamond ring found after 2 years, and a great win in obedience trials for a lady's standard poodle...all this only last week

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CATHERINE & KENT continued

The membership of COTOR is swelling every week; we anticipate a lay branch in New Zealand very soon, and another in the state of Victoria early next year. Keep sending us your energies. Whenever the candles are lit, we think of you all. Actually, at each Sabbat, we use the words, "Our Sisters and Brothers in Craft, all over the world, are with us tonight. They may celebrate a different season, but still, we are one together". We lookforward to Samhain, and who knows, perhaps, one of you will join us here.

The Source newsletter is almost 2 to 3 months late. The Eds tell us an unusual series of events have occurred, printer's machinery breakdown, and also a fire. As you know, we are trying to allow them to get established before resuming TAW, but if they do not resume soon, we will commence plans for TAW to resume in 1984.

Only one bit of bad news this mail: son Kelly and his lady have been renting a cottage. A few weeks back, unwelcome visitors, burglars! Uninsured video, electrical appliances, and several thousand dollars worth of the Lady's jewelry all gone. It is rotten. Each piece of jewelry was given on special days, like 21st birthday. The poor kids are bereft. The police say, "professional job, tough luck"! Bully for them!

Hope you enjoy the clippings enclosed. Those of you seeking to lose a little weight, try our Moon diet. From the night of full moon through to the next full moon, take one multi vite per day, and eat and drink of only white and silver foods. So...clear water and mineral water, white wines, fish, all sea foods, chicken, pork (inside portions), brains, tripe, etc. Vegs - parsnips, cauliflower, potatoes (even Idaho). Think about it. You will find many white vegs and fruit, even cream is OK. I promise, I (Catherine), lost over 14 lbs. last month. It is fun just concocting white meals, even gin and vodka are allowed if taken with water or white lime juice. Have fun, and lose the inches.
Must away, our best love to you all, Blessed Be,
Catherine & Kent & All at COTOR

ED. NOTE: Yep, enjoyed the news articles...even the one about the Halloween celebration. DidN8t know that was unusual in Oz. Many non-Pagans have Halloween parties here and even a number open to the public. No, you're not getting soft; things do change with time. By the way, if you're going to write in Australian, please explain the terms. What is skite and skiting? Can't find those in my dictionary.
Do you have a flu season in Oz? We do here. I've had it so far for the past nine days. Think it's the same one I had last year..lasted for weeks...and changes every few hours or every day; feel pretty good, feel terrible, good, terrible, etc. A lot of people have it again, and I don't think anyone really knows what it is. Don't know any cure but drinking a bit helps relieve the pain and nausea.

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DAVID in Iowa sez: I have been very busy working at the print shop at the women's correctional institution here in Iowa; helping one of the women there with her algebra assignments; and studying my computer science course, etc.
I am now eligible to visit my relatives in Des Moines 3 out of 4 weekends a month, and last weekend I was able to contact someone to find out "what's cooking" in this area. Thus, I made plans to attend the WINTER'S EVE WORKSHOP, sponsored by the Singing Tree of Perry, Iowa.
ED, NOTE: David goes to the doghouse for telling us wht is going to happen though it has already passed by the time we received his letter. He also planned to make Magick Pies from Lady Rhea's recipe to take as a treat. They should have been a hit. Elizabeth tried that recipe and says it turned out great.

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CIRCLE is having a Pagan Ministry weekend November 11-13, also an Aromagick Workshop. Too much info to include it all here, so if you're interested, best to phone (608) 437-8964 weekdays 10-5 CST.

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Gary in Vancouver, Wash. sez he wrote to 2 places I suggested (box numbers) but got no reply. He says the newsletter really cheered him up when he was feeling down. Also says he'd like to have contact with Arabis, Blacksun and Roweena. Well, Gary, I can't send their addresses to you unless they want them published, and you didn't make it clear if you want yours published.
Gary's message to Amy in Moscow, Idaho is "Don't lose contact with me. Two years is two too many."
Gary, do not put people's full names in a letter unless they send written permission to use it.

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JUDY in Orange sez: I'm fine now thanks to all my friend's positive energy. My birthday is the 20th, and I celebrate the 31st all night.
I went to the hills in Riverside a few days. It was quiet and peaceful, very good for meditation.
The furry creatures were getting ready for winter to begin..but it's 95 degrees today. It rained the other day and it was very hot and humid. The birds are singing and happy; I guess they think it's spring again.
Okay to print letter and address as usual.
Blessed Be.
Judy Shepard, 345 N. Batavia #5, Orange, Cal. 92668
ED. NOTE: HAPPY WITCHY BIRTHDAY, JUDY!

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DIDJA KNOW???

University researchers have brought the search for carcinogens full circle, claiming that some natural foods cause cancer. Among the foods cited are beans, black pepper, parsnips, rhubarb, celery, coffee, potatoes and chocolate. Parsnips..okay.. ...but chocolate???

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From Lady Rhea in ATLANTA:

A Feast For The Season

"Our worship is ended, the rite has been done,
The Circle is open, the Feast has begun!"

But--what is it? !?!?

As with everything else, each group is different. But in too many groups, the "Feast" is often left to chance, each person bringing "something". This often results in an off-balance bit of dining: everyone brings the crackers, nobody brings the cheese!

This can be rather disconcerting! Especially, if like our group, and many groups follow a pattern similar to ours..we fast before ritual (I mean, after all, how spiritual can you get with a full tummy!) So, we are famished by the time Circle is broken, and more than ready to "chow down"!

There is a simple answer to this quandry--a wee bit of pre-planning. Decide beforehand what the "menu" will be, then let each person be responsible for one item (or, in the case of a larger, or more expensive dish, two or more can get together and take joint responsibility.)

Be realistic. Some folks don't have the time to prepare a big dish, others don't have the "know how". (Some would be in deep trouble if faced with a birthing--they couldn't boil the water!) These are the folks who should furnish the "pick it up at the supermarket" items. (Bread, cheese, fruit, crackers, drinks, paper plates, etc.) The accomplished cooks can furnish the "more difficult" dishes. (And don't forget your "handy helpers"--crock pots, insulated containers, paper plates, etc. AND DON'T FORGET TO HELP WITH THE CLEAN UP!)

The host Priest/Priestess really shouldn't have to furnish anything for the Feast! After all, they are not only furnishing a place to hold the ritual, but (in most cases) furnishing the candles, incense, oil, etc., etc., etc. However, the wiser ones will have a few extra goodies hoarded away--there will always be someone who doesn't show up, and so one item on the list will be missing.

The Feast should be simple and portable, requiring a minimum of last minute preparation. But--too often they degenerate to the same-old-thing-Feast-after-Feast-after-Feast...all in the name of keeping it simple. Here's where pre-planning comes in!

And while you're planning--KEEP THE SEASON IN MIND!
Each Sabbat, each Moon, has a traditional "meaning" and occurs at a certain "vegetative" season. You observe those things in your

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Lady Rhea (cont.)

ritual, why not carry the thought on into the Feast? For example, rabbit stew at Beltaine. Why? Because in days of yore, this was the one day when the hare could be hunted, offered to the Gods as a sacrifice, and made into stew for the Feast. Each Sabbat has some such tradition--research them! Not only will your group enjoy more imaginative Feasts, you'll learn more about each Sabbat and its traditions.

So--let's eat!

Lady Rhea, ATLANTA

They say the way to a man's heart is through his stomach--the way some folks cook--no wonder the rate of heart attacks has been on the increase!

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From Roweena in Oregon

JACK FROST

Jack Frost was decorating last night. Painting with silvery frost, turning mundane to beauty. I feel a cold breath, as Jack works his magick across the land.

Putting Winter's own leaves on the trees; fluffing the bushes, flocking the evergreens and leaving a silvery lace where fences used to be. He outlines each blade of grass, and glazes smooth the walk.

Jack paints along the window sill and on the panes as well. Painting silver forests and majestic mountains, with delicate frost flowers etched along the borders of his paintings.

So fragil are the jewels and beautys he creates, that just a hint of spring, will take them all away.

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From Lady Rhea: SABBAT CAKES

Mix together; 1 tsp honey, 3/4 cup butter, ½ cup brown sugar, 1 tsp white wine.
Add 1½ cup flour, ¼ tsp baking powder, ½ tsp salt, 1¼ cup oatmeal. Add cinnamon, cloves, ginger, and a pinch of mandrake root if possible. Combine well, adding a few drops of water if necessary. Cut into small crescent shaped cakes. Bake at 350° approx. 15 min.

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From Bonnie and Al in New Mexico: Dear Pat, We haven't written to you in quite a while so, we thought we'd fill you in on our doings as of late.

We received First Rite (or degree) from a traditional group in Canada last summer--with roots in the Basque region of Spain.

We had been communicating with these folks for quite a while but we were still a bit surprised (happily so!) to receive First from them, hopefully we'll advance with them and some day be H.P.S. & H.P. in their (our) tradition.

We also have moved to the Sandia mountain's outside of Albuquerque, as Bonnie has mentioned, it's beautiful up here. Pinon Pines, and Juniper's and a few Ponderosa Pine's thrown in for good measure, we're on 7 acres of land. The Sandia's above & behind us, the San Pedro's (mts.) North of us, and away's off, the Sangre De Christo's, the highest mountain chain in New Mexico. We are right at 6,982 ft. high here in our house, should get alot of snow this winter!

A guy I work with lives over in the San Pedro's about 12 miles from here and his neighbor saw a mountain lion in his backyard 2 weeks ago!

Just 24 miles from the big city Mother Nature's matinee goes on--cougars and all!!

I got a new job driving a Special Education school bus with mental and physically handicapped children--up in the mountain's too, and it pays real good, I work 6 hours a day, so I still have some time for being a daddy too!

Bonnie is being a seamstress again, sewing kid's clothes called "Tender Togs", bute little vests, at home too. (It looks real complicated to me, but Bonnie says it's not.)

We've built a stone circle up on the hill behind our house, with these massive stones for the quarters, and the most curious thing has happened; there is a Ponderosa Pine right in the middle of the Circle, and it's gotten pine cones like crazy whil all the other pine's around have hardly any at all, amazing!!! It certainly must like the energies, huh?

We also want to invite anyone looking for a home to New Mexico, as far as we know there are no working groups here to train anyone at present--it's been that way for over a year, there are various pagans and solitaries here but getting training is very hard, and is mostly a matter of using rites & rituals from books, and letting nature be ones Great Teacher.

New Mexico is the atomic bomb capital of America--(excepting Amarillo, Texas) with Sandia Labs in Albuquerque (bomb assembly plant) and the old standby Los Alamoas where the atomic age began, and still goes on in the form of design and test center for various parts for A-bombs. New Mexico would be a very good place to try Gerald Gardner's hypothesis to see if the mind could be used to control those who would destroy the Earth with atomic weapons--anyone care to give it a try?

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Al (cont.)

There is also much beauty here, in the mountains and deserts, and the cloud formations are just grand (best we've ever seen). the land feels "Holy" -- the Indians seemed to have "sanctified" it.

Lot's of Hot Springs too, water directly from the Lady, free of charge--except respect for the source!

The people here are somewhat serious, and pretty conservative (in Albuquerque especially), but more laid-back here in the mountains (for instance, our closest neighbor, an older lady, said: "Honey, where would we be without Mother Earth and Father Sky?") but more new ideas and/or groups or covens sure could help things considerably, and the sunshines here alot, folks!

We also want to change our mailing address for "THE GEORGIAN" to: P.O. Box 361, Sandia Park, New Mexico 87047. Anyone that cares to write can write to us at the above address also, we are especially interested in hearing from other Traditional Witches. (So it's OK to print our address) Well, I guess I've about wrapped things up for now.

The kids are also good and growing like weeds (good, flavorful, smell good weeds that don't invade the garden) So...until later.

ED'S NOTE: And now Bonnie. . . .

Now for my 2¢ worth! I just got home from my bosses house. I went out there to drop off some work and pick up some more. As I was turning on to the highway that comes up here, the drive shaft fell out of the car! Scared me half to death. As luck would have it I just had the baby with me while Al was here with Kerridwen. I was 6 miles from the house and at least a mile from the nearest telephone. So I locked up the car, grabbed up the baby and started walking but I hadn't taken 10 steps when my neighbor (the old lady Al mentioned) just happened to pull up! Now this was indeed the Lady looking out for me as she was just the person I was going to call and I had less than a half an hour to get home before Al had to go back to work! Anyhoo--

I have a personal letter I'm going to write to Lady Demeter about a day in the Guppy household with a toddler and a pre-crawler. The way those two run me some days I can't understand why I don't weigh 90 lbs. (Although I do have a few grey hairs!) It's wonderful tho, to watch the phases they grow through, learning new things daily. Olwen, at 5 mos does a bolley crawl and "rocks out" up on her hands and knees. Kerridwen is 20 mos. now (!) and although shes a late talker she's adding new words to her vocabulary all the time. What Demeter said about late talkers really struck me and if I didn't know better, I'd swear Kerridwen spoke fluent Chinese! (Actually, I don't know better--maybe it is Chinese!!!)

Oh, and a note to Lady Allusha--I had never heard of cat urine causing complications of pregnancy but I had been told by a midwife and a friends' doctor that cat feces could cause problems, although our doctor disagreed. But we've always had cats, so Al & I took

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Bonnie (cont.)

turns cleaning the litter box and scrubbed up well afterward. If you're still bothered, just wear rubber gloves while you're cleaning and don't let your hands get near your face. When I was pregnant with Kerridwen I worked with mostly Spanish and Mexican women who told me to get rid of the cats ("They suck the breath right out of the baby!) and they were genuinely sincere. They also told me not to cross my legs or raise my arms above my head, even to reach for something as that would wrap the cord around the baby's neck and strangle her! Personally, I cannot imagine where the beliefs come from or how moving your arms and legs could affect a child enutero. A very superstitious bunch down here! I was told to keep doing activity that I was used to doing--just don't take up jogging or horseback riding--but if those are activities that you've been doing then pregnancy is no reason to quit at least not for awhile! Well, enough of my babbling for now--I need to go round up a tow-truck...

Love & Blessed Be
Bonnie, Albion, Kerridwen, Olwen
& Furries!

PS: We got a new dog--a golden retreiver named "Doc". We have him on a sort of "trial basis" because he's kinda hard to handle & he's BIG. But he's so beautiful I try to forgive him when he gets rough & I'm working with him a little to try and obedience train him.

ED'S note: Al again....

One more quick note, Janet & Stewart Farrar's book "What Witches Do" is going to be reprinted soon (if it hasn't been already) completely revised and updated. It's a good book as you probably know.

And we've found the best pieces of Celtic Harp music that we've ever heard on a simply wonderful album by Alan Stivell called "Renaissance of the Celtic Harp" including one piece with the Cornish Sea in the background called "YS" like beautiful memories of a past life. Haunting!!!

Blessed Be!
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DIDJAKNOW? that as far as honey is concerned...we humans get the leftovers from what bees consume. So you know how many pounds of honey the bees in an average hive consume each year?
The residents of an average beehive consume about 500 pounds of honey each year.

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BEING A WITCH IS...not telling your boss that you're really typing for the newsletter when you look so busy. (Which is the only time)

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Tiller in Seattle sez: Fall is falling heavily in Seattle. We're pretty much loaded up on wood for the winter, although another cord wouldn't hurt! Haragano has been landscaping the house. The front yard is now full of rock-bordered beds full of cedar & redwood bark, and we laid paths of broken stone in between everything. Just about the time everything was finished, we found a large piece of firewood that looks amazingly like a big cloven hoof! It now watches the North corner of the house.

Joke of the month:
Initiation is witch-fulfillment.

ED NOTE: Tiller enclosed some clipping from FREEBIES magazine--

YELLOWTAIL JOURNALISM--Billing itself as "more than just another kitty pan liner," 'What's News Pussycats' is a publication for the avid feline fancier. In order to prove their claim, WNP is willing to send a three-month subscription to anyone requesting one.

The 8-page magazine-sized issues are a blend of information, sentiment and advice for the cat owner. The idea is to convey--both to you and your cat--"the lighter side of news".

Send a postcard asking for free three months subscription to: What's News Pussycats, 2 Pheasant Circle, Milford, MA 01757.

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Lady Demeter in Florida addresses Lady Allusha about cats being a danger to pregnant women. She sez: Yes, there is a disease that can be 'caught' during contact with cats' waste material--more from the fecale material than urine. If possible have another clean the litter box for an apparently healthy cat can be a carrier of the infection. Normal after cleaning box hygiene-wash up-is fine. If there isn't the chance for another to do the job, spray the litter box & its area with a good disenfectant about 10 min. before cleaning it. Rubber gloves are a precaution unless you have open cuts or chapped hands in which case they are a must. Don't get rid of your friends on the advice of your doctor--Some doctors just don't like animals & can't even imagine the heartbreak that one would have with separation.

Another piece of important advice: Make baby's sleeping quarters "off limits" before the baby is born. Cats love body heat & will snuggle up to a newborn who will not have the strength or control to shrug off a cat that weighs as much if not more than itself. The old wives tale of a cat stealing the baby's breath comes from the fact the feline enjoys the scent of milk or spit up on the baby's breath. So again, let the room the baby will sleep in be behind closed doors months beforehand. This also prevents the shedding cats' hair from floating around the room & can avoid respiratory problems.

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From Anon E. Mouse: Had Alexander Bell not invented the telephone, many unnecessary words would never be spoken.

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MOON MIRROR'S REFLECTIONS....HOW TO MAKE GREAT CONTACTS

It's easier said than done. That's what everyone says. Well, I disagree. Oh yeah, if you're busy, it's hard to take the time, but if you have a couple of hours a week, you have it made.
I let my mail pile up and take care of it two nights a week; I love every letter and note. I have some real special contacts: W. A. G and Gl. They are very special people. I learn much from them, and I think they learn from me.
We support each other and help each other and, no, I have never met a single one of them. Yet I feel I've known them always.

What you are about to read is what I feel are good rules of contcat-making. Hope it helps all of you.

1- Upon placing an ad, be honest; tell your interests and tell what you don't like.
Example - Interests: Herbs, The Moon, Craft Lore, Fairy Faith, etc.
NOS: Purple Lithuanians, green cheese, Eskimo pizza.

2- Use a P.O.BOX and your Witch name in your listing. This protects you from the nuts...nobody will drop in,etc. Yet, I've used my name and address with much luck. A P.O.Box is only about $20. a year in the U.S.

3- Upon answering a contact, feel them out. Try to find out what path they're on and why they are contacting you. Be subtle.

4- Upon meeting a contact, meet in a PUBLIC place. ONLY this way will you be at ease. Maybe a favorite restaurant or bookstore. If you're a lady, tell them you'll be wearing a pink rose, or a pentagram, etc. For a male: a pentagram or carrying a copy of What Witches Do.

5- When writing, feel free to exchange rituals, ideas, hopes and gifts.

6- Upon receiving an answer, if you feel creepy, and a little voice says, "DON'T TRUST THEM"...then don't. Cut off the writing and forget it.

A helpful hint: If you get a funny feeling from something that they send, like a gemstone, bury it for one whole Moon phase. This exorcises it beautifully.
Now, enjoy your Magickal Friends.

Blessed Be,
Moon Mirror )O( POB 1144,
Aurora, Col. 80040-1144

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DIDJA KNOW?????

ERGOT is a fungus that grows on rye. As early as 1582 it was used to aid Childbirth. More recently, in 1943, it was used to synthesize the hallucinogen L-S-D.

A beaver's incisor teeth (the ones it chews with) keep growing. If it didn't chew on something, the teeth would grow until its mouth clamps shut.

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## FROM YOUR EDITOR

Received a very nice letter of apology from the person who withdrew an article after it had been printed up. She explains that she was new at writing and didn't understand the procedure. She also said it would be okay to print her letter. However, since we did not mention the person's name before, we see no purpose in printing it now.

So...we hope all of you understand the procedure now.
When you send an article, poem or whatever, be sure to mark it... "Permission to publis" and sign it. Then if you change your mind, we may print it anyway.
If you intend your article to be for exclusive use in one publication, send it to only one publication. If it is rejected, then send it to another.
If you don't care who or how many use it, mark clearly at the top of the article THIS ARTICLE SENT TO OTHER PUBLICATIONS. NOT FOR EXCLUSIVE USE. Then each editor can make his/her own decision on whether or not they wish to publish something that may appear in a dozen other publications.

More often when you see something in a second publication it is because someone has seen the article in the original publication and thinks it is worthwhile printing again in their own publication. We do sometimes get a letter from another newsletter asking permission to use something we have printed. When this happens, I forward the request to the author to make that decision. It really makes no difference to me if someone wants to reprint something providing they use the entire article (not lifting things out of context) and mention that it is a reprint from the Georgian...but I do think the author should decide where he/she does or doesn't want the work to appear.

So...I hope that clears up any questions.

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Just received edition # 2 of THE FAERIE FOLK NEWSLETTER. They plan it to be a quarterly starting in January. No announcement yet on subscription price. For info, write: Lady Eilonwy, POB 100585, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33310.

Also received the Samhain issue of CHILDREN OF THE EARTH, POB 417, Keyser, W.V. 26726. $5. for 4 issues. Hestia says tell Catherine & Kent that SHADOWS EDGE is now at POB 27495, Escondido, Ca. 92027.

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Cosmic Awareness Occult Suppliers carries EIGHT SABBATS FOR WITCHES by the Farrars. Moon Mirror sez: I will offer the book for $12.95 retail and ONLY 50¢ for postage & handling to all my Wiccan brothers and sisters.
Moon Mirror, POB 1144, Aurora, Co. 80040-1144.

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ELEXA sez: Just finished reading a fascinating book - THE WAY OF THE SHAMAN by Michael Harner. Full of information, and exercises that can be used by anyone. We in the Craft might use a little different symbolism and therefore have slightly different experiences, but the meanings will, I'm sure, be the same. I found the book at B. Dalton in the "Anthropology" section.
Had an interesting experience, and wanted to mention it because I'm not sure exactly what happened! Also, it involved (sort of indirectly) some of our friends from Oz, and I'm wondering what they think. Let me say right away that I may have totally misinterpreted the whole thing, and if so, I apologize abjectly to the gentleman involved.

I received a phone call at the store from a gentleman who said he'd been given the number by Oberon, who informed him that I was the "coordinator" for Pacific Circle, and could put him in touch with some Craft folk. He had a very definite accent, although I was not able to identify it, and the name he gave did not fit the accent. He told me he was in town from Australia. Now, he may have been in Australia, but the accent was from somewhere else. I would have guessed the Middle East.
Ah! Australia. Was he with Catherine and Kent? "Who?" he said. "Oh! Yes, I know of them." I asked where he got Oberon's number. Valerie from San Jose had given Oberon's number to the people she stayed with in Australia on her visit there.

So far, so good. Decent references. So, what could I do for him? Well, he's in a hotel near the Airport, was leaving the next day day for Philadelphia, and could I find him someone to have dinner with? I wasn't sure--starting my mind for Paganfolk in that area.
He asked "Do you have a place where you get together socially?" I told him about the monthly gathering at my house, but he explained that he meant a public place, like a bar or something. "Gosh, no. It would be nice to have a place like that, where you could go to meet Pagans, but we don't."
He informed me that they did, in Australia. It was a hotel lobby, and you just went there to meet people.

TILT! All of a sudden I wondered if we were talking about the same thing. I had the distinct impression we weren't. My impression got stronger when he asked me to please find him a young lady to have dinner with. I said I'd do what I could, took his number, and hung up.
Has anyone else jumped to the conclusion I did, or do I have a dirty mind?
Do the Paganfolk in Oz really hang around a hotel lobby to meet other Pagans? Was this guy looking for Pagan company for the evening, or something else?
Did I ignore the plea of a fellow Pagan reaching out to a kindred spirit, or was this some joker who thought a Pagan connection was a good way to get laid in a strange town?

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ELEXA continued

Opinions anybody? Pat? Catherine and Kent? Robyn? Anybody?

All of a sudden, the new people at Moontalks outnumbered the regulars, almost. There were representatives from a group we hadn't been in contact with before, and four people looking for groups. The four seekers were nice people. Have no idea whether they'll end up in my group. At least they met members of several groups.

Let's see--since this will appear in the November issue (unless Pat is working himself to a frazzle again) I'll send best wishes that all had a blessed Hallows, and for those of you who change the year at that season HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Elexa (Ellen) Box 9513 N. Hollywood, Ca. 91609

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ED. NOTE: Your visitor could have been either way...but better to be cautious than sorry. Some people do manage to make a few contacts before others realize they shouldn't have given them. Just because someone claims to be Craft or Pagan does not necessarily mean they are to be trusted. Be cautious!
Unless I get an immediate bad feeling about someone, I do take time forming an impression. Some people can fool you..for awhile.

That's why I say to make it very clear in letters an articles you send what name you want published. Some of you are still not doing that. I do still want your name and address somewhere if you just want a Craft name published....maybe at the top of the page. But if you sign your letters or articles with both a Craft and legal name and address, and nothing to say what is or is not for publication, I can only assume that you want both used.
The main reason I no longer let anyone stay here at the house is because of possible problems with the dogs. But another reason is that I sometimes get calls from complete strangers asking if they can stay here when they're passing through. NO WAY! With the Craft books and other material here, letters, files, mailing lists, etc. ...
Pagan hospitality is great...but...you don't have to be stupid.
I list the phone number here so that people who wish to call me can ...but I do not accept collect calls. You'd be surprised how often complete strangers try to call me collect. NO WAY!
Remember, the world is full of kooks..so always be cautious.

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FROM U.P.I. - Cute Witches, playful black kittens and happy goblins are losing out to horror film characters on Halloween cards for children. That's the word from Lois Hochhausen, product manager for the Halloween line at Hallmark cards. She says the trend reflects the influence and popularity of horror films in theaters and on T-V. As a result, this year's cards were more animated and somewhat scarier than in the past, featuring such all-time favorites as Dracula and Frankenstein's monster.

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From Rik in Tucson

## THE SATOR SPELL

This is a simple but effective spell that I have found to be effective against unfriendly non-material entities, fire and thieft.

TIME: whenever needed but to be reinforced on the new moon.

MATERIALS: white paint (consecrated preferred)
Athame
Consecrated Salt and Water
Incense

PROCEDURE:

I. First exorcise the house by giving it a thorough cleaning during the day. Leave the windows, and curtains open so that a lot of sunlight enters in. Burn candles while you do so and burn incense. Redecorate or paint the house if necessary to break the bonds that keep the 'thing' present.

II. That night, purify yourself then draw an invoking pentagram of earth at each doorway, window, drain, ac vent and any other opening in the house. (electrical outlets optional but mirrors mandatory) Leave one door unprotected.

III. Start with the room to the north and exorcise the room with salt, consecrated salt-water, incense and the following invocation:

> By Fire and Water I conjure thee
> That there remain within thy frame
> No adverse thought nor entity
> Hear my words, attend to me
> As my will, so mote it be.

As you do so, draw the invoking pentagram of earth in the air with the Athame. Then do a prayer to the Goddess for protection. Repeat in each room so that the 'creepie-crawlie' is forced outside through the unprotected door.

IV. Near the ceiling of the room used the most (or every room if desired) paint the following in white paint:

> Sator
> Arepo
> Tenet
> Opera
> Rotas

Redraw it with your Athame repeating the above invocation.

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Rik in Tucson (cont.)

V. Each new moon, redraw the square with your Athame with the invocation to recharge it.

VI. I realize that I have given some terms and directions that may not be familiar to some readers but there is a reason for that. Magick can be dangerous if misused just like a butcher knife. So find a trained witch and feel free to ask embarassing questions.

VII. Blessed Be.

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From Lady Rhea in ATLANTA

Greetings: I have decided that you should be cautious--someone may report the newsletter to the government drug agencies.....I have realized that the thing is addictive! Tis the first week of the month and I rush home daily to peer hopefully into the mail box--and am so let down when I do not find it within!

Weather here as it is in the rest of the country--all mixed up! We swing from cold back to warm--no "average" for this time of year. Gonna be interesting to see what the Winter brings! The past Winter, Spring, Summer, (and so far) Autumn have been very strange--so what lies ahead?

All goes well. Miss Boo finally stopped shedding--good thing, or I would have had a hairless chihuahua instead of a long-haired one! I have been being "lazy"--since I finished up on the typing, and have been fight this cold, have indulged myself in my favorite pastime--being lazy!

Been doing some reading--including "The Mists of Avalon". Very enjoyable novel.

Garden long gone--except for my two "cherry" tomato plants--they are heavy with tomatoes, and keep blooming and bearing. And so very tasty...have really enjoyed these! Weather struck down everything else--too hot and dry.

Getting the beginnings of a "controlled" herb garden. I have mint (I always have mint, wherever I go!), transplanted some mugwort from my folks yard to mine this year, and it is starting to take hold. There is wintergreen growing in the yard, and within a few weeks I hope to have some lemon balm to plant. Little by little--.

Newsletter finally arrived..(I know, it wasn't late--I am just so impatient while waiting for it!). Enjoyed, as usual!

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Lady Rhea (cont.)

Your comment on Full Monn and people's reactions: Yes, studies do show that people are affected by it--several studies have been made here in Atlanta, by Emory University, police department, etc. Crime does increase, dramatically. Any nurse can tell you that births are up then. More folks are 'on the move', etc.
Crafters? Yes and no. I do find that after ritual socials at Full Moon tend to be a bit more "boistrous". However, they are not "violent". Just more energy.
Like you, I believe that by following the lunar tides we are more understanding of them and much more in harmony with them, therefore, although we do "react", our reactions are much different than those of folks who do not understand what is happening to them.

I too, found the reaction to Cossel's comment on the NFL player rather ludicrous. Many of us have used that expression--I have used it myself, particularly in a situation where a child is climbing, scampering about, etc., with the effortless grace of a simian. At times some do tend to carry their "touchiness" too far!

As to Lady Allusha's query about the "Anthology" progress: Although I thought Lady Fauna's letter and article about it was very clear, apparently most folks did not understand....response has been NIL. Several folks said, "Oh, I'd love to have one! Reserve a copy for me!"...but volunteer to do any work on it? NO response. However, that phase is over--all has been compiled, typed, and ready for editing and further progress. What is needed now is Permission to Print from author's. Which, Lady Fauna is working on.
There is much going on with all this--all of which will "be announced" in the newsletter later. One thing I can say--Pat will have some real treats in store for you in the not too distant future! So keep an eye out for the fine print in each issue!

Enjoying Shadowhawk and Blacksun's new series. I can certainly empathize with her latest "Coming Full Circle". I was trying to explain to someone just the other day of how paths continue to cross and intertwine between Crafters. We certainly all seem to be interwoven into one fabric, and the threads cross constantly! Watch out you two--you may be back in the first building before it is over!

So how goes it with the station? Do hope you are finished and are getting a bit of rest! Start behaving yourself now, fellow--you have had all of us concerned!

Do take care of self--be nice to self--and to fur people--

Love and Blessed Be! Rhea

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From UPI---A Doctor in Peking says his patients "must have patience and stamina". He treats lumbago sufferers by jumping up and down on their backs.

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## DOG DAYS

LADY RHEA in Atlanta sez: Dog Diets: strange this would come up. I recently became aware of an oversight on my part concerning my fur-person. Being a border-line vegetarian, eating little meat, I seldom have it at home, available for my dog. She can not eat canned foods--her digestive system will not tolerate them. Actually, she seems to prefer veggies over meat herself--training, I guess, although I did not do it intentionally. Although very healthy (the vet says he'll never get rich from taking care of her!), I noticed that her coat seemed to be lacking a wee bit of the luster it once had.

Then it dawned on me--poor animal never gets any "fats", which they do need some of. Dining on dry dog food all the time, the fat is lacking. So, I now make a concentrated effort to have available for her some foods with natural "oils"--butter, milk, chicken, etc. Something for the vegetarians with animals to be aware of!

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ED. NOTE: Yes, proper diet is important. Don't know about the other dry foods, but the five different Purina dry dog foods I use all contain 8% to 10% crude fat. Read the labels.
However, a diet of only dry foods can cause a problem in some dogs.. that's why I give mine variety.
When I got Sirius, the beautiful thick ruff around his neck felt very stiff and coarse. After a couple weeks of proper diet, all of hair became soft and silky.
Adding a few drops of Wheat Germ Oil to the dogs food will add a glossy appearance to the coat. It is also used for horses for the same reason. Not bad for humans, either.

If you can find the whole, raw Wheat Germ, it makes a good breakfast cereal. The kind you find in jars has usually been ground but it can be added to other foods...add to bread or pancakes, etc.

Dogs should also have bones to keep their teeth in good condition ...but not chicken or turkey bones because they splinter into sharp points that can puncture the intestines and kill the animal.
Many markets sell bones, and the small shops will often cut them to the size you want. Pork neck bones are good for this. I buy a lot at a time, cook them thoroughly, then put some in the refrigerator and the rest in the freezer. Dogs love to chew on real bones, and the larger dogs will often crunch away until they have eaten the entire bone.
I wouldn't recommend this for humans, but dogs have a very strong stomach acid that can digest the bone. That's why their saliva has such healing qualities; it kills the germs.
Also, a dog's teeth were designed for eating this type of food. Human teeth were not designed for meat-eating.
Dogs also enjoy the yolk from hard-boiled eggs, don't seem to care for the white. An occasional raw egg mixed into the food is also good for them.

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We received two very long letters from Jim in Winchester. Jim was very upset because a newspaper had refused to take his ad, even though they had run it many times in the past. It was a simple ad for people wishing to join a pagan study group. Jim considered their refusal to be religious discrimination.

Situtations of this type have not been unusual since the change of atmosphere during the Reagan-Falwell administration. It is, of course, religious discrimination but proving it is most difficult. Newspapers can get by with refusing to print anything which they feel may offend their readers. Obviously, this is just an excuse. In some cases, the publications are operated by 'born agains' or other religious fanatics. And of course, they may also have pressure from fanatic advertisers who threaten to cancel their ad.

This matter could be taken to court and be fought by the ACLU. However, under the present conditions there is a good possibility that we would lose the case. This would set a precedent for the future and would be difficult to overturn. I feel it is better to wait until the anti-pagan atmosphere has reversed.

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Georgia (Lady Augo?) sez: Her newsletter had an expired stamp. Guess it was a mistake. Go by the date on your address label.

She sez...I have been teaching a beautiful girl here named Trish. She has been studying on her own for a long time but soon she will be moving to Colorado. Is there anyone there she can contact? I met Tresa in Tulsa a few months ago. She is really a nice girl. Trish knew her from their younger days.
Rick and I bought an acre of timber land and we are hoping to build a house on it in the spring.
Blessed Be Georgia in Oklahoma

ED NOTE: Yes, there are people in Colorado but at the moment I don't have the public address. Perhaps Karen will write and I can forward to you.

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From Rik in Tucson: For Robin; It has been awhile since you offered to have one of my writings published in C.O.G. newsletter. Feel free to do so if they want it. All I ask is that you send me a copy of the issue in which it appears.
TO ANYONE WHO KNOWS: All of the Covens that I've worked with were closed. That is you couldn't attend a meeting unless you were going to join (some of them wanted strict catholics to join just for the numbers) the coven. One problem Patti has is she feels excluded from this aspect and is angry with the secrecy bit. Those of you who have public Sabbats or open meetings, how do you do it??? What works and what problems do you have? I would appreciate any help in this matter either in the Georgian or in the mail at my PO Box.
Rik Johnson, Box 40451, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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# REPORT FROM THE HALF-ASTRAL
# #5
by Blacksun

Well, here we are going into the new year (by the time you read this) and my lady (Shadowhawk) and I and our son have moved into a new apartment. Actually, it's the upper half of an old structure that was probably one large house at the time it was built, but has since become a duplex. It is a lot closer to my work, so I have more time to spend with my family and friends and the church. We will still keep the old PO Box and make treks out to it once a week to collect our mail that goes to it.

I'm afraid that this ½A report will NOT be just light humor, we are both so pleased with the universe that we have to share our good fortune with the rest of the Georgians. I hardly know where to begin, but I suppose that I already have by crowing about our new home. That is only the beginning. Oh how the Goddess has a bountiful crop this year! We also have seen a wonderful increase in church activities and participation (I don't count heads, just hearts when they really are part of the church) and even had some very promising students show up.

Shadowhawk's 3½ year wrestling match with the role-playing game system has finally seen a completed, copyrighted, printed-for-submission and submitted-for-sale copy emerge from her fevered brain. Everything looks good for a sale.

We recently put on a lecture, slide show and information booth at the Seattle ESP Fair which was a GREAT success as well as a great deal of fun. I was overwhelmed by the super support that we got from friends and members of the church. A good 99.9% of the people that came to the booth were either friendly or other Pagans come to say hello. Some we knew, but many we didn't and it was wonderful to find so many that we never had met before. In the four days that the booth was open to the public, we must have seen over a thousand people and out of them: 2 (count them - TWO) people came by to say they thought we were evil or bad folks.

Oh! almost forgot our most recent gift from the Goddess. At least I'd like to believe it's a gift. Shadowhawk rescued a cute little kitten from one of Seattle's busiest street intersections. The poor fellow was about squashed by several cars but some how managed to avoid them and run right into the arms of Shadowhawk. We, suckers that we are for such lost souls, took it in and told him this was home. He's slowly making inroads on being accepted by our other cat and our dog. All proceeds well in that area.

Did I mention that our new place has an office AND another 'bedroom' which is perfect for our ritual room. That is what we have set it up as and we have used it already for a couple of rituals. Mostly

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½A (cont.)

we have been at other people's places for rituals the past two months. It's SOooo nice to be able to kick back and let others run the show!

If I'm gushing, it's only because Shadowhawk and I have been running our tails off trying to just keep things going for so long, it's really great that we have had such good fortune of late. The Lady has been storing up some real goodies for us and it seems She has "popped our space" a good one this time. Shadowhawk and I have both been as busy as popcorn at intermission, but we have seen seeing immediate positive feedback from our magic and it is all worth the effort when that happens.

Can't keep going on this way, I'll break my face a-grinnin'. Anyway, just thought I'd get that off my chest. Sometimes it's so good it almost blows my mind. The harvest begun in Lammas, so I predict it will soon be down to a normal dull roar by Samhain. Only have 3 or 4 rituals scheduled for October (so far) and Shadowhawk and I SHOULD be able to sit down together to plan out a few things (we consider it very good fortune indeed if we are even at home at the same time lately) for the coming year. We love every moment of it, even if we do fall into bed totally pooped.

Have been getting tons of stuff that required written reply or some kind of writing, so social mail has gone un-answered for a while. Sorry to all who have written, but I will catch up soon. If you wish to write us and get on our list of people who have not gotten any reply as yet, our address is still the same: Blacksun & Shadowhawk, c/o D.A.O., PO Box 4751, Federal Way, WA., ZIP: 98003.

That's all for now, maybe, I'll be back to my normal sarcastic self month after next. Until then,

Blessed Be,
Blacksun.

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HAVE A "Ghoughphtheighteeau"

If "gh" stands for "p" as in "hiccough"; "ough" for "o" as in "dough"; "phth" for "t" as in "phthisis"; "eigh" for "a" as in "neighbor"; "tte" for "t" as in "gazette"; and "eau" for "o" as in "beau"---the correct spelling of "potato" must be----"GHOUGHPHTHEIGHTTEEAU."

Now there's some "food thought" and vice versa.

---Unknown, 1975 Farmers' Almanac

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ELEXA in N. Hollywood sez: Moontalks is a monthly gathering we have, on the first Sunday. It's a way for groups to get together, and for new people to meet representatives of several groups, therefore making the match between group and student easier.
About contact with groups around the country: A group member moving to a new area could be provided with a letter of introduction from their HP/S. We are never the best judge of our own strengths and special needs, and if the former HP/S would give an address where they could be reached, this information could be shared with their new group.
Rik, I did too contact the lovely lady you wrote me about. We have not met yet, but we've talked on the phone, and she's everything you said she was. See, I'm not such a horrible person after all.

We can't all be in contact with all the groups around the country, but there are ways to direct a person to Craft contacts in a new city. Circle's Pagan Resources is good. One other way (if it's all right with you) is for the leader of the original group to write to GN, telling the readers that they have people moving (or have moved) and would groups in the new area please contact the HP/S, so the information can be passed on to the student.
If any of you have students moving to our neck of the woods (the L.A. area), writing to Pacific Circle, Box 9513, N. Hollywood, Ca. 91609 will put you in contact with several groups of different traditions.

Local News: Sothistar is--well, it is just marvelous. I'm finally getting to the point (after all these years) where I feel I'm doing a pretty fair job of teaching, and the students I have now are a joy.
Morgan and Comus are off to Hawaii this week. It's not that they don't deserve a vacation, but gee! Couldn't they have tried to sneak us through in their luggage?
If anyone feels like it, could I see some opinions on something? What questions would you ask a potential member to learn whether or not they are right for your group?
Hope everyone's Hallows was joyous.
Blessed Be!
Elexa (Ellen) address above

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ED. NOTE: You have certainly had a prolific typewriter recently, so I guess you can understand the editing on this one.
Questions will vary from group to group but here are a few:
How did you hear of us? What Craft books have you read? Why do you think you belong in the Craft? What do you hope to learn? What do you expect to gain? Do you enjoy being alone or do you like to be around people all the time? Do you like animals? Do you have pets? What do you do with your free time? Are you married? If yes, how does your wife or husband feel about you joining the Craft? Is there any reason you couldn't attend regular meetings? Do you have any hangups about race or color? How do you feel about nudity, money, power?

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From Catherine & Kent of COTOR in Australia--Merry Meet Pat! This note is brief, but we wanted to help the lass with Acne, a sorry mess for people of any age. We treat lots of folk with this complaint, and first of all, start with soap. In Oz we have a soap called Neutrogena, a real Goddess blessing, if not obtained in your neck of the woods, we would be happy to send you a block for your friend, just SOS us for return mail. The commonsense natural methods use the forenamed soap or pure castile soap, do not use medicated soaps, rinse skin very well, only ever use tepid water, extra hot or cold do not aid this problem. If unusually severe, avoid water, and soap. Each day, in such a case, instead of bathing affected areas, wipe with fresh cotton wool soaked in sweet almond oil.

We are keen on diet as a cure for the problem, eliminate chocolate, soda pop, oily foods and salted nuts, TV dinners, prepackaged snack foods, and all foods with chemical adds and preservatives. IMPORTANT, take 30 mg. per day Zinc gluconate. Use foods with thin oils: olive, peanut, fish oils, and vegetable oils. Stop all chocs and milk, white sugar and flours. If the skin is oily, apply witchazel freely as required, maybe thrice per day.

The following formula is our most used Acne repair oil, all ingredients should be available freely over there: 1 Tablespoon wheat germ oil, 1 tablespoon avocado oil, 1 teaspoon lavender oil, same amount juniper oil, same again St. John Wort oil, (sometimes called Hypericum oil), add witchazel lotion ¼ cup, shake well, apply daily to very clean skin. We do hope your friend is relieved and soon cured with these ideas. We have seen them work, so do let us know results, which should be showing within a month, if all information is carefully followed, ESPECIALLY the diet.

Must be off, will keep practicing, and avoid the patter of etc.!

Blessed Be--Catherine & Kent

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GIFTS FROM MOM & DAD

Today I watched the wind dance
with the trees outside my window.

How lovely: The color
The grace.

So alive, they seemed to be clowning
with the harmony.

A smile.
The Sun.

Joy for the heart,
From Nature.

By E-Seeker

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I stood upon a mountain top
and everywhere I turned
the beauties of Nature
carressed my eyes.

I wandered through a waving field
and joyously greeted the wildflowers
flaunting their beauty
for all the world to see.

I crept through a dark forest
and caught my breath in awe
at the shy violet
nodding sweetly to me.

I strode through the city
and beheld
well tended lawns
and gardens rare.

Then I stumbled through an alley
and knelt to revere
with humility
blades of grass growing there.

Rhea

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ALSO FROM LADY RHEA:

SKILLET FEAST

In deep skillet (the large electric skillet is great for this) brown in butter a 2½-3 lb. fryer, cut up. Brown over low heat so butter doesn't scorch. When thoroughly browned, add water to cover. Cover skillet and cook with a "fast simmer" about 30 minutes, or until chicken is tender.
Add: diced potatoes, carrots, celery and any other vegetables you may choose. Add water to cover vegetables, bring back to a fast simmer. Top with your favorite drop dumplings, cook 8 minutes covered, then 8 minutes uncovered.
Serve with a crisp salad -- there's a dinner!

MURPHY'S LAWS OF THE OFFICE

Machines that have broken down will work perfectly when the repairman arrives.

If you hit two keys on a typewriter, the one you don't want hits the paper.

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Here we are just starting the last page of the November issue but thanks to the nimble fingers of Lady Fauna, we have a start on the December issue. She typed 6 stencils before she headed south.

A reminder that there will be only one more issue for this year. Time to start reviewing the 1983 issues to make nominations for the Georgies. Best article (poem, etc.), best series, and service to Craft/Paganism. We should receive these some time in December so we can publish them in the January issue, then you vote on them, and we publish the winners in February.

Forgot to mention our birthdays this year. Church of Wicca of Bakersfield was chartered in March 1972 and our Georgian Church was chartered in August 1980. That makes us legally 11 years old and 3 years old. C of W is the local branch of the Georgian.

Still having problems getting some of you to understand deadlines. Deadline for each next issue is the 20th, but we always have things coming in that weren't even mailed by that time. And other things coming just before the 20th that may be so lengthy that we just don't have enough room left to publish them. If you want things to get in the newsletter, send them early.

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There are plans for a Pagan gathering in Florida for Lady Day 1984....Ft. Lauderdale area. Response will determine location and number of workshops. Some workshops already planned, open to more volunteers.
For more info, write: Lady Ellonwy, POB 100585, Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. 33310.
Pam may contact if she'd like to join in one of the regular clan circles for a weekend.

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The 2nd annual Goddess Gathering will be held June 21-24 at Hocking Hills State Park near Logan, Ohio. Sens SASE with all inquiries, reservation info: Mary & Dirk Hermance, 2116 Atkinson Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44505.
Programming: Church of Universal Forces, c/o Isis & Adonis, Box 03195, Columbus, Ohio 43203.
Other inquiries: Temple of Wicca, c/o Goddess Gathering, POB 1302, Findlay, Ohio 45839.

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Lots more we could print but not enough space, so I guess that does it for another month.
Newsletter sub still $6. yr. in the U.S., $12. foreign surface, $24. foreign air mail...though we may have to increase this one if the postage is going to run higher than that.

That's all, folks! Love and Blessed Be!

Pat and all the Georgians

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