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Bakersfield--Don & Delana did a wonderful job of conducting the Pagan Way Lupercalia celebration. Although we're all managing to stay busy, it seems we stay too busy to keep track of what we're doing! We're still waiting for Don's stuffed tomato receipe and after our last feast at Lupercalia, we're waiting for Elizabeth's receipe for avocado surprise as well. Dean turned ground for vegie plots during our first warm spell of the year... and everyone seems to be out in the yard when you try to call them!

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Have you started your article for the Pagan Studies contest? June 21st is sooner than you think!

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FROM USDA

Long before mankind appeared on earth, roach-kind existed. But hope springs eternal, so here's the latest idea for getting rid of cockroaches. Not all of them, only the ones whose feet pitter-patter on your floor and counters. There are about 55 kinds of cockroaches in the U.S., but only about five kinds are troublesome in buildings. Most of the others live outdoors. Indoor roaches contaminate food, give people the creeps, and have a bad odor. The latest anti-roach weapon is a spray-on birth control chemical, tested by scientists of the USDA. The new chemical is called hydroprene and is made by a commercial firm. In tests at the USDA, it was found to prevent the birth of offspring. Hydroprene works by mimicking the hormone that governs the time when young roaches become adults. It locks roaches into a state of sexual immaturity. When roaches are sprayed during the nymph stage they still grow and live out their normal life span, but their matings produce no offspring. Hydroprene also produces twisted wings, so if you spot a roach with twisted wings, you'll know the spray is working. In tests, a single spraying throughout a 100-unit apartment complex cut back the roach population by 95% in eight months.

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From Lady Dematar in Fla.

Came into the shoppe a little early this AM so that I could write another segment of the Tarot Card Review for the Georgian Newsletter.

I needed a typewriter badly... and did a little ritual then asked the Goddess for a SIGN and there it was... YARD SALE... so now I have this nice Olympia Electric that with one little nail to stop the RETURN from constantly going... I feel blessed it only cost me $10.00 (yup, ten bucks).

I am glad that you enjoyed the first segment of the TAROT CARD REVIEW but could you kindly enclose the shoppe P. O. Box mailing information in case people are interested in ordering the decks for themselves or as gifts? Oh, dean... if you read the catalog (Which I am sure that you did... it is noted in there that the instruction book was in Spanish only on the Basque Tarot but I will notein the review if any booklet is in a language other than English!)

Now onto the second segment of the tarot card review...

First, let me clarify for simplicity that I break down the decks into two major types: THE RIDER-WAITE type--this simply means that each of the 56 Minor Arcana have recognizable individual pictures, and THE SWISS DECK type--this means the Minor Arcana are just pictures of Swords, Wands, etc. (I personally do not like too many of this type deck--but there are a couple that are good).

THE HERMETIC DECK: Bold and Forceful are two good adjectives for this black and white deck! It grabs your ESP and pulls it right out of you in no uncertain (and sometimes not so comfortable) terms. The deck is based upon the Esoteric Workings of the Secret Order of the Golden Dawn--designed and reconstructed by Godfrey Dowson. The instruction booklet will give you a good mini-lesson on the Kabala and the Tarot and quite a bit of interesting astrological information. While this is a Swiss-type deck, it is one of the ones that I do like because there are Key Phrases to help you get into the Reading. The 6 of Wands = Lord of Victory, 6 of Swords = Lord of Earned Victory, 6 of Pentacles= Lord of Material Success, 6 of Cups = Lord of Pleasure. The Major Arcana have Key Phrases too! The Empress = Daughter of the Mighty Ones, the Hierophant = Magus of the Eternal Gods" ... etc. There are Hebrew letters as well as astrological symbols on the cards. Not a great student of

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Tarot Card Review (cont.) by Dematar

Hermetics myself, there is still plenty for me to "see" in this deck. With this particular deck I can give a "no-nonsense" reading and I find it a good deck to use for intelligent, educated busy people such as business or self-motivated people who do not need to be pampered through a reading. The fine line drawings are ex cellent and I have no hesitation in recommending this deck to Pagans, Craft, or other Magical people but not so much for the general public as it would go over their heads. One other thing is the 48 page instruction booklet gives regular meanings but instead of "reverse" meanings it gives "ill-dignified" which allows you to use them as reverse or just simply blend them with the other cards around them. Price--$10.00.

EIGPCIOS KIER TAROT DECK: This is a must for anyone who enjoys Egyptology. The 83 page booklet is loaded with tidbits of Egyptian information. The previous printing of this deck was either in French or Italian (I can't remember which) subtitles which made it difficult reading. But, now the new Edition has the English subtitles and triggers you off with a couple of key words. Each Card has a Number. For the Major Arcana it is in the right hand corner along with a Hebrew letter. Now, the Minor Arcana are NOT divided into suits but like the Rider Deck there is an individual picture for each of the Minor Arcana. You will even learn a little Hieroglyphics with this deck. For those of you like me who dabble in Astrology... these cards also have glyphs on them of the planets or the signs. The colors of the Egipcios Kier deck are unusual. The cards are separated (each card that is) into three predominant areas. Gold is the midsection of each card and then intense but pleasurable pastels... blues, oranges, yellows, pinks, green... grace the upper or lower sections. Price $15,00.

TAROT OF TRANSITION: While we're on Egyptian style decks, this is a brand new one on the market. In fact, it is so new that I haven't used it for a reading yet (and probably won't for a month or two). The cards are smaller than the Egipcios and are not as dramatic. They are simpler too. The bottom of the Major Arcana give the English name of the card and on the top is the Egypt Diety correspondence. The colors are soft and gentle. The Major Arcana have a faint green background with gold trim while the Minor Arcana (Swiss Deck type) have a different color for each suit. Ankhs = Swords, Deds = Wands, Heset = Cups, Kheprera (which look like scarabs) = coins (pentacles). They are all explained in a 29-page booklet. Price: $10.00.

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Tarot Card Review (cont.) by Dematar

CAGLIOSTRO TAROT DECK: This is an unusual deck indeed. I could say that we could throw it into the Egyptian Section but that wouldn't be quite right. The motif is Egyptian for the Major Arcana but the art work is somewhat Art Deco. Considering this deck was first done in 1912 it seems surprisingly modern and upbeat to me today. There are printed meanings as well as Hebrew and astrology symbols on the Major Arcana. But, I will say that the Minor Arcana do not seem to belong to the rest of the deck. They are a totally different style. They are of the Swiss type but do have key word interpretations. Now to add to that... they show the correspondence to the 'straight' deck or regular playing card and even dates too which is unusual. There are those readers I know who find this a good deck to use because while I lay out 26 cards and can read 45 minutes from those cards, others like to do a reading with a few rapid-fire spreads. These cards could almost be easily separated into two different decks and so would be great for multiple spreads. Also for the person who has read regular playing cards and wants to begin reading the tarot this is a good deck to start with. It comes with a 67 page instruction booklet and this deck could be interesting for anyone who has worked with the Papus Tarot. Cost: $12.00.

THE STAIRS OF GOLD or the TAVAGLIONE TAROT: Now here is a great deck. The 79 page booklet is just loaded with great stuff. I even enjoy reading the little booklet for it looks as though it was hand printed by a modern day scribe. Each card has 10 different symbols (including the main picture) with such interesting things as the letter of the Sanscrit alphabet, the Hebrew alphabet, Celestial Alphabet, Zodiacal correspondence and Tree of Life correspondence. I like the whole style of the cards... which is an oval central picture for the Major Arcana. While reading these cards it seems as if I am looking through a window frame for the pictures seem that clear. In reality it seems to remind me that I am viewing parts of a person's life and indeed it seems to trigger off my ESP. Lots of golden coloring and in fact I feel the whole coloring of the deck is about the best on the market. It's a nice deck for Craft people. The Star interpretation alone mentions Anahita, Venus, Inanna, Ishtar, Aphrodite, and Psyche. I have given this deck as a gift on several occasions and each recipiant was quite pleased. Because there are so many symbols and because the Minor Arcana are Swiss type, this deck may pesent more of a challenge to learn but the rewards will be well worth it. Price: $15.00.

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Tarot Card Review (cont.) by Dematar

Well dears, it's days later. I have c ome in a bit early each morning to work on this but seeing this is a Metaphysical Store... people's ESP just seems to tell them I am here. Now to top it all off... there was another tap on the window and there was the UPS man delivering a shipment of what? TAROT CARDS. So there is another job to do--checking the packing list, pricing the decks and finding room for them on the shelves.

I do want to add a little more too about the Tarot, but in this case it is about a new book that is out on the market by Mary K. Greer. It is called Tarot for Yourself--a workbook for personal transformation. $12.95. There are meditations, rituals, spreads, mandals, visualizations, astrology, numerology, and affirmations even healings in this book. Indeed, I am very excited about it and using it for myself. I have thought of writing a book on Tarot for years but I think this Lady just saved me a hell of a lot of trouble. I glanced through it once and liked it, I glanced through it twice and loved it and now I have a copy home with me. It is a big book. Nice, easy-reading print. You'll find lots of illustrations of a whole variety of different decks... even from the decks that I have been reviewing and will be reviewing. I have it here in the shop but you can see if your local bookstore can order it for you as soon as possible. Newcastle Publishing Co., Inc. and the category is Spiritual/Self Help so even in those remote areas you can probably order it easier as it doesn't say Occult.

Happy Spring... Live Long and Prosper.

Eds notes: (dean) really enjoying my Native American deck. Fun, pretty, makes for some lively meditations. Thank you, my lady, and Lady Dematar. Incense is yummy, too. All available from: Under the Stars, 127 N.W. 40th AV, Plantation, FL 33317. LF: Just love the Hurley deck--lots of fun to read and just a marvelous sense of Witchy humor in the readings and interpretatio Thank you!!!

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From Rhea in GA

(A nice long letter from Rhea but not for publication. To the doghouse!!!--ha! LF) Guess everyone has heard about the toilet seats which the government bought from Lockheed at a cost of $600 plus for an air force plane? One local wit wondered if the government auditors would list them as assets....

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Love Rambles--Hope Shines by Flash

As we talked about our day
We may have grouched; sometimes we were gay.
You were brave and felt the chill
Perhaps with all this I cannot deal.

Remember the times we have smiled
Into each others eyes?

Grumpph, giggle, twinkle, mime,
Cackle, babble, mumble, dine,
Mug, mutter, gesture wink,
Dance, him, listen, think.

Adieu to you I will not say,
Why have you gone away?
Now who will understand my play...
...You'll be back another day.

May even better come across our future path;
Our total richer with experiences of the past.

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From Tarostar

I am glad to see you put my article on Xianity in the newsletter. I have given copies to various Witches here in town over the years because there was a bunch of Bigots causing problems and the Witches didn't know how to counter their BS.

I would like the address of Lady Dematar in Fla. Her articles on Tarot are rather interesting and I would like her to review my manuscript Tarot by Candlelight for me.

Let me know what kind of articles and subjects you would like to have submitted for print in the newsletter. I run an Occult Supply shop and deal daily with herbs, candles, spells, charms, and hex es for all occasions.

What is that contest for Pagan Sutdies and what kind of a research paper is required for it? Who is the judging agent for it? Would it need be copyrighted first?

I make no claims to being an authority on Pagan studies. I'm just a Witch who deals with the occult and psychic problems as they affect people here in Las Vegas. If you think I should

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From Tarostar (cont.)

try my hand at a research paper, I will. I do not, however, always abide by Academias rules about things, and have not done research properly since College Days.

I know the Craft in its practical application as a shop owner, rather than its scholarly approach. The Witch is the poor man's psychiatrist and gets all the problems no one else can deal with. People are at the bottom of the barrel when they turn to the Witch, but most often do get the solution to their problem once a Witch goes to work on it. I first wean them away from the psychic "rip-off" which abound everywhere.

Some in the Craft denounce us occult shop sorcerers as a bad influence, but they judge too narrowly.

I mix and make the ingredients for spells and magical works by hand in the ancient way and do not carry the factory made supplies that abound in the trade.

In March of this year, Original Publications will bring out my book, The Witch's Formulary and Spellbook, which offers all the old formulae and tricks of the trade for making authentic occult supplies at the correct astrological times. It beats the hell out of Slater's Magical Formulary by offering exact quantity measurements.

Look for it and let me know what you think.

Ed. Note (d) Lady Dematar can be contacted % Under The Stars, see p.5 for complete address. We were getting daily REPENT letters from some fundamentalist 'til I sent him a copy of A Witch Looks at at Christianity - no more letters... Must be magick. Thank you.
(LF) Basically, a research paper means documenting your source material unless it's original material or what is common knowledge. The judging agent, as stated in the original announcement, is the board of directors of the Georgian Church. Copyright is a personal matter; if you want to copyright it before submission, fine. Your article doesn't have to be copyrighted, however. Your article on the practical applications of running a shop sounds interesting. We'll be looking forward to it!

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DIDJA KNOW? (UPI)

Gray hair isn't just the result of loss of pigment. Hundreds of tiny air bubbles inside the shaft reflect light giving it a sliver or white appearance.

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From Rik in Tucson

Sorry for the handwriting instead of typing but I'm at work waiting for a plane to land and a typewriter is unavailable. First, find a check for $6 to cover the cost of the '85 year. My sub ran out at the end of January so I'd appreciate it continuing with the February issue. Second, our new class session starts this month (see enclosed flyer). Sue and I are looking forward to it as I (at least) learn more when I teach. This is our Mark III class and has a few changes from previous years but the price remains the same--FREE. Third, Pegasis Coven, I'm told, has disbanded, so there are now only three covens in Tucson. Desert Henge (Gardnerian), an Alexandrian coven and a Feminist Coven. Fourth: Ernie decided that he wanted to be a Witch again so he advertised for a woman to train as HPs. Remembering his past (see previous letters in the newsletter) I thought I'd collect info on him and placed an ad asking for information on him and I listed all his aliases. I got a few replies and the Witch ads stopped to be replaced by Odinist ads--well, as long as he stays away from Witchcraft, he can do whatever he wants. If anyone out there knows anything about Ernie Bidwell, alias, Gwen, Lady Armanda, Thorkall, Garland King, Eriksen Thorirsson, etc. I'd like to know. P.S. Will send article on physics of Magick later.

BOOK REVIEW (from Rik)

One of my hobbies is collecting ancient weapons such as swords, knives (useful when I need a ritual sword), maces and oriental weapons such as sai, nunchaku, shuriken, etc. Since collecting something is useless unless you know how to use them, I studied weapons systems in martial arts and collected books on their use and history. I even collected ninja materials long before the first movie or TV show reached the public so when I met a Witch who also belonged to a ninja school in Arizona, my response was, "Why learn to be a terrorist and asassin?" Well, studies led me to some of the ninja books put out on the market that were written by Ninja and I began to realize that ninja suffered from the same situation as witches did; that is, all that was written about them came from their enemies who tried to exterminate them. The more I studied ninjitsu, the more I became convinced that if they weren't witches, they should have been. Thus I offer these five book reviews as training manuals for Covens, Witches, and Craft Martial Artists.

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BOOK REVIEW (cont.) from Rik

A Book of Five Rings by Miyamoto Musashi. This work, first written in Japan in 1645, isn't about ninjitsu. Rather it is about the strategy of kendo or japanese swordsmanship. Musashi was the greatest swordsman in Japan, killing his first opponent at the age of 13 and retiring at the age of 30 after winning 60 duels. He is also renowned as an artist and sculpter and many of his art works are considered to be treasures.

His Book of Five Rings is his philosophy of Kendo that is easily applied to almost any situation, including magick. The work itself is divided into the five elements of: The Ground Book (earth), the Water Book (water), the Fire Book (fire), the Wind Book (air), and The Book of the Void (Spirit). By simply replacing a few terms such as Sword for Tool, The Way for Magick and so on, you have a work that is invaluable to all Witches.

The Ground Book tells the philosophy of determination, honesty, courage, and all that Witches hold dear. The Water Book concerns itself with spirituality and attitude. The Fire Book tells of the environment and how to use it to your advantage. The Wind Book tells of different philosophies and the Book of the Void tells of the attitude that we call syncronicity. I find that each time I read this work, I find more and more that applies to my life and religion but, I warn you, this work is NOT for people who cannot see past the words printed on the page. Like a Wiccan ritual, the real meaning lies hidden and can only be perceived by those who have insight.

NINJA VOLUME I, II, III, IV and NINJITSU: THE ART OF THE INVISIBULE WARRIOR by Stephen Hayes. These are five books all written by Stephen Hayes who is the first occidental to be admitted into an authentic ninjitsu school in Japan. Like Gerald Gardner, who was among the first to tell the truth about Witchcraft, Hayes explodes the traditional myths about the ninja. That is, instead of being assassins, terrorists, and semi-mythical demons in human form who killed horribly at the drop of a coin, Hayes portrays them as mountain peasants who sought to live with nature and follow their own religion despite the attempts of the establishment to exterminate them (sound familiar?) But where Witches went underground to survive, the ninja learned how to fight and hide, and to sell their talents at espionage to the local lords.

All of Hayes' books are similar in content and to read one is to read all save, like the early (1970's) witchcraft books that

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Book Review (cont.) from Rik

said essentially the same, Hayes gives different techniques of combat, evasion, and psychic development.

One can divide the books into three sections despite what the table of contents says. The first section tells a bit of the history or philosophy of the ninja. How they were persecuted for their religion, how they refused to serve an evil Lord and remained loyal to their philosophy of the interrelatedness of all things and the concept of acting to cause the least harm and most good for all. The second section is a training manual for armed and unarmed combat and can be ignored by those witches who are non-violent (though Hayes does teach a number of non-violent methods of avoiding attack). The third section teaches various psychic training methods to increase your perception and to feel auras and to influence others through ESP.

For people like myself who were raised on the concept of an evil ninja (like being raised on the concept of an evil witch), reading Hayes will destroy a few misconceptions and cause one to remember the chains we lost as we learned the truth about witchcraft.

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Thank you!

to Adrienne in Illinois who sent us a spot and stain removal chart and the wine guide. I'm not sure which one to use first!!!

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DIDJA KNOW? (UPI)

Differences in local time around the world sometimes make trips seem shorter or longer than they really are. Do you know how much time you will save or lose, according to what the clock says, if you take the supersonic concorde jet from London to New York, and arrive in three hours?

Because of time differences, if you take the three hour concorde flight from London to New York, the clock in London will say it's about two hours earlier than what a New York clock said when you left.

and... a papernautilus is an octopus-like mollusk. The female of the species lives in the ocean in a thin, spiral shell resembling paper.

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Winds of Mariah

As a child I had a dream, as I grew older I kept my dream.

My dream was a land of magic; with magical thinking people. As I travelled down my chosen path I looked for the magic people. I know they are here on this planet.

I have been called a dreamer and I must conform to the ways of the people that are placed here also.

I.see a world that no one else can see. So does it make it not real?

The winds will tell me when I am wrong or right, just because they did not hear the winds message, does it make it not real?

Gods from outer space have shown me and my son that they are real, for 20 minutes, just because others did not see them, does it make them not real?

The animals talk to me, others did not hear, does it make it not real?

I have seen, felt and listened to the spirit world in wonderment, others have not seen them, does it make them not real?

The image of the Goddess has lifted her veil for me to see her, others did not see her, does it make it not real?

I have gone back in time to my magical cave and seen their magic, others did not see, does it make it not real?

I have seen the misty veil in the garden in the daylight, my High Priestess asked me, "Do you see the misty veil? I think to myself, "There are magical people on this planet," I answer to her, "Yes! I see the misty veil in the garden and so do you!" Does it now make it real?!!!

I believe and know that magic does happen on this planet, that others cannot see.

I have been shown that magic is not written on paper. It is in the heart, mind, and soul, and all around us, it is part of life here on this planet.

I have been shown that magic does not come to those who want something from the spirit world. Ask for nothing, from them, only to be their friends. They do not have to prove anything

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Winds of Mariah (cont.)

to you or to me. Why do people always feel that the spirit world is to be their slave and give them 'things'? As a mere human, even I would not come to someone if they always wanted something from me, so why would they? They are on a higher level than us. Ask only to be their friends, and if they do not want to 'play' with you, do not think they are not real!!!

Bring out the child in yourself and truly believe in the magical world. Don't say it is not real cause you did not see the magical world around you.

It was here when you got here; and it will be here when you leave.

I could tell you how to see the magical world but if you do not have a magical child mind you will not believe me, so I will keep silent, only so you will not think me a fool, or dreamer. The very few that I told laugh at me and call me a dreamer, and they never try to see if it is so, cause it is so simple, they think it cannot work.

We must dream our dreams and never let anyone remove them from us.

My dream is not on money and making the world think I am the wisest of all. I just want to know more about this planet I live on.

The magical world holds trust, answers, safety, peace and love.

This world holds people that will lie to me, steal from me, talk bad about me, use me for their purpose in the name of friendship, and even kill me. Why would people do these things? I do not understand.

I see other witches trying to get others papers in hopes that they would be holding the magic that others talk about.

Trust me on this one, magic is never written down on paper cause there is no need trying cause; special knowledge takes you so far that you can no longer explain. Maybe that is why we call it the unexplained, magic can never be taken from the magical thinking people.

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Winds of Mariah (cont.)

To the vulgar, and profane, and power ego people, liars, thieves, etc., the veil to the magical world will never be lifted.

Like attracts like, and the magical world is none of these things.

I will keep my childlike mind and try not to hear the voices of others as they laugh at me and call me a dreamer.

They can keep their world that they experience and I will keep both worlds that we all live in.

Being a Witch is being more aware of life around you, not always looking in some book, or reading rites. Books and rites are part of being a Witch but that is not all it is.

Get out into nature and walk among life. Don't just close yourself up in a room and do a rite for wisdom. Let nature be your teacher. And if the magical world wants to 'play' with you, you will enjoy your nature walk better. And you will receive wisdom just be being their friend.

One problem, if you tell anyone about your walk they will laugh at you and call you a dreamer.

So dream your dreams, and don't grow old cause dreams do come true for the young at heart. And the best things in life really are free.

So do not think me a fool, but, yes, you can call me a dreamer!!!

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Children's Book List

Cosmic Awareness has a children's book list. Four pages. Might be nice to send a SASE and $1.00 to cover the cost of copying, etc. Write: CAC, P. O. Box 1144, Aurora, CO 80040-1144

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FROM UPI

Newborn babies may sleep most of the time, but they're more perceptive than you'd think. Researchers say that when only two days old, most babies can distinguish between a sad face and a happy one.

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From Hecate & Orion in Fla.

I know we haven't written for a couple of months, but we have been very busy reorganizing and everything looks great. Our inner circle is much smaller now (five altogether) and we have two new pagan way students. The growth will be very slow, and we have discovered that it is much better for harmony and group mind this way. We are working as an equal opportunity coven, and sharing coven responsibility, ideas, and decisions, its wonderful! and it promotes the ideals of sharing and working together as a family.

We all feel a deep sadness at the passing of Pat and we have no doubt that all of the love he holds in all our hearts is felt by him even now. As if you haven't heard this often, you are doing a great job, keep up the good stuff!

We are planning our Lupercalia Sabbat and a part of it will include a ritual to replace the stones. The covenstead has recently moved and one of the coveners has written a ritual based upon resetting the quarter stones, and this will be followed by a circle at a nearby wooded park (discreetly of course). It is indeed a very ex citing time for us.

We truly wish for all a bright and loving Lupercalia. May the Goddess smile on all.

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The Sun (from theforthcoming book, The Songs of Ariane, by Tiffany St. Moonstar

NOTE: The metaphor "Dragon" refers to CREATION/GODHEAD/THE FORCE.

The Sun was a fiery, golden god born of the womb of space. It's ancestors were the darkstars of blue and white and green magna; the silent traveling Lordes of Rebirth. Millenia had the Sun spent in thoughts of light, pleasures of flame; tossing solar wind to the heavens in joy of his own glory. Someday, he knew, he would supernova and join the Dragon in the vahalla of stars. But he was in the now, with the past but dust and future only the dreams of unborn hatchlings.

Warm were his fingertips and he caressed the Earth, his beloved. Mars, his child from the womb of his mistress, Venus, tossed and turned his ugly eye upon his father. Feelings of anger at this exhibition of open hate made the Sun want to destroy Mars in a universe shuddering explosion. But Earth, his wife, soothed him with her greenness, her dancing, faerie-fey joy. What was

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The Sun (cont.) by Tiffany St. Moonstar

but one obstinate child against the loosing of her beauty, and the multitude of children she had given him? The gorgeous plants, the white-blue sky, the concubine moon, the graceful and intriguing beasts, and the singing, golden tribe of nature devas and angels. His lovely Earth. Her sensuality knew no limits. Always she surprised him.

He even forgave her for The People. Countless times he had wanted to void them all off her surface! Naughty was this group of her babes, headless of their destruction of their own mother. Again and again she pleaded their case. One more chance for them, my love, you'll see. But they continued their experiments and their poisons and their rape of their own source of life support. Grumbling, Sun thought, with all their intelligence how can these creatures be so blindly stupid. How could he, how could they, find another Earth?

So he soothed his wife and listened to her pleas and let her beloved children be.

But he also lied to her. For he was selfish and couldn't bear even the thought of losing her. So he started sending the star-children down to her. They entered the wombs of her female cannibals when the males added their catalyst.

And so it began that once in a very great while one would not a child a little strange; a child with great sensitivity and power, a child who made a quantum leap of love and spiritual evolution apart from humanity. A child that was one with the Dragon. One could look into the baby's eyes and not a child would look back but an intelligence--ancient, pure, filled with light.

And soon it was that these children could be seen more often. They were more. Not a race, but still, more than a tribe. In the beginning they were alone and isolated. But soon they began to find each other, to seek each other out. And band together. They grew strong in each other's love.

And soon they began to give birth to new life among themselves. And their babies were starchildren of starchildren. And the devas and angels worked harder to heal the Earth, for now they had Hope. Soon...

The Sun smiled. Soon...

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A Witchling!

Valerie Voigt and Zephyr Starwater are delighted to announce the birth of their duaghter, Elana Athena Voigt on Sunday, December 23, 1984 at 10:48 p.m. in Stanford, CA. Eight pounds, 1 ounce, 21 inches. Congratulations!

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From Albion in Rosamond

The Island of the Apples,
lies just between Somerset and the Other world,

The sleeping place of Arthur,
the dreaming Prince of Annwn,
who knows that Death is not a
subject to be ruled,
but a true and loyal friend.

Avalon must be entered,
by a parting of the Veil,
it's trials and tribulations
are merely more quests for the
Grail.

The mythical land of Faery,
that shimmers and glows in our
Dreams,

The Island of the Apples
has been many things to many
peoples,
but yet Holy to them all,

A place to be kept Sacred
in this world and the next,
its entrance way is buried in
our conciousness,

the Door without a Key,
lies waiting to be opened
by all who Truly See.

The mythical Isle of Avalon,
is not upon an Island,
but is within the Human Spirit,
'tis not the journey of a chosen precious few,
but a Quest,
of which we are all a part.

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RELIGION IN THE NEWS (UPI)

A Lutheran church official says proposed legislation to allow religious groups to meet on public school property should be rejected. He says it is being used by school prayer proponents as a "first step" toward achieving their aim. The Rev. Charles Bergstrom, head of the Office of Governmental Affairs of the Lutheran Council in the U.S.A., says the proposed legislation would grant "preferred status to speech with religious content." No other kind of activity would be given the same kind of protection. Under the proposed legislation, schools would be required to permit student-initiated, teacher-supervised religious groups to meet on school property. Political groups and others would not enjoy the same status--school officials would have a choice whether to permit them to use the facilities. The Lutheran Council joins the American Jewish Congress and the American Civil Liberties Union in opposing the bill. It is backed by the National Council of Churches, the Baptist Joint Committee on Judicial Affairs and many other religious groups.

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The National Council of the Propagation of the Faith, a Roman Catholic Mission agency, says U.S. Catholics gave 40.5 million dollars last year for the world-wide mission efforts of the church. At the same time, council officials said Catholics around the world gave another $40 million for the effort which provides support for mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Officials said approximately 1/3 of the $80 million went to support the basic operating expenses of the church's poorest dioceses. The funds also are used for church and chapel construction, pastoral programs, and emergency disaster aid.

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Looking over the past two years as head of the nation's largest protestant denomination, Southern Baptist Convention president James Draper says he feels there's less divisiveness among Baptists now than when he took office. He hopes that will be regarded as the major contribution of his presidency of the 14 million member convention. Draper says churc h leaders have finally admitted there are "substantive differences" among Baptists. But both the leadership and the conservative challengers of the leadership are now showing "more willingness to accept some diversity." Draper said he believes the issue of women's ordination is the "most emotional and explosive" issue facing Southern Baptists today. Draper himself opposes ordaining women.

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From George in New Zealand

You good people have not heard from me previously but you will know of me from a contribution to your newsletter by Catherine and Kent of Sydney. They mentioned in one of their contributions that the C.O.T.O:R. had a lay branch in New Zealand... well I am the appointed leader of C.O.T.O.R. (New Zealand).

I had occasion to telephone Claire a few days ago in Sydney and I was very sorry indeed to learn of the passing into summerland of Pat. It is hard to imagine anyone who has given so much to the Pagan Community worldwide than Pat and I know that the Craft he loved so much will always remember him for what he did and for what he was. Our group at C.O.T.O.R. (N.Z.) meets again in January so we will remember Pat at that meeting and bid him farewell in accordance with Craft Tradition.

In your newsletter of June 1984 on page 12 there appears a contribution from Tiller, Elder, New Wiccan Church of Washington. Tiller tells of being a Ham Radio Enthusiast and wonders if there are any Pagans out there with similar interests. Well, it happens that I am a Ham Radio Operator and would love to chat with Tiller on the Ham Radio. I know that this must be a difficult time for you, but I wonder if you could spare the time to pass my address along to Tiller and tell him that my radio call sign is ZL3QX. I would be very grateful indeed for this kind favour... who knows... it might lead to a worldwide Pagan Ham Radio Network. Many years ago I remember talking to a Ham Radio Operator who lived on Verde Street in Bakersfield but cannot remember his name, it is so long ago. However, I well remember proudly displaying his "Card" on my wall as it was the first Ham Operator in the U.S.A. I had talked to at that time.

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DIDJA KNOW? (from UPI)

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, in its 1983 annual report on the standard of living, output, and production in the 24 most developed non-communist countries reported that Sweden has the highest number of telephones, numbering 828 per 1,000 inhabitants. The United States came in second with 789 phones per 1,000 residents. Can you guess which country has the least number of telephones on a per capita basis? The OECD says Turkey has the least number of phones, with only 39 per 1,000 inhabitants.

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From Apollo in Oregon

In answer to letter from Iowa and you about the Rajneeshees I am enclosing some information for you. If you want some more will try and write some on habit and tenets of them. As for Rajneeshpuram, there is no place of that name legally. The best to all of you trying to get the paper going.

On the Rajneeshees

The Rajneeshees wanted to find the most unproductive farmland in the United States and reclaim it. If this were true there is other and worse places to reclaim. If in Oregon there is the southeast part of the State. When they finally settled, it was on good land with large ranches all around it.

They came about July 1981 to build a commune ranch with 15 disciples. In September, the Rajneesh arrived from India.

In November, there was about 200 people there and they wanted to build and incorporate a city.

In December, farm families along with the 1,000 Friends of Oregon filed suit contesting the incorporation of a city. The Land Use Board of Appeals dismisses the appeal stating creation of a new city was not a land use decision under Oregon law. The Oregon Court of Appeals reversed the decision and later stated that it did not comply with land use laws.

Antelope, Oregon is a historic city of the past days. Teamsters en route to the John Day gold fields named the Antelope Valley for the animals grazing there. Homesteaders followed and a post office was established. This town became the hub of shipping of cattle and sheep in Central Oregon.

While they were trying to have their own city (which the decision was decided No) they went ahead anyway. They moved some people into Antelope so they could be residents and bought land. They finally took over Antelope, then the school. The children now have to travel 45 miles each way spending up to 10 hours going to Madras and Marysin. Now they want the church land and building and sued the head of the church to try and get it.

Where before there was no city tax in Antelope there is a property tax of $19.80 per $1,000 assessed value.

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From Apollo (cont.)

The Rajneeshees have violated every law there is, residents complain about numerous costly lawsuits filed by Rajneeshees against anyone who does or says anything against them. The Bhajwan is here illegally but he keeps filing appeals.

The Rajneeshees have been like a cancer. Once it gets started it will spread until stopped.

They recruited something like 4,000 homeless street people to Wasco county so they could vote but they were stopped by the residence law. Something like 1,200 remained. The rest were told to leave or were dumped on other towns. They had 640 tent houses to live in which was another violation and finally had to be torn down.

The Salvation Army took care of these people and sent them back where they came from. The Salvation Army was short on their Xmas fund and needed help this year.

The best is for people to stay where they are because we don't want to have to take care of them. We have enough of our own to take care of.

So David in Iowa, unless you have a round trip ticket, best to stay home.

I believe everyone should be able to believe the way they want but you still have to obey the same laws as the rest of us and not just come in and take over.

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From Gail in San José (with two nice cards)

All is strange and bizarre up here as usual--but what a learning experience! I ran out of envelopes for the New Years' Cards--then misplaced the cards. Wonder if it's time to change my name to Fritz. I start a full time secretarial position tomorrow--but I will also continue to see clients on Saturdays (two Saturdays a month, anyhow). So looks like I'll be busy and off the streets. Hope all is well--sure wish I had a small army of programmable clones so I could be everywhere at once--they'd have to be telepathically linked so I'd know everything, too.

Ed. Note (Lady Fauna): Thanks for the cards. As always, it was good to hear from you. We'll look forward to a visit, we hope, soon.

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PEOPLE (from UPI)

The list of purported aphrodisiacs has grown by one. The latest--a liqueur made from quail eggs. And it's extremely popular in Hungary, according to the country's official news agency MTI. MTI says the so-called "Casanova" liqueur has an excellent flavor and is reported to produce "love potion" effects. A state-owned farm plans to produce several hundred thousand bottles of the liqueur this year and export 200,000 bottles to France, West Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden.

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Look for a storm of protest over the new commercials coming up on Spain's state-run TV. They're for two brands of male contraceptives, otherwise known as condoms. The commercials have passed Spain's censorship board, and apparently are quite decent. But Spain is an overwhelmingly Roman Catholic nation and the church takes a dark view of birth control. Under the Franco dictatorship, birth control devices were banned in Spain until 1977 when the country returned to democracy.

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For the man who likes to mix business with pleasure and who has changed his mind about that vasectomy he had a few years ago, an Australian surgeon is offering a special deal. Sydney microsurgeon Earl Owen has put together a package featuring a round-trip flight from Los Angeles to Australia, eight romantic days in Sydney plus an operation to reverse a vasectomy. All for a mere $6,500. Owen claims the world's best success rate for restoring fertility to men who have had vasectomies.

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This fortune teller couldn't even tell her own future and it was staring her right in the face. A 17-year-old prognosticator from Mineola, New York, was arrested when vice squad detective Karen Henry--acting on a complaint--sought a "reading." The fortune teller told the detective to bring $300, a can opener, some towels, and a bedsheet to her home. Police say at the end of the meeting, she told Henry to return with an additional $700 which she said they would bury in a graveyard while both were naked. She was arrested on a third-degree larceny charge.

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FROM TALLS FROM A WITCH'S HEADCUNNING BY MARGENA

Witches Ways and Beans

Jove's fine Day will suit you best,
The wealth of His Kingdom for to test.
On a Day of Jupiter as Luna swells
And Sol sinks low at the Vesper Bells:

Take a taper of royal green
And dress it with an unguent called Horn of Plenty to a bright clear Sheen.
Ignite it along with a sense called Money Drawing
To cause Lack's hold to begin thawing.
Hold two beans of black in the left hand palm
As you gaze at the flame all steady and calm.
Behold yourself in prosperous estate
With finances piled within your gate.
Hold true
Such view
In the candle glow
And recite these words both clear and slow:
MONEY, MONEY EVERYWHERE,
NO MORE IN DEBT AND SO I'D TO SPARE.
COME TO ME, O DAYS AND BEANS
AND TAKE THE BLACK OF THESE BLACK BEANS.
Repeat 3 times these words for Jove,
To turn the key of His treasure-trove.
Pass the beans to your right hand,
Step to your door and gaze out upon the land.
Cast them forth
In the direction of North.
'Ere a fortnight has come and gone, opportunities new
Will come to you.
If, by chance, the beans should sprout,
'Tis a wonderful Omen within and without.

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We received a nice letter from Maurice in Chicago with two ink pens and some poems. Here's one of them...

Time by Maurice

If sand
could turn back the hands of Time,
And a virgin could be with her man...

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TILL (cont.) by Maurice

If Venus created music
with words of charm and rhyme;
And Mars said, "She's a beauty...
Just simply divine..."

And if Pegasus was seen
nearby the spring of Corinith, Pirene,
And Bellerophan was there when the grass was green.

When Deianira,
Hercules' devoted wife
screams for her life
when he returned from slaying Hydra.

And when Castor and Polydeucus
say good-bye to Isis and Osirus...
What time is the time?

ANSWER. (Gee... I don't know either!)

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FROM USDA

Pasteurized process cheese is a blend of fresh and aged natural cheeses, which has been shredded, mixed and heated or pasteurized. There is no further ripening of the cheese. It's high in protein, riboflavin and calcium, the nutrients needed to build strong bones, good teeth and muscle. Pasteurized process American cheese is the kind that is being distributed by the USDA as surplus. If you get some surplus cheese from USDA or you buy some, store it properly for best eating. Store it in the refrigerator, in the package it comes in, until you're ready to use it. Air can cause cheese to become dry and moldy. Cheese that's well wrapped will keep in the refrigerator for 3 to 4 weeks. Do not freeze it because it will dry out and crumble. But if you do freeze it, do so only a few months and thaw it in the refrigerator. This will make it less crumbly. When you eat cheese "as is," it tastes best at room temperature. Let the cheese warm at room temperature for at least 30 minutes before you serve it. Process cheese is convenient to use in cooked foods. It melts easily and blends well with other foods. It blends more easily with other ingredients and melts more quickly when you shred it or cut it in small pieces. Cook all dishes that contain cheese at low temperatures. This prevents the cheese from becoming rubbery and stringy.

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FROM DEOSIL

Deosil, a Journal of Traditional Wicca, is seeking submissions by Craft folk for her initial issue, on the following subjects. Creative mythology; creative and Traditional ritual; traditional theology, including the hermeneutics of Traditional texts; traditional Wiccan practice. No oathbound material will be accepted at this time, although an oathbound supplement is being considered if there is sufficient interest. This will eliminate the necessity for requiring written verification of initiation from subscribers.

Deosil will be printed four times a year, on the cross-quarters. The magazine will be 8 1/2 x 11, reduced, by xerox process; art will be accepted that requires offset printing if the quality of the art merits the expense. Subscription will be on an issue-by-issue basis, with reservation rates to be announced when the print run is estimated. Tentative date for the first issue is Lughnasadh, 1985 c.e.

The editor is High Priestess of a Gardnerian coven, a national officer of Covenant of the Goddess, Inc. (a California non-profit corporation), and has editing experience in science fiction fan circles.

Send submissions (typewritten, double-spaced) with sufficient postage for return, to: Heredydd Darrowian-Harper, P. O. Box 27[illegible], Concord, CA 94527.

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FROM GORDON IN EL PASO

I was saddened to hear of Pat's death. I corresponded with him for a short time while I was in the service, and authored an article or two for the newsletter. If the newsletter still exists, I would like to subscribe again. We in El Paso are a bit isolated. No Crafters between Phoenix on one side, and Dallas on the other. We have no supply stores, etc. Anyway, enclosed is a check for a subscription.

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DIDJA KNOW...

...What Native American language was used as a secret code in World War II? It was the Navaho language, a complex one with only a few syllables in its entire vocabulary. The U.S. Military trained members of the Indian tribe as radio operators because enemies could not decipher the words.

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FROM TIFFANY YVONNE ST. MOONSTAR

Dean, your letters were a bright spot in the snarling mountain of mail which greeted me upon my return from a magickal teaching/sharing trip to Arizona. I knew it was dangerous to be away for a week! Now I pay the price in this backlog of work/correspondence I left behind. My trip was well needed though, I taught, learned from my Master Teacher there, and visited with some other Shamans and Pagans in the area. Also visited the ENERGY spots and learned new powerful ways to work with the light to heal our earth, our people, and our self. I hope to share some of these experiences and new teachings with the Georgian gang soon--right now I'm still going through a grounding period where its hard to connect with earth after the great high of communicating with GODHEAD/DRAGON/FORCE/CREATION.

I will be traveling with a group of white light masters to Egypt and Israel this October, which will be Phase II of a three part plan to heal the earth. Phase I took place in Arizona, the trip of which I speak--it entailed purification and further evolution of the adepts involved in Phase II. We are involved in ancient procedures and part of our rituals involve the recharging of dormant powerspots on earth, and interlinking of the ley lines/grids/vortexes that cover our earth. Only when the grid system of Earth is reactivated and intact can true healing of our mother ship commence. Secrecy is not an issue, but confidentiality is as there are forces that would for reasons of being on negative paths not wish this to be. So at this time all I can say is that I will share the odyssey total when it is completed, much like Bilbo Baggins in the Hobbit.

Here is where the readers of Georgian may help. If anyone on the path of light wishes, they may send a crystal to me after doing the following.

Take your crystal into your hands, or into the center of your group if a coven. Hold it, if a solitary, or lay it point up within the center of your coven. Link hands, use the Star Ring I mentioned in my grimoire if possible. Otherwise hold hands as you see fit. Ground and Center. Chant these words of power 13 times: AG-NA-RAG-NA-VOOR-SAHS-VOOR.... AG-NA-RAG-NAS-VOOR-SAH-VOOR... ZAAARUUUU!. While you chant picture the earth being healed, its surface being reborn, its devas and nature angels multiplying and covering the entire planet in golden white light. After you have raised your power, channel it into the crystal. Be sure and ground after to eliminate energy buildup in your body. This is a powerful rite.

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FROM TIFFANY ST. COSTA (cont.)

After this, wrap the crystal in a piece of silk and mail it to me with a SASE to the following: THE ENLIGHTEN PROJECT c/o Tiffany St. Moonstar, P. O. Box 65, Mt. View, CA 94042. The crystals cannot be returned, as they are to be left at the conclusion of the rite within the Great Pyramid at Giza. The idea behind this is to link the light centers of our planet with the greatest existing energy vortex on the planet. The programming in this ritual way of the crystals will be the linking factor between the light groups all over the world, and will evoke a quantum leap in the spiritual evolution and healing of Mother Ship Earth.

There are a total of 355 groups and individual white light people participating. The more we can get to participate, the greater the level of work can be accomplished. With the lurkers at the threshold most upon us, i.e., the nuclear boogiemen--I feel that drastic measures of this worldwide spiritual and magickal scope are necessary, as do the brothers and sisters of light that are involved in this undertaking with me.

To those pagan and craft brothers and sisters out there reading this, I personally invite you to participate in this project, and eagerly seek your aid. Walk in the force, be at one with your center and creation, and master your soul--with these concepts in check Mother Earth can be saved yet despite those that would rape her. Its up to you and me.

On a lighter note, I think the idea for a museum at the Georgian Church is a beautiful idea. I always thought the idea of destroying tools a bit ugly. They are living entities after all. The only reason I can think of for you having a SASE for Pat from me is that there was one last letter he was going to write but didn't. So don't give it another thought. He can tell me from Summerland what he needed to if its still relevant at this point.

Ed, thank you for the message from Vicki. She ordered a copy of the Grimoire so I didn't call her collect. She probably has a big enough phone bill already (like the rest of us!). Thank you again Vicki, for your donation--hope you enjoy the grimoire!

Thanks again for writing. Its the kindness of folk like you Dean and the rest of the Georgians that make it all worthwhile. Your letters are spots of golden sunshine in a Bradbury world of rain and twilight--precious and sacred.

Ed note (Lady Fauna). Is there a date by when you need the crystals?

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Animals (From UPI)

A group called People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals planned a Los Angeles news conference to discuss the theft of more than 100 research animals from a City of Hope laboratory. The group is acting as the mouthpiece for the Animal Liberation Front, which has claimed responsibility for removing the dogs, cats, mice, and rabbits from the lab. Officials at theCity of Hope plan a news conference immediately following the animal rights group briefing. The researchers want to detail the importance of the experiments in which the stolen animals were being used. The animals are said to be worth nearly a half million dollars and all had been part of experiments relating to human diseases. The Washington based People for the Ethical Treatment for Animals claims the animals have been taken out of state and are being cared for by "medical personnel." The group's director, Ingrid Newkirk, says the animals were removed from the lab in Duarte because they had been kept in unsanitary conditions. According to Newkirk, dogs were suffering with bloated bellies and multiple tumors. A City of Hope spokesman says loss of the animals will have a serious effect on cancer and emphysema research at the facility. Two of the stolen rabbits had been injected with viral herpes. Officials say if people are exposed to the rabbit's urine they could contract the disease. The Animal Liberation Front took responsibility for a similar theft of 12 dogs from Harbor UCLA Medical Center two years ago. Those animals have never been returned.

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The U. S. Humane Society is taking the government to court in a bid to end the sport hunting of wildlife in national widllife refuges. Humane Society Vice President John Grandy says 22 wildlife refuges have opened new hunting programs in just the last six months for a national total of 244. The nation's largest animal welfare group says that means that more than 400,000 animals are killed or wounded each year.

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Ten sign-carrying animal rights activists paraded into a down-town Sacramento department store to protest the sale of furs of minks, rabbits, foxes, and other animals. The protesters remained in the coat section of Macy's downtown plaza store for about 15 minutes, then left at the request of security officers. A statement released by the protesters said they escalated their demonstration by entering the store because efforts to legislate an end to trapping have failed.

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SELF-TAUGHTS STAY AWAY FROM Y BOOK, OR PHYSICIANS, HEAL THYSELVES FIRST by Tarostar

The Ancient Craft of the Wise teaches Humanity should strive to live up to the highest ideals of itself. No matter what religion a person advocates (or none at all), each person has some aspiration as to what is the ideal.

Christians, unfortunately, fall very short of the ideals of their Jesus of Nazareth. They come around wanting others to embrace their religion, yet fail to see themselves as they appear to the outsider.

Some condemn all other views but their own. I hear them in their doctrinal disputes among themselves. It isn't a very pleasant thing.

They denounce Mormons for having different interpretations of Holy Scripture and different views of Jesus. They denounce Seventh-Day Adventists for one thing, Jehova's Witnesses for another, Catholics for this, Baptists for that, and so on AD INFINITUM (AUGH!!!)

I ask you, would any decent, well-meaning soul be attracted to, or want to join such a hornet's nest of theological inconsequentials?

Disputes of that kind are only important to people of very insecure and shallow convictions. They have to re-hash and re-convince themselves of their own prejudicial opinions.

Is it really important that one sect of Christians does one thing and another something else? Or should the only concern be that they all serve the same Jesus?

Somehow it always seems poor Jesus ends up taking the back seat on the bus. (I am not a Christian, remember, but this is how I see it.)

I seem to recall, from my Un-Believer's slight acquaintance with Christian Scripture, that Jesus didn't pick over theological nonsense with the divines of his day, he only condemned their hypocrisy and inability to show love and human kindness. Then why does invective and hate drip off the lips of many who advocate his name???

As a Non-Christian, I have been denounced as evil, abjured as if a Demon, rebuked as Satan Incarnate, preached at as if a child, consigned to hell and cursed in the name of Jesus!!! (It's a wonder I'm still alive.) All this by people who want to

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BIBLE-THUMPERS (cont.) by Tarostar

"Bring my soul to the Lord!" (If they consider me so evil, why would he want it???) They invade my space, mind you, with their Fire-Breathing Dragons. I do not seek them out.

I, for one Non-Believer, do not hate Christians, I love them. The trouble is, I have never met any.

I have, however, met many people who worship the Bible rather than God! The BOOK seems to take precedence over the Deity.

Which brings me to another point in Scripture. Did not Jesus say the Scribes and Pharisees kept the letter of the Law, but did not know its Spirit? I think these same Scribes and Pharisees have reincarnated as some modern Christians. If that is true, these must surely be "End-Times," because they will most likely reject him again when he comes. (Remember, I am a Non-Believer and only being facetious. I don't believe in a Second Coming. I think he had enough thefirst time.)

I am sure if Jesus came today, Christians will start to thumb through the BOOK to find out how they should deal with him. That means they would nail him up again.

If my barbs and stings make them smart, if it hurts, if the shoe fits, I'm very sorry, but its their shoes we are discussing. (They muddy my carpet with them)

If on the other hand, these comments make them stop and think and see themselves as others do, maybe they will shape up their act and strive to be better people in the future.

Christianity should stop worrying about "souls" and try to make the world better off. The soul will take care of itself when there is less vice, crime, famine, war, and over-population. The ideals of Jesus would be better served by people showing love and concern for the physical well-being of others, rather than trying to harvest souls and letting the body rot in the filth of a decaying world. Decay can be stopped.

I recall from books on Demonology, written by Christians, only Satan hunted souls. But, I forget, Christians nowdays give more credence to the Power of Satan than to their Jesus.

I hear them speaking as if Satan lurked behind every tree and potted palm. (I think the entire Middle Ages has reincarnated! Procter & Gamble would agree.)

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BIBLE-THUMPERS (cont.) by Tarostar

If Christians were truly believers in their "Lord," Satan would never cross their minds. They would be "washed in the Blood of the Lamb" as they say and there would be no Power of Satan to deal with.

Even a prominent Evangelist with a big time TV show admits that Satan won battles over a person's soul. Such is very untheological. How could any Christian say that??? If the words of Jesus are true, Satan must always lose.

Either the Evangelist does not believe what he has preached for decades, or Jesus lied!!! Which is it???

Come on Christians, give the World a little of the Milk of Human Kindness. You are being very "Ayatollah' these days. We all need peace and friendship.

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PLANTS (from USDA)

In case you haven't discovered them yet there are two new varieties of pyracantha, or firethorn, recently released to commercial nurseries by the USDA. Both of the new firethorns combine resistance to scab and fire blight, unique growth habits, and outstanding ornamental qualities. One is called "Teton. It grows to 12 feet tall, and grows straight up in a vertical position, and is free-standing. It's well suited for creating a narrow hedge or screen, particularly should you have a limited planting area. It has a profusion of white flowers, followed by yellow fruit that matures to yellow-orange. The flowers and fruit highlight the strong vertical growth like candles. The second new firethorn or pyracantha is named the "Navaho." In contrast to the Teton, the Navaho is a low, dense and compact sarub. In late spring it has white flowers that are made conspicuous by a backdrop of dark green leaves that are semi-evergreen to evergreen. These flowers are followed by luminescent orange-red fruit that ripens in November and persists until late spring. Because of its low, dense growth, the Navaho is a choice landscape plant for use as a low hedge, foundation planting, mass barrier or roadside plant. Both plants share an outstanding resistance to disease and have unique growth habits that keep maintenance to a minimum. You don't need to spray or prune. There are no meandering branches reaching out to stick a thorn into you. The Navaho is evergreen and withstands temperatures of zero degrees in Washington, D.C. area. The Teton can take temperatures of minus ten, but it will shed leaves instead of being evergreen. Both firethorns are available from commercial nurseries.

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From Ray Buckland

I am a little late in sending this letter, due to having been in the throes of relocating and resettling.

Tara and I wish to extend our sympathies for the loss of George, though rejoicing with him in his passage onward. We know it is hard for those left behind.

George has done much wonderful work for the Craft and, I'm sure, will always be remembered for it. He was kind enough to send me material, which will be appearing in my upcoming book (to be published by Llewellyn), about the Georgian Church. Something I very much appreciated.

May the Lord and the Lady be with him, and with you all.

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For the Birds (from UPI)

Planting marigolds helps keep bugs out of your garden. I imagine the birdies like them, too...the bugs that is.

Spring is one of the favorite times of year for birdwatchers and if you want to put out the welcome mat for wild birds in your yard, the Audubon Workshop of Northbrook, Illinois, has some tips. Robins and purple martins will nest in birdhouses but cardinals won't. How big a house you need depends on how large a bird you want to attract. The Audubon Workshop sells houses and bird feed by mail, offering everything from traditional, one bird-family dwellings to "castles" with room for two dozen birds. The Workshop says people's interest in birds has grown so much in recent years, it has had to computerize. It now uses a small IBM to handle the increasing demands. For more information, write the Audubon Workshop, 1501 Paddock DR, Northbrook, Illinois 60062.

A breeding pair of peregrine falcons are reportedly nesting on a high-rise building in the Century City area of Los Angeles. This increases the known local population of the endangered species to at least six. Curator Lloyd Kiff of the Western Foundation of Vertegrate Zoology, a group trying to keep the rare predator from extinction, says the newly discovered birds have been seen near several office towers and are believed old enough to produce offspring. Fewer than 200 peregrine falcons are believed to be on the west coast. The birds became endangered when the pesticide DDT entered their food chain, causing too thin shells. The peregrine regeneration program in Los Angeles began in 1981 when birds were released from a Westwood high rise and a remote Ventura County mountain.

Eight people were arrested in Ventura County on charges of staging an illegal cock fight. The Sheriff's office says deputies raided the cock fight in the Moorpark area after they were alerted by a phone call. More than 100 spectators were on hand when patrol cars pulled up. Most fled but deputies arrested eight people and confiscated an undetermined number of birds. Deputies said several fighting birds already had been killed.

Cattle ranchers and agriculture officials are worried about the spread of toxic waste water at the Kesterson Wildlife Refuge in the San Joaquin Valley. The waste, which is believed to have caused numerous deformities and mutations among ducks at the refuge, is leaking into surrounding pasture lands grazed by thousands of dairy and beef cattle. The trace mineral selenium is the suspected culprit.

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A note from dean

The other day - I guess it was Saturday, 9 February, the doggy people, Lady, Sirius, Safflower, and I decided we would take a break and watch cartoons on the alpha state inducer (TV). Flipped on the set - sports program. Oh, come on, this is Saturday - we want cartoons! Good stuff! Twisted the dial a turn - something, but not cartoons. Twisted the dial the other way. (I navigate in the same fashion, it's called the Bracket Method.) Well, what do we have here? What we had was a show called Weekend Special. It was an animated adventure (cartoon) which was to be continued the following week. Safflower has problems remembering from one

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A note from dean (contd)

week to the other, so she wanted to find something shorter and not to be continued... But we decided to see what this show had to offer. What it turned out to have was Witches! The plot unfolded along these lines: A young fellow and his girlfriend find a model ship in a bottle. A tiny voice hollers to be let out of the bottle. The kids get the ship out and something up and sweeps away with the little girl. The boy, in a quandry, cries out for help. Nothing happens. He goes on to school. In the classroom, the teacher is suddenly obsessed with the idea of a vacation in Hawaii and hulas out the door. Who should arrive to take her place? Miss Switch!

Now, Miss Switch is one of those cases where you just know that under that business suit, hair bun, and glasses lurks a luscious fox. She promptly zaps the clock and speeds up the time, dismisses class, except for the troubled boy, explains she was busy on the other side of the moon or would have been there to help him quicker and ZAP, changes into a beautiful Witch. Seems she and the boy were old friends.

The youngster tells of the kidnapping and gives her the name he had heard from the voice on the ship. Miss Switch tosses some glittering dust into the air which changes into her Witch Encyclopedia. The encyclopedia tells them the name the boy heard belongs to a Warlock from the 17th century who forces folks to drink a nasty potion and turns them into trolls. Some good Witches dressed like pilgrims with capes had put him in the bottle on the ship to keep the troll population down. When the boy found and opened the bottle, the warlock had escaped and nabbed the little girl for good measure.

So, Miss Switch, the boy, and her cat familiar set off for the 1600's to find the nasty warlock and rescue the little girl. After some adventure, they recover the missing girl and return to the 20th century. But, Wait... the little girl sort of fades into the air as her friends watch. The good ole Witch Encyclopedia (a reference and divinatory tool) reveals that an ugly green, bad Witch who is pissed at Miss Switch has interferred and sent the little girl back into peril. Not to worry. Next week everything works out; Good and pretty beats bad and ugly in the end.

The program was based on characters created by Barbara Brooks Wallace. I certainly wish I had known about this in advance so we could have put the word out and some of you other kids could have watched with us.

More exciting news next month.

Keep a positive spirit.

Love, be loved, and enjoy it.

Blessed be,
dean, Lady Fauna, and the Georgians

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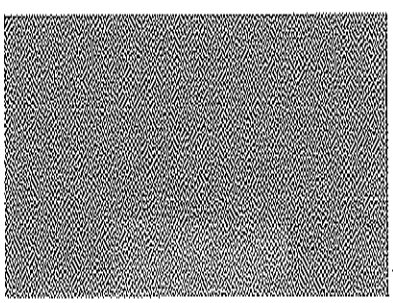

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