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Bakersfield--Delana and Dean made some bodacious torches for the Spring Equinox celebration. We were sure Spring had come at last! Dean and Lady Fauna conducted the ritual, with everyone having the time of their lives jumping gingerly over a roaring cauldron bonfire. Spring has indeed sprung in Bakersfield with temperatures in the 90's and garden jumping up everywhere. Don & Elizabeth say the wildflowers in the hills are gorgeous. Elizabeth brought a big bouquet for the Equinox celebration--just beautiful!

Bad check dept: Nobody likes to write them; it's no fun being on the receiving end, either. If you're short on cash and your sub is due, or if you don't like what you see and decide to stop payment on your check, STOP! A bad check, at most banks, costs you the face value of the check plus a fee. It also costs us a fee which negates not only your subscription payment, but someone elses's, too. A stop payment costs fees for both of us, too. A letter to us will stop your sub at your request and we'll send you a refund for issues not received... and save us all some hard-earned cash. If we do get a bad check from you once, we can't take any more checks from you--only money orders. 'Nuff said.

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From USDA

With the exception of tomatoes, the USDA says all common vegetables are low-acid and should be canned in a steam pressure canner. These low-acid vegetables include: pumpkins, carrots, cucumbers, turnips, cabbage, squash, parsnips, beets, snap beans, sweet potatoes, spinach, asparagus, cauliflower, mushrooms, potatoes, peas, and corn. To can fruits, tomatoes and pickled vegetables, use a boiling-water-bath canner.

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A Witch Looks at the Moral Majority by Tarostar

As a believer in the Ancient Wisdom, I hold to the Tenets of Reincarnation. I look back over History and see these Tenets to be true.

I see that the ancient Sannhedrin and Court of Caiphas, the High Priest, with all its "self-righteousness," is back with us today. It also came during the Middle Ages as the Inquisition.

In Jesus' time, the Sannhedrin was the group of Temple Theologians that determined how everyone should believe and act. They said if one did not conform to their idea of what was right, they would stone one to death. They did. Any time a person fell short of their ideals, they were killed by stoning.

Then during the Late Middel Ages, Caiphas, as Tomas de Torquemada, and the personalities with the same kind of "self-righteousness," reincarnated back into this world as the Inquisition. The Holy Fathers of the Medieval Church sat in judgement on how other people should live and believe. When one did not measure up to Christian Standards, that person was taken out and burned.

Nowdays I see the same personalities fulminating the same threats, (Caiphas/Torquemada, perhaps as Jerry Falwell). The Moral Majority demands that others (primarily Politicians) conform to their standards of right and wrong. They carp at other people's beliefs and lifestyles and imply that if people do not live the way the Moral Majority wants, they will make life very difficult for them.

"Do as I say, or I'll stone you to death!"
"Do as I say, or I'll burn you to death!"
"Do as I say, or I'll sign up votes and make life very unpleasant for you!"

Everything comes around again, only tempered with Time and Circumstance. Perhaps 500 years or so into the Future, when they reincarnate again, theings won't be quite so severe. The Witch-Burners are not dead!

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In 1821, the average American consumed 10 pounds of sugar. Today we ingest an average of 130 pounds per year. That's the equivalent of eating about six chocolate bars a day.

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From Albion in Rosamond

May the Power of the Four Airts
And the Mighty Ones,
Protect me,
And be around and about me, this night,

And drive from me,
Every negative, and danger and doubt,
And guide me always towards
the Light.

May the Spirit of the Mother,
Whose child,
I truly am,

Mari,
Mother of Mercifulness,
Be upon me,
And surround and support me,
in Her Sea of Endless Love,

And Mother,
in the hard and narrow places,
Keep your Shield ever before me,
And your Silver Moon ever above,

And today, tonight and forever,
May I be One,
With your Infinite Wisdom, compassion
And Joy.

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Plants (from UPI)

Gardening expert Charles Mazza has one rule of green thumb for successful gardening in containers. It is--always water plants until the water drips from the holes in the bottom of pots. Mazza, a Cornell University Extension Horticulturist, says you don't need a watering meter or other gadget to monitor the wetness of soil in a flower pot. You just have to touch the soil in your houseplant pots regularly. Cactus or dracaena or other plants that need soil on the dry side should be allowed to go completely dry before watering. African violets, ferns, and other plants that should be kept evenly moist at all times sould be watered as soon as the surface of the soil becomes slightly dry. In pots that are 8 to 16 inches in diameter, test for moisture by sitcking a finger an inch or two into the soil.

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DOG DAYS (UPI)

The Shar-Pei may be the rarest and the most expensive dog in the world, but that's not much comfort to Peggy Jo Levine of Fort Worth, Texas. She fell in love with a picture of a Shar-pei and bought a puppy for $2100. Hankie Jo was covered in folds of skin and looked cute as could be. But Peggy Jo's experience is that the rare Chinese breed likes to eat eyeglasses, sofas, rugs, shoes, and favorite cushions. The Shar-pei, she claims, is "unfriendly, unapproachable, and dreadful." Hankie Jo is up for sale for $1500, but there are no takers. The problems began immediately when Peggy Jo got her puppy home. She says she could not get near the animal and had to chase her around the house with a bowl of food. And when she tries to leash the puppy, now one year old, the collar slips off the loose skin.

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Members of an Asheboro, North Caroline family feel their dog "Lady" should have the inside track in capturing the "Dog Hero of the Year" award. The contest, sponsored by K-L-Ration, recognizes dogs that have shown bravery, loyalty, and intelligence. "Lady" definitely has shown all three characteristics. The 70 pound German Shepherd saved its injured master from an enraged, 600 pound mother hog on a farm last September. "Lady" edged hundreds of other canines from across the country to become one of nine finalists for the award. The winner will be announced in April and the lucky dog receives a medal and a year's supply of dog food.

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A barking dog awakened 20 people sleeping inside a large house south of Fresno enabling them all to escape unharmed from a fire that was burning the attic and roof. Mid-Valley fire officials say the blaze started shortly before midnight at the home. By the time firefighters arrived, the roof and attic of the house were engulfed in flames, but all 20 people who'd been sleeping inside were safely out of the structure. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Officials estimate damage to the house at $70,000.

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A policeman who shot and killed a pet dog while chasing a burglary suspect has been exonerated by a police board. The Fullerton Police Department's Board of Inquiry says the officer shot and killed "Dumpy" in self defense. The Board says the officer fired his weapon only after all other means proved futile.

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FROM LADY ALLUSHA

Hope all is well with you and yours. Except for a few bizarre things, all is well here. Cuchulainn (my long-haired black familiar) is recovering well from his battle with a four-wheeled metal monster. His jaw is wired, requiring him to eat baby food, and despite the removal of his hip joint and the pin holding the rest of his leg together, he is starting to put weight on the broken leg. Morgana has come into her first heat, and all the other neutered cats are determined to keep her virginal. They patrol the grounds, chasing away all the local toms. Sheba is now the new kitty racquetball champion. I'm surprised the hollow walnut shell hasn't yet shattered, the way they batter it around in the bathtub.

Enclosed is my subscription check for the renewal of the newsletter for Coven Tara and for one year's subscription for a new special friend of mine.

Congratulations to Luke on his return from 'vacation'!

I wish to announce (and remind) all our friends in the Craft of the annual Beltaine Celebration coming up on May 3, 4, &5. As usual, it will be at Coven Tara's Covenstead, and will include the traditional May Pole, feasting, games and activities, and hot tubs. Bring your tents and costumes!

Unfortunate news: Lord Aragorn (aka John, or Tristan) is no longer associated with Coven Tara, and does not represent or speak for us. We wish him the best on his journeys through life. May the Old Ones light his way!

To balance this, it seems the Gods have returned to me three of my inactive students, overflowing with fresh, eager energy. A few more are in wait for the next session (in a few months). I guess my winter's nap is over. It's time for me to stretc h my old magickal bones and get ready for the frenzy of Spring.

I am still postponing the inevitable, obtaining full-time gainful employment. The days are never long enough for me to accomplish all the goals and projects I set for myself as it is! For the time being, I am accepting sewing orders to supplement my part-time job. If any of your readers wish to inquire about having something made for them, could they write me through you? I am enclosing some stamps to cover forwarding costs. The inquiries should include a diagram or detailed description of the garmet, the person's

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Yes, Lady, we will be happy to forward.

From Lady Allusha (cont.)

measurements or standard size, what type of fabric will be used, and if the materials will be supplied. I would then notify them of the price range and options, and we could go from there.

Recently, I attended a free, three-day Job Search Seminar, which is put on by the Employment Development Department. It is an excellent program which teaches you, or enhances your, skills relating to determining desirable positions, locating and creating openings, methods of filling out a job application to present you in an outstanding manner, using the interview to convince the prospective employer that you are the right person for the job, appropriate body language, using the 'hard sell' approach, and much more. At one point, we were in groups figuring out what kinds of jobs would fit with each person's list of skills and qualities. Someone suggested to me that I would make a good minister, and I immediately broke out laughing. You should have seen their faces when I told them that I already was a minister, a High Priestess, but Pagan ministers don't make any money!

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From Robyn in Australia

Merry Meet and Blessed Be to you all. I'm sure you know how everyone feels the loss of Pat, but I too wish to add my sorrow to your list. I felt a lot of kindness stem from his letters in the newsletter and appreciate how much he did for others. Your story of Pat's goodnight as you finished printing gave me a lift, too, to know how it must have warmed your soul.

I enclose $10.00 (Australian) and (as usual) shall enclose more as soon as possible. I feel I sent a xmas card to Pat when he was already in the company of the Goddess. I do apologise for any pain it caused. I hope he saw it anyway. My heart goes out to you all. I hope all clicks into place for the running of the Georgian to be as smooth as possible as you all are giving so much of yourselves. Us fans do appreciate it, believe me. I've enclosed two photos for you. I wish Pat had seen them. The wedding of two cultures took place in beautiful gardens in Mitcham, Vic. The bride is Lita and the groom is Richard. The day was shone on just for the afternoon of the wedding! It was cold and grey beforehand. So begins a new couple's future together. It was very touching. I light my candle to Pat, and to all you fellow friends. My love and best wishes are sent strongly to you.

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For the Birds (UPI)

It was a real wild goose chase in a busy supermarket parking lot in Denver. Denver animal control warden James Lopez spent about five minutes trying to corner a Canada goose that turned up in the parking lot. Lopez returned the goose to Washington Park, where he says it probably came from.

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Biologists hope stealing California condor eggs more often will increase the number of eggs the rare birds lay. Art Risser, the bird curator at the San Diego Zoo, says condors are capable of producing several eggs each nesting season but usually quit after producing just one. Biologists have been sneaking up to mountainside nests and stealing the eggs shortly after they're produced. The strategy is to save the eggs from the perils of the wild and get the mating process started again. Risser calls it max imizing production. Critics of the program say some eggs should be left in the wild, but Risser says the condor population is too low to take the chance of losing an egg.

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The town of Fairfield, Illinois, looked like Alfred Hitchcock's movie The Birdsand residents weren't too thrilled about it. Millions of cowbirds returned to Fairfield in 1984 despite efforts by residents to discourage them. One resident said, "The sky gets just black when they're up and flying." The invasion of the birds, which are a type of blackbird, began in 1983 when they took over some pine trees west of town. Residents used noisemakers, fake distress birdcalls, gas-powered cannons, and shotguns to get rid of them. But the birds are back. The birds' shrill, grating whistles annoy townspeople, and their droppings create a health hazard. To combat the problem, the city has set up two hotline numbers to give residents advice on getting rid of the pesky birds.

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It doesn't pay for a bird to play the outfield. A batted ball hit a nighthawk in Milwaukee's county stadium and killed it during a double header with Oakland in 1984. Dave Winfield of the New York Yankees threw a ball at a seagull in Toronto and killed it in 1983.

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Call of the Sybil by Tarostar

"Cast the Runes, my pretty pet,
Fate decides what must be met.
Around the Stone Circle standing grim
Swirls mists and cloud all grey and dim."

Drie thy wyrd from the Sybil's charms
For honor and riches or glory at arms.
Or perchance a fateful stroke of ill,
And into they bones creeps a dreadful chill.

"O, Sybil, O, Oracle, O, Priestess of Fate,
Tell me true of Love or Hate.
Will I be honored with riches most dear,
Or have I a dark force to fight and to fear?"

She squints her eyes and nods her head.
The future comes and one must be led.

"Hear me, Seeker, I shant be sly.
Not all is good in the bye and bye.
Two paths await theee, a choice is clear.
Fate goads at each, yet a middle course steer."

The middle path will make thee see,
Tis the best of both worlds to have and to be.
Excesses of ill, excesses of good,
Would not nurture thee as they should.

The portends of they future doth say
Only thy choice determineth thy way.
"I do not know the Norns full plan,
But I may enlighten thee where I can...

Follow the inner light of thy being
To the good through the ill, is this Sybil's seeing."

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Didja Know?

Sixty-seven years ago Marjorie Lawrence, a young girl from Mississippi, submitted to a public haircut in New York City. Her hair was then auctioned, lock by lock, with the proceeds used "to help Uncle Sam." Can you guess where the money went, specifically?

Marjorie Lawrence invested the proceeds in WWI Liberty Bonds.

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From Lady Mariah

Keep up the good work, we all know that there will be times that you feel that it is too much work and not enough thanks.

Comments on the article called "A Witch Looks at Christianity" by Tarostar in the February issue.

You said that "about 1485 AD they discovered the Witch." I feel that that is not so because Christianity would not even be if it were not for us because they took our sabaths and changed them into their holydays. Then they built their churches over our temple circles. They took our gods and Goddess of peaceful elements, like Venus, Moon, Mother Earth, and made them into saints, angels, etc. and the gods of war like elements were made into demons, like Mars, Saturn, etc.

In the March issue you said, "I run an occult supply shop and deal daily with herbs, candles, spells, charms, and hexes for all occasions." That holds in bad taste, I feel, Witches should not send hexes for all occasions! I certainly hope not for money at that!

Remember, a lot of Witches' mother or rather, grandmother, or grandfather are Christians. We should not send hate to them as they do to us, and by the way we talk about them will show them that we are just what they think we are. We all know that it gets hard to live in this world and have to be cursed every day by them, but we picked this religion.

You have done a very good job on your research and it was good. Keep up the good job but tone down the negative language because it does not become a well-informed person as yourself.

Next time I go to Las Vegas, I will drop by to see you. I have been in your shop twice, nice shop.

Months ago, I called Vickie in OK and talked to her. Then she wrote to me and I lost her address. Please, write to me again.

Also, the lady in Texas that lost her husband through death and she was upset and having trouble getting started when she wrote to the newsletter. We have not heard from her. If you are still reading the newsletter, write and tell us how you are getting along. If you are still having trouble, we are still here. You are not alone because the earth is full of Witches.

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TORNADOES OF MARIAH

People will say to me (non-Witches), "Why don't you charge people for reading their cards? Why don't you call yourself a psychic adviser and charge people?"

They (Witches) will say that "If we charge for our services, we can put food on our table or gas in ourcar." Also, "People will not value us unless we charge," or "If it was worth something we would get paid for it." "We are helping our community and promoting what Witches are all about."

Yes, I know that Witches (?) will write and say wonderful words, and wonderful reasons telling me I am all wrong. I say go for it, it will not bother me in any way.

I have more respect for those that will sell passions for money to put food on their table or gas in their car.

To sell my religion in any way is very vulgar.

Money and religion are on two different levels. Religion is on a higher level. Money is on man's level.

I am well aware that we (Witches) can make a lot of money with our crafts. If we mix religion and money, soon we be more concerned with how much more money we can make, that is when their religion has been lowered to the level of man (money). It takes more guts to keep our religion on a higher level.

I feel that it is long past the time to help others with crafts of our religion. Read outsider's cards, and advise outsiders for free, and soon they will see we have asked nothing of them. We will get our point across and they will not be able to say we are taking advantage of people, or using our religion to make money.

Do any of your crafts to help others, and ask for nothing. Don't worry, the good will come back to you.

It is timeto take a long look at ourselves and ask ourselves "Do we sit--good image for others to want to listen to what we say, or do we look like a bunch of bums?"

We are very smart people and our religion has wonderful ideals but are we living up to our high ideals we all talk about?

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Tornadoes of Mariah (cont.)

Other people (non-Craft) are looking at us and they are reading our newsletters. We are often talking about them putting money into their religion, and how we think they are in the money-making business. Well, we had damned well make sure that we don't drag our religion in the mud of man. Keep our religion in the stars, sun, and moon. Don't let the mud of man get into our religion, it will be too hard to get it clean. They will never be able to get the dirt of man off of their religion. We have always kept our religion out of the mud.

Other religions have been burning themselves out with asking for money and more money. That will be their downfall. And then the people that left for that reason will look for a religion that has not put money and religion together. And to my knowledge, that is us! Just make sure we don't join them in a business of religion.

Sure it is hard to walk away from money. But remember when you have put money into your religion you have entered into the world of man (money). Our religion needs no money to preach, all it takes is our time and look how long we live. We are given a lot of time to do good and that costs nothing!

If you need money to live, you can do other things to get money, but don't use our religion to get your money.

All I ask is to keep my religion out of the mud of man.

I may sound mad and disgusted. Well, you're right! I am mad as hell and I am not going to take it anymore!!!

And I cannot do it all alone, we have to talk to other Witches (?) that are in the money making business, and tell them to go to the other religions that say they should pay their ties to the churches to go to the xian heaven. Strange that they think to pay money to another person will get them into the xian's heaven.

We have always had pride in saying that we charge nothing for our religion. But we sit back and let another Witch make money on our religion because they are our friends or because they are nice. I say no way. Get your dirty hands out of their pockets and give of yourself. Help them with our crafts and ask nothing of them. If you say you are getting paid for your time and your time is worth something, I say your time is not needed in our religion.

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From the local SPCA

In an effort to increase the publics' awareness of the joys, sorrows, and responsibilities of owning domestic animals and interacting with all wildlife, the Bakersfield Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will be sponsoring a community-wide Photo Contest for Be Kind To Animals Week, (the first full week in May). Besides the usual categories (Most Beautiful, Biggest, Oldest, Most Unusual, etc.), we will also give awards for the Best Photo News Store, 597 (Cruelty) Documentation Photo, and Human/ Companion Animal Bond Photo. In a separate category, we would like to give awards for the Best Video Story and/or News Coverage of any animal related story in Kern County.

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From Georgia in OK

Sure hope everyone is doing OK. Rick and I are doing fine here. The Four Winds is coming along great. We were in a Psychic Arts festival here in Norman last weekend and really enjoyed it. I know our shop is going to make it.

Thank yall so much for keeping up the newsletters. I need them. And they have kept my sanity in the past when I could not openly tell I am a Pagan. It's been so long since I have been to the Coven I don't know if I personally know any of yall, but either which way I do want you to know yall have my support and Love in any way I can help.

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More Government Poop (from UPI)

Documents made public show that Army agents secretly sprayed passengers at Washington's National Airport and a city bus terminal with bacteria to test how a smallpox epidemic might be started by enemy forces. According to a heavily censored document released to the Church of Scientology under the reedom of Information Act, the experiments were carried out in 1964 and 1965 and may also have included bus terminals in Chicago and San Francisco. The document said Army Special Operations agents used aerosol-like blowers concealed in specially built suitcases to spray the bacteria, which was called harmless. According to the document, the Army estimated that "infected passengers" in the tests would carry the bacteria to more than 200 cities and that New York, Washington, Boston, Chicago, and Los Angeles would have the highest incidence of infection.

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ANIMALS (UPI)

Creep of the month--The ears of a rabbit, a black robe, and a distinctive dark candle have been found at the Torrance home of an accused child molester's girlfriend. Those findings could help back up testimony of satanic rituals at the former McMartin Preschool in Manhattan Beach. Investigators found the items at the house occupied by the girlfriend of Robert Winkler, who is awaiting trial on charges he molested children while working as a babysitter. A 10-year-old boy has been testifying in the preliminary hearing of seven suspects in the McMartin Child molestation case. The boy has told the court that staff members of the school dressed in black robes, sacrificed animals and conducted satanic rituals.

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Authorities in Maryland are looking for a buffalo. The buffalo has been seen three times. Police have shot it with tranquilizer guns, but it always slipped away. Mike Morgan of the National Zoo in nearby Washington, D.C., says the buffalo probably is grazing somewhere on land owned by the Izaak Walton League in Montgomery County, Maryland. He suggested the police use a stronger tranquilizer. Game officials don't think the buffalo is dangerous, unless somebody corners it. A police sergeant says the big concern is to catch it before it runs into a highway and ties up traffic.

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A Los Angeles man and woman who sold stuffed and mounted bears have pleaded guilty to selling animal parts in violation of the state fish and game code. A deputy city attorney says charges stem from an offer to sell undercover agents a bear head, two mounted bears, and three bear hides. California law prohibits killing and the sale of bears because the animals are on the verge of becoming an endangered species.

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More creeps--Louisiana state wildlife authorities say two student workers were dismissed after reports that they beat to death three baby raccoons they were supposed to rescue. The two young men were sent to remove the animals which were stuck in a trash dumpster at a suburban Baton Rouge shopping center. Witnesses say the workers fatally clubbed the baby raccoons with a piece of lumber.

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From Linda Dice

I'm submitting my article, "Time and the Tarot" for the pagan Studies Contest. I'd like to enter "The Enigmatic John Dee" but can no longer recall where I found much of my information, apart from a few visits to the British Museum in London. Being born into an hereditary family, I was taught tarot, amongst many other things, as well as finding out a few things from my own "experiments."

Ed note (LF): Thank you for the entires. Don't forget! The contest deadline is June 21st!

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Penda's Feast by Linda Dice

A nice time to observe is Penda's Feast or the Feast of Penda. The especially nice thing about it is that you can observe it as often as you want, on any day you want! You see, Penda was a real-life hero... a champion of the Old Ways, when all around him folk were turning to the "new" religion. This is his story:

Crida, first King of Mercia, died in the year 595 AD, and was succeeded by his son of whom we know next to nothing. This son of Crida was followed by Penda, one of the greatest figures of early English history, although of course, due to the nature of his religious beliefs, not mentioned in schools, even though he definitely IS in the history books, but you have to look for him, unless you're wise, of course, in which case, you already pretty well revere the chap! Anyway, I digress, Penda came to the throne of Mercia around 626 AD. By this time, the many Kingdoms had pretty much organized themselves into three; Northumbria, Mercia, and Wessex. Northumbria had its King Edwin. He came to the throne in 617 and brought to his land not only peace and the blessings of settlement, but also, a most organized and at that time super-zealous religion--Christianity. (Bear in mind, please, that the "Old Religion" was, at that time, the ONLY religion and as is so often the case, considered in a dim light when compared to the new and exciting... Christianity!)

Anyway, good old Edwin married Ethelburga, who was the daughter of Ethelbert, King of Kent. This same "Black Ethelbert" allowed himself to become converted to Christianity by

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Penda's Feast (cont.) by Linda Dice

St. Augustine. Before this fateful conversion, Edwin had been cheerfully regarded as overlord by all other Kings. But his desertion of Woden, for the new Christ, made many rebel against him.

As this crisis of leadership grew, a "man of the hour" took shape. Just as, many centuries later, Winston Churchill "stood in the gap," so, at this time, did our man of the hour--Penda--"Stand in the gap." Penda (bless his name!) was ruler of the Mercians in the Trent Valley, and also of the Angles and Saxons who had settled around the Wrekin. Gradually, solely because of his unshakable faith in the Old Ways, he extended his influence until he added to his domain the districts along the lower Severn and even to the upper Thames! He staunchly refused to hand over the beliefs of his beloved Old Religion to the privileged clergy of the new.

Finally, after Edwin was baptized, the people decided they had had enough. They rose against him, as one, and slew him (Good for them, say I!)

Now, Penda stood forth as the leader of a rebellion, since he was the champion of the faith of Woden against that of Christ.... It is entirely possible that most of the English Tribal Chiefs had acted as priests of their people, and as such now saw in Penda a man of the faith--THEIR faith! The Christians apparently insisted their faith was indomitable and could easily overcome all odds, and this was a time, already well into the Piscean Age, yet such was Penda's faith that he would not be swayed... his rebellion became formidable. He journeyed even to the lands of northern Wales, and formed an alliance with their King, Cadwallon. The two of them, though previously enemies, swore allegiance under the faith of their forefathers, and united together, under the leadership of Penda.

Penda led his valiant forces into Yorkshire, and defeated his enemy soundly at Hatfield (Heathfield), near Doncaster.

Penda (may the Goddess forever bless him) became ruler of an extremely enlarged Mercia (a living enactment of the Threefold Law, as Penda must have been acutely aware...)

Again, the Christian warlords went after Penda and his pastoral peoples of the Old Religion. Oswald, the new king of Northumbria, rallied all the Christian folk in Mercia as well

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Penda's Feast (cont.) by Linda Dice

as his own. But, as Penda had never failed the Old Gods, so the Old Gods did not now fail Penda. Piscean Age or no Piscean Age, Penda stood true. He believed in his faith and beheld the persuasive, emotional new religion, fairly and squarely in the eye. And, as before, he rejected it, knowing full well that he was a standard-bearer for an older faith. Again, the stout-hearted peoples of northern Wales rallied to Penda's call-to-arms. Again they united under Penda's standard. And again, the Goddess of Light forever bless them, they prevailed and Oswald was slain--amid cheers--near Oswestry, in northeast Shropshire.

So, you see, as his descendants, we should have at least one Penda's Feast during the year. When do you feel your faith most imposed upon? Have you just returned from the airport where you were hassled by bald panhandlers? Have you just answered the doorbell, only to be confronted with a bunch of Mormon missionaires? Instead of the newspaper, has the dog just brought in the latest copy of "Watchtower?" Have you just turned on the TV and had Jerry Falwell assault your ears--did you change the channel, only to find Billy Graham asking if you are "saved?" FIGHT BACK! You will be amazed at how it will lift your battered spirit!

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GATHERING FOR LIFE ON EARTH--July 19th-22nd, Central Ontario
--a gathering focusing on political-spiritual synthesis and networking of Pagans involved in peace, feminist, Green, gay, native, and anti-imperialist activism.
--camping free from electricity or running water (aside from the creek).
--donations accepted to cover costs
--for more information, write Pagans for Peace, c/o Sam Wagar, Dragonfly Farm, Lake St. Peter, Ontario KOL 2KO, Canada.

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DIDJA KNOW? (UPI)

How long is a chameleon's tongue? The exact length depends on the size of the lizard. Chameleons can extend their tongues the length of their bodies.

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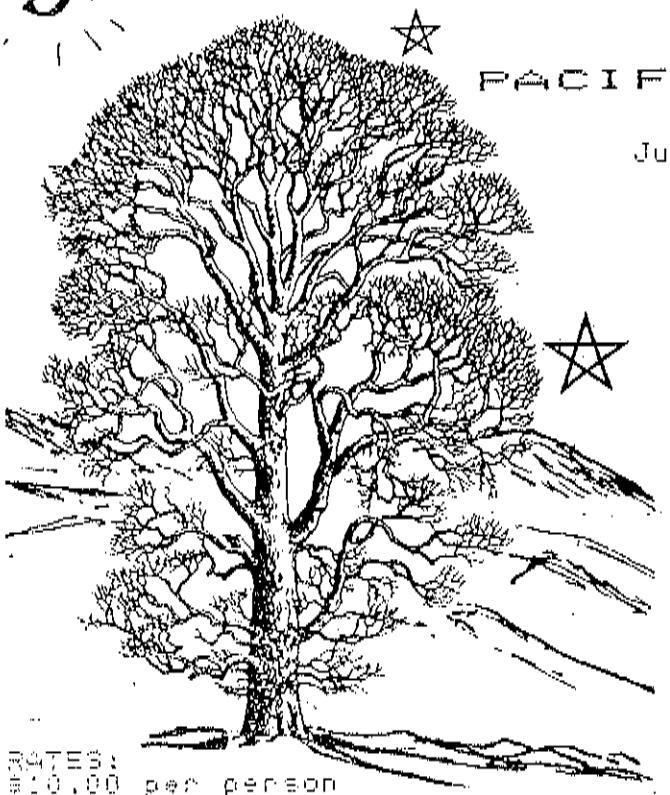

PACIFIC CIRCLE V

June 14-16, 1985

Greetings, brothers & sisters! The fifth annual Pacific Circle is rolling once again!

Of course, we are aiming for our favorite campground, Bandido, high up in the lovely Angeles Crest Mountains. Nothing but paganfolk, and the Goddess' gift of beauty.

We plan to have some workshops, rituals, and, of course, a handfasting or three. (Please contact the committee if you want to have your handfasting up in the mountains.)

If you have never attended a Pacific Circle, come join the fun and sharing of many Paganfolk all gathered in one place!

We welcome Pagan-oriented products, if cleared through the Pacific Circle Committee, non-pagan dealers who attend only to sell are not welcome. This is a retreat, not a Convention.

We happily welcome children, and we will try to have some sort of daycare available, at least on Saturday, and also a Children's Ritual.

Please get your reservations in early, unfortunately, we must limit this to 125 people, and registrations are on a "first come, first served" basis, and NO registrations will be taken at the gate.

RATES:
$10.00 per person
$17.00 per couple
$ 8.00 each for groups of of 5 or more.
(Kids under 12 free)

LATE REGISTRATION:
(after May 1, 1985)
$__.00 per person
$21.50 per couple
$10.00 each for groups of 5 or more.

MAIL TO
PACIFIC CIRCLE
P.O. BOX 9513
NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. 91609

For further info call:
Sandy Wahe at: (818) 897-9324 OR
Chris Reed at: (818) 896-1769

Yes, yes! I'll be there!

Name _____

Address _____

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Daytime phone# (___) _____

No. of people _____

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My group would like to present or help present a _____rite.

I would like to volunteer to help in any way I can. My specialty is:

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Make checks payable to:

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Cash, checks, or money orders all accepted.
Reservations should be in no later than May 1, 1985.
NO refunds will be given after June 1, 1985.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COPY AND DISTRIBUTE THIS FLYER.

From Vicki in OK

Sorry it took so long to write. Silver Acorn Circle is going very well. We now number 13 if you take into account the ones under 3! Our Lady Day Ritual was beautiful, even if it was crowded. The ritual room (converted dining room) was filled with flowers and candles. The candles were flower shaped and floated on water in clear green glass bowls giving the whole room a beautiful green-gold glow. We were especially fortunate this year to have the paganing for our newest member Ian Elliott Motya Brothers, son of Lord Mark and Lady Sena. He's a Beltane child. Joe and I are Godparents. I've always wanted to be a Fairy Godmother! (no wisecracks from the peanut gallery!). The Circle was six months old on Lady Day. We're finally starting to mesh together into a functional unit. We're going slow because I know what can happen when you don't!

Saw Georgia at a recent local Psychic Faire. I really hope the Four Winds makes it. We're doing all we can to send business her way, including burning orange and green candles!

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From Rik in Tucson

Well, here is the article that "ive been promising to send for the past year or so. I hope you like it as the data, I think, is fascinating.

Our open class has taken a strange turn. Usually, we have 12 people register for the class, 8 show for the first two classes and then 4 to 6 attend the last six classes, then 4 ask to join the Coven and only one does. This time, the normal 12 signed for the class but 22 attended with another person or two promising to attend later classes. The second class starts day after tomorrow so we'll see how it turns out. Interestingly enough, there are three to six in this class who are interested with the usual two kids who sit in the back and giggle through the lectures. We can handle them, just as long as they don't disrupt the class.

A Coven in Phoenix with whom we have recently established ties is planning a network for Arizona. Also, there is a possibility of a Beltane picnic/Sabbat with some 30 people attending. Plans are still in the infant stage but will keep you informed. Lots of news from here but I need permission to publish. One Coven in Tucson has disbanded and another feminist is forming. Thus Tucson has one Gardnerian (somewhat), one Alexandrian and two feminist Covens.

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Religion in the News (UPI)

The United Methodist Church is beginning the task of formulating a new statement of current basic united methodist theology. The new statement was called for by the church's general conference last year in a resolution asking for "a new statement that will reflect the needs of the church and define the scope of our wesleyan tradition in the context of our contemporary world." Bishop Earl Hunt of Lakeland, Florida, will head the 25 member study committee drawing up the new statement. Hunt says the task is "incredibly difficult and complex but exciting." He notes that too often doctrine "again and again has been made to serve the whims and minds" of one cause or another. According to Hunt, the panel "must try to resurrect the uniqueness of Methodism's historic emphases and see if they can relate honestly to contemporary viewpoints."

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Charles Stanley, controversial president of the troubled Southern Baptist Convention, says he is willing to serve a second term as president of the nation's largest protestant body. Stanley is a leader of the ultra-conservative wing of the 14.3 million member church. Other leaders of that movement say that the denomination's annual meeting set for June in Dallas will be a showdown between the fundamentalist faction and the more moderate, but they say the showdown will not result in a formal split of the church. But those leaders are making it clear they want Stanley to be re-elected. Jerry Falwell, who is not a member of the denomination, says he expects a split in the church if Stanley is not re-elected. Stanley has served as a vice president of Falwell's political action arm, the moral majority.

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The Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church is mailing packets of information on the church to about 300,000 ministers from across the religious spectrum. Church President Mose Durst says the mailing is an effort by the church to "share in a direct and candid way who we are and what we believe." The mailing includes two books, two letters from Durst, brochures and three videotapes on the church's theology and stance.

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Ed Note: (LF) Did you see '60 Minutes' presentation on the Religious Trade Show???

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Physics of Magick, Part I by Rik in Tucson

One aspect of Witchcraft that ties us all together is the CRAFT aspect of WICCA. That is, Witchcraft is both a religion (Witch) and a technology (Craft); the religion helps us to tie into the forces of nature as personified by the God and Goddess, the Technology allows us to utilize those forces to our advantage.

I've noticed that there are two main methods of teaching Magick: the 'Do what feels right' school and the 'Read a cookbook and follow directions' school. In the first, one coven I know of did an anti-rape spell and within the first month, rape increased 57%. In the second, another coven did only cookbook spells and never had much success. Neither coven was able to determine their problem or even admit that there was a problem with their magick.

Some years ago, while studying astronomy, the remark was made quite casually that all objects have three spectra: emission (that energy it produces), reflection (that energy it reflects), and absorption (that energy it absorbs). As a demonstration on how this relates to radio astronomy (big in England but not important here), the spectra of a human being was drawn on the board. The instructor concentrated on the band between one Å (10 to the -9 meters) and one meter (10 to the 1 meter) which encompasses radiation, ultraviolet, visible and heat down to TV reception. He also mentioned the curious and unexplainable fact that for some reason, human beings also radiated and absorbed energy in the long radio frequencies of from 100 to 20,000 km.

Suddenly, it all fell together. As a person with a BA in social sciences, I was accustomed to the problem of one field never learning what was discovered in a related or 'unrelated' field. My psychology instructors were quoting data from anthropology that had been outdated for decades, yet the psych people were ignorant of the newer research (homosexuality for example). Thus, it was not difficult to see that astronomers were ignorant of anthropological, parapsychological, and even quantum physics and wave mechanics data. Parapsych people use obsolete equipment that measures long wave electromagnetic waves. Bonewitz describes in the classic work Real Magic how Kogan in the Soviet Union defined E.S.P. as a radio wave with a frequency of 100 km (should be wave length, not frequency--dean). I also recalled the theory that P.K. was a wave of 10,000 to 20,00 km. Then I remembered a trivia medical fact that if you stretched the human nervous system out into one line, it would stretch

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Physics of Magick (cont.) by Rik

over 20,000 km. Studies of dowsers indicate that they may act upon the 'aura' or electromagnetic field of the desired object. Recent medical studies show that the body does in fact generate an electromagnetic field of unknown properties but related to the electrochemical activity generated by the nerves. Anthropogists have always remarked on the curious similarities of magical actions used by unrelated peoples.

The human body was an electromagnetic wave transmitter/ generator/receiver capable of producing long waves up to the total length of the nervous system. In other words, we manufacture the long waves capable of producing psi phenomena of E.S.P. and P.K. WOW!!!!

If true, then by understanding the basic properties of e-m waves, we should be able to increase our success rate and to do things that were formerly considered impossible even by witches. Further data also explains why some of the old rules of magick and coven working methods actually worked. This led to the development of mathematical formulae for magick and psychic workings that aid in magical success and explain why some of the failures occurred. In this and future articles, I hope to give some of these basics, but I admit that my prime field is not physics so there may be a few flaws herein. But, as one wiser than I said, "It doesn't matter if magick works, what matters is that the universe behaves as if it works."

The main topics to be covered will be: basic wave-mechanics, Earth rhythms and currents, human biology including the eight paths to power, the aura, energy meridians, brain waves, some mathematical formulae. Some of this data has been published in previous editions of the Georgian Newsletter, some is on file in the Georgian files, some is still in longhand in my files. There are illustrations for this data that may help explain some of the concepts but I don't know if the Georgian can print them, if not, contact me and I will send you the drawings. Rik Johnson, Box 40451, Tucson, AZ 85717

Ed note (LF): If you write Rik for the illustrations, make sure you send a SASE.

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There's no time like the present... to decide what to postpone next.

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From Dian McLellan, Australian Wiccan Conference

Dear Pat, It is sad that you have a preconceived notion of us due to an article that appeared recently in your magazine. We noticed the criticism of non-cooperation regarding Australia, but the authors of the article were specifically invited to come and showed great co-operation in refusing for themselves, their coven and church as well. We are unable to work out whether this was because we did not ask their permission to hold the event, and being English and not belonging to their tradition, had transgressed some unwritten laws. They do not credit me with being in the Craft, only being "pagan" as they can find no record of my initiation! I guess my parent coven in the U.K. should have supplied me with a decorative scroll to present to inquirers some 20 years ago.

We send you the programme for last year's event so that you can judge for yourself it if was a "non-event." It will be bigger and better this year as all last year's attendees are bringing all their friends. It is designed to be educational as well as fun and we ask that if you feel that we are not worthy of your support, to refrain from giving us a bad write-up unless it comes from someone who had the integrity to at least attend. Enclosed is the advance publicity and some registration forms for this year. We hope that you may give us a mention in your next publication and maybe in the spirit of the Craft everywhere, a little support. We have, of course, sent out literature to all the Craft-oriented magazines that we can reach and have guest speakers from the U.K. and would be thrilled to greet any visitors from the U.S. and help them have a holiday "down under."

Ed note (LF): 1) Catherine & Kent stated they were unable to attend your event due to the great expense involved in travelling there (see p. 13, November 1984 issue). 2) They didn't say a darn thing about your "heritage." 3) A program doesn't make, and never has made, an event. Specific dates (Spring Equinox from 6 pm Friday until 6 pm Sunday) were not given. If you're interested in this year's conference, write P. O. Box 62, O'Halloran Hill 5158 South Australia. Dian--you may want to read all of the November issue. Your letter dated 20th Feb 1985 indicates you did not. The issue will give you some valuable information about Pat.

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When you're up to your elbows in alligators, it's hard to remember your mission was to drain the swamp.

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From UPI

Police in Innsbruck, Austria, have found a painting by French Impressionist artist Paul Gaugin in a railroad station luggage deposit box. A police spokesman said the 111-year-old painting called "Basket with Flowers" was retrieved from the luggage box at Innsbruck's main railroad station following a tip from West German police. The painting was stolen from the Norwegian National Gallery three years ago along with seven other works of art which recently turned up in West Germany. Police say the thieves have never been caught. The work is worth $179,000.

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Scientists at Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, say a rare alignment of Pluto and its only known satellite is giving astronomers a temporary new tool to study the solar system's most distant planet. Lab spokesman Henry Fuhrmann says, "It could help them find the relative sizes of Pluto and the satellite and how massive they are and what they're made of." Scientists say the alignment occurs every 124 years and will last for 5 years. This is the first time astronomers will be able to study it because Pluto was only discovered in 1930 and the satellite, Charon, was discovered in 1978. Pluto takes 248 years to orbit the sun and there are 2 5-year periods in each orbit when the eclipsing events occur. A more accurate estimate of the densities of Pluto and Charon would allow astronomers to develop models of what they are made of. Pluto is thought to have the density of water, which would make it the lowest density planet that has a solid surface, very little is known about Pluto and even less about Charon.

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The next scheduled flight of the space shuttle Discovery continues to be plagued with problems. A worker's leg was broken and the shuttle was damaged in an accident that will once again delay the launch of Discovery, scheduled to carry a crew of seven, including Utah Senator Jake Garn. Discovery was tentatively scheduled to blast off March 28th. NASA spokesman Charles Redmond says the flight now will be delayed until some time in April, perhaps around the end of the first week. A technician working in Discovery's hangar was hit by a service platform that unexpectedly telescoped down and hit the forward section of the Shuttle's left payload bay door last month.

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From Mariah

I am enclosing two papers that are going around and things like this is what upsets me greatly.

"Memberships now being taken for *Circle of Awareness and Commitment* from Denver, Colorado. Membership for $113.00 a year. Spells for love-$175.00 Marriage-$300.00 Protection--$325.00 Money--$350.00 Job--$150.00 Luck--$150.00 House Blessing--$325.00 For a customized one, the price is $1,500.00. Want a unique one, like poetry helping, creative talking? Add $20.00 more (who said talk was cheap?) For a psychic card reading, add $5.00 for a crystal ball reading, add $6.00 for a cassette tape reading."

Then after all the money people send, they ask for (2) 37¢ stamps. Then they sell books on how to make incense, for $12.00, and they have taken it from books that everyone would have. It is run off by a copying machine, total pages less than five.

One of the reasons I picked Wicca, the nature religion, is the pure feeling of religion. More and more people are turning my religion into a business.

I have seen time and time again people in Wicca start one small seed for silver, then the next thing they are selling is the tree, then they sell the gods that made the tree and seed.

The people that sell magic know nothing about magic. Magic cannot be sold but to foolish people by the fools.

I know that I may sound bad but that is the way that I feel. I am beginning to feel helpless about all this, because too many people are doing this and no one is saying anything about it.

Why are you selling ads for the newsletter and not know what they are selling? Pat did not do that!

Why are you paying $100.00 to one person for doing research?

Someone could spend years and years in a research project and not know how to put it all together or they may not know how to write properly.

Will your group read everyone's papers and then pick the best one to go in the newsletter? Or will you put everyone's research in the newsletter?

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From Mariah (cont.)

Then along comes a reader and they put it all together and they write a book and make money on someone's or a lot of people's research work that they spent years of work researching on.

Am I right or wrong for thinking this way???

Ed Note (dean): Lady Mariah also enclosed a copy of the circular which upset her. Her letter touches most of the high spots in it. What does bear mentioning is that the spells offered are High Ceremonial Magick, payment will be accepted in the form of a money order, and the customer must sign a waiver.

No, lady, you do not sound bad, mad, not bad. I believe you know that we are in basic agreement on this general topic--selling one's religion--it should not be done. We cannot endorse it. Your ire is somewhat misplaced or misstated though. You follow the path of Wicca, but you feel a Ceremonail Magician can turn your religion into a business. Must be powerful stuff--no wonder it costs so much.

I knew that somepace down the line I would have to hear a time or two, "Pat never did that!" I really did not believe it would come from you. My answer is that you are trully mistaken. He did. Furthermore, he handled it much as I have this situation. I have attempted to scrupulously screen announcements and paid advertising requests. When I foul up, I expect our readers to let me know. You have. I appreciate it. You will not be bothered by advertisements from the same folks again.

As to the research project: As was plainly stated in previous newsletters, the prize money is from private funds. That means the newsletter--which operates at a significant financial loss--is not paying for it. Neither is the money being taken from church funds. Now, how private funds are spent is no more open to public criticism than your own personal budget.

Yes, someone could spend an entire lifetime doing research and never get it written out. In that case, it is worth nothing. Even if one has accumulated all the pieces to the puzzle, the information is not conveyed until one finds

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Reply to Mariah (cont.)

if all of the pieces fit and what story they tell.

A nice thing about a research paper is that one need not know how to write well. One need only give an idea of what was found and report where it was found specifically, so that others may pursue the line of thought even further. Then tie it all together for those of us who are slow to get the picture and there one has a paper, a feeling of accomplishment and perhaps the piece of the puzzle someone else was missing. Would that we could pay more.

Entries for the contest will be judged by the Board of Directors of the Georgian Church. Entrants give us one time printing rights. The winner's paper will be printed with the announcement. The rest of the papers will be presented for us all to share as space and time allow. If a reader then puts it all together and makes a book and a lot of money from it and does not get permission to reprint from the original authors, the original authors can sue for their part of the money.

Right or wrong? I have a distorted perspective of such matters. I usually defer. Love you, dean.

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A NOTE FROM TIFFANY ST. MOONSTAR

The closing date is 13 October on the Tetrahedron Project (crystal working). We must receive all participant crystals by then as we are leaving on the 14th.

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From Sue in AZ

All sorts of things going on in Arizona in the spiritual realm--I have heard from many people that Arizona is rapidly becoming one of the U.S.'s most popular spiritual gathering places, and will be the focal point from which much earth healing will be generated by the mighty ones in the times to come. Every year Rik and I teach our class, more people come and more people stay. Our coven, Desert Henge, is still growing slowly, but we are learning at a phenomenal rate! We keep getting letters from interested folks. Some have panned out and we have a small, steady group of neophytes

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From Sue in AZ (cont.)

who usually take me and Rik's class, and either stick with us to learn more, or we try to direct them to a source which might work better for them.

We have met a few times with a fun and amiable group from Phoenix. The energies mesh nicely and I hope we will do more things with them. Some lip service has been paid to a possible Pan-Pagan Festival around Beltane, and more talk about starting a Pagan Arizona Network (PAN for short), but no serious action that I'm aware of has been taken yet.

I'm going to send my crystal to the Tetrahedron Project next week--hope there's no deadline!

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From Catherine & Kent & COTOR

Sorry for the delay in writing, we have been so excited, Kelly has just announced his formal engagement to Jane, and the wedding is to be held at the end of May this year. They were handfasted well over a year and a day back, and this will be the civil ceremony required in Oz. We are having a marriage celebrant, a Craft-type Lady, and they will marry in the rose garden of one of our lovely inner city parks. A morning wedding, with a reception at lunch time at one of our leading Italian Restaurants. Kent is, like me, delighted, he has been asked to be best man, a lovely thought, and so unexpected, but we believe in keeping such matters as Craft as possible, even if it is a civil ceremony.. The service to be used will be Craft of our Tradition, so all should go well. I am hostess for a pre-wedding luncheon tomorrow at my club, and in the morning will assist Jane and her mother to select the wedding gown, etc. Have not had so much fun and work for a coon's age. I hope you will all send them the blessings of their O/S Craft friends at this special time.

Have enclosed a little clipping from the local daily paper, Has anyone over there anthing further to tell us on this story?

We had a visit from two U.S. ships last week, the Buchanan was one. They seemed to enjoy their visit here, even though some idiots went about protesting, but when they left port on the way to Queensland, a flotilla of small craft escorted them to the head of our harbour and farewelled them in great style.

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From COTOR (cont.)

Our sympathies to Tiller RE the peppers episode, ugh! My friend your eyes must have felt raw. I had a funny episode not long after I got my contacts. I was sitting on the bed inserting them, dropped one, and before I could find it, the crazy Siamese Queen of the Covenstead bounded up upon the bed and SWALLOWED IT! You should have seen the look on the face of the clerk in the insurance office when he read my application for insurance payment. I bet he never had an excuse like that for the loss of a contact. By the way, Har Bibi came to no harm after her wierd feed.

Loved Tarostar's article on Christianity and their missionaries, how we feel the same way, sitting at breakfast a few weeks back, 8 am, is not when we are "with it," door bell rings, and there we find a group of Jehovah's wanting to come in and read the bible with us. Well, I ask you, at breakfast? Kelly answered the door, smart kid, let them tell him what they wanted, and when asked if he had found Jesus, replied, "Heck, is he lost again, sorry, have not seen him, but he's probably hanging about somewhere!" They left, VERY quickly!

We have been served up with miles of stuff in the mail from Copeland Missions and piles of Bible tracts in recent months, not unusual for us, but I suppose we must be sensible, they do fire up the furnace very well. Why ask them to stop sending? After all, it is their money being spent on printing and mailing, and we don't even open the magazine/literature.

Apart from our unseasonally hot weather, March is beginning of our autumn, not a great deal to report. COTOR progresses well, and we were delighted to see our friend George in New Zealand finally get about writing you. Could it be possible that the ham radio guy he was in touch with on Verde Street was Pat? It would be quite a coincidence, would it not?

The article Catherine & Kent sent reads as follows: "Every Craze has its catch. Advertising Age magazine reports that Ed Warren, a professional exorcist working in Connecticut. USA, has discovered a problem with the Cabbage Patch Kid dolls that are currently selling in their millions. Mr. Warren says he received a phone call from one doll owner who claimed he had heard the doll say: 'You and I are going to be together forever. I'm not just a doll--I'm the lord of hell.' Mr. Warren says that when he arrived at the house, the doll was 'levitating eight inches in the air.'

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From Catherine & Kent (COTOR) (cont.)

'I quickly made the sign of the cross,' he says, 'and held out my crucifix, and the doll flopped into its crib. Then I buried the doll and sprinkled holy water from a church into the grave. There hasn't been any trouble since.'

Mr. Warren says another doll owner claimed it had tried to strangle her, and again, Mr. Warren performed exorcism and burial. 'These diabolical infestations occur when childless women buy the dolls and treat them like the child they never had,' Mr. Warren says. 'Some cherish the doll as a loved one and buy it a wardrobe and jewellery [sic]. One woman even had a complete nursery for the doll. But the devil perceives such behaviour as a sign of human weakness and is just waiting to take advantage of the situation.'"

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Alcohol Cure (UPI)

Researchers in Ireland say a substance found in many popular face creams may cure damage done to the brain by excessive drinking. Experiments on rats at University College in Galway have shown that the substance Gamma-Linolenic acid heals brain cell membranes damaged by alcohol. It also seems to prevent drinkers from getting drunk. Professor Brian Leonard of the University's Pharmacology Department says some drinkers may find this aspect of the "cure" less that satisfactory--protecting the membranes will keep the drinker sober. Leonard explains that when a person drinks, the membranes surrounding brain cells are destroyed, which leads to "all sorts of confused and misdirected messages in the brain." We call that confused state drunkenness. And the more a person drinks, the longer the membranes take to grow back. But four years of experimentation on rats indicates that a dose of gamma-linolenic acid taken before or after imbibing will stop the breakdown of cell membranes, and even repair damage already done.

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DIDJA KNOW? (UPI)

In 1806, the Lewis and Clark Expedition ended at St. Louis. The expedition, led by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, had traveled to the Pacific Ocean and back. Do you know how long it took? The Lewis and Clark Expedition lasted two years, four months, and 10 days.

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People (UPI)

Residents of Yuba City, California, feel their city is a good place to live, despite a Rand McNally study which put Yuba City at the bottom of the list of metropolitan areas. Yuba City Mayor Chuck Papageorge added, "Quite honestly, I think it's a slap in the face." But the mayor says the survey gives him "a good opportunity" to tell "all the good things about Yuba City." Pappageorge added, "if we were second to last we wouldn't have gotten all this publicity." Next to last on the list was Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

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Ventriloquist Paul Winchell says he had the right idea 22 years ago, but it came at the wrong time. Winchell, who brought dummies Jerry Mahoney and Knucklehead Smith to life in the 1950's, says he had a patent on an artificial heart in 1963, but the medical community ignored it. Winchell made the claim during a syndicated TV talk show taped in St. Louis. His claims were backed up by Dr. Henry Heimlich, who originated the Heimlich maneuver to assist choking victims. Heimlich says he saw the patent and Winchell's plans for the artificial heart. Heimlich says, "The basic principle used in Winchell's heart and Jarvik's heart is exactly the same." Heimlich was referring to the Jarvik-7 heart implanted in three patients since 1982.

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People in Africa suffering from famine are receiving aid from at least two entertainment sources in the US. Tim Downs, a St. Louis based cartoonist, is using his cartoon "Downstown" to help get donations from his readers to help starving Ethiopians. Downs departed from the usually light offering of his strip drawing a satirical comparison between starving Ethiopians and overfed Americans. In the last panel of the week-long series, Downs drew a coupon detailing where donations could be sent. One relief organization has received more than $500 because of the strip. He says the purpose of the comic was to show how insensitive some Americans are to the problems of world hunger.

The song "We are the World" was recorded in a marathon session in January by some of the biggest names in the recording industry. The producer of the single hopes it will raise as much as $200 million for African famine victims.

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Reflections upon Stumbling over a Rock by A Friend

I perceive before me an object. I attempt to become one with it. I sense it has much to share. It suggests to me strength, stability. Its age becomes difficult to fathom. The potential it possesses is nearly staggering. In the hands of a craftsman it might become the foundation of a temple raised in praise to its creators; or perhaps a talisman of power possessed; perhaps a thing of beauty to adorn a lovely finger or a graceful neck. Further contemplation brings me to the realization that it should not be appreciated only for what it might be, but for what it is as well; a part of Nature, a record of the forming of a part of this planet. Did it ever represent a living entity? Science now tells us what the natives of this land always knew: that some of its kind seem to possess a form of consciousness. Some would exclaim, "If only it could speak!" Others tell us it can--to those who have ears and a heart that will listen.

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Excerpts from The Devil's Dictionary by Ambrose Bierce (New York: Crowell rpt. (n.d.), 1911)

Accident, n. An inevitable occurrence due to the action of immutable natural laws.

Christian, n. One who believes that the New Testament is a divinely inspired book admirably suited to the spiritual needs of his neighbor. One who follows the teachings of Christ in so far as they are not inconsistent with a life of sin.

Consul, n. In American politics, a person who having failed to secure an office from the people is given one by the Administration on condition that he leave the country.

Editor, n. A person who combines the judicial functions of Minos, Rhadamanthus and Aeacus, but is placable with an obolus; a severely virtuous censor, but so charitable withal that he tolerates the virtues of others and the vices of himself; who flings about him the splintering lightning and sturdy thunders of admonition till he resembles a bunch of firecrackers petulantly uttering its mind at the tail of a dog; then straightway murmurs a mild, melodious lay, soft as the cooing of a donkey intoning its prayer to the evening

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Excerpts from The Devil's Dictionary (cont.)

star. Master of mysteries and lord of law, high-pinnacled upon the throne of thought, his face suffused with the dim splendors of the Transfiguration,his legs intertwisted and his tongue a-cheek, the editor spills his will along the paper and cuts it off in lengths to suit. And at intervals from behind the veil of the temple is heard the voice of the foreman demanding three inches of wit and six lines of religious meditation, or bidding him turn off the wisdom and whack up some pathos.

Heathen, n. A benighted creature who has the folly to worship something that he can see and feel.

Ocean, n. A body of water occupying about two-thirds of a world made for man--who has no gills.

Positive, adj. Mistaken at the top of one's voice.

Salamander, n. Originally a reptile inhabiting fire; later, an anthropomorphous immortal, but still a pyrophile. Salamanders are now believed to be extinct, the last one of which we have an account having been seen in Carcassonne by the Abbe Belloc, who exorcised it with a bucket of holy water.

Zeal, n. A certain nervous disorder afflicting the young and inexperienced. A passion that goeth before a sprawl.

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Didja Know? (UPI)

The Movie, The African Queen, had a memorable scene. Humphrey Bogart, a rough operator of a river boat in Africa, was dining with Katharine Hepburn and trying to quiet an embarrassing rumbling sound caused by gas in his intestines. Do you know the technical name for such noises?

Borborygmi are the rumbling sounds caused by gas. The singular is borborygmus.

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Indeed, the real treasury of man is his knowledge. Knowledge is the means of honor, prosperity, joy, gladness, happiness and exultation. --A Baha'i saying

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From Natasha

What a nice surprise! We moved across Fla. to the West Coast back in July and although I notified you twice of our change of address we never received our exchange copy of your newsletter. How nice it was to find it in our mailbox today. Many thanks. Here's the Candlemas issue of Pegasus. Spring issue will arrive later.

We find it a great joy to have really returned to nature. With 20 acres of wild land to wander over and our own little farm we are able to live with/off the land about 60% already.

Did I say wild? We have panther, bear, raccoons, oppossums, hawks, ibis, armidillo, cranes, egrets, and gators right here. We also have an ongoing war with 2 bobcats who feel we should be willing to feed them from our farm stock.

All our fruit trees are coming back after the cold snap and with T.L.C. the garden is doing well.

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Who Was It?

That said:

"I should imagine that the name Hermes has to do with speech, and signifies that he is the interpreter, or messenger, or thief; or liar, or bargainer; all that sort of thing has a great deal to do with language...the word is expressive of the use of speech, and there is an often-recurring Homeric word...which means 'he contrived'. Out of these two words... the legislator formed the name of the god who invented language and speech, and we may imagine him dictating to us the use of his name. O my friends, says he to us, seeing that he is the contriver of tales or speeches,.. And this has been improved by us, as we think, into Hermes. Iris also appears to have been called from the verb 'to tell' because she was a messenger... There is also good reason, my friend, in Pan's being the double-formed son of Hermes... You are aware that speech signifies all things, and is always turning them round and round, and has two forms, true and false?... Is not the truth that is in him the smooth or sacred form which dwells above among the gods, whereas falsehood dwells among men below, and is rough like the goat of tragedy, for tales and falsehoods have generally to do with the tragic or goatish life, and tragedy is the place of them?... Then surely Pan, Who is the declarer of all things and the perpetual mover of all things, is rightly called 'Goatherd', he being the

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Who Was It? (contd)

two-formed son of Hermes, smooth in his upper part, and rough and goatlike in his lower regions. And as the son of Hermes he is speech or the brother of speech and that brother should be like brother is no marvel."[1]

And:

"... begging priests and soothsayers go to rich mens' doors and make them believe that they by means of sacrifices and incantations have accumulated a treasure of power from the gods that can expiate and cure with pleasurable festivals any misdeed of a man or his ancestors, and that if a man wishes to harm an enemy, at slight cost he will be enabled to injure just and unjust alike, since they are masters of spells and enchantments that constrain the gods to serve their ends."[2]

And:

"Dear Pan, and all ye other gods that dwell in this place, grant that I may become fair within, and that such outward things as I have may not war against the spirit within me. May I count him rich who is wise, and as for gold, may I possess so much of it as only a temperate man might bear and carry with him."[3]

Who was it? Plato, 428 bce - 348 bce.

[1]Cratylus; lines 408a-e.

[2]Republic; book II, 364b-c.

[3]Phaedrus; lines 279b-c.

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Other folks write newsletters too:

CIRCLE NETWORK NEWS is published quarterly/$9 per year. It is a good way to get to know the people at Circle Sanctuary and the many services they offer. Circle; P.O. Box 219; Mt. Horeb, WI 53572

COVENANT OF THE GODDESS NEWSLETTER is published 8 times a year. a sample copy is $2. Yearly subscriptions are $13 in the U.S. $26 for airmail outside U.S. Write c/o Dave Norman; PO Box 60151; Chicago, IL 60660.

DRAGONSMOKE is much more than a newsletter - more an anthology. It is beautiful and provocative. Published quarterly at $10 per issue with a limited edition of 500. All proceeds go to the Pagan Solidarity Fund. Two Wolves Press; PO Box 65; Mountain View, CA 94042.

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Newyletters (contd)

HARVEST is $10/year. 8 issues annually. dean particularly enjoyed "Javacrucians Unite" and"Reflections on a Dead Coven" in their Spring/Vernal Equinox issue. Subscriptions outside the U.S. are $16. HARVEST; PO Box 228; S. Framingham, MA 01701.

PEGASUS EXPRESS; the folks at Pegasus are enjoying their new home as you noted in Natasha's letter - Sorry about the late change of address, Natasha. You can get a sample copy by sending them $1 or subscribe for a year (8 issues) for $5. Write them at Rt 3 Box 962-H; Labelle, Fla 33935.

RED GARTERS is the official voice of the New Wiccan Church of California. Cost is $8 per year to non-members and is published occasionally. N.W.C. ; PO Box 162046; Sacramento, CA 95816.

The ROWAN TREE is introducing a pagan childrens publication which they call THE LITTLEST UNICORN. It will debut at the Summer Solstice. 8 issues per year/$7 U.S.; $8 foreign. PO Box 8814; Mpls, MN 55408.

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SPIRIT WITHIN NEWS. Despite the editor, Anubis-Amen-Ra, having been laid up with emphezma and 21 stab wounds, it continues, new format and all. Spirit Within is published from within a prison intrestingly enough. They are increasing their publishing schedule from 4 to 6 times per year. Subscriptions are $8 or they will trade for candles, books, or a plea of insolvency. Contact Anubis-Amen-Ra c/o David E. Chamberlain; PO Box A; Thomaston, ME 04861.

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Advertising Rates for the Georgian Newsletter are: 1/2 page $20; full page $36. We respectfully reserve the privilege of refusing any ad we deem inappropriate for our humble publication.

We must be off to share the water ritual with our little green friends in the spring garden. Keep a positive spirit.

Blessed Be from dean, Lady Fauna and all the Georgians.

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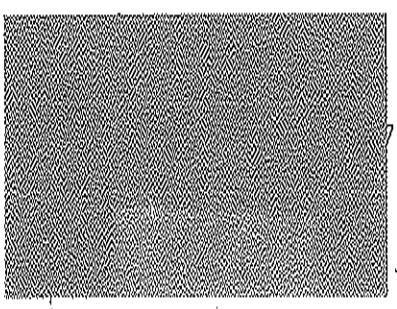

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