GEORGIAN NEWSLETTER

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BAKERSFIELD - As usual, things go well here. Only minor problems. Some problems at work causing a lot of extra hours. Late mail causing a jam up at the end of the month..but I think we'll get it out on time.
A little more help: Adrienne has been helping with answering some of the mail. Every little bit helps.

I mention elsewhere that I started reading The Mists of Avalon. Got through 336 pages so far. These long hours and much work don't leave much time for reading. A very good book.

Three of the furry children have to go to the vet for shots. Have to find time somewhere to make an appointment. Can't take them all at one time so that means two trips. Too bad their medical expenses are not deductible for taxes. If I could take them as dependents that would really help...but a few people have tried that one.

My sore throat problem still not solved but it has been better. Still don't know what it is but a lot of people in this area have been sick with the same problems I've had. Maybe it's some new virus.

Sring must be springing. My plum tree often is covered with blossoms by Feb. 14, but not this year...came about a week late.

Lady Fauna and Dean planning to be here in March for the Sabbat. We always look forward to their visits. Lady Fauna attended the Southern Council of C.O.G. meeting for our Church of Wicca branch. She lives so much closer than I to where the meetings are usually held. She can probably handle it better than I anyway.

Elizabeth's cat, Morgan, turning into one big ball of fur. I've decided I like the Himalayan much better than a Siamese.

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FROM U.P.I. - Genetics researchers may put cows in their laboratory cages and toss out their mice.
They have discovered that cows have much of the same genetic material that they once believed was held only by humans.
James Womack, an animal geneticist at Texas A & M, says - "what really surprised us was the similarity of the organization of these chromosomes in cows and those in humans."
Cows share more more than a dozen diseases with human beings.
Womack said - "We think the potential is obvious for human medical research.
Womack says his discovery means scientists will not have to rely on mice in studying human genetic disorders. He says, Now, at least in terms of chromosomes, men and mice appear as different as any two mammals you could imagine."

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Dear Pat and all the Georgians:

Just a short note to say thanks to any and all who saw merit in my story THE SACRIFICIAL KING. My Georgie has a place of honor and my sincere appreciation and gratitude goes to Pat and all the Georgians.

A writer exists to write; to give birth to his paper and carbon child who lives a solitary existence in a two dimensional world. A child who can only have life by being read. The child is a greedy one... she likes to walk and talk, love and cry in the three dimensional world of her reader. The world of mind, the world of life.

Thanks to Pat and the Georgian Newsletter a few more "children" will be able to sing, dance, and dream in this world.

In Pagan Solidarity,
Tiffany St. Moonstar, HP
THE COVEN OF THE DRAGON

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ED. NOTE: Thank you for the nice letter, Tiffany. We do enjoy your writing.

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Can you reccomend a book in Swedish on Witchcraft? Do you know of any Witchcraft groups in Sweden?

Michael Manstrom
Annebergsgatan 15
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Sweden

ED. NOTE: Sorry, I can't answer either of these questions. Perhaps one of our readers can.

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Things do get misplaced. Since my desk is a large dining room table ...and three smaller tables, all piled high with letters, newsletters, magazines and books...I do often lose things for while. When I hear of books I want, I make a note on a slip of paper...and may not see it again for weeks.
I did this with Witchcraft For Tomorrow by Doreen Valiente, published by Robert Hale, London. Then after ordering, it takes several more weeks before the book arrives. Got this one yesterday so I've only read half of it, but find it really worthwhile. I not only enjoy her writing about the Craft, but like her thinking regarding animals... page 39.
Also recieved The Mists of Avalon by Marion Zimmer Bradley, published by Alfred A. Knopf, New York.
Everyone who has read this tells me it is great. Haven't started it yet and expect it will be some time before I finish it. With so little time to read, a book this big (almost 900 pages) will take quite awhile.
I think the longest novel I ever read was War and Peace...and also one of the most boring.

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Thank you for printing my verse. I truly hop that one of your readers will find some use for it or inspiration from it.
We are all, in our own way, whether left handed, right handed, well versed in ceremony or like myself, know very little, whether we worship alone or with friends, dream singers. Every time we set our thoughts and hearts free, every time we reach for the stars or bath our souls in moonbeams, we become dream singers, moonbeam riders, singing our songs to the winds and walking among the stardust. Our songs and dreams, and hopes are sweet to be heard and we, too, shall be wrapped in robes of glory, and welcomed to whatever home we hope to find.

Thank you again.

Catka Lowansa

ED. NOTE: Also enclosed was something for my healing but it wasn't clear whether or not this was for publication.
Thank you. As of today (Feb. 11) I still have a sore throat but other than that have been back to normal for the past week.

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This is the first time I've written in to the newsletter or to any group with occult affiliations. I am somewhat new to the Craft, having attended my first ritual in June, 1983.
About a year before that, attended a "class" fondly known as "Magic 101" with a local man well known for his seemingly low-key involvement with the occult. He suggested some books including Bonewits Real Magic and The Spiral Dance by Starhawk. I picked up a copy of the latter from the Seattle Public Library, and happily read it in my spare time over the summer of 1982.
Some new acquaintances, people whome at first glance I would never have associated with the Craft (due to my ignorance at the time) apparently noticed my reading material and watched me for some time. After many divergent paths and sidetracks as far away as Hawaii and San Francisco, they finally began probing me and my interest in the Craft. I cautiously revealed my affinity for what I had read, and most of all, what I felt about myself.

Eventually they asked if I would like to learn from and with them, an arrangement which seemed incomparable, and has proven so. There are, of course, moments of stress, anxiety and doubt. Perhaps the most trying experience was one night a t work.
My manager is a recent convert to LDS (the Mormon Church) and somewhat righteous about it. Aside from theological disagreement though, we get along quite well. In fact, my double-Gemini personality is just the prodding his stodgy Taurean self needs at times.
Anyway, we've had long discussions on his faith, most of them fairly intellectual in nature. We never got around to discussing my views on faith though (I made sure of that).
One night as I was sweeping the front of the store, he mentioned that the bugs or germs everyone had were finally affecting him and that he felt awful. As his consultant on matters of herbology and

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wholistic health care, based onknowledge acquired through my own interest and experience. I expressed regret that I could do nothing for him, at least that night. As he walked away, he turned back and said, "You should be able to help me, you're a Witch afterall. "gasp!"
What an adrenalin rush that comment produced! Fortunately, I have naturally rosy cheeks. I inhaled deeply then feigned petty offense at the comment and asked him to repeat what he'd called me until he replied, "Well, you're holding a broom after all." I still wonder about that, but the situation forced me to examine my activities. The conclusion I reached was a strong sense of acceptance and reinforcement; I've finally come home, and I know it's good to be there.

Here's a little something I'd like to share with everyone.
BEING A WITCH MEANS.....
...having to run downstairs to the ritual room for salt when you're baking.
...working for the Light Side of the Force.

Warm thoughts and peaceful wishes to all.
Blessed Be,
Tolitha

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JIM in Winchester sez: had a very nice Sabbat and New Moon - mine are more meditative than ceremonial since I am mostly solitary (not by choice).
I really liked Lady Fauna's suggestion to Lady Mariah to use a slide show presentation for her discussion group. I would like to add to that idea somewhat by suggesting the idea of video taping some lessons. I have recently been using video camera equipment in my work, and was very impressed with the results. The modern equipment does a remarkable job with normal room sound and light, and you have the advantage of instant review. Also, the video tape can be used over if you do not wish to keep it. One advantage of film, however, is editing a finished product for exact desired effect. With video, without a lot of pre-planning, you end up with amateurish home movies. So decide exactly what you want beforehand, so it will be pleasing to your audience for most effect.
I feel this can be used in many traing applications. But..watch out- somebody will probably start selling their instant Witchcraft lessons in video format soon, and they will be just as big kooks as the printed lessons they push now (we all know who I mean).
Well, love toall those lovely people in Bakersfield and the nice folks I welcome every month into my home through the newsletter.
Blessed Be
Jim

ED. NOTE: Fortunately, Jim, so few people have tape facilities and the cost would be too high for many people at present.

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RHEA in Atlanta sez: been reading the NL (again), trying to find something to write about--goodness, can't even find a controversy to get into! (Won't touch the one about Motherhood--enough has been said!)
You should have known better than to ask folks to send in extra material for typing in advance--best way to keep them from sending ANY! Ever see it to fail?

Hope your throat is better. Is this the season for sore-throat-witches? You have one, I have one, know half-a-dozen others with same. Hmmmmm....
Have a remedy...not for everyone. Really not my favorite, but seems to work. Found out that taking a small mouthful of alcohol (No-NOT rubbing!) and gargling with it seems to help. Burns like blazes! Worst part is that you shouldn't drink anything else for as long as possible. Ugh! (I don't like the taste.)
What to do with it after gargling? Let your conscience be your guide!

What is it with all of us--have been attempting to write an article on "Wiki" and find the poem by Silverstag in February issue...
Guess great minds run in same channels!

Hey, Jim W: Just got a book on growing your own crystals! Will let you know how that turns out! Is that included in your survey?

Really appreciated the article "Strength Through Love" by Richard Clarke. So often I have heard others say "Why fool with them? Let them do their own thing. Not worth wasting your time on them." To which I say, "some folks need time to learn, just as we all did." No, you can't carry another person along the path, but sometimes it helps just to give them an arm to lean on--or to help pull them over a rough place.

Hooray for the older folks! Heard a bit on the radio the other day saying that merchants, advertising agencies, etc., have finally wised up to the fact that the "older generation" actually has much more buying power, etc., than the younger one. So many of the companies (Sears, for one) are going to go all out on new ad campaigns beamed toward the older consumers.

If anyone cares, the weather in the Southeast has been as crazy as it has been everywhere else. Record cold one week, record warmth the next! Sunday a week ago we here in North Georgia (and surrounding areas) were hit with barely-above-zero temps and snow. Yesterday (Sunday) 71 degrees. Very similar weather to last year--when we had a record 10" snowfall in late March!

Oh--Happy Ninth Birthday! Oops--actually--Happy Eighth Birthday... (Really, Pat, thought you were older than that!)

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LADY RHEA continued...

Too many folks have been telling you what a great job you have done/ are doing, so I won't add to your swollen head...even though I do brag about you and the NL to all my friends!
(Swollen throat is bad enough, don't want you to have a swollen head!)

Which reminds me--wonder how many folks (subscribers) know that it is perfectly acceptable to send along a bit more than the actual subscription price? It is a big help I know, for the price is ridiculously low, and although you don't advertise it, know you do send a few free subs out to folks who just can't afford it. And the way prices on things are going, there can be no doubt that you, personally, lose money on each issue!

Also, you haven't said anything lately about the land fund...don't let us forget about it or it will never grow! We all tend to get too involved in our own affairs and forget about such things!

Wonder if anyone thought to tell the curator of the Oakland Museum that some of what she might consider weeds in California are carefully cultivated in other parts of the country? And vice versa? To me there is no such thing as a "weed"--every plant has its place, and its use. Look at the dandelion--most folks consider it a weed--yet how very useful it can be!

Enuff of my nonsense! Just wanted to see if I could dig my way out from under the doghouse--and wondering what sort of creature I have been turned into this time!

Do take care--be careful--be nice--to self, to fur folks..
Love and Blessed Be!
Rhea

ED. NOTE: So..I'll reply to your letter here. (See how I get out of writing letters?)
First..my throat feels a bit better (Feb. 17). Adrienne made some stuff for me to use for a gargle...herbs and stuff in vinegar. Burns but my throat feels better for awhile afterward. She also made some horehound cough drops. Taste funny..but soothing.
When I run out of this, I'll try the alcohol thing. Don't know where to get alcohol except rubbing kind so guess I'd better find some 90 proof to use. Yuck! Can't stand the stuff straight although I used a lot in my teens & twenties.
Some of the readers have been sending a bit more than the sub price ...but rarely does anyone mention the land fund. Guess they just aren't interested. Wish we had some land in the nearby Tehachapi area but land up thataway is now into the many thousands per acre ...and we'd certainly want at least 5 acres...but should have many times that for privacy.

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From Elexa

## THE GODDESS WINS IN L.A.

The Pagan community and everyone else involved in any type of the psychic sciences had a very close call in Los Angeles Co. There was almost an 'anti-witchcraft' (and everything else) law in L.A., Goddess be thanked, there is not, but it was close.

Sothistar received a copy on Wed., Jan. 18--six days before the hearing. The Pagan network sprang into action. Everyone who was notified told others who told others, etc. Letters and telegrams were sent to the Co. Plans were made & speeches prepared for the hearing. Phone bills soared. And, of course, calls to the Lord & Lady filled every mind & heart.

On Jan. 23, we held a meeting to plan our final strategies.

On Jan. 24, at the hearing, Pacific Circle was represented by over a dozen people, including members of Sothistar, Roebuck, Brotherhood of the Star Tethios-C. and others. Joining us were astrologers, card readers, researchers, and many others. We went prepared for a fight--and won without firing a shot!

Sheriff Block, who suggested the ordinance, was surprised by the number of phone calls, letters, etc. from people opposed to this ordinance. There were more of them than he expected. And, there really hadn't been that many complaints. The hearing began with the reading of a letter from Sheriff Block asking the Board of Supervisors not consider the ordinance at this time. It ended with a unanimous vote to table the proposal, indefinitely.

To paraphrase one of the news broadcasts, we cheered, we laughed, we wept--and went away.

Several of us went to our house, popped a cork, and toasted the Lady.

Would this have happened without our work & preparation? Maybe, but I think not. We did what we could--and They did the rest.

Those of us in L.A. thank all who sent energy to us. We know we couldn't have done it without you!

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From the Kitchen Witch For the Gardener: If you're an avid gardener, you know nothing beats compost to enrich the earth. However, many of us live where we can't set up a real compost pile. Too many then waste all the things we could feed the earth with. There are ways around this: If you have "edibles", place them where animals or birds can get to them. You may be surprised as how quickly they will disappear. And be converted back to natural fertilizer! (May not do your ground any good--but...) Another good way to use up those recyclables: Use your blender...chop everything up fine, add water, pour around your outdoor plants. This quickly disappears. Even apartment dwellers can aid in enriching the earth around shrubs, etc. Also, if you have a small yard, try keeping the earth in certain areas dug fairly well--when you have biodegradable scraps--dig them in. Not too deeply, however--just scrape back a bit of the loose earth, place the scraps in the hollow, cover with dirt. You will be amazed at how much good even small amounts of such things will aid in enriching the earth where you are!

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## DOG DAYS

CREEP OF THE MONTH (from U.P.I.) A transient accused of setting fire to a dog has been arrested in San Bernardino on arson charges. Police say after Gilbert Ballin set it afire, the animal ran into a trash pile at a row of abandoned storage buildings. The buildings were ignited. Ballin was charde with arson and cruelty to an animal. The dog had to be destroyed.
ED. NOTE: I suppose this creep will get a short stay with room and board paid for by the taxpayers, then turned loose to do it again. Too bad the punishment can't fit the crime.

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A Little Rock, Arkansas, jury ruled in favor of a womwn whose Poodle ran away and was put to death by the Humane Society the same day. But the award was 20 dollars, not the 500 dollars Jan Lee Gibson wanted for her 19-year-old pet. For 15 days, the Humane Society told her the dog had not been picked up. Later, it said the dog was destroyed immediately because it was old, possibly sick and had blood on it.
ED. NOTE: There have been a number of similar incidents with the Humane Society here in California. Wonder if these animals are really rushed to death by some sicko...or are they sold to labs.
I once believed in the Humane Society and made donations. They also sent our literature saying that if you should die and had no one to look after your pets, you could will them to the Humane Society and they'd try to find them a home. If they couldn't, the animal would be painlessly put to sleep. More likely they'd wind up being tortured in a lab. Since the recent publicity on some of their actions with pets...NO WAY WOULD I TURN ANY ANIMAL OVER TO THEM. If you can't trust the people who are supposed to exist for the purpose of protecting animals, who can you trust???

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The 6-year-old son of entertainer Alan Thicke has a patch over his right eye to protect wounds suffered in an attack by a friend's Husky dog. A spokesman for the entertainer says Robin Thicke was bitten several times by the Husky when he tripped over the animal at a friend's house recently. The attack left him w itha damaged eyelid and puncture wounds in his head and cheek. The dog's teeth ripped a one-inch gash over the eye...but did not damage the eye.

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A four-year-old German Shepherd, Linnloch Silent Night, captured Best Dog honors at the 74th annual Golden Gate Kennel Club dog show at San Francisco's Cow Palace.
Linnloch Silent Night, owned by Mrs. Ray Linn of Belmont, California defeated 24-hundred other dogs to win the award.

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BEING A WITCH DOG IS.....

....knowing we'll always get lots of good food and a lot of love!

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CATHERINE & KENT of COTOR in Australia sez: we have received some lovely cards etc. from US Crafters for the Solstice and New Year. It does give us a warm feeling to know how people care.
In March, this 7th Coven of Phoenix will come to its finale. Anne, our Maiden will, after the usual 3 years & 3 days, be elevated to H.P.S. . We are all looking forward to this night, and will send a pic when available. As we told you recently, we will then commence no. 8, with our 'Ethnic' group, as they finish their probation. In our Covens, we observe the year and a day, like the golden rule, so to speak. Sally and Veronica are in Egypt and middle East on a tour. They phoned us from there a few weeks ago, lots of excitement to hear from them.

As usual, we enclose clippings of interest from the local 'rags'. We were all absolutely horrified at the South African Witch story, and a Requiem was performed for them. The British Witch was a hoot with her win over building in her Besom's flight path..did you pick it up over there? Other bits we considered of fun or import may also interest you/readers.

There seem to be so many attempts to infiltrate Covens and Pagan Groves these days, one does not have to be paranoid to be aware of those attempts. Most of the calls, letters, etc., we receive seem to be obsessed with power, sex or drugs. Hardly a week passes that we do not have to contend with such. Last week we had a call from what sounded like a guy in his late 20's. He called long distanceand wanted to know if we would supply him with the address of any "STROKE" club in Oz. He stated that he had joined a "Wiccan Stroke Club" while resident for a year in U.S.A.! When I asked him what this club was for, or who conducted it, he said that was confidential, but it was run "by a Witch H.P.S." and was devoted to sexual activity in worship! Well, folks, we have not come across this before. Do tell, Pat, what, what, what? MMMMM?

Needless to say, we sent him on his merry way, but not before he did his best to get our address, as "he knew what we did", and he was upset that we would reject a fellow club member before INSPECTING him! O boy, maybe I should change my title from H.P.S. to Inspector General.

But apart from this wierdo, the calls and letters are similar: never a stamp for a reply, always wanting private addresses, and when for the details of the initiation they usually profess, or the name of their tradition, or even someone who can vouch for them, the answer is the same...vague replies with mention of secrecy etc. , none of which would hold water. And if they were genuine, they would have words to give, without breaking any vows.
So I appeal to Coven leaders, please, if you have a travelling Witch or student, or outer Circle member, or whatever, give them a letter of introduction which can be verified by the Coven or group they approach. We are all keen and happy to welcome a stranger, but only if

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CATHERINE & KENT continued....

bona fides are given. It takes so little time to write to us or any group around the world, and advise of the impending visit, and a visitor bearing an intro letter will then be made welcome, and save time and worry for all concerned. In closing this plea/tirade, or whatever you all wish to call it, one final request. WE WILL OFFER PERFECT LOVE AND PERFECT TRUST, IF, CRAFT COURTESY IS OBSERVED by the visitor, so how about a little more sighting of this so important factor in any relationship?

Our current weather is truly a swelter. We went to a Barbie yesterday. It must have been well and truly 120 degrees in the shade, really too hot for a midday nosh up, but it was still fun. I weighed myself this morning...whoopee! With all that eating yesterday, I am down to 8 stone 8 pounds. I think I must have melted some ounces off. Today is similar, but work must be done, so here I sit with two fans going (we do not like air conditioning). Even Har Bibi is stretched out on the sofa, so I'd better get going and give her a cool bath. But first, on with the chain mail gloves. She loves the after effects of the cool tub, but not the actuality.
Love and Blessed Be to all,
Catherine & Kent.
COTOR IN OZ.

ED. NOTE: Like your new letterhead. What was the printer's error? Sounds like all goes well with COTOR. Keep up the good work.
Thank you for the clippings. We'll use some from them.
As to the crackpot mail and phone calls, I've known it no other way since I started the first coven here long ago. Not so many of the local calls now since I've not been so public locally for the past couple of years.
The intro letter idea is a good one though even that is not foolproof. I learned from experience.
Anyway, keep writing and keep up the good work.

Among the news clippings C & K sent was one with their photo and a story explaining that Friday the 13th is a lucky day.

A black woman in South Africa sentenced by tribal witchdoctors to be burned as a Witch because some members had been struck dead by lightning. Two others were sentenced but are on the run. Six others are known to have been burned as Witches in a fortnight.

In Australia 5 policemen are on trial for killing a 16-year-old Aboriginal youth. The boy's father had threatened to hold death-singing ceremonies to avenge the death. Later he said, "We wait and see what happens in court next. All my mob, we wait and see. It's up to your mob now - white law."

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## MORE NEWS CLIPS FROM CATHERINE & KENT

In a small English village, a gipsy and her two daughters were in court recently. Milkman Jack Mears claimed the gipsy had put a stomach cancer curse on his 16-year-old son. Gipsy Louside Davey denied the charge and said she was the victim of attacks. The magistrate declined to bind over Mrs. Davey & her daughters, saying, "The fault does not lie wholly with the people in the dock.

An English Witch, Elizabeth Oakland, wrote to Exeter city councilors: "I need a good take-off on my broomstick. If you allow these houses they will lie in my flight path. I hope you will be able to have a happy New Year."
Exeter council rejected the planning application.
Planning officer Raymond Green said: "Who knows what might have happened? We might all have been turned into frogs."

And there was a long article about both the Pentagon and the Kremlin spending lots of money on psychic research for war purposes.

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DICK in Tenn. sez: keep up the great work! Here is our check for another year & a little extra (we've been there - and know the expense in newsletter publishing).
I couldn't get the old label off without tearing the NL (Goddess forbid) so here is the proper mailing address.....
By the way, Rhea in Atlanta introduced us to your NL - and we are in turn telling others about it.

Brightest Blessings.
Dick

ED. NOTE: Thank you, Dick, for the check and the kind words. Glad you enjoy the NL.

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FROM IMA NON

HEALING: When doing a "hands on" healing (as opposed to a "long-distance" one), I often find that one of the most useful things one can do is an aura-cleansing before anything else is done. Often, just getting rid of the garbage folks drag around with them will make them feel SO much better! Also, seems to allow the positive energies to work more effectively. Try it!

Ima Non

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We announced last March that we would add an extra Georgie for the period April 1983 through April 1984 for the best article on "What is a Witch" or "What is a Pagan" ...or you could combine it into one article. Okay, just one more issue to get yours in, and then it will be time to vote. We'll list them in the next issue.

By the way, we have sometimes felt sad that we couldn't spend a lot more money on the Georgies. But we just found out that the famous motion picture "Oscar" is valued at only $10. We feel much better!

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## RELIGION IN THE NEWS FROM U.P.I.

Police in Newport Beach, Cal., say 5 suspects have been arrested for allegedly burglarizing tombs and stealing human remains..possibly for use in Satanic rituals.(at least they didn't try to blame Witches)

The London Times says a man who beat his mother to death 13 years ago may become the first-ever convicted murderer to enter the clergy. After serving 9 years in prison, he was secretly accepted as a candidate for the ministry 4 years ago.

In L.A. the mother of a 16-month-old infant claims a priest is the father of her chil. She claims a lovemaking session with 2 priests produced her baby. She also alleges 7 priests seduced her when she was a 16-year-old virgin hoping to become a nun.

Dr. Robert Maddox, Jimmy Carter's liason to the religious community during his term as president, has been named Executive Director of Americans United For Separation of Church and State. The inter-faith group opposes the return of state-sponsored prayer to public schools ...tuition tax credits for private & parochial schools...and the appointment of a U-S ambassador to the vatican.

Opponents of diplomatic relations between the U-S and the vatican have told congress such a move violates the constitution by giving the Catholic Church special access to the highest levels of government. Protestant groups ranging from the National Council of Churches to the National Association of Evangelicals declared their opposition.

A director of the Universal Life Church, Abraham Adu of Sacramento, has been convicted of income tax fraud. Prosecutors say the falsely inflated contribution receipts totaled almost 100-thousand dollars but taxpayer clients had paid only 11-thousand dollars.

A judge has refused to order the city of Anaheim to pay the Hare Krishna Society's legal fees in its unsuccessful suit against Anaheim for barring its members from seeking donations at the Anaheim Convention Center.

Nebraska State officials have urged the U-S Supreme Court not to become involved in a case involving 6 Fundamentalist fathers currently jailed on contempt of court charges regarding operation of their school.

Parishioners at the Maria Regina Roman Catholic Church in Seaford, N.Y., complained about the church's new statue of the Virgin Mary because the bustline was a bit too ample. Sculptor Herbert Gunter has been doing liturgical sculptures for 30 years...and blew his top at first...but gave in and made a few alterations.
ED. NOTE: Wonder how damn silly they can get! Maybe they ought to check a few other places where there might be a curve or two.

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## A PAGAN PARODY

My dictionary defines parody as a "farcical imitation of a literary or musical work." I'm sure that you'll agree that the parody below is absurd, even if you don't consider it particularly humorous!

Imagine if you will, then, a large field somewhere in the wilds of Wisconsin. The stars are out, it's still terribly warm for the late June night, and strangely-attired people gather together, huddling close for companionship and convenience. Their eyes are focused on a large, flat surface that at one time carried bales of hay across the fields but now supports microphones and speakers and a lone female guitarist clad in a medieval-style long gown. In a sweet, innocent voice she sings the words below. Now the parody becomes humorous!

Parody sung to the tune of "If I Were a Carpenter"
If I were a Pagan - Parody created by Renenet, Star Spawn, & Morven
while en route to PSG '83

If I were a Pagan and you were a Christian,
would you marry me anyway,
would there be any bickering?

If I were an Alexandrian, and you were a Gardnerian,
would we handfast anyway
if I joined the Feraferians?

(CHORUS) Spend my love through ancient rites,
Spend my love invoking.
You'll give me your seed all night,
and I ain't joking.

If I were a Thelemite and you were Discordian,
would we end up in bad sword fights
if I joined the Georgians?

If I followed Scottish trad, and you were eclectic,
could we join together and be glad,
or would that be too hectic?

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DIDJA KNOW?

The nation's first public school, The Boston Latin School in Boston, Massachusetts is 349 years old. It was established on February 13th, 1635.

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## WINDS OF MARIAH

I would like to talk to 'Angie in Texas'. I do not know her but that does not matter. She said that she lost her husband to death after 31 years, and she can't seem to get started again.

A year ago my father dies, the whole world stood still, I felt a total loss. I stayed in my home and never answered my phone. I could not stand anymore pain or hurt to my heart. I could not listen to others problems, just everyday problems.

I am sending you my hand and heart, to help you. The same hand was extended to me by others in the Craft, They did not know they were putting life back into my life. I have more material things than others around me and when my heart hurts people think that I should not hurt as bad as they hurt. Pains of the heart will hurt everyone the same way. When I tried to tell others about my hurt they only saw the goods of the Earth around me, they did not see my tears of pain and suffering.

Bonnie and Albion from New Mexico wrote to me and Albion told me about the woods he went to visit and his friend the dog and the loss he felt when he died. The letter was so beautiful it made me cry but the tears were tears of someone extending their helping hand with love. Thru the tears I saw my special tree, it was alive with Spring.

In our religion we are to stay in tune with nature, ever changing. I know that I could trust Craft people to not hurt my heart. So I went to visit them. Lady Allusha and her group, everyone in Bakersfield, and the people that I saw at the mountain meetings. They put love where there was hurt, joy where there was sadness. Everyone probably thought that I had lost my mind cause my personality had changed, they did not know that I was reaching out to life and love to stay alive.

Angie, in this life you had to experience the loss of a husband, in the last life maybe he had to experience the loss of you. Next time you both will experience life together in a different way. Everytime both of you walk the same path together the path will be different, but we know that both of you will make the journey of love together.

Angie, remember the love and joy you had and blow away the rest. There is an old saying, 'Together we are one, apart we are whole'. Your age tells me that you are in the falltime of your life. You have a long ways to go, you can reflect the total you, remember that part of you is the wife that loved.....

Look at nature and see the life in it. We cannot stay in wintertime to long cause it will cause death of the human spirit. We

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Winds of Mariah (cont.)

should change with nature, wintertime if it stays to long it will not let life come again. We should not stay in wintertime to long cause we will die also. Springtime is almost here, make sure you are in springtime also. Go among Craft people, and walk among nature, in these thing are life, love and laughter. We are now in the season of the first stirrings of life, so now is a good time to get something started that you would like to be in your life, new ways of looking at life, new beginnings of life.

Anything that limits you; put it aside. You can do anything you truly want to do. You have a new path to go down, think of all the fun you can have finding new things on your path, who knows who or what is in your path just down the road? Just think, you have every talent within your to get you where you need to do, don't be afraid. Keep happy and think young; all the best things in life are free. Plant a special plant for your husband and when you see the plant remember life and not death.

I hope you can find some help in this letter, and then pass it on to another. My heart goes out to you to fill a small spot until you are stronger to grow on your own, grow into a creature of beauty.

So, go enjoy springtime feelings; wintertime feelings for you are over. Don't get left behing, it will be to hard to get back in tune with nature.

I know you feel like you are made of glass in a world of steel, but you can turn into a diamond and become strong and beautiful. Let us all know what plans you make in the season of springtime and summertime, by that time you should be more alive....

Remember, you are never alone as long as there are witches on earth, together we are one, apart we are whole.

I am now in springtime feelings and life sure is sweet, and my thanks to all the Craft people that helped me even though they did not know that they were the ones that kept me alive last year. Hope to see you soon in springtime feelings, of love, joy and laughter.

Happiness to you and Merry Part,
Lady Mariah
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DIDJAKNOW?
When the first handful of Europeans established colonies in North America, the continent already was populated by an estimated one million Indians.

Woodpeckers never get headaches--their brains are tightly packed into their little skulls with surrounding fluid, making it difficult for the shock of pecking to be transmitted.
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SPECIAL KAHUNA STEAK (from an old family recipe) Jim in Winchester

MARINADE

Mix together -
½ cup each - Kikkoman Soy Sauce, favorite wine, pineapple juice
add:
1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh ginger
1/3 cup finely chopped onion
1 cup drained crushed pineapple (use juice for above)
Exact measurements are not critical - adjust to your taste

Have butcher, or do it yourself - cut a large round steak about half as thick as normal. Cut this into numerous individual size portions. Trim most fat and bone so pieces are very lean. Marinate in above mixture overnight or all day, turning often.
Grill or broil to desired doneness on both sides (don't overcook or they will dry out). Serve with hot rice, and heat any extra marinate sauce to serve over rice. May also be served in a hamburger bun.

May also be cut in strips and cooked on bamboo skewers. May also serve with my special curried rice (see past newsletter).
As my father in Hawaii would say, "This is no pilikia" (no trouble-very easy) and "very ono" (good tasting).

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LADY FAUNA in Long Beach sez: Time flies. We're both back in school. Dean is taking 16 units with a nasty schedule..and running to the school and to the VA hospital in between classes to work. When Dean isn't in school, I am. It's hectic. But, it's the first week back and it's a lot like doing push-ups for the first time in six weeks. Domf-da.
Still no progress (sigh) on the chapbooks. I thought Mercury went direct...Perhaps I'll have a better report next month.
Plans for vacation trips north are starting to look grim. I am barely going to have enough time off from work to do it, and the course I'm taking this semester (plus Dean's for him) may keep us both in the library all that week. The end of the semester is only six weeks beyond that, so we have decided to wait and see what summer brings.

It looks doubtful that we'll get up that way before March - even that is dependent on how we do with school between now and then. If we find ourselves with a "light" weekend, we'll call and see if it's a good weekend to come up.
Car is doing fine and our guppy population is swelling.
Not much else to report. Thank you both for your hospitality the last time we were up. Our best wishes to Don, and please thank him, too.

Love and blessed be.

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ED. NOTE: Enjoy your letters but enjoy your company more. Simple solution: move to Bakersfield.

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## PUSSY CAT KORNER

FROM U.P.I. - In Yuma, Arizona, a 13-year-old cat jumped onto the bed of his sleeping owners and meowed until the couple woke up to find a fire had been raging in their kitchen.
The feline named Sam was credited with saving the lives of Robert and Eileen Barbito and sparing destruction of their home.
Fire officials said a smoke alarm failed to go off, and the fire probably would have destroyed the house if Sam had not saved the day.

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Two bystanders roasted most of a family from their burning house in Tustin, California...then crawled through the flames to rescue a man still sleeping inside.
Orange County fire officials say Joe Wilson and Jim Lucht saw smoke coming from the Gilbert Pennington Home and alerted family members.
The two men then inched through the flames into Pennington's bedroom ...woke him up and led his to safety.
Firefighters also arrived in time to make a rescue of their own. After finding the family cat inside unconscious...they carried it out and gave it oxygen until the animal started breathing on its own.

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The Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty to Animals in Norfolk, Virginia, settled a lawsuit out of court with a man it said failed to have an adopted cat spayed.
The animal shelter said Daniel Champlin adopted the female cat last year and promised to have it spayed within 30 days. He never did. Instead, he returned the animal to the shelter where it later gave birth to five kittens. The animal shelter says the mother and the kittens had to be put to death because homes could not be found for them.

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RHEA IN ATLANTA soz: my son's cat is still with me...anyone know any remedies for a "wild" cat? She can be SO very sweet and loving (one of the lovingest cats I've seen)--but I have been very tempted to change her name to "Krazy Kat". Just goes berzork at times--will be lying on the floor (or wherever) apparently sound asleep..jumps up, climbs up one side of the drape and back down the other, goes back to sleep! Or, "attacks" a door frame...or--sometimes, just the wall! Other times she will just jump up in the air, pivot a few times! One thing about it--she keeps me laughing, for her antics are hilarious. (I need to replace my drapes anyway!) I've tried to decide if she is chasing "invisible entities", or just getting rid of excess energy--think it is the latter.

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RIK in Tucson soz: my manx, Max, has been lonely lately because we are alone now & I work quite a bit, so he told me to get a playmate or else! One of the people at work knew of a female cat that was available so I picked her up. They are both white long-haired cats, Max a Manx with different color eyes, and Shu, a tailed cat, smaller with same color eyes.

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From Henry in GEORGIA

Greetings: On Saturday, April 7, 1984, Mobilization For Animals, an international coalition of groups dedicated to direct action to end animal suffering, will be holding mass rallies to end the torture and senseless slaughter of wildlife. The demonstration will begin at 12 noon at the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool Steps, and will feature celebrities, entertainers, and noted animal rights leaders.

For further information on Mobilization For Animals or chartered bus reservations from your area write: Mobilization For Animals, P.O. Box 1679, Columbus, Ohio 43216, USA, or P.O. Box 244, station P, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2S8, Canada. Phone--(614)267-6993.

I am enclosing a phamplet on Mobilization For Animals for info; After reading some of the horror stories about cruelty to animals, I am almost afraid to allow my pet cat out for fear of posioning, falling into a leghold trap, and possibly stolen for some useless "scientific" experiment.

Blessed Be,
Henry

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From Rik in Tucson

The Coven is growing at a snails pace, which is as it should be. I recall my old coven went from 0 to 8 people in six months and went back down to 0 in two months. Another coven I worked with for a-while did the same but I really wouldn't turn my back on some of those 'witches'. So when I become impatient with our growth rate I remember the past and realise that this Coven will and has survived situations that have destroyed other Covens. After two years we have one 2nd degree, two 1st degrees and two bound novices with one unbound novice and two applicants. In the next few months we will advance one 1st degree to 2nd, one novice to 1st degree and one unbound novice to binding status. What is more important is that we all get along with each other socially.

Last Friday I rented THE WICKER MAN, another bought some wine, popcorn, made cookies, etc and the entire Coven (plus husband and fiancee) got together to watch the movie and stayed up 'till 1:30 a.m. telling bad jokes. Next time we are thinking of a Monty Python evening because one of the Coven has never seen them. Don't you love virgins, they are so easy to scare.

I'm reissuing the Theology of Witchcraft (WICCA) class through the Free U. The husband of one of the Coveners enrolled and two of the women in the Coven are helping me to teach this session. In that way we can give a better overview of the Craft. As one Alexandrian once told me..."The best working partnership is when one is an intellectual witch and the other is a spiritual witch." I am definately a Witch of the head while my co-instructor is a witch of

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Rik in Tucson (cont.)

the heart.

Not a bad turnout this time. With advertisement and word of mouth we had seven sign up, seven drop ins. Of these, one arrived a day early but failed to show on the right day, with eleven show for class. Of these, two have already asked to join the Coven. We'll see how many drop the class next week, how many remain and so on.

One of the Alexandrians in town has agreed to not only guest lecture the class, but will guest with us as well. She is Alexandrian and I am Gardnerian and the only real difference between the two Shadows is that Alexandrians use Ceremonial Magick and Gardnerians us Folk Magick. But when we started to discuss what the rite would be, I saw so many working differences that we decided to have a private rite first. She would lead an Alexandrian rite and I would follow, then I would lead a Gardnerian rite and she would follow. Then we can bring the rest of the Coven in for the rite later. At the very least it will be a valuable teaching situation and promises to be quite enjoyable.

You may want to mention that in August the Air Force is sending me to Camp Ripley for two weeks. It is in the center of Minnesota so if any witches are in that area, I'd like to visit.

Patti and the Kids are with her family in Tenn. for six or eight months so I'm a bachelor 'till they come back. This gives me a chance to pay off bills, visit old friends (Patti hates my witch friends) and finally do some of those projects that I've been putting off for so long. I'm also open to visits from other witches.

Hey, I've been looking for Kirkpatrick's article but I can't find it listed in the Readers Guide. When you mention a story or article, I wish that you would also give the reference so that I can locate and xerox the article for my files. To any who are interested, I have a large supply of Craft related articles going back to 1970. Mostly from local newspapers and magazines, but I also have quite a few from national mags and out of state papers. If you (any witch) would like to start a 'paper network' where we send each other Craft articles, let me know. Also I am interested in receiving <u>any</u> article, xerox of article and reference (name of paper, date, issue, page, etc.) that mentions the Craft or any occult subject. I will also pass on those that I have.

I'm still looking for rites that are useful for children of witches. We are also thinking of an open rite to allow the loved ones of some of the Coven to see what we are doing. Any ideas?

Blessed Be,
Rik

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## THE ADVENTURES OF...SUMMERLANDS SALAMANDERS: BIKER COVEN

### THE INCIDENT OF LANCE TRUEFOOT

by Rik in Tucson

When last we left out intrepid heroes, Summerlands Salamanders-Biker Coven, they were levitating their bikes down I-10 approaching the latest annual Pagan Festival.

Suddenly from behind an unattractive billboard depicting sex to sell an unwanted product apon a gullible public came a shrieking wail and flashing lights. It was none other than Lance Truefoot, born again Highway Patrolman who had spied his mortal enemies at last.

"All right, you freaks!" he screamed in his irritating falsetto. "Get down here and pull over. What are you doing up there in the air!" (Lance Truefoot loved rhetorical questions as he never cared for any side of a situation, save his own.)

"Saving tire wear." Replied Davidson, the High Priestess.

"Tire ear my eye," cursed Lance Truefoot cruelly. "I'm citing you lowlife for speeding, flying too low, leaving the pavement not in an emergency, wearing tacky leather robes in the Summer, and not belonging to my own x-ian church. It'll be a cold day in Bencon when you get out of prison." And with that he began to emit his hideous laugh that made him infamous from Yuma to the Navajo reservation.

"Gosh all golly," he replied to nothing in particular. "I sure hope that I have enough tickets for all of you...otherwise I may have to shoot a few of you slime." He smiled at the thought for a second (he would have smiled for another second but smiling made his jaw hurt).

Our heroes began to submit but then Harley, the High Priest of the Biker Coven, remembered that they were supposed to be an outlaw group (it is so difficult to remember all of these details, he thought to himself). He pulled his combat Athame from his boot and with an invoking Pentagram and some very bad poetry, turned Lance Truefoot, born again Highway Patrolman, into a slimey-warty-green-toad.

As our heroes continue down the road, we ask; will they ever reach the festival? will they be mistaken for an UFO by the Air Force? will Lance Truefoot, born again Highway Patrolman ever be a born again, human again?

Tune in again next time, next place for the further adventures of...

SUMMERLANDS SALAMANDERS*BIKER COVEN!!!

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DIDJAKNOW?

In Eastport, Maine, 108 years ago, on February 17, 1876, the first sardine was canned by Julius Wolff of the Wolff and Reeding Cannery.

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## PICKY PICKLES from the U.S.D.A.

A home garden with a harvest of cucumbers gives you a head start on pickling. The best pickles are from cucumbers that are used within 24 hours of gathering. If you're buying cucumbers for pickling, the USDA suggests you skip the wax-coated ones in the store. The pickling brine cannot penetrate the wax. Cucumbers are fussy about what you pickle them in.
The salt should be pure granulated salt without the material that prevents caking, and without iodine added. The salt you need is called pickling salt, or barrel salt or kosher salt. Table salt contains non-caking materials that may interfere with fermentation during brining. It also may make the brine cloudy. Iodized salt may darken pickles. Never use ice cream salt or rock salt - they are not pure enough to be used as food.

And for pickling vinegar, use a cider or white vinegar with a 4 to 6 percent acidity. Some vinegar has a 19 percent acidity which you have to dilute. If the label does not list the amount of acidity, do not use it for pickles or relishes.

If you want a less sour product, add more sugar...do not use less vinegar than the recipe specifies. Always use fresh spices and herbs for the best flavor. Whole spices, if left in the jar with pickles, will darken them. So tie the spices in a thin cloth bag and remove them before you pack the pickles into the jar. Ground spices tend to darken pickles and relishes, so use the whole spices.

Pickles don't like hard water, either. If yours is hard, boil it in stainless steel or an uncracked enamel container for 15 minutes. Remove from the heat, cover and let sit for 24 hours. Remove any scum that has formed and slowly pour water from the container so that sediment will not be disturbed. The water is now ready for pickling.

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Should a storm or a power failure knock out your electric power, don't panic because you have food in the freezer. A fully loaded freezer usually will stay cold enough to keep foods for one or two days. In a freezer with half a load, the food may stay frozen for only about a day. Even if the meat and poultry have thawed, you can refreeze them, according to the U.S.D.A., provided the meat and poultry still have ice crystals...or have stayed at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or lower for less than two days. Some eating quality may be lost but the meat and poultry remain wholesome, nutritious and safe to eat. But use the food quickly.
If any of the thawed meat or poultry has an off-odor or an off-color, do not refreeze or eat it. Throw it out. That holds for any food with a questionable color or odor. There are some food items you shouldn't refreeze, such as leftover cooked meats and poultry. Should they thaw, do not refreeze them. Risking food poisoning is no way to save money.

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LADY HELENA in Australia sez: Merry Meet and Loving Thoughts for all for the coming Spring Equinox.
Everything here in West Australia is going fine. Should have some great news for you in my next letter, had hoped to have it in this one, but it will have to wait for my next letter as everything is not final yet.
Hope you are feeling better now, Pat. We worked for you as soon as we found out. Hope it was of some help.
Congratulations to Lady Demeter and Moonstar for their Georgies.
A special congratulation to Richard Clarke in Summerland. His Georgie was the most deserved of all, and I'll bet he still enjoys reading the Georgian and all the interesting articles in it.
We will be doing a special little ritual for him at our Spring Equinox. I think a 'farewell 'til we meet again' toast would be fine. Perhaps all the other covens would like to join in doing the same thing. I realize that some will have done this before, but if we all got together on the Equinox and did it again, it would be a worldwide ritual and would be a rather nice way to remember a great worker for Craft in this way.

Will be contacting Ray Buckland with some information on the Craft in West Australia. We enjoy his books, and another one will be most welcome, especially with some details for interested people to contact.

Love the piece about how to become an ex-coven member and also the poem 'Tools' by Silverstag. Would it be okay to copy them into our "Shadows"? They would be a couple of good items to let neophytes read and think about. May be able to get something through to them. Permission please.

Found the items from the Los Angeles County Code interesting. At least they say we can do those things, even if we are not able to charge for them. THEY ARE ADMITTING THAT PEOPLE CAN DO READINGS, ETC. THAT IS A START. I feel the act will be good in some ways, with the fine, as it will keep a lot of people from ripping-off others by pretending to read. If they are not getting paid, it will take the fun and funds out of it. It will leave the sincere and honest person free to read, etc. even though they can't charge. But goodbye to fraud.
Merry Part & Blessed Be. Lots of love to all from...

Lady Helena Bartlett-Walker & Lord John Walker
8 Electra Street, Bateman. 6155 Western Australia

ED. NOTE: Feeling much better, thank you. No permission needed to copy anything into B.O.S....only for publication use.
The 'farewell toast' for Richard Clarke is a nice idea...but it would be nice to also include some of the others who left us in the past year..such as Joy Stone and Cyprian.

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## RICHARD'S RAMBLINGS
## POSITIVE PUBLIC RELATIONS

For centuries, Witches and Pagans have been put down by the Judeo-Christian press. I would like to suggest it is time for us to take positive action, to show that Pagans can be positive forces in the community, and maybe those folks in Kansas or Kentucky can breathe a little easier when Junior swipes an athame and tells his 'Show and Tell' class that "Mommy is a Witch". Something like that happened in Gary, Indiana. Caryl of Woods Park Pagan Temple has a daughter who had a psychology class in the local high school. The subject of parapsychology came up, and the young lady assured the teacher that her mother knew all about ESP, fortune telling, etc., as she was a Witch. Caryl was invited to come tell the class about ESP and psychic readings; she ended up teaching Tarot, Witchcraft, etc., to the Psychology Class once a week for the rest of the semester. That is positive public relations.

Ted and Gloria Chapman of the Aglaian Triad of Wicca, the newest offspring of the Calumet Pagan Temple, were interviewed on WIND Radio (Chicago) on October 31, '82. The subject, of course, was Witches and Halloween. As a result of their going public, a professor of Philosophy and Comparitive Religion at a local college called Ted for someone to address a Comparative Religion class at the college. Ted passed him on to me, and I am now scheduled to address the class. That is positive public relations!

I am a professional Tarot reader and counselor at the moment, and from time to time I have given talks on the Tarot at several public libraries. The librarians are happy to get a volunteer to speak on such a subject since everyone is interested in ESP. Once you have established yourself as a speaker, it is easy to get a chance to talk about Witches around Halloween. You donate your time to your community and your community rewards you with respect and esteem, and if Falwell tries to get you, your neighbors will protect you. You might also get paid for the time you invest in giving others readings (or 'private lessons' where readings are illegal).

I have spoken at Hammond, Indiana and Dolton, Illinois public libraries. Dolton is heavy Dutch Reformed Christian, and Hammond is very Catholic. No problems. Christa of Epiphanes has done the same thing at the Chicago Public Library. Large or small, most libraries are glad to get a free program. Best to start with ESP or Psychic Phenomenon, get into Magick and Healing, and lead into the Craft gently. Of course, just before Halloween you can be a little more direct.

As for schools, I suggest you limit yourselves to the (Jr) College level unless approached by the school or teacher. The Born Again parent of a high school kid might yell about a Witch in high school or below, but a college level philosophy or comparative religion class is bound to be full of controversial (Sartre, Russell) ideas, and one more won't raise an eyebrow. Any festival is an excuse for

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Richard's Ramblings (cont.)

exposure on local Public Access TV. Why do we celebrate Groundhog's Day? What do Witches Do at the Spring Equinox? A little research and some humor will get good reviews. Write a feature for your local newspaper. They might not only print it, they might pay you for it. Now I realize that not all Pagans or Witches are prepared to do this. One needs not only the ability and knwledge, but also the desire to become known. Only those who WILL be teachers should embark on such a course, and any public presentation should be carefully prepared - an outline helps - don't speak off the cuff unless you REALLY know what you are talking about.

I realize there are a lot of good teachers out there, there are also a lot of prospective students out there; why not do what you can to spread the word?

We Pagans know what the New Age should be like, so let us get busy and show them how. As Voltaire says in Candide, "tend your own garden". So, feel free to use these ideas to bring your local communites closer together.

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From Lady Phoenix

DIVINE ALCHEMY

The soul is tried in fires of stress
Where the salamanders play.
They run at ease in godly games
Where the soul must seek its way.

The fires quick-heat to golden-hot
Each soul of heavy steel,
To burn away the lower self
And give the higher self its will.

Then at the peak of fiery heat
When the soul is cleansed and tried,
From the fire the soul is drawn
And with water purified.

Heat of smoke and chill of steam
Mingle in the soul of old.
Which, once withdrawn, is higher self,
Now tempered into gold:

A golden soul to show the path,
Into battle...lead the way
Where undines sport upon the shores
And the salamanders play.

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That sexy Australian blonde has gone and done it!

ROBYN sez: 'Well, I'm back from the honeymoon, and needing a holiday from the hectic sightseeing we did while in Tasmania. It was beautiful, and we saw much of the history of Australia as we toured through the convict settlements and historic homes....not to mention the mining towns and wood mills.
We also met many furry critters in various wildlife sanctuaries. The Tasmanian Devil is a cute guy which, when hand-reared, is not savage at all. A lot of the animals we met were saved from their dead mother's pouch after a road accident.
We saw friendly pelicans; I never knew they were so large! Plus..we fed a mad goat pretending to be starved.

We both became bad bus travellers and enjoyed the touring on our own more. I'd love to return and see more of the sights offered by the small island at the bottom of Oz.
We returned home by boat; the outline of Tasmania is beautiful. We did go on a boat tour of Hobart, and heard much of the history.

It was great to come home, yet I've still not had a minute to relax. It has surely been a busy year.
The sun shone all day when we were married, and it was a warm, pleasant night as well.
I've enclosed a photo. We only had three friends take our photos (which won't fit in an envelope) and they came out lovely.

Thank you to Adrienne for the cures for thrush. I know of both types being around at the moment and shall pass on your remedies.

Ista & Little Dog missed us although they were extremely well cared for by friends and family in their own backyard here. Well waited-on I'd say. Little Dog left one meal when Di didn't stop to chat - that was to worry Di sick! Plus, Manuel, the walking fish, wouldn't eat from Di. After reading our book on him, Di became almost hysterical. It said they can become too weak to eat if meals are meals are missed. Manuel ate first gulp when Paul fed him on our return. Di's gone right off fishy friends!

A new puss has moved into the nursery, is being fed up, and looks quite well now. It's almost a zoo with baby quails now hatched, and the permanent animals who already reside amongst the greenery.

I must dash to the market, and so continue my news at a later time.

Merry Part & Blessed Be
Love,
Robyn
& the furries

ED. NOTE: Robyn, you have the best wishes of all of us for your happiness...and thank you for the photo.

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## DOG DAYS

### HELPFUL HINT FOR PET OWNERS from The Kitchen Witch

(You, too, Pat!) Although we all know that chicken and turkey bones should not be given to our pets, there is much good nutrition contained in them which would greatly benefit our pets. So what to do? A bit of "kitchen magic" can turn these bones into healthy, safe food for our furry friends!
No matter how the chicken has been cooked, save the bones, skin, and any other parts which you would normally discard. Toss 'em in your pressure cooker! Forty five minutes at fifteen pounds pressure will thoroughly cook the bones to the point where you can crumble them with your fingers into fine meal. Mix this bone meal with the broth, and set a tasty and nutritious treat for your pet! Or mix with their other foods.
One caution--larger bones, such as leg bones, do not always become soft enough to crumble. If you cannot crumble it completely between your fingers after cooking, discard it. However, the nutrition from the bone will be contained in the broth.

(No--you cannot get the same effect from just boiling bones. To reach this stage, they must be pressurized.)
So--work your "magick", save a 'recyclable' product, and treat your pet, all in one sweep!

The Kitchen Witch

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FROM U.P.I. - Authorities in Augusta, Maine, are hunting for a convicted killer who escaped from jail.
The escapee has an unusual description -- he weighs 140 pounds and has four legs and a tail.
His name is Tucker, a black Bull Mastiff who was scheduled to be executed on the 17th. A judge sentenced Tucker to death after he killed a neighbor's Poodle in 1982. Tucker's owner took the case all the way to the Maine Supreme Court, but lost.

Kennebec County Sheriff Lee Bazinet is at a loss to explain how Tucker got away from his kennel. But he is certain there was a human involved. Bazinet says the dog could not have opened the door himself.
Tucker's owner, Eric Leonard, said a stranger would have no problem taking Tucker. Leonard says, "You could walk up to him, talk to him, pet him and he'll follow you to the ends of the Earth."
Leonard's attorney has filed a motion seeking a stay of execution pending a final appeal. If Tucker turns up, the appeal process could delay the execution for another 90 days.

Leonard said so many people offered to kidnap the dog "It's unreal," but he told them he preferred the legal route to save his pet.

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From Adrianne in Bakersfield

Asthma

Last month I promised to do some research on herbal remedies for asthma. One of the treatments I found over and over again was a tincture made from anise seeds.

Crush a handful of anise seed in a pint of inexpensive brandy. Let it steep for 2 weeks. Strain out the seeds. Use 1 tsp in ½ cup of hot water (or peppermint tea).

Another good tincture of anise is available as 'anisette' liqueur. Purchase a small bottle. Use several tablespoons in ½ cup hot water to soothe a persistant cough or attack of asthma. Anise is almost always effective!

The herb mullien grows wild or can be grown from seed. Mullien has long been used by herbalists for upper respiratory problems.

The leaves of this useful herb/weed are grey-green and covered with dense, fine, white hairs. It is a biennial, which during the 1st year appears as a rosette of large, wooly leaves and during the 2nd year produces a large, tall, flowering spike with small yellow flowers. Both flowers and leaves are useful.

The herb mullien may be smoked in a pipe (after drying) and the smoke inhaled deep into the chest. It may also be used as a daily tea, hot or cold, to help control asthma.

Stinging nettle also has a high reputation for relieving asthma or bronchial troubles. A tea of the leaves fresh or dried, can be made as follows:

1 heaping tsp nettle
1 heaping tsp peppermint or spearmint
1 cup boiling water

Steep three minutes, strain, drink hot.

I believe the anisette liqueur to be the best & fastest working treatment. Also the most convenient.

Please let me know if you have success.

Blessed Be!
Adrianne

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DIDJAKNOW?
In 1770 the second American woman and first black woman to have her works published was Poet Phyllis Wheatley.

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TRACI in Florida sez: Merry Meet to you all from the Southland. We have been very busy - namely a gathering up at Penny & Chris Windstar for Candlemas. Our friends from Ft. Lauderdale were here and we all had a really great time. It was warm enough to have the Sabbat outdoors in their tremendous outside Circle. We sat around for a long time afterward, singing songs around the bonfire. We have a neat Lupercalia planned. Moonstar & Windstar are going to a nature preserve close by and have our Circle there. We are lucky to have all the resources we do here in Sarasota/Bradenton. I guess we pay for them in an over-abundance of Baptists and B.A.'s.

Pt, I'm sending some important info about some Native Americans in your neck of the woods who are getting the shaft. You have probably heard of Big Mountain, but if you could print what you have room for in the newsletter, we might get more support.
The land of these people is sacred to them as our temples and Circles are to us. They should not be treated this way.
The lady who wrote the material is Bella Zweip. She lives in Atlanta & teaches at Emory. She is not Craft, so please list my name and address for info. I can give her address if anyone needs it.

Well, take care of yourself - I'm glad to hear you're on the road to recovery. Say hello to everyone. Blessed Be, friends,
Info: Traci Ardren, 1243 2nd St., Sarasota, Fla. 33572.

ED. NOTE: The printed material says the U.S. government is attempting to remove 14,00 Indians from their ancestral homelands in the heart of the Navajo & Hopi reservations so that coal, uranium and agribusiness interests may proceed with exploitation of the land.

Each Spring for several years, the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs has started confiscating livestock, eliminating the ability of the people to survive. During the past few months the government has run new roads, powerlines, housing clusters and other developments despite the wishes of the traditional people.
For more info and literature on this, write to Traci..above.

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FROM U.P.I. - Vandals released two cats from Fresno's Roeding Park Zoo...but the animals were recaptured. Zoo Director Paul Chaffee says the vandals also opened a Leopard's cage but the animal refused to leave. Chaffee says the vandals used bolt cutters to cut the wire mesh cages.
He says two Servals, which are predators similar to Wildcats, left their cage and wandered about the zoo compound until workers were able to recapture them. Chaffee says the Servals killed one of the zoo's birds while they were free. He says the cage cuttings were the latest in a series of acts of vandalism at the zoo.

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DIDJA KNOW ????
The New Haven, Connecticut telephone company issued the first phone book in February 1878. It contained 50 names.

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Folks:

BROADCAST YOUR PHONE CONVERSATIONS FOR TWO BLOCKS ALL AROUND YOU!!! Yes, friends!! With the new cordless telephone, you, too, can let everyone within a two block radius who cares to listen know JUST when your next service is, who your coveners are, and the mysteries of the third initiation of the Order of the Grand High Muck-ety-Muck!!

******** BUY YOURS TODAY!!! ********

Quite seriously, the question of who can be listening to your phone conversation should be taken into consideration when you plan to buy a cordless phone. The FCC has recently ruled that all cordless phones are to operate on 49 megahertz, a portion of the radio spectrum that can be listened to with a number of scanners. Although the units are not supposed to radiate beyond a 500 foot radius, in times of sunspot activity (which will be picking up for the next 4 to 6 years when it will be at its peak) some considerable distance can be reached with such units under the right conditions. Even if they never go beyond 500 feet, think of all the people that live within two blocks of you in any direction. They don't REALLY need to know what's going on in your life, do they? Buy a long extension cord instead.

Q. Who had the first microcomputers?
A: Adam and Eve. She had an Apple and he had a Wang.

See you at the COG Festival this fall.

Yours,
Tiller (N.W.C. ,POB 30511
Seattle, Wa. 98103

ED. NOTE: Thank you for the info, Tiller. Good for everyone to know. Won't see you at the Festival. Just can't get away for these things. Guess Haragano's position with N.W.C. must be keeping her pretty busy. She never did send the rest of those pussy cat notes.

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FROM U.P.I. - The Sacramento SPCA is on the horns of a dilemma. The question facing the animal-loving group is whether to accept a $200. donation from Shanley's Bar & Grill. The money would be nice..but it's the way it was raised that's causing consternation.
It seems Bill Shanley charged $1. apiece for people to provide proposed names for his big old Moosehead hanging on the tavern wall. The Moose trophy got a name...Anonymoose...and the money was supposed to go to the animal group. But some members aren't sure they want to accept a donation that's connected in any way with animal killing. The S.P.C.A. scheduled a meeting to deal with the thorny issue.
ED. NOTE: Sorry, we haven't heard the result.

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ELEXA in No. Hollywood (she covered a lot of the hearing on the proposed L.A. ordinance, but I think we've had enough on that. Elexa sez: In L.A. we are also looking for ways to prevent further problems. There are 2 ways we plan to put into immediate action.
1- Police ourselves.
2- Offer help to the sheriff in tracking down the gyp artists. We'd welcome advice.

Ric totally blew my mind by putting my works in the same class with Cyprian, Ed, and Haraganc's lovely story. Thank you.

Since 3 members of my group have taken over Pacific Circle 4, and the holidays are over, and Chris gave me a typewriter for Yule, and this bit with the Board of Supervisors is done - maybe I can get back to some intensive writing.
Just got an idea for a brief article, so I'll sign off and get this in the mail.
Blessed Be all.
Elexa, Box 9513, N. Hollywood, Ca. 91609.

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Missed this one on the page of publications: Children of the Earth (for Pagan children & parents) 4 issues $5. POB 417, Keyser, W.V. 26726.

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FROM U.P.I.- If you're a cat lover, you'll understand when we say a book on cats can give you hours of pleasurable reading.
That's just what the revised and updated version of "The Woman's Day Book of Hints for Cat Owners" does. The book has thousands of short hints on nearly any subject from the history of cats..to their care ...to Ailurophobia.

In case you're wondering, Ailurophobia is a morbid, irrational fear of cats. People who suffer from it think all cats, even gentle little kittens, are man-eating Tigers.
Cat lovers may not be able to relate very well to that section. But it's interesting nonetheless, and there's a lot more that's positive about cats and their relationship with humans in the book, which is a bargain in its paperback edition.

THE WOMAN'S DAY BOOK OF HINTS FOR CAT OWNERS, by Jean Burden. Fawcett Gold Medal $2.95.

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An interesting newspaper article by Linda Evans. While she was on location, her cat disappeared from her home. She searched everywhere including 24 animal shelters in L.A. county. She is still hoping to find her cat, but wouldn't feel so bad if she knew he had found a good home and has not been sent to torture in some laboratory. She supports SB883, Senator David Roberti's bill which would prohibit the sale of pets from California animal shelters to research labs. Write your assembly member to vote yes on SB883.

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THE RUNESTONE, published quarterly. $7. per year. Checks to Asatru Free Assembly. POB 1832, Grass Valley, Ca. 95945.

COVENANT OF THE GODDESS newsletter, 8 issues $13. POB 1182-C, Teaneck, N.J. 07666.

EILONWY newsletter, 4 issues $5., Lady Eilonwy, POB 100585, Fort Lauderdale, Fl. 33307.

THE SOURCE, 8 times per year, $12. in Australia, overseas air mail $24. The Editors, POB 367, Lane Cove, NSW, 2066.

PAGANA - you go to the doghouse. I went through issue # 18 page by page but couldn't find number of issues or sub price. Maybe I missed it. Why not put it right in front or last page where it's easy to find. PAGANA, POB 9494, San Jose, Ca. 95157.

HARVEST, 8 times a year $10. POB 228, S.Framingham, Ma. 01701.

THE UNICORN, 8 times a year $8., foreign $12. The Rowan Tree, Box 8814, Minn., Minn. 55408.

NEW WICCAN CHURCH also has a small newsletter. Latest one says the issue is open to the general Pagan community, but I see no listing for number of issues or sub price. For info, write N.W.C., POB 162046, Sacramento, Ca. 95816.

PRISM, $20. per year. 7527 Lake City Way, Seattle, Wash. 98115.

SHETOTEM (a women's magic newsletter) quarterly $5. a year. Shetotem c/o 8618 Easy Valley, San Antonio, Tx. 78227.

GEORGIAN NEWSLETTER, 12 issues $6. per year. 1908 Verde St., Bakersfield, Ca. 93304. Since we have been running 35 pages per issue for several years, I am always surprised to find us listed as having about 20 pages or so.

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FROM U.P.I. - Two ministers disarmed a suspected robber, who they say invaded their storefront church in Los Angeles, and held him until police arrived. Officers say the Reverend C. Jefferson & J. Sims were leading a minister's revival service for pastors when a gunman walked in and began robbing about 15 people. One of the ministers jumped on the man's back, two shots were fired, but no one injured. The other minister jammed a finger between the revolver's hammer and its frame to prevent it firing again. Then - with the help of parishioners - the ministers wrestled the man to the floor.
James McNeal was booked on suspicion of robbery.
Police say he's suspected of robbing another small South Los Angeles church three blocks away a few nights earlier. In that robbery...the bandit took 13-hundred dollars from 12 parishioners.

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## WHAT STATUE SHOULD I USE? from your editor

What statue should I use on my altar? Where can I find a statue of the God or Goddess?
These are the basic questions that come from many people.
The dictionary defines statue as: the image of a person or animal carved instone or wood, cast in bronze, or modeled in clay or wax.
Statuette: a small statue.
So to simplify we'll use the word "statue" to mean either size.

So, first thing to remember is that there are few ststues that are supposed to represent a particular God or Goddess...and that's only because the artist said that's who it represented. So a statue can represesent anything or anyone that YOU WANT IT TO REPRESENT.
It really doesn't matter what the artist said it respresents, the only important thing is what it means to you!

Here, we use a small male figure with crossed arms and small horns which we've had for many years to represent the God. When we got it, it was painted such a dark green it looked almost black..so it was painted again..a light or lighter green. For the Goddess we use a small statue of Aphrodite on the seashell. Since I set up the original altar here, we use the statue that I prefer to represent the Goddess. (Actually, I have a number of them in the house, the temple and at the outdoor Circle).

Since both of these statues are small (about 6 to 8 inches) and very fragile, we mounted them with strong glue on 2 inch cubes of alabaster. This gives them a sturdy base and makes it less likely that they might be knocked over and broken.

Some years ago I had a letter fromma priestess who said she had used a ststue of "David"...had carved the feet to make hooves, drilled small holes in the sides of the head, and used bird claws for horns. This sounded like a pretty good idea..so, I bought a 40 inch statue of David, sawed off the front of the feet, bought some cattle feet from a butcher (these must be soaked for several days in a bucket of ammonia), sawed off the part of the hoof I needed and attached to the front of the feet with plaster, painted them black.

One of our people in Oregon sent me a set of antlers. Where deer are plentiful, motorists often hit and kill them at night by accident. The meat is given to orphansges and similar institutions, and the antlers may be sold.
Anyway, I sawed the antlers to the size needed, drilled holes in the statue head, and mounted the antlers with plaster into the holes. So the outdoor Circle has a 40 inch statue of the God standing on a 12 inch base. Thus, a Christian ststue has becaome a Pagan statue. A ststue can represent anything you want it to represent. Even a winged-angel may become a creature of the air elsewhere. It's what you see that makes the difference!

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Dear Georgians,

I thought you might be interested to know about SigNature (Special Interest Group about NATURE) News, produced by the Nature Special Interest Group of Mensa. Jennifer, the editor and coordinator of the group, is a member of the Pagan/Occult/Witchcraft S.I.G., whose newsletter Zephyr Starwater and I edit.

SigNature News features a lot of info about animal treatment and rights, and about ecological concerns. I was reading a back issue of it, and couldn't help thinking that you would like it, too. I'm enclosing that back issue so you can see it.

I think the subscription rate for SigNature News is still $5.00 a year, but I'm not sure. Inquiries should be addressed to:

Jennifer Bowen, POB 3710, Shreveport, Louisiana 71103.

Thanks for publishing the announcement about SFSI. Zephyr and I really appreciate it.

Blessed Be,
Valerie Voight

P.S. PAGANA is still $9.00 for 6 issues by surface mail. Unfortunately, our production and mailing costs have gone up so much that we are going to have to raise our overseas air mail rates to $2.50 an issue. (can't believe the postal rates these days. I remember when you could buy a filling meal for what it costs to mail one copy of the newsletter air mail!) You folks are to be congratulated for producing such a good newsletter so regularly and so cheaply for so long. I hope you never stop!

ED. NOTE: SFSI is San Francisco Sex Information - a free hotline providing accurate non-judgemental info about all aspects of human sexuality. M-F, 3-9 PM. 415/665-7300. TTY for the deaf: 415/665-0889.

Valerie, commenting on food prices gives away one's age. I can remember hot dogs & sodas for 5¢, cigarettes for 10¢ & 15¢....and when I got married the first time, I could stop at the market on the way home from work and get pork chops for 19¢ a pound.
Now every week at the market costs me half again as much as I earned in a month those days. But, of course, there is always a bright side. Now I earn about 5 times as much as I did on my first radio job in 1951. But it always seems as though prices go up much faster than paychecks.
Why don't all you clever Mensa people get together and solve the inflation and unemployment problems? And maybe you could also find a way to get the Jerry Falwell influence out of the White House!!
How about E.T. for president??? Or maybe Elvira?

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from THE KITCHEN WITCH

Love CREAM PUFFS? Think it really takes magick to make them? NOPE! Surprise your friends (and yourself) with this bit of culinary magick!

Mix 1/2 cup shortening and 1 cup milk. Bring to a boil.
Add 1 cup flour --all at once. Stir vigorously until ball forms in the center of pan. Cool slightly.

Add 4 eggs, unbeaten, one at a time, beating well after adding each egg. (Mixture should be very stiff.)
Drop by teaspoons (or use pastry bag and tube, but that's extra work!) onto oiled cookie sheet.

Bake 15 minutes at 450 degrees. (Set timer - timing is important)
Reduce temperature to 350 degrees and continue baking 30 minutes or until done. (If in doubt, remove one and test.)
Fill with your favorite cream filling, drizzle XXXX sugar & water icing over puff.
(Fill one of two ways: using pastry tube and filling, make small hole in end of puff and fill - or - slice small section of top (not quite all the way off), fill, touch cut edges with XXX sugar and water 'glue' and seal.)
Note: "Pudding mix" (Royal, Jello, canned, etc. , pudding mix does great. But don't use the 'instant' type.

Make Eclairs by using pastry bag and tube, placing 4" long strips on cookie sheet.

You can make cheese puffs--just add 1/2 cup finely grated cheese to dough before baking. Fill with favorite cheese, pate, etc., filling. (The nozzle-type-can cheese, or tube cheese, is great for this!) Great snacking!

The Kitchen Witch

ED. NOTE: I love dumplings (prefer the rolled ones to drop) but I'm too lazy to make them. Thought I'd try the Kitchen Witch recipe from the February issue. Don't care for boiled chicken, so I cut top sirloin into small pieces and added hamburger rolled into small balls. It was so good that 2 days later I made a big corn pot full. But this time I used a couple pounds of chop suey pork and a couple lbs. of burger. Great! Try putting a small dab of mustard on each dumpling as you eat it.
My furry children love this stuff, too. so I add extra water, put a half cup of dry food in the bottoms of their dishes, cover with liquid, then put some of the thick stuff on top. Stir so it's all mixed together. Wait for it to cool. They love it as much as I do. The 4 furries and I managed to get dinner 2 days out of that corn pot.

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## FOR THE BIRDS

FROM U.P.I. - Mac the Macaw is back home in the Fresno pet shop where he belongs, thanks to a cooperative customer. Mac and another parrot were stolen from Doug Hansen's pet store. Both birds were returned by one of Hansen's regular customers. He read a newspaper story about thetheft and realized that, when he bought two birds from a man a few days earlier, he had purchased the birdnap victims. Hansen says the customer -- a dog fancier who regularly makes purchases at his store --returned the birds voluntarily. However, Hansen, who uses Mac and two Doberman Pinchers to put on safety shows for children -- says he won't let the customer take the 400-dollar loss alone. That's the amount he paid for the stolen birds.

A West German park has come to the rescue of 10 mutilated California Pelicans by agreeing to provide a permanent home for the birds ...sparing them from almost certain death.
The Pelicans were found off the Southern California coast with the tops of their beaks hacked off. Bird curator Scott Drieschman at Sea World in San Diego says the Pelicans will be taken to the Walsrode Vogelpark when Europe's weather improves in May.

The lush West German park has a captive breeding program famous for successfully mating endangered species. The Pelicans have been recuperating at Sea World, but Drieschman says outdoor conditions aren't suitable for their long-term residence.
Walsrode Vogelpark has several indoor areas to shelter the beakless Pelicans.

An odd duck - at least for the San Francisco area - is drawing the curious to a lake near suburban Foster City. It apparently pretends to be a regular duck, but this bird is a SMEW...a black and white Siberian Duck, which appears to be in the habit of taking a wrong turn each year on the Smews' migratory flight to Japan.
Officials say it's the third year in a row the Smew has shown up at the lake. Ornithologists say the bird probably gets mixed up with the wrong flock and repeats the mistake each year. The little creature apparently is oblivious to the fact that it's flown four-thousand miles too far and is wintering on the wrong continent.

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Well, we're still having the usual problem here. Mail getting in for the most part before the deadline - but - late in the month. This does cause a lot of work jammed up at the last minute rather than being spread over the month. MAIL EARLY!

That's all, folks.

Love and Blessed Be,

Pat, Elizabeth and all the Georgians

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