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BAKERSFIELD - All goes well here. After those two days of over 100 degrees, the weather cooled to the 80's & 90's...but the hot ones are still ahead.
Elizabeth, Adrienne and Don plan to attend the mountain meet...and will celebrate the Sabbat there. Adrienne will probably have a report on that for the last page. I'll be getting the newsletter printed and taking my furry children...Sirius, Pooka...and their girlfriends, Safflower and Lady, to the vet for shots. Have to take one pair at a time because Pooka and Sirius would fight.

Health Report: Still getting radiation 5 days a week but I am feeling better. Voice is almost normal again so I can probably start announcing again soon. Don't know how much longer the treatments will continue but it isn't over yet. I really do appreciate the phone calls and letters from so many of you who have been working for me. It is taking so long because it had apparently been going on a long time before I knew about it.

Guess we'll just have to let some of the mail go until next issue. When things don't get here until the 10th or 20th, the newsletter is usually all finished except first and last page. Deadline of the 20th is only for last minute announcements of meetings or such.... not for articles or long letters.

I won't say don't send cash, but I prefer checks or money orders. Sometimes a letter says cash enclosed for sub but there is no cash. This is awkward...person thinks they sent it but I didn't get it. If the question ever came up with a check, you can make a photo copy of the cancelled check.
Especially prefer foreign subs not be cash. I have to wait a long time at the bank while they find the exchange rate for that day... it may change every day. It may be worth more than U.S. or less. I took $21. in foreign currency to the bank the other day but got back only $17.22 in U.S.

DON'T FORGET...always send us a change of address. The P.O. WILL NOT forward the newsletters nor return them. The ones I mention elsewhere being returned from Australia is because they are sent with regular stamps...not bulk mailing. If you miss your newsletter because you forgot to send address change, send 50¢ for replacement. It costs us 40¢ for the stamps.
Checks & m.o's should be made to Georgian Newsletter or Georgian Church.
WORDS OF WISDOM:

The problem with the expression, "Your government in Action" is that it's hard to tell whether "in action" is one word or two.

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From Chrystal Dawn

In the course of our daily lives we come in contact with many different kinds of persons. You have to take into consideration that these persons have only one thing in their mind, to belittle something they cannot understand. Once their minds are made up it is no use trying to convince them otherwise. I have come to the conclusion that it is futule to try to explain something to someone who does not wish to listen.

Take for instance us. We have been around for centuries. Have taken persecution, abuse, tyranny. Even in this day and age when people are considered civilized, there are some who accuse us of all kinds of unfortunate situatio ns.

We have better things to do than going around putting "HEXES" on everyone who harms us.

Most people need a crutch, in other words, they need someone or something to put the blame on when something goes wrong in their daily lives. They cannot accept the blame for their own mistakes, so of course, it is very easy for them to blame it on witchcraft, witches and the devil.

Another thing I have noticed is the way they express themselves towards other people. If someone does something bad, the first thing they say is "that nasty witch", or "she looks like a witch" or "she is a witch".

I have come in contact with many people who refer to someone else as a "witch", and what I usually do is look them straight in the eyes and say "you wouldn't know a witch if s he was staring at you" or "you're being prejudice against a minority".

When I am being referred to as a witch, I just smile and ask "do I detect some jealousy in your?". My friends, you will be surprised at how many of them get a strange look on their faces and walk away. Needless to say, NO PROBLEM.

The way I look at it, we have encountered the prejudices of so called 'christian', we have survived murders and every imaginable kind of destruction, and here we are, and here we will be long after every single one of them is gone, because we are the fortunate ones. We do not look for riches in money, for we are blessed with a different kind of fortune, that of the spirit, and the happiness that comes from having peace of mind. We are the Goddess gift to mankind.

BEING A WITCH IS: When life hands you lemon, we make lemonade.

Chrystal Dawn

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I would like to apologize to Tiffany St. Moonstar and all our readers. Due to an oversight on my part the article on THE WORLD OF CRYSTALS was published incomplete. Below please find the completion of this portion of the article.

Elizabeth

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THE WORLD OF CRYSTALS - PART I (Cont.)

They can be people from past lives, they can be from this life... they can be enemies, they can be those you dearly love. Around them are clouds of black energy, energy you have kept inside which equals hidden resentments and hangups. From their necks are ropes of black silk which are tied to your waist...untie the cords and let the ropes fall away from you and into the sea...the auras of the people are now surrounded in pink auras of love, the black banished as the ropes touch the sea. The boat starts to float out to sea. Turn around and return to the crystal room. Do not look back. Stand again in the beam of light. When you are ready, return to your body and leave the crystal."

Excercise No 2: Contacting Your Spiritual Guide:
Enter the doorway of the crystal. Enter the crystal room, the world within the crystal. In it you see the most luxurious and comfortable throne you can imagine. Go and recline in the chair. Note it's feel, its oneness with every curve and undulation of your body. In front of you are people in chairs also. What color is their hair, their eyes? What are they wearing? Now look and see who is the central figure...what is his/her hair color? Eyes? How is she/he dressed? When you see this central figure you will be seeing your spiritual guide. When you have seen him/her more clearly, then speak what you ask what questions you will. When you are done, leave your chair and return from the crystal world back into your body.

END OF PART I...Authors Note: If there are any questions on PART I I will be happy to answer them as long as the request is accompanied by a SASE. You may contact me at: Tiffany St. Moonstar, P.O. Box 65, Mt. View, CA 94042.

ED NOTE: We will now continue with PART II on the next page.

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FROM THE KITCHEN WITCH
Would think everyone would know this, but so many folks express surprise when you say something about it--
Tired of water-downed tea, soft drinks, lemonade, etc.? Make extra and freeze it as ice cubes, then use the cubes in the apprpopriate beverage. Cubes made from sugar-sweetened drinks tend to melt a bit faster than those made without sugar, so you may want to dip out a bit of the beverage before sweetening it.

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"The World of Crystals" - An excerpt from the forthcoming book: The Grimoire of Anastasia by Tiffany Yvonne St. Moonstar

Part II: Care of the Crystal and Prepatory Healing Techniques

The vibratory rates of crystals are all different, as varied and as individually beautiful as you yourself are in your uniqueness. By now you have learned this truth for yourself through selection of your own personal crystal(s). Part II of this series will inform you how to more deeply become one with your crystal through cleansing and reorientation, and also how to balance your body with prepatory healing techniques.

CARE OF THE CRYSTAL: From the moment you selected your crystal you have started to give it your energy, and received energy from it. Your next step is to totally cleanse it and dedicate it. Place the crystal in a bucket of sea salt/rock salt starting on the night of the new moon and letting it rest undisturbed until 13 days have passed (including new moon night). On the eve of the 14th day after it is in the salt bed, remove it. Annoint it with your favorite magickal oil, or an oil dedicated to the moon. All the while you are performing this activity think only higher thoughts and be calm and relaxed. Utter the following chant while annointing:

I AM ONE...AND
YOU ARE ONE...AND
I AM THEE...AND
YOU ARE ME! (Repeat as many times as necessary).

After you have charged the crystal by this working, take it to a ley line, or energy spot and bury it in the earth. If you cannot find a ley line/energy spot, burial under a sacred tree such as oak is good, or any other magickal spot (near running water, etc.) which you feel is magickal. Leave the crystal buried there until the next full moon.

When it is the night of the next full moon--return to the spot and excavate your crystal. Take it into your consecrated and purified circle. Bless it with the four elements. Charge it with your athamae. Raise a cone of power and direct that cone into the crystal. At the moment you direct the cone into the crystal, utter the name you have selected for that particular crystal. Upon completion of this ritual your crystal will be eternally bound to you, and will be ready to serve you.

One last thing remains: wear, or keep the crystal on your person until the next full moon or for approximately 30 days.

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Care of the Crystal and Prepatory Healing Techniques (cont.)
by Tiffany St. Moonstar

PREPATORY HEALING TECHNIQUES: Before you can start any real healing processes, you must learn to gentle the body and bring it into balance. The four Prepatory Healing Techniques will accomplish this. They are as follows:

1) AURA BALANCING
2) CHAKRA BALANCING
3) HEMISPHERE BALANCING
4) CIRCULATORY BALANCING

Before I go into detail on these four processes, I will describe to you the seven manifestations of crystal energy during the four Prepatory Healing Techniques and all other healing works. The sensations you will feel while holding the crystals (or feel while the crystals are held against you) are these:

1) TINGLING
2) PULSING BEGINS (Unevenly)
3) HEAT
4) ONE OR BOTH OF THE CRYSTALS GO COLD
5) RUSH OF HEAT
6) EVEN PULSING
7) EVERYTHING IN THE SYSTEMS "CALM DOWN"
(This is like an internally felt/heard "click" or "ping" which signifies completion)

These "seven" are given during all your work concerning healing and prepatory techniques. Through practice you will sensitize yourself to the point where they are very easily recognized and felt, and you will also become very precise to when they stop and start. Another rule of thumb is that when you perform crystal healing techniques, the crystals are always held with the point inwards in the left hand and the point outwards in the right. This is because energy enters the left side of the body and leaves through the right side. When you touch the crystals to the body of whom you wish to heal, it forms a circuit for the energy flow.

AURA BALANCING: Have the person to be healed hold in each hand a crystal, left hand pointed inwards right hand pointed outwards according to the aforementioned "rule of thumb". Hold one crystal in your right hand. Before you start the working (or any other healing working we will cover in this series) recite the following invocation:

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Care of the Crystal and Preparatory Healing Techniques (cont.)
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> "The perfect white light of the Lady Diana (or other Goddess name) circles and protects us during this working. The crackling blue pentagram of the Lord Pan (or other God name) surrounds and protects us from above, below and beyond. I am the Receiver. I am the Giver. I am the channel for the force of the Lord and Lady. So mote it be."

Then balance the energy flow of the person you are working on by holding your right finger on the persons wrist, you left finger on their forehead. After you proceed through the seven sensations and feel the final "click" or "ping", do the following: Hold the crystal lengthwise, and pass it over the body about an inch above. You will be able to sense spots that are auric breaks (which are portholes for sickness) by sensations of cold, hot, warm or an inner feeling that may be more intangible. When you find such a spot move the crystal over it in a counter-clockwise circle. When it feels like the break is mended, touch the center of the spot on the body with the point of your crystal. Do this along the entire length of the body. When finished "smooth down" the aura by makin sweeps in one direction from top to bottom. Repeat this on the backside of the body. When you feel all is complete make the sign of the Pentagram with the point of the crystal over the heart chakra to seal the working.

CHAKRA BALANCING: On our bodies are located seven main chakras or energy centers. Devotees of chakra study can tell you of many other energy centers besides these seven, but we will only delve into these seven main centers. A chakra is a vortex where our four bodies are connected (the four bodies being the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual). A chakra is an energy center that must be kept in balance so that all four of these bodies remain in tune with each other--the objective being perfect health which in turn allows us to function in this world according to our individual desires. The seven chakra centers are located as follows: 1) the crown or top of the head; 2) the center of the forehead (often called the third eye); 3) the base of the throat (where there is a slight indentation); 4) the heart; 5) the solar plexis or stomach area; 6) approximately two inches below the navel; 7) the pelvic/genital region. Always balance the chakras from the top of the body to the bottom. (In the order they are listed here.) Otherwise if you start from the bottom and move up, you can inadvertently release the Kundalini (or energy dragon) too swiftly and potently and have a bad reaction. If you do happen to have an accident like this, the best course of action is to swiftly place your hands on top of your head/the victims head, and push the Kundalini down back to the base of the spine. You will know if excess Kundalini occurs because

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Care of the Crystal and Prepatory Healing Techniques (cont.)
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the victim will start shaking and have excessive emotional release such as crying, sobbing, and a heating up of their physical form. In general, there will be a speeding up of the entire vibratory system. Again, as this is a very serious point, never start from the bottom of the chakra ladder. Only from the top/head.

Use your right thumb to locate and press down on the chakras. In the left hand hold your crystal point inwards. As you meditate on each chakra see the person's energy tube go to 0 then to 100 then balance perfectly in the center of the scale. Continue down the body with all seven chakras. Then picture them all lined up in perfect harmony, alighning themselves on a line of green light energy. Draw a pentagram of blue light energy on the top of the heart chakra and touch it with the tip of the crystal to seal the work.

HEMISPHERE BALANCING: Hold the crystals on the area below the temple and in front of the ear. Imagine all the energy going up the meridian lines of the body...energy goes up the left side and comes down the right in a circular cycle. You hold a complete circle of energy that travels through their body, balancing the two sides. The person being worked on should hold a crystal in the left hand, point inwards, and one in his right, point outwards. The purpose of this is to balance and bring into tune the two sides of the brain and of the body. You will experience the seven stages of healing.

CIRCULATORY BALANCING: The purpose of this is to cleanse the system and purify it. Place your two hands holding crystals in the "rule of thumb" manner against the two points between waist and hip joint. You will know this spot when sensitivity and/or pain is felt when the spot is pressed very hard. Visualize a course of white light which zooms from the center spot of the heart throughout your entire circulatory system. Picture the veins etc. as large tunnels and a s this light flows through it eats away all the heavy toxins, metals, cholesterol and other negative impurities. You will experience the seven stages of healing.

NEXT MONTH: Part III: Healing with Crystal Energy The Five Aura Process

Authors Note: If there are any questions on Part II, I will be happy to answer them as long as the request is accompanied by a SASE. You may contact me at: Tiffany St. Moonstar, P. O. Box 65, Mt. View, CA 94042

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VICKI in Oklahoma City sez: sorry to disturb you with the phone call. Georgia said it should be okay to call. I'll definitely burn those candles for you. Your voice sounds painful! I'm glad to know your therapy is helping.
Memorial Day weekend was spent working in the yard...weeded the Iris beds. I was so angry with my neighbors. They had a huge bed of Iris and mowed them all down before they bloomed. I asked for some of the rhizomes(?). Hope they live. I also transplanted Daffodils and Narcissus from the back to the front yard...and potted a bunch of herbs. The more I get into gardening the better I like it. I don't know how much of a green thumb I have, but it sure is fun.

The letter from COTOR in the May issue really disturbed me. How can anyone be so unfeeling as to publish a membership list of a group without permission!! Please be sure that much energy for protection & strength as well as banishing negative influences is going to Australia from Oklahoma!
Thanks to everyone who sent healing energy to Sonia. She's much better now.

I have been attending some Crystal Awareness classes at the Holy Protection Orthodox Monastery here. We're being taught how to use quartz crystal energy for healing. So far it's pretty interesting stuff.
The most exciting news of all is that I'll be attending Magickal Childe's seminar with Janet & Stewart Farrar in Aug. Not only that, but Revendell Bookshop, which carries all kinds of wonderful Celtic & Craft books is only a few blocks away. Knowing my love of Druid and Celtic & Craft books, I think my bank account is in definite trouble! I've already starting bugging inter-library loan so I can decide what I want to buy and plan accordingly.

Once again, THANKS for the healing on my furry friend. Love and healing energy to you.

Blessed Be
Vicki

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FROM U.P.I. - Glen Milner of Salt Lake City was digging in his basement to repair flood damage when he found the remains of human skeletons. But his discovery did not solve a murder, it sparked an archaeological investigation.
Police say further digging uncovered the skeletons of what were later determined to be an Indian woman and a young child. Parts of a third skeleton were found, and officials say more could be buried there.
An anthropologist from the University of Utah determined the Indians died in the 1800s or earlier.
The researcher says Milner's basement could be part of an Indian burial site, but no plans are being made to excavate the area.

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UNITY IN THE CRAFT-The Total Picture

By Jim
in Winchester

As I read of problems by various groups with each other and with certain individuals in numerous Craft publications and thru my own contact with various groups it seems that much of the problems are greatly exaggerated thru mostly a lack of personal communication and in many cases second hand information or just plain pride preventing two basicly descent people from backing off from a small point and looking at the total picture.

Ours is a rich and proud heritage and our people are unique in their sensitivity and tolerance for other peoples ideas and freedoms to their opinions and individual life styles. We all serve the Goddess and in the Circle we are all witches serving Lord and Lady as Priests and Priestesses of the Craft. It is only outside the Circle that we are grouped together by various traditions and social groups or training curriculums. The Goddess sees all Her children and loves us all. She does not say "Oh there is so and so, she is a Gardnerian and he is a Traditionalist". If someone asks me I say my training is basically Georgian, but I have also learned from many other so called traditions and to the Lady I am a Witch along with other Priests and Priestesses all over the Pagan community all over this world.

This is not to say we should blindly trust any one who calls themselves a Witch or Pagan because there are Kooks out there who are dangerous to ourselves and the Craft, but let us not get so parinoid that we fail to associate with and learn together and exchange ideas and thoughts with the majority of fine Pagan people we meet or actively work in the Craft with.

Many of us have perhaps worked with one particular tradition and later in life find that another tradition interests us as serves our particular needs at that time in this lifetime. That does not mean that the new tradition is better only that it is important to us now and the earlier tradition is good and forms an important foundation for our future learning process, but in both learning traditions we are Witches in the eyes of the Old Ones and serve the Goddess in our own unique way. Whether it is (was) as a Craft teacher or an example of a descent and good Witch or as a leader or by what particular talents we may have; be it music or art or speaking or teaching or writing or cooking or serving the Lady as best we may.

So let us look for the positive in our fellow Witches rather than digging for the negative that is part of all of us. Unity is truly our path to follow. Let us all be an example of our willingness to take the first step and not let false pride prevent us from the real pride that we have in our ancient culture of all traditions----------
The Witch Tradition.

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DOG DAYS from U.P.I.

Officials say seven "beautiful" Doberman Pinscher dogs were found in an abandoned apartment on Chicago's south side are waiting for their owners to claim them at the city's animal care center. Peter Poholik, executive director of the city's Animal Care and Control Unit, says it appears somebody in the neighborhood is "taking Dobermans and stashing them." He says animal control officials found the dogs, which apparaently had been stolen, after a tip. Poholik says - "We went in there and found seven beautiful 'Dobs' in the building. They're all in excellent condition."
He says the dogs, ranging in age from six months to two years, had food and water and were kept in relatively clean rooms.

Here's a happy, though costly, ending to a dog story. Carol Ripani's two-year-old Doberman was stolen from the back yard of her Sacramento home. A male caller demanded one-thousand dollars for the safe return of the abducted canine. Police Sergeant Roger Dickson says Ripani followed the extortionist's instructions to the letter. She handed the cash to a pig-tailed little girl at a neighborhood fast food restaurant. The girl got into a blue van...and the dog hopped out the back.

Officials of a company selling a new soft drink for dogs held what they call the "Pupsi Challenge" in Arlington, Texas recently. But most of the pups were more interested in each other. Although few dogs slurped any K-9 Cola...Edward Reed of R-and-Y Enterprises of Phoenix says he still expects the product to be a hit. He says Americans spend 13-billion-dollars a year on treats for their pets. Although the dogs weren't too interested in K-9 Cola, a few reporters tried it out...and said it tastes like weak grape juice. The product will sell for four-99 a sixpack.
ED. NOTE: I think my furry children will be content with water and an occasional small bowl of milk. Yeah, I know they're not supposed to have it...but they love it.

A dog owner in Chattanooga, Tennessee, is serving 20 days in the workhouse for hiding her pet after it bit a meter reader. Officials need to test the dog to be sure it is not rabid. The meter reader, who was bit on the leg, will have to undergo painful rabies shots unless the dog is found and tested.

The late Eleanor Ritchey, heiress to the fortune of Quaker State REfining Co. founder Philip John Bayer, adopted about 150 stray & unwanted dogs during her lifetime. She left them virtually her entire fortune when she died in 1968...some 12-million dollars. Her will stipulated the money would go to Auburn University when her last dog died or 20 years passed--whichever came first. Just recently, her last dog, Musketeer, a 17-year-old stray died...last of the pack. Auburn officials were notified.

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HARAGANO & TILLER (N.W.C., Seattle) sez: We thought a lot about you while in Albion, especially after the write up you gave your throat ailment. We visited Chalice Well, a Healing Well at the foot of Glastonbury Tor. The healing energy litterally flows from the Well. Enclosed in this package is water from that well, drawn with you in mind and sent to you with all our love and energy for a quick and complete recovery.
The water is to drink or bathe with. I downed a good quart while I was there. It seems to have eased a foot ailment I had.

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Haragan & Tiller, POB 30511, Seattle, Wa. 98105

ED. NOTE: Thank you for the water. I decided to drink it since I just couldn't manage to get into the bottle for bathing.
H & T also enclosed some postcard photos of the Tor and the Well. Beautiful spot!

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JIM in Winchester sez: I'm enclosing some extra material this month as I plan to be gone a good part of July visiting relatives here & there, and my son who is in the air force going to flight school. Guess he caught the flying bug from his old man. I don't get to go up & bust clouds so much anymore unless it's on my broom. Have been working with a Craft student in Riverside. She has done very well over the past 4 months. She had travelled extensively in India & Greece, and was well-read on the subject. So I really had to get her to go back and work on the basics and then work back up so we could continue with her progress. I have always enjoyed teaching situations where we work one on one rather than a group situation.

Glad to hear you are feeling a bit better. Good energy continues to flow your way from myself and several other groups in my area.

My love to all the good Craft people in the Bakersfield area and in the newsletter.

Blessed Be
Jim

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SUMMER TIP: Sunburn season...and those can be painful. You'll help reduce this problem if....as soon as you get out of the sun, rub your body areas that may be burned with WHITE VINEGAR. It will feel cool and it will help reduce the burn. Try it...you'll like it.

QUESTION

What's the difference between an egg and sex.

ANSWER

You just can <u>never</u> beat sex!

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ED. NOTE: Was beginning to wonder if there was a problem since it seemed so long since I'd heard from C & K in Australia...then came a letter, a magazine and news clippings.
CATHERINE & KENT sez:

We did not receive the last issue of TG, so are a bit behind in our knowledge of all the latest news. However, the Lady Helen of C.O.T.O.R. in West Oz has phoned to say you are still having throat problems. Both her coven and members and ours have joined together in attunement to do a healing Rite for you, and please be assured you are in our daily Rituals. Get well soon, we need you, (selfish, but true).

So much has been going on over here. We had that crazy 10 course Cantonese banquet to celebrate the Taurus birthdays. The birthday girls were myself, Lady Irena, Laura, Veronica, and Penne, the latter was 21. No, I won't tell you what I was, sufficient to say it was quite a milestone, and I made the half century mark. A great time was had by all present, dancing, poker machines, and later good jazz music. From a bird's eye view, on top of the city lights, finally hit blanket bay at 5 A.M!!

The following Saturday night, Kent and I were formally ordained, at an attunement time with Clonegal Castle, Eire, the Fellowship of Isis headquarters, as Priest of Isis and Priestess of Mayet. Lady Irena and her H.P., Les, acted as proxies for Lawrence, Lord Strathloch, and the Hon. Olivia. And over there at the castle, Baroness Strathloch, Pamela, acted as my proxy, and her son, Stephen, for Kent. The ritual was wonderful, magick was never alive so vividly. We thought of you all and wished you could have been here to share our happiness. We are the first to be ordained in Australia, and so feel tremendously honoured.

As you can imagine, we were all fairly tired after such activity, all in such a short space of time, but we sure are not complaining. The only sour note to report is that, once again, we have been under stupid harrassing attacks...crazy phone calls, death threats, and nuisance calls where some buzzing gadget is played into the phone at very high-pitched frequency, mad letters..anonymous of course, advising us to become born again and give up our wicked ways, (Craft, they mean.)

We enclose a small magazine depicting Oz scenes and info. Hope you enjoy. Also with it, an unusual clipping.
By the way, as we have learned you are ill, did a copy of TG get to press in May? If so, we never received it, and all our news is from Lady Helen.
I guess that's all for now, so will close with all our love, and leave you in the hands of The Old Ones. Take care.
Blessed Be,
Catherine, Kent and Kelly

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ED. NOTE: we've been getting some complaints about mail not being delivered here in the states. Wonder if the same problem is happening over there. Since the May issue is outdated and air mail is so expensive, we'll send you another copy by surface.
We've had two newsletters returned from OZ this month. The March issue to R. Vbivers in Brisbane with a scribbled "left RTS" on the cover. And the December issue to K. Madsen in N.S.W. was returned June 17 with a stamp.."Return to sender".
So what's going on???
Congratulations on your ordinations. At least some things are going well.
C & K also enclosed some news clippings.
An Aboriginal man who speared and killed a man he suspected had cuckolded him was set free by a Northern Territory Supreme Court Judge in Alice Springs.
But he didn't get off completely. He gave his consent to pay-back. He was speared in the leg, cut with a knife, beaten with another knife on the back and hit on the head with a tomahawk. He recieved further pay-back with knife wounds on his back from relatives of the dead man.
We wonder if this system might not deter more crime than the brief jail terms or probabtion given in the U.S.
The people of Matsue in the western end of Honshu, Japan, are very superstitious about foxes. Many of them believe foxes play malicious tricks on people, even get inside them and dement them. They believe others can use foxes for persoanl gain...or at least to keep things peaceful. Yasutaka Hayami says he learned about foxes as a child. When his teacher praised him, his classmates said he was helped by foxes. Now at 63, Hayami says he has 29 rooms and 75 foxes in his family house. He says, "It costs a fortune to feed the."

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FROM U.P.I. - A Nevada group called The PRO-FAMILY CHRISTIAN COALITION announced a petition drive to bar the Gay Rodeo from using the Washoe County Fairgrounds in Reno. A spokesman for the group says they plan to circulate a petition calling for a law which would keep any group which habitually violates state law from using any public property such as the fairgrounds. He pointed out that homosexual acts are a felony in Nevada.

Scottish researchers who developed a new type of bandage made with specially processed seaweed say it has shown "remarkable" healing powers for the treatment of sores, ulcers, and other skin ailments. They say an elderly Scotsman who suffered from an ulcerated leg for six years had his wound healed after just four weeks of wearing the experimental dressing. A bed-ridden woman in her nineties was cured of bed sores in only 18 days.
The healing properties of the Alginic Acids from seaweed are well known, but until now they have had to be applied in either powder or jelly form. The new bandage is now undergoing clinical trials in Britain, Europe and South America.

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ANIMALS

Zoos from around the nation have been demanding the Atlanta Zoo return animals it has borrowed. Conditions at the zoo have caused an uproar among other zoo authorities. Six animals have died in recent weeks.
The Bronx Zoo demanded return of a monkey and an ape. They were told that the monkey had died.
An elephant, a lion, a tiger and two bears of the Atlanta Zoo died or were destroyed in recent weeks. The elephant mysteriously turned up dead in a circus in North Carolina. No explanation of how it got there. Two Kodiak bears were shipped to a buffalo ranch in North Carolina where they were put to sleep for "unruly" behavior. A tiger and a lion were destroyed two hours after they were diagnosed as having advanced cancer.
Atlanta Zoo veterinarian Emmett Ashley is accused of having kept the head of a dead baboon for his own collection, then allowed the body to be dumped in a trash can. Mammal curator Ron Jackson is accused of selling rabbits and pigs from the zoo's children's exhibit. A maintenance worker with the Parks & Recreation Department bought them to eat.
Zoo employees have accused Ashley of incompetent diagnosis and treatment and cruelty to animals. Terry Maples, a Georgia Tech professor, was named interim director of the zz. He ordered an immediate check on all animals to determine health. Maples called the withdrawal of loaned animals "a shame."

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LADY RHEA in Georgia sent a news clipping..story & phots... of a 5-foot-long alligator climbing a chain-link fence...apparently intent on having a mother dog and her puppies for breakfast. Police were called, the reptile captured and taken to wildlife refuge. This story from Savannah.

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Chinese officials say at least 20 rare Giant Pandas have died and 500 others may starve because of a withered supply of Arrow Bamboo, the Pandas staple food.

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You can kid Kevin & Sue Wagner but you'll never get their goat. That's because the pet goat recently coughed up a $2,000. ring. They bought the goat about 2 months ago for $15.

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A 200-pound Black Bear slipped down from the Sierra Nevada and ambled into a general store in search of a snack. After 8 hours of chase, he was felled with a tranquilizer shot. He was returned to the Sierra by State Fish & Game officials.

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For the first time, scientists have recovered and cloned genetic material from an extinct animal. It was called the Quagga, and it looked like a Zebra from the front...a horse from the back. The strange animal disappeared from the Earth about 100 years ago.

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ED. NOTE: received a letter from that lovely lady, Elizabeth Pepper...could anyone ever forget The Witches' Almanac? Enclosed was a card with a couple of bluebirds on the cover.
She sez:

Do you remember a song popular in our youth -"The Bluebird of Happiness" sung by Jan Peerce? A hopelessly sentimental record I scoffed at in those days. Now I find the words rather sweet. Cynicism is part of being young.
I've been thinking of you and wishing you well since the May newsletter. I had several hurdles of my own to manage before I could put pen to paper.

I'm going to type out two healing rites from my family. Please use them for you, and for the newsletter if you wish.
As a Scorp I know you have the strength and the courage to combat this enemy.
"Choices" is a valuable book. It's in paperback. The radiation saps your energy but it will return.

Love to you,
Elizabeth Pepper

Choose someone you know and trust. The ritual is simple but should be practiced a couple of times before it is performed just to find the proper rhythm. You sit facing east with your friend behind you holding a candle above your head. The candle holder should be easy to grasp and sufficiently heavy to impart the feeling of inscribing a circle of fire. The words are said in slower than normal speech and must match the time it takes to form the clockwise circle above your head.

FRIEND: Now the wrong shall be righted. (First circle of fire.)

PAT: Even so.

FRIEND: And may no harm befall thee. (Second circle of fire.)

PAT: Even so.

FRIEND: This our silent spirit's keep. (Third circle of fire.)

PAT: Even so.

FRIEND: Es-ku-rah, es-ku-rah, es-ku-rah. (this is said while holding the candle high above your head.)

The candle flame is then extinguished with a moistened thumb and forefinger, not blown out.

This was originally in the Basque language and "Englished" by my great aunt. It breaks down into seven syllables with a three syllable response.

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ELIZABETH PEPPER continued.

The cadence is especially important. I asked about the Basque word "eskurah" and was told it meant a shield of power or protective force.

The other rite is for comfort, peace of mind. Someone who cares for you must go to the sea and from the ninth wave of an incoming tide collect a jar of sea water. It isn't easy to count the waves by eyesight so you close your eyes and listen as they come in. You begin to count from the first wave to touch your feet. And you, Pat, keep the sacred water near you to bless yourself. It can give you spirit, grace, comfort, whatever you decide you need. Just dip your fingers (fore, middle, ring,) and touch your forehead at least once a day.

ED. NOTE: Thank you for the rites. I shall certainly use them. And you know I always enjoy hearing from you whether for publication or not.

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RAYNA & LOGAN in Florida sez: I can't compose as well on a typewriter, but I know it's a heck of a lot easier on you - the way my writing is. All goes well here, this month being a little easier on our schedules. Last month we had so many initiations and sabbats my head is still spinning. Of course it was worth it - anything is worth the time, etc. to see the Goddess' children grow.
I would hope we wouldn't have to tell you we are very concerned for your health, Pat, and that we are sending you mucho energy. I would hope you would already feel what we are doing. When someone who has done so much for so many people asks for a necessary "hand" there should be no question that you would get the help. Anyway, what all that gobble-de-gook meant is that we are thinking about you and praying for your better health.

I have learned an important lesson recently--I never completely understood the limit of thirteen people on a coven. I'm sure it has more meaning than this, but this is what I learned. Right now, we at Moonstar have eleven members of our inner circle - a big group. Because of the size, and because we had a number of people enter in a short period of time, I can already see small problems arising. Mostly just a lack of communication between people--our two esbats a month are so jammed packed with things to learn, discuss, DO, that our socializing time is mimimal. Not that I think the Craft is social time, but hey, people have to get to know each other sometime.
I think these little personality conflicts will all blow over, but I now see the wisdom of a limit on group size. I believe we all have to get to know each other well and develop that perfect trust before much major development can be done as a group. Imagine the time that would be spent if you were constantly bringing in new personalities over and over. That was one of my lessons for the week - a valuable one I believe.

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RAYNA & LOGAN continued

Does everyone know that Coven Moonstar is sponsoring a couple days of workshops with Amber K of Our Lady of the Woods? At Lammas-time she will be here for workshops and the Sabbat. There is a small registration fee - not much - and anyone interested in attending should contact Coven Moonstar. We would love to have anyone who might be in the area at the time join us - we are all so excited about the weekend. I'd like to see a large group and do lots of networking, etc.... "Y'all come, y'hear?"

What else is new? Oh yes, I wanted to thank Bruce, Adrienne's husband, for the bravely written article, Thank you, Bruce, I respect your willingness to understand yet keep your own faith. I'm sure you have suffered criticism from both sides of the street, and you did a wonderful job of sticking it out and turning what could have been a serious problem between the two of you into a very positive, educational article. Clap, clap, bravo.

Well, I guess I'm winding up. We have Summer Solstice to plan for in the immediate future and Logan is going up to Windstar to be HP and help Lady Thea initiate a good friend of ours, soooWe have much to do. Keep on going, dear Pat. We all pray for <u>good health</u>. Much love to you, and all the Georgian Newsletter readers.

Blessed Be,
Rayna and Logan

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ED. NOTE: We thank all of you for your good thoughts and energy. Reading over your letter again, I get the impression that some of your problem may be that you are bringing people in too quickly and trying to grow too fast. That always causes problems.
It would take more time but actually be easier to meet two nights a week...one night for the initiates and the other night for the non-initiates. There is so much to learn before initiation...and after. But this way you don't get people into things they are not yet ready for...or hold back the more advanced people.
They can all be together at Sabbats and get to know one another. We always had people arriving for Sabbats several hours early when we had large crowds. That gave them an opportunity to work together (with all the preparation as well as the ritual) and to get to know one another. Maybe have a bar-b-q or such occasionally. This gives you time to weed out the ones that don't belong before they can create problems for the inner circle. If they complain that you are holding off initiation...too bad...if they really care, they'll stay. And remember, some people need more time than others. Some are never ready. You just have to learn to trust your feelings. You don't do ANYONE a favor if you initiate them too soon because you think they might get discouraged and drop out. If the Craft is right for the and they right for the Craft, they'll stay.

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STUFF & THI NGS

Have just received the first edition of what we believe is the first prison publication of a Pagan newsletter. Published by The Coven of Dawn, edited by Anubis, SPIRIT WITHIN NEWS. Quarterly, Sub is %6. a year, or any books on the Craft you no longer need.
Rev. Wayne E. Gustafson, c/o M.S.P. Pagan Group, Box A, Thomaston, Maine 04861.

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WILD MAGICK GATHERING, Sept. 21-23, near Bloomington, Indiana. Elf Members $10. , non-members $20. (includes 1 year membership.) Wild Magick Gathering c/o E.L.F., POB 1082, Bloomington, In. 47402.

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Eigth Annual Pan Pagan Festival sponsored by the Midwest Pagan Council, August 9-12 at Union Pier, near western Michigan. For info or registration write: Calumet Pagan Council, 1519 Kenilworth, Calumet City, Ill. 60409. Attn: Janel Clarke.

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Various things on various dates at Magickal Childe, 35 West 19th, N.Y., N.Y. 10011.

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FAERIE FOLK NEWSLETTER, $5. yr. or double stamped long envelope for sample. Checks to Mary Santangelo, address Lady Filonwy, POB 100585, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33310.

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Dragonsmoke...annual edited by Tiffany St. Moonstar. Limited edition of 500 copies at $13. including postage. Check or M.O. to Tiffany St. Moonstar, POB 65, Mt, View, Cal. 94042.

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GEORGIAN NEWSLETTER $6. yr. in U.S., $12. foreign surface mail, $24. foreign air mail.

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HARVEST, POB 228, S. Framingham, Ma. 01701, 8 issues $10. yr.

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CIRCLE, POB 219, Mt. Horeb, Wi. 53572. Quarterly. $9.

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PEGASUS EXPRESS, 4701 Lyons Rd. Box 159, Pompano Beach, Fla. 33067. 8 issues $5. yr. Checks to Ellen Hansen.

The UNICORN, Box 3814, Minn., Minn. 55408.

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PAGANA, POB 9494, San Jose, Ca. 95157. 6 for $12., 20 for $10.

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STONEHENGE VIEWPOINT, 2821 De La Vina St., Santa Barbara, Ca. 93105. 15 issues $10.

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DIDJA KNOW???

Mammoth Cave National Park in Kentucky has the most extensive network of caves in the world, more than 144 miles of mapped underground passageways.

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LUGHNASADH DIVINE PLAY by Lady AlTusha, Coven Tara

Characters: Tailltiu, Lugh, Litha/Cailleach

Props: Goddess crown for Litha, King crown for Lugh, black veil for Cailleach, fruits, wine, Calleach's lines are spoken in an old voice.

Lugh, wearing crown - "I, Lugh of the Strong Arm, the God of Light, King of the Celts, ruler of the Tuatha de Danaan, stand here on the sacred grave mound of my mother, the Earth Goddess Tailltiu. She has given her life in the nurturing of her children. The fruits of her love have come forth, and we, her children, reap the benefits of this harvest."

Tailltiu comes forward, a little behind Lugh - "My body has been returned to the Earth, the essence of my beginning, for I am the spirit of Tailltiu, who has but recently met Death. I have given all of myself that life may go on for my children. My strength passes from my body, through my gifts, to you. Enjoy! Let my life not be wasted! Accept my gifts. Respect my memory, that life shall continue to remain." She holds up the fruits and wine for all to see. Then she puts them down and fades away.

Lugh - "I feel my mother's presence. Her spirit directs me to celebrate, not to mourn. Therefore, I dedicate a festival in her name, to celebrate the harvest, that she may be pleased with her children, and return once again." He takes up the fruits and wine. "We shall take my mother's gifts to be blessed by the Nature Goddess." He goes to Litha, and says to her, "Oh gracious Goddess of Summer, I've brought the Earth Mother's gifts, that you might bless them."

Litha, wearing crown - "Oh sweet God, power of the Sun, ever have I loved you. I can refuse you no request. I shall bestow my life's power as a blessing upon you and yours." She makes a blessing gesture.

Lugh - "I give to you my deepest thanks." He turns and walks away, taking the fruits and wine back.

Litha crumples to the ground - "I have given my life force, my youth now fades." She changes from her crown to the veil. She stands proudly. "I am now Cailleach, the Wise Old Crone..." She laughs, then goes to Tailltiu and embraces her. "Oh dear Lugh, little do you know that I, the Goddess of Darkness, have stolen the spirit of your mother on her way to the

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L'GHNASADH DIVINE PLAY (cont.) by Lady Allusha, Coven Tara

Summerlands. Her and I are now one. You, too, will soon be ruled by the powers of darkness. The fates have decreed."

Lugh - "My mother, the spirit of the Earth, shall be honoured! Though she has passed into the realms of darkness, she shall return once again in the raiment of Light. In her honour, then, we shall raise a toast. From her has come all life, the fruits and the seeds. From these are made the nectar of the Gods." He lifts up the cup of wine. "To Tailltiu! As the seeds bring forth new life, may we always be reborn!" He takes a sip of the wine, then passes it to the next person, saying, "To Tailltiu!"

Next person takes a sip, then passes it on, saying, "To Tailltiu!" And so on.

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FROM U.P.I.

British pop singer Boy George got the royal snub from Princess Margaret. The British Newspaper, The Sun, says Princess Margaret tried to ignore Boy George and refused to be photographed with him at an awards ceremony for British Deejays in London.
The Sun says Princess Margaret shook hands with Culturé Club's lead singer, but called him--quoting--"An over-made-up tart."
The Sun says Princess Margaret had merely asked --"Who's Boy George?"
And Boy George, currently Britain's number one pop export to America and the world, stormed off ina huff.
Later he told the Sun --his words now-- "I didn't want to talk to her anyway. It's her royal perogative if she doesn't want to talk to me...I'm just a peasant."
But ignoring the 22-year-old "Pretty Boy Of Pop" wasn't easy. He was dressed a a pink sack dress and cashmere coat.

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An assembly committee rejected legislation that would have prevented pound animals from being used for research. The bill by Senate Leaader David Roberti passed the senate last summer but languished in the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee until May 30.
It received only four "Aye" votes from the panel and nine "No" votes.
Roberti - A Los Angeles Democrat - said he will encourage supporters to circulate an initiative to put the issue on the ballot..without legislative approval. He says people who've lost their pets don't want them used for medical research and experiments.
Opponents, led by the University of California, argue it would be expensive for their laboratories to buy dogs & cats that are raised solely for research purposes.
No concern about right or wrong, only the price tag. The American way!

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From the Kitchen Witch

Rolled Dumplings:

Once again, let's be lazy--use canned biscuits. Lightly roll each biscuit as flat as possible (a water glass will do fine--rolling pin isn't necessary). Cut into strips--ya got it!

Bread sticks:

Again from the useful canned biscuit. Cut each biscuit into two or three pieces (experience will tell you when you have the size you like best). Roll into pencil size pieces. A quick pass through your favorite bread-stick-flavoring (poppy seeds, onion or garlic salt, salt, grated cheese, whatever), and into the oven. Yummy!

A Hint to Health Nuts Like Me:

Avoid the use of aluminum! When cooking in aluminum, the elements in the utensil loosen and go into the food. The body can't use/ reject these elements. Also avoid wrapping food in aluminum foil, unless some other wrapping is used between it and the food. In many states, the health department does not allow the use of aluminum foil to wrap food in restaurants for storage--there must be a reason!

If you wonder about this, try an experiment: boil water in a small aluminum pan--then let it sit, covered, until thoroughly cool. Uncover, and look at the film on the top of the water. Hmmmmmmm.....

Ever use votive candles?

Expensive, aren't they? You can make your own, very simply and easily and inexpensively.
Ask your local merchants to save their broken candles for you--most will do s o and either give them to you or ask a very tiny price for them (they usually toss them into the trash and are glad to recoup even a small amount for them).
Shave the was (a potato peeler does great). You can mix it, or keep the colors separated. Place a wick holder and wick into the votive glass (I find the wire wick does best), add shaved wax, a little at a time, and tap well after each addition. Burns beautifully.
I would not advise using the left overs from candles you have already used (charged). Use fresh wax.
This does much better than melting the wax. It seems that once the wax is melted, it does not burn as well.

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Use a wood stove or other heat source with a flat top, or one on which a flat surface can be placed and heated? Like the aroma of incense? Try placing incense on top of the heated surface--saves charcoal, and the aroma seems to be intensified?

From The Kitchen Witch

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FOR THE BIRDS from U.P.I.

Four Bald Eagle chicks captured recently in Shasta & Modoc Counties have been flown to Catalina Island in a drive to re-establish the endangered species in Southern California. Since 1980, the Bald Eagle recovery program has relocated 16 Bald Eagles to islands off Southern California.

The final California Condor egg of the season has hatched at the San Diego Zoo. The newest chick, named Pismo, weighs in at a little over 6 ounces. Zoo officials report it has been given antibiotics to prevent the type of infection that killed another newborn California Condor earlier this year.

Six baby Owls have been taken to a Santa Clara Humane Society shelter after nearly being buried alive. Authorities say the baby Owls were rescued from an abandoned Ground-Squirrel nest that sloped 6 feet beneath the surface after being accidentally covered with dirt. After digging for more than an hour, rescuers were able to construct a makeshift tunnel to the nest. They carefully scooped away dirt handful by handful until a plastic pipe was able to reach the Owl's home. The frightened seven-inch birds were then removed by hand while their parents perched on a telephone pole and watched.

There was an unusual event in a Salt Lake-Phoenix ballgame. Outfielder Rob Deer lifted a fly ball to left that hit a bird. The bird fell to earth dead.

Tiny Laysan Island in the Hawaiian chain is home to a rare species of Teal Duck. The little ducks all but disappeared early this century. The island is now a National Wildlife Refuge...but naturalists still worry that the birds could be wiped out by a natural disaster. So an insurance policy is being provided by the Game Bird Research Center in Salt Lake County, Utah. Half a dozen tiny Teals were hatched recently. They're doing fine...and more are on the way.

Two beakless San Diego Pelicans have been offered a place to convalesce in West Germany...but they need money for air fare. The birds are the last two of ten mutilated Pelicans taken to San Diego's Sea World. They were fished out of the water around Dana Point in 1982 after vandals chopped off the tops of their bills. Experts at Hubbs-Sea World need contributions to ship them to Walsrode, West Germany where there is a top-notch research center that cares for crippled birds. The beakless birds can't eat or preen normally. The other eight have died.

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A couple of notes on Herbs For Birds from The Herb Quarterly: Birds enjoy flowers that are left to go to seed. Bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds love bee balm as do other birds. Sorrel is to finches as bee balm to hummingbirds. Sunflowers make attractive bird feeders but seeds must be planted deep so they are not eaten before sprouting.

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STUFF & THINGS

VICKI in Sulphur, Oklahoma sez: sorry I haven't written in awhile, I'll try to write more often. I was just ashamed to let you know I haven't been doing my lessons for 2nd degree like I should, but I've been very sick.
I'm so sorry to hear about you being sick. I wish I was there, I'd take care of you.
I heard from Georgia last Full Moon. I was getting a little worried about them, I hadn't heard from her in awhile.

Blessed Be,
Vicki

ED. NOTE: You can't help being sick...and there's little point in trying to study when you're sick. You don't absorb much that way. Better to rest until you're well.

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JEANNE of Blue Moon sez: I hope you're feeling better on this lovely spring day. The lilacs are blooming here in New England..the smell is everywhere. I bought a 5-speed bike at a yard sale. I can't wait to go riding this weekend. There are beautiful beaches within an easy bike ride.

Blessed Be,
Jeanne

Blue Moon, Box 4413, Portsmouth, N.H. 03801. (Pagan T-shirts)

ED. NOTE: Jeanne enclosed an article on herbs for birds from the HERB QUARTERLY. (maybe we can get some notes for the bird page)
She says it's a great journal for herbalists.
THE HERB QUARTERLY, box 275, Newfane, Vermont 05345. Sub is $15.
Jeanne says you might find it at the library.

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COSMIC AWARENESS CRYSTAL, POB 1144, Aurora, Col. 80040-1144. $12. Outside U.S. $24. Art, poems, articles, stories, more.

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ROBYN in Australia sez: may I use your newsletter to speak to my friends that I've not been in contact with for some time now. I guess you could say married life adds to your duties but the fact is that for over a month now I've been wiped out by asthma, hayfever, exzema and a particularly nasty reaction to high doses of medication. I have tried so many cures & remedies that I was truly ready to give up, but Paul turned out to be a very patient & helpful husband.. and helps keep up my spirits. I now own a ventolin nebulater machine which means no more hospital! I'm also persevering with natural creams & oils for my skin no matter how much it rebels. I only resort to cortisone when desperate.
I've been drinking Aloe Vera juice every day. I have a heat rub from your country which I use every day.

Lots of love,
Robyn & the furries

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FROM YOUR EDITOR

Dark Thunder is at it again (see Georgian for May). Editors of the Cosmic Awareness Crystal say D.T. is a subscriber and writer. This time D.T. attacks Christians, Hari Krishnas, Moonies, etc. Then continues:

Witches yell they don't recruit, then why is it that all the pagan-occult-psychic publications have ads? Is that just to let you know they are there?
Then there is Witchcraft fanatics, like Gardnerians, Alexandrians (Puke) and the Dianics and the like, all professing you need to be initiated by them, for only $75.00, $300.00, $1,000.00 or a love donation.
Last year one Pagan order took in $10 million from their music, and honey they don't sing that good, for the betterment of pagan education? and yet another have over $1 million in the bank, for self awareness (their words)...This too is a Pagan order.

So what is Dark Thunder trying to do? He/she seems to hate everyone and everything. Certainly we all know of individuals and groups who do things that we don't approve...but should we attack everyone? We know of one former Georgian group we found doing things they shouldn't. Does that make all Georgians no good?

Your editor has had contact with various Gardnerians and Alexandrians and this is the first mention I've heard of a charge for initiation. Has anyone had experience with this? So far as I've heard, neophytes are only expected to supply cakes, wine, candles, etc. and their own tools. Have you found it different?

Don't know about all those millions of dollars. Wish someone could tell us how to raise a few thousand for some mountain property for a Pagan retreat.

As someone has said...we don't need to worry about the Christians, the Craft can be destroyed from within. But then...is Dark Thunder Craft?

Dark Thunder might find a good dictionary helpful to improve punctuation and spelling.
June issue The Cosmic Awareness Crystal, POB 1144, Aurora, Col. 80040-1144. $12. yr. or sample $1.50.

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DIDJA KNOW ???

The phrase "Don't Give Up The Ship" became the slogan of the U-S Navy in 1813.
Captain James Lawrence said, "Don't give up the ship" when he was carried mortally wounded from the deck of the Chesapeake on June 1st, 1813, during a battle with a British frigate.

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RELIGION IN THE NEWS from U.P.I.

The Islamic Center of Southern California has broken with Muslim tradition by using scientific calculations to set the beginning of Ramadan. The month of Ramadan is Islam's third most important holy event and is marked by daytime fasting. Traditionally, Muslims wait for visual sightings of the Moon's crescent before starting the celebration.

Lutherans in Finland still are not ready for the ordination of women to the priesthood. According to reports from the Lutheran World Federation, the 108-member synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland voted 73-32 in favor of ordaining women. That margin fell short of the required three-quarters majority needed for passage.

The American Lutheran Church was hoping for a second consecutive year in membership increases. But instead, it reports it lost members in 1983. Church figures show the denomination's baptized membership dropped by nearly 33-hundred last year to give the church a total membership of more than two-million 340 thousand.
In 1982, the church reported an end to its 13-year string of membership losses.

A los Altos pastor who some weeks ago gavea five-dollar bill to each of the 200 members of his congregation and told them to multiply says the investment has paid off to the tune of about seven-thousand dollars. John Dodson said children proved among the most resourceful in raising money. Some third-graders used the money for a garage sale and lemonade stand and gained 100-dollar profit.
Other youngsters used the money to copy a flier that advertised their services as baby-sitters and gardeners.
Some parishioners raised 110 dollars by baking banana bread...and a hand-sewn doll brought 52 dollars.
Not all those who received a five-dollar bill increased it.
One family bowled it away.

A Christian Scientist follower is being criminally charged because she chose prayer over medical help for her dying daughter. The 4-year-old died of Bacterial Meningitis. Doctors say the child probably could have been effectively treated with antibiotics if the mother had sought early medical attention.

The Sacramento Bee has apologized to readers for a recent four-page ad that was run in a recent paper. The advertisement....which cost nearly 12-thousand dollars...attacked Jews...Catholics...Fundamentalists...Blacks...and women. Newspaper officials say the insert was paid for and put into the paper near deadline without proper scrutiny. The Bee's management issued an apology..both in a news story and in an editorial.

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From Manawyddan in Unicorn Grove

Dear Pat, et al: Rhea of Atlanta is blessing our home this weekend with her presence here in the wilds of north Georgia. She like us, enjoys the closeness to the Mother which is available here on our 92 acres. We go to bed at night with the whipporwills and awaken with the 'Bob-Whites' a-callin'.

This brief note is the first installment of my resolve to do a monthly (at least) sharing of thoughts, happenings, etc. from our Grove. First of all...'Grove' can be translated as 'Coven' ---however, in our area of ye olde Bible Belt, it is 'unwise' to send & receive mail or speak openly of covens, witches, etc. Not 2 miles from our farm is a Chris Camp where the 'marshal arts' and other methods of forceable propogating the gospel (good news?) are taught to the 'red necked' youth of this area. Please don't misread my obviously bias statements as a put down of Christianity ... I was a christian minister and pastored churches for 5 years (one having over 700 members) - my concern is with the narrow-minded of any group who know that theirs only is the 'way' and feel duty bound to bring everyone else to it 'in love' through force if necessary! We welcome correspondence of Pagan/Craft folks in the area or elsewhere and will respond as time and finances permit. We are an eclectic coven having strong roots and ties with Celtic traditions, but we are open to all wisdom from any tradition.

A thought: Apathy is not a way of life...but a way of death.

Many of the Pagan/Craft folk we know do tend to be apathic towards the political happenings of the times-verbally, they fuss and cuss and raise their complaints to everyone but those who might do something about the situation. While I have never been much of an activist-it appears that we must all become active soon or retreat forever to our closets! For the cost of a letter and a stamp a person can receive (FREE) a very excellent packet from the Rexnord Company telling you how to 'effectively' write, wire, or phone and to whom you should do so, to be 'heard' and have your desires known and acknowledged (if not always followed). Write: Rexnord Resource Center, 200 Executive Drive, Brookfield, WI 53005 and ask for their 'Activate Someone' program. It is so complete, that after receiving it you'll never again have the excuse of not knowing: who, when, where, why, or how to contact and activate the very persons who are shaping our futures.

Perhaps many of your readers have already gotten the 'flyer' from the CARIS (Christian Apologetics: Research and Infromation Service). If you have ever been listed publically as Pagan or Craft you will probably hear from them soon. If not and you have the isolation afforded by a P.O. Box, write them (maybe we can bankrupt them by draining their funds through printing and postage). Their little

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Manawyddan (cont.)

8 page 'out of context' and misguided effort to convert the Pagan community to Xianity is good for a laugh (several in fact) and an education (this is an example of what we are up against) and if you like to be paranoid, it'll give the names of some folks and organizations which are 'out to get ya'! Write CARIS, PO BOX 1659, Milwaukee, WI 53201 and ask for their: AN OPEN LETTER TO THE WITCHCRAFT AND MAGICAL COMMUNITY. Jack Roper heads up the organization and can be reached by phone if you're not content to write: (414)771-7379 CARIS or his home # (414)771-2940.

Well Pat, I've probably written more than you all care to retype, so shorten and edit as necessary.

One Happiness before closing: Ariadne and I became first time grandparents Friday 8 June when our daughter gave birth to a healthy 6lb 5-½oz son.

Brightest Blessings to all our Mother's children.

Manawyddan
Unicorn Grove

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From Lady Rhea in GEORGIA

Greetings and Howdy! Newsletter arrived reasonably on time--not as early as the past two months, but---.

And WOW--thank you. Right on the first page you gave all of us a gift--a one-way ticket on the guilt-trip-train! So alright, already! We'll all get busy and give your postperson a hernia!

Glad to hear that your throat is better. For someone who has spent their life talking, this silence must be rough to take! We'll probably all have to buy earmuffs when your throat heals and you start trying to make up for lost time! Know you have been sent more remedies than you will ever get time to read, let alone try, so won't send any! But will continue to send lots of love and healing energies. NOTE TO ALL READERS: Let's all get together and make sure that this is one of those cases where the doctors have no explanation for the 'miraculous' cure!

So some of the newsletters are going astray? Interesting. Seems this happens on (almost) a yearly basis. Do what I did a couple of years ago when all of mine were being delayed--I called the Postmaster at my branch and told him that if the folks at the P.O. found the newsletter that interesting, I would be glad to order a subscription just for them, so I could get mine on time. Strangely enough, after that phone call, all deliveries have been made on timely basis!

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Lady Rhea (cont.)

Weather still very strange. End of May we had a couple of nights when the temp dropped into the 30's--now it is plus 'normal'. HOT. And I love it!

Eclipse here was very interesting. I can understand how and why ancient peoples found it so awe-inspiring, not having the astronomical knowledge to understand what was going on. Did notice a distinct alteration of the energies. Not being a scientist, can't say why, but my best guess would be the gravitational influence of the Sun and Moon being in alignment.....We had 99.7% coverage, and the entire thing was very interesting. Didn't get completely dark, possibly because it occurred at noontime, and too much reflected light from other areas? But the light that remained was very eerie! The wind stopped for a few moments, and everything seemed frozen. Fascinating.

Since Springtime and gardens just naturally go together, have been very busy working on mine. Weather didn't cooperate at all this year with us gardeners, so have no idea of how successful it will be, but --I'll give it the old school try! At least my herb-garden, what there is of it, is doing well. I am learning to identify a few more of the herbs in their natural state, rather than dried and in a bottle! And enjoying the learning experience.

Area is having a horrendous time this year with "creepies". Ticks, flies, mosquitoes, etc., abound. Each year they become more numerous. Chatting with an exterminator and we agreed that the problem must be that we have created a strain of 'super bugs' by chemical extermination of the weaker ones, leaving the strongest and most prolific which quickly become immune to most insecticides. Much against my beliefs, I have had to resort to some chemical pesticides this year in the battle to eliminate some of these pests. Only other choice would be to quit my job, go on welfare, and stay home to chase these pests and scratch!

Spent the weekend visiting friends in the mountains...ah, how wonderful it is! Always makes me feel so much better and so much worse --better because good friends and Nature do so much to rejuvenate me, and worse because I must return to 'civilization'!

Back to work--more later--

Take care of self, of fur people. Give 'em a postperson for lunch!

Love and

Blessed Be
Rhea

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ED NOTE: Thank you for the article you sent. Unfortunately we can not use it. It is okay to criticize a politician or make jokes about them but we can not suggest who people should or should not vote for.

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ED NOTE (cont.)

From our charter the following is article IV-C: 'No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.'
This also gets involved with IRS regulations for non-profit organizations.
So we would not care to endanger our charter or our tax-exempt status. But thanks for writing anyway.

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Hello Everybody! I have an acquaintance who is paralyzed from the waist down. He developed an open wound on his hip. Now he must be stretched out on his stomach to wait for it to heal. He is a very determined man and has a gurney rigged so he may move around. He is also somewhat of a herbalist. Does anyone have some suggestions for in-home care that would speed the healing along?

There is a lovely place, about an hour drive from where I live, that is one of Nature's gathering places. There is a hot sulphur spring that gluggs and bubbles from the rocks. Owing to the combined efforts of some regular visitors to this spot, a floor and wall have been built on the rocks around the spring. As a result a large 'tub' is wrapped around a hugh rock; part of which over-hangs the Kern River.

Being in the tub watching the sunrise gave me one of the most satisfying feelings I have ever experienced. Watching the full moonrise while singing The Burning with my companions stirred things within, I must confess, which I still am unable to account. The reflection of the moonlight waited until the end of the chant to glimmer across the water.

The last visit I made out; empty cigarette, potato chip, sandwich packages, paper beer carriers, and broken bottles had been thrown helter skelter. I felt raped and could see no face.

With the return of warm weather and the natural desire to get outside and enjoy the gifts of Nature it is my hope people will remember to respect the Mother and not abuse Her gifts.

Here are some things one might consider. If you carry along picnic and/or beverages give some thought as to how to dispose of the throw-aways. Stepping or getting cut on/by a piece of broken glass is definitely not a thing you do for pleasure. Unless you're into painful kink. (No judgment here just statement of exception.) If you are familiar with the area you're going and know there are no receptacles, take something with you to carry your rubbish away. Aluminum cans are easier to toss in a garbage bag and throw in the trunk than bottles. If you do not like to drink out of the cans, take along straws, they don't take up much room in the garbage bag. If you have a fire: paper cups are easier than plastic to burn and they do not smell

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Flash (cont.)

as bad.

Before I started writing this there were all kinds of suggestions to make--now--help! Please write and share with us if you have any suggestions. All you people who like to camp, why don't you share some of your tips with the rest of us?

OH YEAH, DON'T FORGET THE SUN LOTIONS AND PROTECTIONS.
Enjoy.....Enjoy.....Enjoy.....

Blessed Be
Flash

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FROM U.P.I. Honey, a mountain lion in Jonesboro, Arkansas, will have to return for a city council meeting next month to see if she's permitted in the city. The proposed lion ordimance was 6th on the council agenda, but it was moved to the top of the list when Honey showed up to hear the discussion. Bill Clark, the owner, brought the 7-year-old cat to protest the meeting. A second hearing was scheduled for July 2nd.

A chastened couple in Santa Ana, jailed in a ferocious custody fight over their dog, was released after serving one day behind bars. Judi Sullivan and her ex-husband Ronald Wheatland got the jail time from a judge who was angered about the on-going fight over Runawy - a four-pound Cockapoo. The couple, which had been ordered to share custody of the dog, each got a contempt citation for violating the court order. Now the dog is going to live permanently with Wheatland. Sullivan's lawyer says she's more distressed about losing her pet than she was about the night in jail.

In addition to helping the lonely or disabled, pets have been shown to aid heart attack victims in recovereing...hypertension sufferers to lower their blood pressure--and even some hardened criminals to reform. This...according to a panel of scientists that reported at a meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Association For The Advancement Of Science.
The head of the panel, Oakland, California, veterinarian James Harris--pointed out that the use of pets as aids to the handicapped goes back to 800 A-D...and Americans spend five-billion dollars a year on their animals. But Harris says the scientific study of the human-animal bond and its effects is "a very new field."
One theory says pets that provide westerners - who shun touching each other except during sex - with acceptable, "touchable" objects. Touching has been shown to have positive therapeutic values. Other theories say that "since pets can sense danger, petting a contented dog who is at ease puts the owner at ease.

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PUSSY KAT KORNER

FROM U.P.I. - Some good news!!

Legislative budget writers in Sacramento recently changed their minds about rescinding a law requiring stray cats to be kept 72 hours before being put to death.
Shortly before adjourning for dinner...the two-house team of budget conferees voted to rescind the stray cat law and deny reimbursements to local governments for cost of retraining workers.
The actions were designed to save 101-million dollars.
But they had ignored the fact that Senate President Pro Tem David Roberti is one of the legislature's leading supporters of increasing protections for stray animals.
When the committee returned...it voted 5-1 to withdraw its action rescinding the stray cat law.

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ROBYN in Australia sez: Baby Benny, the kitten who wandered in with Ista Black Cat, has now healed and his eye is completely recovered. He's settled in nicely. My Mexican Walking Fish has three funny bubble type warts or blisters on his tale which are growing. Any solution?

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The city of Lyons in France has had a week-long "anti-cat" campaign. There's worry about disease that could be spread by up to one-thousand strays roaming the city. Local government officials said strays were being rounded up and sterilized if they're healthy and killed if they're not.

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And that's all the pussy cat news we have. But here are a couple of notes from doggie, Miss Boo.

Don't forget to change your pet's water frequently these hot summer days. And while you're at it, wash out the bowl! Nothing is worse than taking a drink of water after it has been sitting for a couple of days, especially when it is warm!
I have a question for you, Pat...in the June issue you told me to move over in the doghouse to make room for Rhea. Well, I have a problem -- I know what a couch is, a bed, a pillow, a lap, sometimes even a nice fluffy rug, but, Pat, please tell me--what is a doghouse?
Love and Blessed Be--
Miss Boo!

BEING A WITCH DOG IS:
Being much better understood than the neighborhood dogs...

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Miss Boo, a doghouse is...something uncared for furries wish they had for a place to live. At worst, a box outside with a furry chained to it. A rich furry may have one with separate rooms, an upper floor, and nice carpeting. Wouldn't you like to have your own home?

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Bossie Recognizes Protein

Move over, sheep, cows and goats...grass is for people, too! A research chemist of the U.S. Department of Agriculture has succeeded in getting white protein from grass and clover cells. This protein can be used as a food additive, incorporated into cereals, or anything that is low in protein. Until now, only green proteins could be easily removed from forages, usable only in animal feeds. The proteins are extracted using water and heat. Once extracted, they look like fluffy green or white powders. The green protein can be used in feed for animals, chiefly poultry. The white protein is suitable for humans. The difference between the green and white protein is the pH level during the extraction process. At a pH 7 level, the natural pH of pure water, half the protein was white and half green. Further tests are needed to determine the possible and practical uses for the extracted proteins. So why make protein for humans from grass? Because an awful lot of people in the world need protein...and the world has an awful lot of grass.

Container Care

If you're a city dweller and are growing vegetable in containers, you perhaps should stop thinking about a long vacation until your harvest is in. Your vegetables need you during the hot summer days. They need a water supply equal to about one inch of rain every week during the growing season. You can control the moisture easily. Water each time the soil becomes dry down to a depth of one-eighth inch. During hot, dry weather you may need to water them three times a week. If you use a sprinkler can, water early enough in the day so that the leaves of the plants will dry and not stay wet at night. Wet leaves encourage plant diseases. Should the soil become water logged, your plants will die from lack of exygen. The best practice is to have filled the bottom of the containers with gravel or similar material to allow for good drainage. Keep the weeds pulled, and apply fertilizer about every three weeks. It's hard to get away for a summer vacation if you're a farmer - even if the farm's a patio pot or window box.

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DIDJAKNOW?

German scientist M-H Klaproth named the element titanium after the Titans, the mythological first sons of the earth...an allusion to the natural strength of the metal. It's as strong as steel with half the weight and is used in making aircraft. It was discoved in 1795.

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DOG DAYS

Michael Trihey reports this sad story in the Bakersfield Californian.
Kingi Pupu is afraid people will misunderstand. It's true, he admits, that police caught him barbecuing a decapitated dog in his back yard. And yes, it's true that he was getting ready to eat the animal.
But he's from Maui, Hawaii, where killing and cooking dogs is as common as eating pork or beef in the United States, he says.

The 44-year-old Pupu, who speaks only the language of Maui, sat on the porch of his Beech Street home and tried to explain what happened. His nephew's wife, Sipola Mataele interpreted.
He had had the dog since it was a pup, Pupu said, and last week the animal fell from his truck and broke its leg.
The a nimal was in pain, he thought, and would have had to be destroyed anyway. So he clubbed the animal to death, gutted and skinned it and was roasting it over a backyard barbecue when police entered the yard at 8:10 p.m.

Pupu and a 12-year-old boy were arrested on animal cruelty charges. Pupu said both guards and other prisoners at the Kern County Jail insulted and mistreated him when they learned the charge against him. "He is afraid it will hurt his landscaping business...he didn't rally know it was offensive to others..."
Police will seek a misdeamor cruelty complaint against Pupu.

ED. NOTE: I can not understand how anyone could do that to a pet. Since he owns a business, he certainly wasn't starving. My previous comments on imports still stands.

FROM U.P.I. - Park Rangers aided by helicopters and tracking dogs have been searching for a man missing in a rugged portion of the Joshua Tree National Monument. He was last seen when he and a partner set off on parallel hiking trails. 35 people are looking for the missing man...aided by two helicopters and three dog teams.

A lack of beef means a windfall of bucks for Wendy's Clara Peller. The ageless darling of hamburger commercials has a new contract worth between a quarter and a half-million dollars a year, according to Adweek Magazine.
The publication's annual salary report of some of the nation's breadwinners shows Paul McCartney atop the list, with a 45-million-dollar yearly income.
Another star of T-V commercials also makes the list. Alex, the canine spokesdog for Stroh's beer, earns 317 dollars 40 cents per session.

BEING A WITCH DOG IS....

.....wishing all furry people could have such happy lives.

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STUFF & THINGS

BARBAS in Tulsa sez: hope this letter finds you well on the road to a full recovery. I've had many thoughts that you would do well to contact .....
I need some info on your policy concerning articles for publication. Isn't there a release form or something I need to sign? I've written a poem dedicated to Sybil Leek for the October issue of the Georgian Newsletter, but don't want to mail it 'til I've met your requirements.
Did you meet the Healer-Witch? Keep us informed as we all love you and are pulling for you.
It's getting hot as hell here in Oklahoma. I'm a winter person (Samhain to Beltane) so the heat hits me double hard. I'm looking for a new post office since they came up with the six digit box numbers.
Will close for now. Please let me know about my poem.

Blessed Be
Barbas

ED. NOTE: Thank you for your concern. I would not contact the person you mention since I have no respect for that person. No, I've not contacted the Healer-Witch either since the person charges. I am suspicious of those who charge money. There is a sort of organization here locally that sponsors classes and readers of just about everything from Tarot to psychic readings. They all charge high prices, and I personally know that some of them are strictly phoney, interested only in the dollar. Fortunately, most of them don't call themselves Witches.
There is no special form for release. It can even be written on the same page with the material. Just say that you give permission for the material to be printed in the Georgian Newsletter, date it and sign it.

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DAVID in Chicago sez: enclosed please find another key fob. Hey! Thanks for the good news!
I am growing carrots, tomatoes, peppers, potatoes and cantalope in the backyard here for my landlady.

Blessed Be,
David

ED. NOTE: Don't you get to share in all those goodies?
David sent another fob, this one of orange and green glass(?) beads. Very nice. Elizabeth still uses the first fob he sent and hasn't misplaced her keys since.

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DIDJA KNOW???

A Mastabah, the predecessor of the Egyptian pyramid, is an oblong structure with sloping sides used to bury royalty in Ancient Egypt.

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STUFF & THINGS

Lady Fauna and Dean were up from Long Beach twice in June. We can never see enough of those two. On the first visit, Dean and Don flew up to the roof (their brooms were working) and they fixed the big cooler.

Gail called from Boise, Idaho. She's planning to return to Bakersfield and go back to school to study to be an R.N.

Shadowhawk in Seattle sez the community there is upset because an 18-year-old girl was decapitated by her stepbrother. Three Ravens were recently orphaned and Shadowhawk got to keep one of them.

Talked to my granddaughter, Linda, by phone. She's in college in Florida and plans to become a veterinarian. Good news!

Check the date on your mailing label for expiration date of your subscription.

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Adrienne is in the doghouse. I told her I'd save part of this page for her report on the mountain meet but I needed it the day after the meet. Don't know if she forgot or what but she took off for elsewhere after the meet...so we have no report...and next month it will be ancient history. Anyway, Elizabeth says there were lots of people there.

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Forgot to mention, when ordering the newsletter or changing your address, be sure to include your zip code. There are several people on the mailing list with no zip code. I don't know if they receive the newsletter or not because the P.O. will NOT return them if they can't deliver them....and we have to break down our mailings into separate bundles by zip code.

Elizabeth says she would like to hear more of what Elizabeth Pepper knows about the Basque version of the Craft. Might make an interesting article for the newsletter if it's not too secret.

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QUESTION: What do you give a pig with a sore throat?
ANSWER: Oinkment!

QUESTION: What lies at the bottom of the ocean and twitches?
ANSWER: A nervous wreck!

THAT'S ALL, FOLKS! (isn't that enough?)

LOVE AND BLESSED BE.

PAT, ELIZABETH AND ALL THE GEORGIANS.

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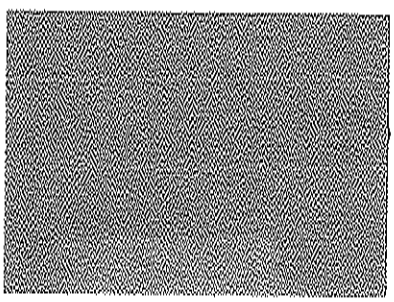
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