

As you can see by the above, there has been a change. We have received our charter as The Georgian Church, Inc. This is more than just a change in name; it becomes a completely new organization. The Board Of Directors has much more work to do but in the near future we will be ready to issue ministers credentials and church charters. However, we are determined that our credentials shall have some meaning and value, not be just another piece of paper. They will NOT be given to just anyone who asks nor to just anyone with a pocketful of cash...as some groups have done.

Ministers credentials shall be available ONLY to covenant leaders who have attained the highest degree of their tradition. Charters will be only for established covens with regular meetings and regular places of meeting. We are interested in quality, not quantity. We are not interested in groups which have formed only as an excuse for drug or sex orgies.

Sabbats here will no longer be so open as in the past. Anyone may have a time of being too short financially to afford even a cheap bottle of wine. Guests, invited for the first time, may not be expected to arrive with lots of goodies. But we will no longer tolerate freeloaders who show up for every Sabbat bringing nothing but a huge appetite for food and wine. We will no longer welcome regular visitors who do not take part in the rituals, and haven't even the courtesy to remain quiet during the rituals but sit outside the Circle chattering. These people add nothing to the celebration but are simply a disruptive influence. Anyone not planning to take part in the rituals will no longer be welcome. The exception will be new Pagans at their first Sabbat and INVITED visitors on their first visit.

Anyone wishing to attend a Sabbat or wishing to bring a visitor must first get permission from Merle or from me.

The newsletter shall continue as before with these changes: There has been just too much pressure the last couple days of the month to work a full-time job, then come home to spend another 8 or 10 hours trying to get this out on time. So the new deadline for all articles, poems, photos, cartoons, etc. will be the 20th of each month. Deadline of the 25th will be only for brief dated news items such as change of date or location of a meet or other info that would be too late for the following month.

And now that I've finished the lecture, on to business. At the Sabbat, Judith and Terry did a nice job of conducting the Pagan Way ritual. Shirley and Merle, with Cinda as Maiden, did their usual excellent job conducting the Craft ritual. Gail and I did the full-moon ritual...a somewhat different version than usual but it went quite well.

We will be celebrating Hallows on Friday, the thirty-oneth; a costume party early in the evening, and the Craft ritual at midnight. Remember: if you wish to attend or bring a guest, check with us first. Less embarrassing than being turned away at the door.

MODESTO - Changes, changes, changes...not only the season but Coven of Ceres, also. The Sabbat brought the dedication of a new covenstead. We now have a larger temple and more than enough room for a good-sized outdoor Circle complete with its own sacred spring (hot tub) for ritual bathing.

We were delighted to meet with the HP and HPs of the Assembly of Wicca, Sacramento. They are lovely people, and we hope to see more of them in the coming months.

Adonis and Titas are going to an Indian Pow Wow over the weekend. Should be interesting. (more on that next month). Manon and Lena are still trying to get moved into the new house. Everyone else is busy making preparation for the coming winter months and the forthcoming Hallows Sabbat.

There is a possibility that Lena will start working with a few people in a Pagan Way group. We have high hopes and good wishes for her.

The Full Moon/Autumn Equinox went beautifully. Unfortunately, we were unable to find the box which contains the Horned Crown, Sabbat Wheel, etc., but Titas made do by simulating horns with his fingers, adding an even lighter note to the festival. (Unfortunately, no one had a camera on hand). It was a fantastic, magickal, fun-filled night.

WORDS OF WISDOM \* \* \* from Lady Allusha (Pismo-S.L.O. area)

Writing anchors energy.

Create with meditations, become aware that you are master, build trust and will, passivity of the will is bad, even dangerous, for you.

In a pinch, you can cast a Circle with just salt.

Awaken from trances or flights slowly.

Do not leave magickal work unfinished.

The old beliefs of Wicca are the new scientific wonders of today.

YOU KNOW IT'S GONNA BE A BAD NIGHT WHEN.....

...your blind date turns out to be your wife.

...your blind date turns out to be your grandfather.

...your blind date turns out to be a gal who doesn't want to turn in.

## HERBS OF SATURN by James Excell (Colorado)

Saturn is termed the "great malefic" and the title is as inappropriate in its case as in Mars'. Saturn represents the forces of limitation and restrictions, both in time and space; it provides the structure without which existence could easily dissolve into entropic chaos. It is, perhaps, for this reason that Saturn has rulership of the skeletal system, and one of its herbs, Rosemary, is in fact a recommended preparation for rheumatism.

But is principally the functions of binding, restriction, sedation, elimination, and destruction that the Saturnian herbs fulfill. Quite often (but not always) their effect is quite unpleasant, though it is usually equally necessary. It is interesting to note that two of the foulest-smelling of magickal herbs, asafoetida and valerian (whose name in the ancient world was 'phu'), used for millennia in rites of banishment and exorcism, are also powerful antispasmodics, acting to limit and sedate potentially damaging overflows of energy. Vervain, in fact, is a specific for epilepsy and, paradoxically, both a sedative and a nerve stimulant.

Rosemary, dill, and St. Joan's Wort are also antispasmodics, working principally on the nervous and digestive systems. Rosemary also reduces scrofulous sores and acts as a mild astringent. As astringents, acting to restrict and eliminate infection, we find Solomon's Seal, Hyssop, St. Joan's Wort, and (internally) Garlic. Solomon's Seal and Hyssop, by the way, bear fruit of the indigo colour of Saturn and the flowers of Garlic are sterile. Solomon's Seal is also a tonic and emetic, aiding in the elimination of waste, while as a poultice it provides a diminishing effect on external problems.

Garlic is a great limiter in terms of internal infection as well as being an eliminative for worms. It admirably suits the Saturnian aspect of protection, being widely credited as a preventative against a variety of diseases (including Bubonic Plague). It regularizes the liver and gall bladder (while Rosemary stimulates bile production) and has a limiting effect on the circulatory system, lowering blood pressure and combatting arteriosclerosis. Sharing the pungent, aromatic qualities of valerian and asafoetida, it manages to exemplify the Saturnian medicinal principal of essential healing agents that are at times difficult to swallow.

(next month..Jovian Herbs)

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BEING A WITCH IS.... from Rus & Ruthi ...Arcane Crafts

...A HPs giving the Fivefold Kiss to a male covener...and nearly castrating him with the horns of her Moon Crown.

...Having a nice, understanding boss who's willing to give you the Sabbats off.

## THE LESSER RITE OF THE PENTAGRAM from Rik in Tucson

This rite may be used to open or close any magickal work, as an invocation to open or close any day, as a minor exorcism or to rid yourself of any bad influences or problems.

To do the latter, face East, see your obsession, send it away beyond a circle of light, step backwards and place the index finger of your right hand over your mouth to prevent its return, then do the rite.

## THE RITUAL

Draw a Circle about you with your athame or hand.

Do the Wiccan Wheel thus:

Touch your forehead and say,

"By the powers of the Earth"

Touch your right shoulder and say,

"of Air"

Touch your solar plexis and say,

"of Fire"

Touch your left shoulder and say,

"of Water"

Touch your heart and say,

"and that power which binds them together"

Visualize a blue-white Circle being drawn by your hands, then a spot in the center over your heart radiating eight spokes to the Circle.

This wheel is within you and of you.

Draw a banishing Earth pentacle at each point of the Circle. Breathe in with each up stroke, hold your breath with each side stroke, and breathe out with each down stroke.

When at the East say,

"Ye Lords of the East"

At the South say,

"Ye Lords of the South"

At the West say,

"Ye Lords of the West"

At the North say,

"Ye Lords of the North"

The pentacles are now so bright that all else pales to a dullness and the pentacles themselves are blinding. Invoke the God & Goddess. Face East..

Go to the Goddess position if you are a woman; go to the God position if you are a man. then say:

" Before me lies the Maiden,

To my right, the Mother;

Behind me, the Crone;

And to my left, the Horned God;

For about me flames the Great Wheel of the year

And above me shines the sacred Pentagram.

Each God and Goddess holds their appropriate symbol.  
Repeat the Wiccan Wheel.

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LESSER RITE OF THE PENTAGRAM continued

You are now protected by the power of the God and of the Goddess as well as by your own strength.

You may repeat this as often as you wish: every morning, night, or whenever you feel ill at ease.

Remember that the more emotion that you place into this rite, the more effect it will have.

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WITCHES' REVELS from Lilli in Costa Mesa, Cal.

By the fire gather 'round,  
Tonight is Halloween,  
Witches dance upon the ground,  
And cry to Host unseen.

Ere the bright sun rises  
Or the rooster crows  
There will come many surprises  
As the power grows.

Chants are heard; candles shine  
Upon the sacred altar.  
Sunwise spirals; a widdershins line;  
They dance until they falter.

Amongst the trees strange rites are held,  
A Circle or a blessing.  
Songs are heard or incense smelled  
And they wear no dressing!

Blessed Be the Witches,  
They are a merr people.  
They pull the ancient switches  
And disregard the cross or steeple.

They live life free of "sin",  
And Christian guilt and share.  
They will not be done in,  
Long live the Witches' name!

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AGING IS WHEN..... from Ron in Lomita, Cal.

...everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt...doesn't work.

...the gleam in your eyes is from the sun hitting your bifocals.

...you feel like the night after, and you haven't been anywhere.

...your little black book contains only names ending in M.D.

## STUFF AND THINGS

We were most pleased to have a visit over Labor Day weekend from Jeannie & Dean (Long Beach). We never get to see enough of them anymore.

Also happy to have a surprise visit from Janice & Dennis of Houston, Texas. They recieved their 2nd degrees while they were here. Long overdue but the first opportunity they could find to visit. Now they are hoping to move to California, probably coast area.

Denise (Oxnard) busy with pre-initiation and doing very well. We're hoping for a visit soon.

Jim (Winchester) says he won't be able to visit again until Hallows. This will be his first since initiation.

Penny (Bradenton, Fla.) says all goes well with the new coven. I think they plan on attending the Samhain celebration with the Southeast Pagan Council in Atlanta. For info on that, write to: Mithrandir, POB 5558, Atlanta, Ga. 30307.

All seems to be going well with Rik (Tucson). He sent pages of stuff about his military games (which we won't print). Won't you be glad when you get done with that, Rik? See the ritual he sent on another page.

Arianhu Church (Dimmitt, Texas) announces a Samhain Seminar to be held at Holiday Inn East in Amarillo October 18-19. For info write Tom Sanguinet, Rt. 3 Box 154, Hereford, Texas 79045.

Pam, now in England, says all goes well. She rushed off a check for Elizabeth Pepper's book as soon as she recieved the last newsletter. So it's on the way.

By the way, we still have a few books left. Remember, these are out of print, and all are autographed by Elizabeth Pepper. This should be in every Craft library. \$11.50 includes postage. It is always best to send checks or money orders. You can make them out to The Church Of Wicca Of Bakersfield, The Georgian Newsletter, or The Georgian Church. We can cash any of them. For more info on the book, see photo pages.

Joyce (Pittsburgh) says she has spent several holidays with the MRG group, and is now a member. Joyce also mentions that her friends at BLUE MOON make great Pagan T-shirts. Write to 561 West Orange, Lancaster, Pa. 17603.

Demeter (Ye Full MOON Wicca, 366 Neighborhood Rd, Lastic Beach, N.Y. 11951) says all goes well there. Busy re-decorating the shoppe...has some new things including the conical Witches' hats in satin, and also some new robes. Write for catalog. She says Margie would like some contacts for her trip to Arizona. I think she is especially interested in Phoenix.

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I must apologize for omitting Stargazer last month. It was here and I was certain it had been stencilled. Didn't discover it was missing until after the newsletter had been mailed.

## STARGAZER BY LADY FAUNA

OCTOBER

- 1 Be honest about the way you feel. Violet and red candles.
- 2 Earth rumblings. Get yourself organized. Orange and variegated candles.
- 4 Catch up on neglected studies or reading. Violet candles.
- 7 Work or play with a partner. Sing a song or read some poetry. Dark blue candles.
- 8 New Moon. Meditate on Solomon's Seal. Orange candles.
- 11 Start new projects. Red and yellow candles.
- 12 Odd twists throughout the day. Possible earth tremors. Violet and variegated candles.
- 14 Things aren't quite settled yet. It may benefit to withdraw into seclusion briefly. Violet, gray, blood red, dark blue candles.
- 16 A personality conflict possible at work. Orange, blue, red candles.
- 17 Ability to organize and take responsibility may lead to a business trip. Violet, dark blue, light green candles.
- 18 Defend someone from gossip at work. Yellow and blood red candles.
- 19 Creative ability surfaces. Schedule that long hot bath when you know you won't be disturbed. Violet, variegated, orange and red candles.
- 20 Be honest about the way you feel. Use your intuition to decide how ideas should be presented. Blue, yellow, gray candles.
- 21 Chores are done with a sense of duty. Guard against accidents. Violet, variegated, dark blue, light green candles.
- 22 Partner will try your patience. Be careful! Red, blue, gray candles.
- 23 Full Moon. Take care of that sore throat. Turn over a new leaf in relationships. Violet, red, orange candles.

- 25 A bit of travel will stimulate your talents. Violet, blue, variegated, dark blue, light green candles.
- 26 If you feel better physically, you'll feel better mentally, but maybe not financially. Gray, blood red candles.
- 27 Ask your partner to help on a project. Violet, dark blue, blue, light green, orange candles.
- 28 New phases at work and home. Yellow, red candles.
- 29 Organize. Violet and variegated candles.
- 30 You are in a party mood. Change the topic if the conversation turns to gossip. Light blue, orange, dark blue, red, yellow candles.
- 31 Samhain. Some strange hobgoblins tonight. Violet, gray, variegated candles.

## NOVEMBER STAR GAZER

- 1 Back to that diet! Finish paperwork. Violet candles.
- 2 Avoid quarrels over money. Guard health. Gray, red candles.
- 3 Setbacks in partnerships. Good for travel. Possibility of earth movement strong until the 10 th. Violet, yellow, orange, light blue, light green, dark blue candles.
- 4 Most of your work is in quality control. Avoid being hypercritical. Light green, light blue candles.
- 5 Moody. Blood red candles.
- 6 Do something bizarre with your partner. Violet & yellow candles.
- 7 New Moon. Meditate on being one with the Goddess. Orange candles.
- 8 If you aren't already moving to a new house, you may benefit from physical exercise. Violet and variegated candles.
- 9 Go out of town with your mate. Red and gray candles.
- 10 Energy level fluctuates. Red and gray candles.
- 11 Stick to routine matters. Violet, dark blue candles.
- 12 New phases at home and business may strike a wrong note. Light blue, blood red candles.
- 13 Pets are soothing. White, dark blue, yellow candles.

- 14 Assume responsibility. Light green candles.
- 15 Political decisions are in the pits. Foster your talent and avoid personality conflicts at the office. Violet, green, blood red, orange, variegated candles.

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### THE HIGH PRIESTESS by Shadowhawk of Elvenhearth

#### Grandmother Moon - Jasmin -Lavender- & Violets

It's 3 rd quarter, you have a work to do, you've gathered some friends to help, and you wish to do an invocation to the Goddess to ask Her aid in the work, and attune yourselves.

Before ritual, burn an incense of Jasmin, Lavender & Violets.

The archetypes for 3 rd quarter are Quanyin and Hecate; both of these personify wisdom and age, the powers of banishing, and destruction/completion. Aradia, daughter of the Moon, can also be invoked at this time.

The Eskimos call this time the Grandmother Moon, and it is used as a time of teaching and family gatherings. It is a time for finishing up work started at 1 st quarter, getting caught up on correspondence, and light works of Banishing and/or healing. (not to mention, a graet time for classes).

JASMIN is sacred to QuanYin and stimulates thought. It is a subtle and gentle herb that produces powerful, long term results, very like the lady herself.

LAVENDER stands for permanence; it is sacred to both Saturn and Hecate.

VIOLETS signify old age, sorrow, completion, parting and banishing. They were one of European man's earliest deodorants and breath fresheners.

A sample invocation to these aspects might run:

Oh, wisewoman	Thee we invoke
Lady of evening,	in purity
We who gather	and by our will
give you greeting.	So mote it be.

In your name	Give us Your strength
there is work to be done	to finish what's begun
Lend us Your power,	And bless our workings
Gentle One.	When they are done.

Lend us Your wisdom	help us to know
to know what is right.	to do and to be
Come to our calling,	All that we can
Queen of the Night.	in the glory of Thee.

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The High Priestess continued

Help us to heal  
and to perservere  
Help us to love  
and control our fears.

Thee we invoke in Purity  
By tangled grove and twisted tree  
By Potent Powers of Tide and Sun  
By our will, it has been done.

Teach us to have mercy  
and charity and faith  
help us to accept  
what is truly our fate

This invocation does not draw the Goddess on to a particular member of the Circle as is done on the Full Moon. It invokes the aid and powers of the Lady in the 3rd quarter aspect, preparatory to works of healing, teaching, banishing and completion.

Now proceed with the work to be done, and when it is finished, say, "We thank Thee, Lady of the Night. We who have gathered in Thy sight, thank Thee for Thy help, wisdom, and Care. The work is finished and the time is near when You must return to realms of Sky; but left with us is a bit of Your light. Go now, return, our blessings go with Thee. And by our will, So Mote It Be.

NOW, the proper thing to do is feast. Brew up some Jasmin tea, add a pinch of Sage to it (sage has a lot of vitamins & trace minerals) and have a light snack of cheese and bread. This will replenish your energies.

Then break the Circle and continue or resume normal activities. The working is in the hands of the Lady now, and after all, Mother always knows best. Blessed Be.

P.S. OOPS. I forgot: The powers of Jasmin, Lavender, and Violets are those of containing and continuing over long periods of time. They add potency to "fixatives" though they are not in themselves fixatives. They are best used in incenses for long term things and healin s.

Brightest Blessings  
SHADOWHAWK

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DIFFERENCE LAUGHERS from Don in Lomita, Cal.

What is the difference between....

Dark and hard?  
It's dark all night.

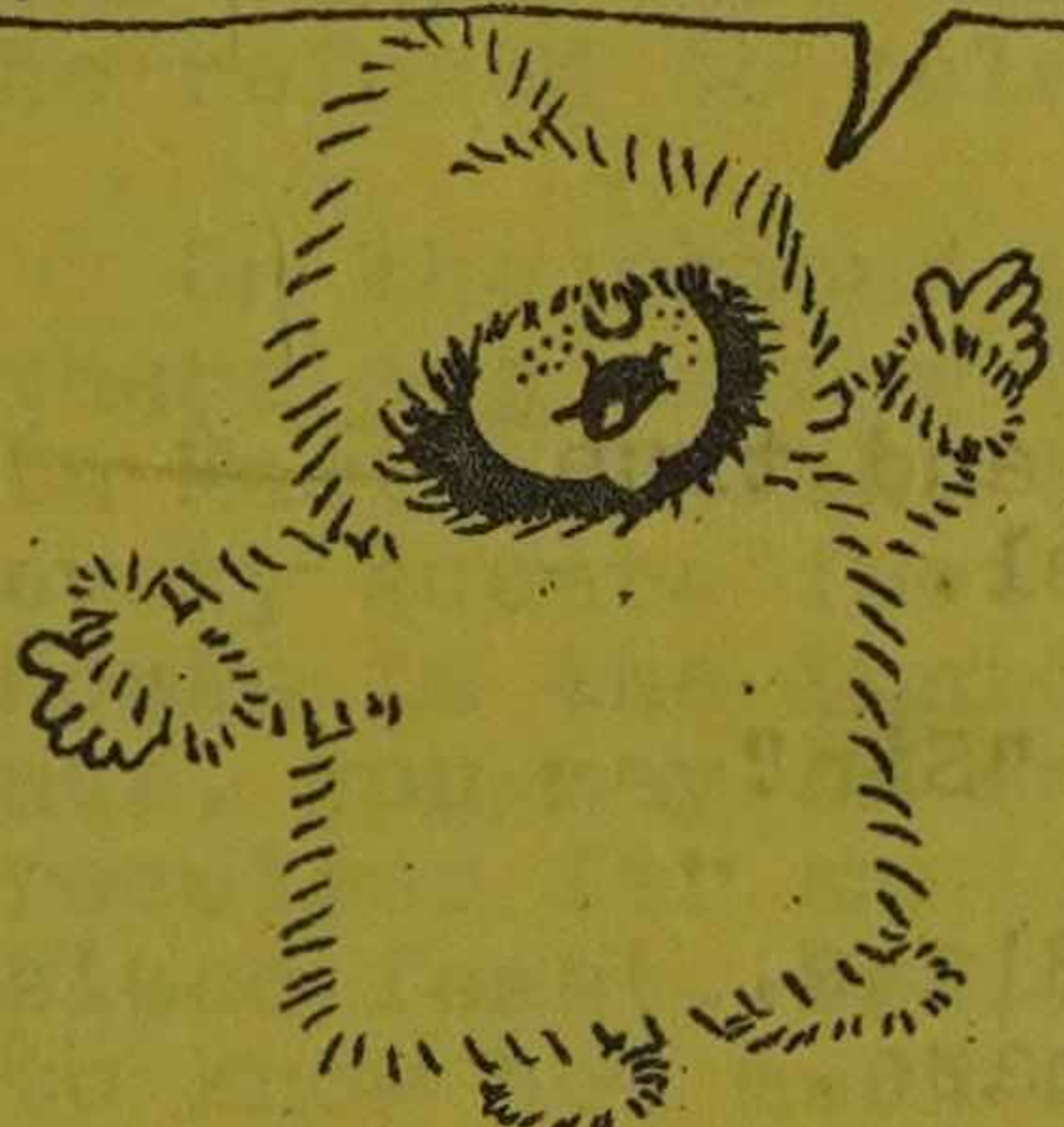
A snake and a goose?  
A snake is an asp in the grass.

A setting hen and a shyster lawyer?  
A hen clucks defiance.

(cont.)

Gwenkin, the littlest Witch.

THE WHOLE COVEN VOTED AGAINST HOLDING THE YULE SABATT OUTDOORS, BUT THAT LADY PENGWEN JUST HAD TO HAVE HER WAY!



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## BE UNTO OTHERS (The Elvenhearth Creed)

From the philosophies of Shadowhawk..edited by Greystar

God hath myriad forms and names,  
Each tailored to fit in a cultural frame,  
And no matter what way He is seen or called,  
It is only one speck of the Greater ALL.

Although some use the pronoun "Him",  
God is beyond our genderal whim.  
God have us "His son" and also "Her daughter"  
God is the land, the skies and the water.

"Thou art God" said the man from Mars,  
And Crowley told us "We each are Stars."  
In this sense they both speak aright;  
We each are lamps of eternal light.

Be tolerant of your Christian Brothers,  
Allah's patriarchs or Jewish mothers,  
Because others see but a limited view,  
This does not mean that so should you.

There is no one path that is righteous and true,  
Each mirrors a facet of the Living Jewel.  
God is around, without and within,  
In love and in Truth, and yes, even in "Sin"

The Source of Beginnings, the eternal Blaze,  
That which we reach at the end of the maze.  
If it's answers you seek, you have only to look,  
But they can't all be found in any one book.

In some we are told that the meek are divine,  
and yet to shed blood of all who are "Blind."  
So Be unto others as you would they to you,  
Be honest and caring, and to yourselves true.

Turn the cheek once, but if harmed again,  
Gather your forces, and gusrd your domain,  
If an enemy face you who would take your life,  
When kill or be killed, or chaos be rife,

Don't meekly be trampled, stand up and fight,  
Your mind and your body are your divine Right!  
But always be mindful that what's fair is fair,  
And if you have your rights, They also have Theirs!

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The above is in response to some of the prejudiced things I  
have seen written by "Craft" people. Some of us are doing the  
very things we condemn in others. Maybe someday we'll realize  
it.

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THE LADS ARE NOT FOR BURNING, or "SHE AXED FOR IT"  
from Rus (Arcane Crafts)

And so, we've kindled a new debate: is it bad or unbad to murder trees for fuel? Let me add some fuel to the fire (or, as a Promethean, I should perhaps provide the fire?)

Now that Rhea has finished splitting logs, and taken up splitting hairs...

Well, she's right on the first point. Both Rik and I are men. Why be surprised, Rhea? Millions of people in this country are men, and nobody else calls it strange. Actually, to reveal a Craft secret, between last incarnation and this one, Rik and I made a conspiracy. We would reincarnate as males, take on names beginning with "R", and write them with a letter missing from the conventional spelling (it's known as "casting a spell-away." Rik took the right-hand path, to the west. I was stuck with the other path, heading east. Between us we hope to encircle the enemy and have them up a tree. (By the way, there's no truth to the rumor that Rik is so vehemently opposed to tree-chopping that he refused to celebrate George Washington's Birthday.)

On the second point: Rhea, you ain't seen Long Island. Maybe there are as few trees in Tucson as there are "No Parking" signs in Mastic Beach, but here in Suffolk County there is a forest on every square foot of unused land. The only treeless side of my house is the inside. As for the amount of Barbecue Charcoal we use, you may be chagrined to know the stuff's a synthetic, and requires far smaller amounts than plain wood to cook a Viking-sized feast. Besides, I prefer to eat raw oysters. Do you want to know how much charcoal I use in drawing "Gwenkin", maybe?

It's all fine and peachy (not Georgia-peachy) when you cook with wood provided by the Forest Service at the taxpayer's expense. But most of us cooks and warmth-lovers, from the sunny streets of Tucson to the sunny potato fields of Long Island, don't get such a (literal) windfall. What we do see is "NO Trespassing" signs in the woods, and bundles of firewood priced at \$3.50 for about five little logs (you know, logs, what they use to burn Witches?). No, not logs, they're more like toothpicks (you couldn't even burn Gwenkin with these!) None of them are from windfall or waste. Oh no, it's always split from trunks of healthy big trees. Never an El Cheapo log in the pack! Everything is pure, genuine (expensive) oak, maple, cedar, even redwood.

So you can keep your wood stove. I'll rely on the electric heating which came with the house, and is probably powered by a nice, big nuclear power plant nearby. And when I get scrap lumber or packing cases (both hard to find in an area with no industry), I'll use them to finish building my boat, so I can go gather me so e fresh oysters.

All this writing gives a guy one helluvan appetite!

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## GOODIES FROM ARMEETA in Pittsburgh

You probably know that during the great pestilence in England a couple hundred years ago, those who hung up garlic inside the house and on the outside door, did not get sick. Garlic should really be peeled and cut open so that the juices can absorb the pestilence in the air (germs, etc.) and changed at least once a day. The used garlic should be burned or buried. and not eaten.

Juniper branches were also burned in the sick rooms to fumigate. People who were exposed to Juniper fumes and especially garlic, survived.

When your red roses are out, save as much as you can, harvest them, dry them, and during the winter add some to your herb teas. They not only have a lot of vitamin "C", but add a lovely amber color to the drink. If the roses are fragrant, so much the better.

About neclaces: save your fragrant dark red rose petals, and make the same as the formulae listed in a recent newsletter. Make same way, but use the most fragrant. It's called "Fragrant Rose Necklace."

Raspberries and raspberry leaf tea helps tone up internal muscles, especially for women having difficulty in carrying a baby to full term (if they want them) which oftentimes is aborted due to poor muscle tone. Drinking the tea should start soon as the lady knows she is pregnant.

Burning a Bayberry candle to burn out or absorb bad vibrations in the home really works. Try it. Doesn't have to be in a coven meeting. A psychiatrist friend with whom we studied on Esoteric Masonry, once told me, when I asked him how he handles the etheric debris after exposure to his patients....he said after going home he'd take a walk in the woods, where the trees and leaves absorbed the psychic debris. Also indoors, he'd light a genuine Bayberry candle.

The Catholics use bee's wax for candles. A long time ago, candles were made from animal fat, and the essence of fright when the animal was killed permeated the whole carcass, including the fat. Therefore, the beeswax is used, and the Bayberry too, as it is permeated with love of nature.

After burning a Bayberry candle you feel better and uplifted, as in my opinion, the unpleasant vibes are burned away. A clairvoyant can see it burning, just like a match burning a cobweb, but it can be seen on the etheric plane.

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## DOG DAYS

The Samoyed's name came from the Samoyed people who developed this working dog. They pulled sleds and herded reindeer, and were considered a part of the family where they slept in the beds of the people. The adult Samoyed was worth more money and harder to get than a wife. They are gentle and can be trusted with children, but are also good watchdogs.

The Samoyed will be unhappy if he is not allowed in the house, and though he may weigh 85 pounds, he thinks he is a lap dog.

Since these dogs were bred for work, they have powerful pulling ability. If you doubt this, try taking one for a walk on a leash when he wants to run and you'll soon see who is taking who. In 1954, Rex of Whiteway broke the world record by pulling 1870 lbs. alone.

A Samoyed will be happy with a fenced yard and a dog door, so he must be housebroken and taught what things he must leave alone. He should not be kept on concrete nor kept only in the yard. This will cause him to bark and to dig...everywhere in sight.

If you consider purchasing a Samoyed, it is best to learn as much as you can before you make the purchase. Otherwise, you may become an unhappy owner of an unhappy dog.

Although the Samoyed is considered to be one of the oldest breeds of dogs, because their home was north of the Arctic Circle in Siberia, they were little known to the outside world until traders discovered them in the 1880's. The first few pair were taken to England in 1899, and reached America by 1900. The American Kennel Club registered the first Samoyed in 1906.

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If you haven't been watching "Those Amazing Animals" on TV on Sunday nights, you're missing something worthwhile. And it's great to see animals without some idiot trying to kill them.

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FROM UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL : Dr. John Basko of San Jose uses herbs, acupuncture, and house calls in his practice. Basko is a veterinarian. He describes his practice as "complete care".

He says cats & dogs respond quickly to acupuncture; nine out of 10 drop off to sleep when the needles are inserted and electrically stimulated. Basko took a course in acupuncture for veterinarians at U-C-L-A.

He prefers diet changes or acupuncture to surgery and drugs, and will even recommend a vegetarian diet in special cases. He notes that certain breeds of dogs, such as Basenjis and Dalmatians were originally vegetable eaters.

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BEING A WITCH DOG IS... from Pooka & Sirius

...getting a share of cakes and wine as they are returned to earth.

More DOG DAYS

Marlene and Robert (Odessa, Tex.) say: In response to our "owners"...we have a vertical complete selection. Our "oldest" owner is Cerberus, 1/2 black shepherd & 1/2 wolf, 1 yr. old. He is solid black with yellow eyes. Built like a shepherd except his head and coat..they are wolf. He is really Robert's "owner".

ED. NOTE: We think Gollum should handle the rest of that menagerie since it includes poozy cats. And how about a photo of Cerberus for the newsletter???

Joyce (Pittsburgh) says: My Lucifer is a seven month old Dobie pup, and pretty soon he will be bigger than me (I'm no heavy-weight). We have a big yard for him to run in.

THIS FROM UNITED PRESS...SAN FRANCISCO

A sailor has been accused of throwing a stray puppy into a Barbecue fire during a party at the Concord Naval Weapons Station.

The navy said the sailor faces a possible court-martial after his ship, the U-S-S Shasta, docks at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard. The navy withheld the identity of the enlisted man.

The nine-month-old female Sheltie named "Angel" has recovered from severe burns. But Carol Russell, president of the Contra Costa Animal Protection Bureau, said the dog is still "fearful of people".

The incident occurred when the crew of the Shasta held a Barbecue.

The dog was apparently lured to the barbecue by the smell of the meat. The dog fled after being burned but was found four days later.

ED. NOTE: Too bad they can't hang SOB's who do things like that. And castration would be a fitting punishment for the ones who deliberately try to run down dogs and cats with their cars. If you witness acts of cruelty to animals, call your Humane Society or SPCA. There are various groups which try to find homes for pets, and others which help mistreated or injured wild animals and then return them to the wild. As Paul Harvey once said, "Man has certainly made this a hell on Earth for animals." You can do something to help them.

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BEING A WITCH DOG IS....

...wondering why they object if you howl at the moon. Some of those people do it.

BEING A WITCH CAT IS.....

...wondering why they object to you curling up around that statue of Bast to take a nap. Seems a logical place.

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## PRACTICAL TAROT CARD READING from Demeter (Ye Full Moon Wicca..Mastic Beach, N.Y.) Part 1

Many years ago, a nice Witch (my HPs), gave me my first deck of Tarot cards. They became an excellent media to combine my former studies of Astrology, Graphology, Psychic Development, Numerology. Today, I still find them as vital, as adaptable, and as enjoyable as ever.

There are numerous books on the market that deal with the origin, history, occult symbolism and esoteric philosophy of the Tarot. I hope to share something different here. Call it experience, if you will...for with the time, the trial and error of over a thousand readings, I've developed a practical system (with a Mercury in Capricorn, what else can you expect?) of Tarot Card Reading. As a professional reader and teacher, I have found most beginners need some personal hints, or have questions that the books just don't seem to answer.

Follow along with me for some helpful guidelines to reading the Tarot. If you are just beginning, I do recommend that you get a deck of Rider-Waite cards. For those who know nothing about the cards, the old adage "One picture is worth a thousand words" holds true, and this deck has very clear pictures. If you purchase it just as a learning tool, it will prove to be a worthwhile investment. You will need two other things: First, a notebook (or index cards and file) that you can divide into six sections: Major Arcana, Cups, Wands, Pentacles, Swords, Spreads & other notes.

Secondly, Eden Gray has three titles that are most easily found: MASTERING THE TAROT, THE TAROT REVEALED, and THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO THE TAROT. If you have a choice, I do recommend the latter. As so many symbols are explained, it is important to read the descriptions of the cards. Pay heed to them, and note the divinatory meanings as well. This writing is but a supplement to much that has already been written about the cards.

## GETTING AND CARING FOR YOUR TAROT DECK

Select your own "reading" deck. You may have heard that the cards are supposed to be a gift. There isn't anything wrong with that unless you talk to those who generally believe "It's only yours if you buy it yourself!" A gift of love is great if you can accept it with No Strings Attached. However, it is perfectly all right to buy your own deck.

Selection is difficult because most stores will not unwrap the deck for you. Thus you will only be able to see the first card. Here are some possible ways to make a determination: there are several books on the market that use a different deck and illustrate the one used. The early pages will usually identify it. See if your library has, or can order, Stewart Laplan's ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE TAROT. Don't pin your hopes on only one of those decks; many are out of print and not on the market today. For the artistic, there are blank cards for personal designs.

Do not feel confined to one deck although you may have a favorite. If I do a spread for another reader who uses the Rider cards,

I use a different deck so that she will not be busy trying to interpret them her way.

#### CARING FOR YOUR TAROT DECK

This is a wide open field with many so-called taboos. But, it can be as simple or as complicated as you make it. Your deck is a multi-faceted tool which becomes a good friend like a beloved book. It is often recommended that you store your cards in silk or a silk-lined box. This can be a problem, for silk can be hard to find today. If you want to use it, but face that difficulty, try some thrift shops, ask older relatives, check Grandma's attic, or leave a notice in a Senior Citizens' club, that you are looking for an old silk dress or scarf. Personally, I don't use silk.

Some people find a nice box and paint it with symbolic designs or cover it with seashells or pebbles. Many of these boxes are a delight to see and have very personal vibrations. I don't do that either.

Over the years, what has proven to be the most practical thing for me is a simple Tarot Crad Bag with a draw string or zipper. Bags are simple to sew or crochet, easy to throw in a purse or suitcase, and keep the cards secure. Wrapping them in a piece of material can be a royal pain in the butt, for when the material begins to unravel, the cards start to slip out and become subject to loss or damage.

For the bag, you can use anything that strikes your fancy. One reader I know is delighted with a leopard skin pouch she made. She feels that the esoteric life of the animal has now been extended by elevating it from its position as a cast-off status symbol. "I love the Big Cats; they are so in tune with Mother Nature: This leopard lived with the Gods in shady glades." Thus, if there is a totem animal, bird, or fish with which you have strong associations, it may be great to have those vibes around your cards as a swatch of fur, feather, or fossil.

Another common practice is to keep a piece of silver with your cards. If you do that, then toss the silver in the light of the Full Moon, and consecrate it to the Lady. She is intuition and insight. Also, you may want to consecrate your cards themselves with salt water, incense, candlelight and oil. Either on a regular basis (but don't overdo it) or after reading for a negative person, you can cleanse your deck by sprinkling it with some salt water.

Sleeping with the cards when you first get them is a well-established procedure. You do not have to take them in bed with you or sleep with them under your pillow. You can hang them from the headboard or leave them on your night table. If you dream of your cards at any time, try to project yourself into them or handle them in your dream.

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These beautiful books which Elizabeth Pepper donated to the newsletter are now out of print. They are hard cover, and are autographed by Elizabeth Pepper. We still have a few. \$11.50 includes postage. Send check or M.O. to the newsletter.

This new book by the authors of the *Witches' Almanac* is a fascinating tour of some of the great enchanted places of the Western world — Delphi, Malta, Granada, Stonehenge, Chartres and many more. Here are the places where oracles have spoken and druid priests chanted; the places of magic wells and sacred oaks, of great megaliths and mysterious monuments; sites where witches have met and dragons stalked. Rich with references to the occult, mythology and literature, **MAGICAL AND MYSTICAL SITES** examines the many ways that men have sought to explain and master their world.



# Magical & Mystical Sites

EUROPE and the BRITISH ISLES

Elizabeth Pepper and John Wilcock

\$10.95

## MORE ON RITUAL by Wyndel in Dover, N.J.

Rik from Tucson's article on ritual (August Georgian) was very good and covered some important points of ritual construction, and also pointed out a basic need within the Pagan community for information on how to construct an effective ritual.

From the number of rituals in print, it's obvious that they're needed, and from the content of most of them it's also obvious that information on ritual structuring is even more needed. There are a few very good ones in print, but most have some severe weaknesses, and a few are utterly atrocious.

As an example, a couple of years ago I was given the following ritual by a well-meaning Pagan. I keep the original framed in my study, and we use it as training material on ritual construction and what not to do.

## SUMMER SOLSTICE RITUAL

In a field, build a fire of the six sacred woods. Use a summer incense and yellow candles at the quarter points. Do the circle dance from the outside to the center of the circle. Invoke the Goddess. Cakes and wine. Close the circle. On the surface, it looks like an outline for a pretty fair ritual; at least until you think about it a bit more deeply and take it apart line by line.

## IN A FIELD BUILD A FIRE OF THE SIX SACRED WOODS.

Do you cast the Circle first or build the fire first? Do you cast a Circle at all? Which six sacred woods? This pretty obviously relates to the White Goddess by Graves, but of the 13 woods to the Ogham Alphabet, which six are meant? Why build a fire? That seems easy, as the solstices (and equinoxes) are part of the year's solar cycle and the fire could symbolize the sun at its peak. Why a field rather than a forest glade: I suppose that's so it is under an open sky (the sky being the domain of the sun), but do you build your fire in the morning at sunrise, at noon, at sunset, or after dark? Who lights the fire? Does the HP or HPs or does everybody get to throw on a pint of gasoline and draw lots for the matches? Does everybody get to throw in a twig maybe? Where do you build the fire? It could be at the center of the Circle (makes sense), or maybe at the north quarter point to relate to the northernmost excursion of the sun? What about the east and west quarters for sunrise and sunset? How about the south quarter point for the element of fire? Is the fire built outside the Circle?

## USE A SUMMER INCENSE AND YELLOW CANDLES AT THE QUARTER POINTS

I guess that excludes a fire at the quarter points unless you wait for the fire to burn out, but then what's the sense of building a fire? Summer incense makes sense for a summer solstice ritual, but what is a summer incense? Is it the basic cabbalistic sun incense, one of the off the shelf occult shop incenses, or some special blend for the occasion? What's in an off the shelf incense and what are the correspondences of its ingredients?

Yellow candles seem logical enough for a summer/sun ritual, but do you invoke the elements at the quarter points of the Circle, and

## Rituals continued

if so, what about the regular quarter point candle correspondences? Come to think of it, there was nothing about casting a Circle in the first place!

DO THE CIRCLE DANCE FROM THE OUTSIDE OF THE CIRCLE TO THE CENTER.

Well, I guess a Circle was cast sometime, but does everyone leave it so they can dance into it, or do you simply start the dance from the outer edge? That could get nasty if you've got a regulation nine foot Circle, twelve people, and a bonfire in the center. Where's the altar during all this? Which Circle dance do you use? Is there a chant or song that goes along with it? Do the HP and HPs dance too, or just stand around in the bonfire at center and watch? Why dance from the outside of the Circle to the center at all?

## INVOKE THE GODDESS

Which Goddess? The correspondences so far given are yellow candles, summer incense, a fire of six sacred woods, and an in-spiral dance, all under an open sky on the summer solstice. Come to think of it, the yellow candles, bonfire, summer solstice and the rest of it seem awfully masculine. Perhaps a God invocation would be much more apropos to the ritual, or vice versa.

## CAKES AND WINES

Aside from being a bit ungrammatical, it's the best idea so far, but is definitely topped by "Close The Circle".

There are a lot of other points which could be made of this ritual, but you should have the idea by now. The ritual did have a couple of good points, though; the spelling and penmanship were excellent.

The vivisection of the above ritual does have a serious reason. Aside from a sort of inverse look at ritual structures and the elements of ritual construction, it demonstrates some simple rules of preparing a ritual:

- 1- Keep the intent of the ritual clearly in mind while constructing it.
- 2- Be certain that each element of the ritual is related to every other.
- 3- Make certain that the ritual has a definite beginning and end, both tied firmly to the middle.
- 4- Don't mix purposes within a ritual. Keep it going in one direction from beginning to end.
- 5- Be certain the ritual flows smoothly. Sudden transitions can break the concentration of the participants and make an otherwise good ritual worthless.
- 6- Write it out in detail. Be certain that each individual in it has enough information to know what to do and when to do it.
- 7- Most important, THINK. If you do this first, you'll save a lot of difficulty and disappointment later.

RITUALS continued

For those who don't plan on working up rituals, here's a general rule that applies to them: IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND IT, DON'T DO IT!

The ritual given above wouldn't be dangerous (unless you get too close to the fire), but there are several in print with tremendous potential for nastiness.

For example, the invocation of Pan has been popular lately, but what most people don't realise is that Pan has a couple of aspects that could certainly raise havoc in a Circle, as could a successful invocation of the Wild Hunter.

There is much more to be said about rituals and their performance, and this article has covered only one small area, but it should help to fill the void.

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Initiation from Fafner in Clearwater, Florida

The moon is waxing and the time approaches.  
 A student awaits his instructress,  
 The Circle's traditions to teach.  
 Patience is desired, enthusiasm is required.

The time right, the student ready.  
 Priestess and Priest consult, knowledge to share.  
 Truths of earth, fire, water, and air.  
 The Circle is cast, the rite begun.

The student is of one mind,  
 The right-handed path to find!

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YOU CAN TELL IT'S GONNA BE A ROTTEN DAY WHEN.....

Your boss gives you your paycheck a week early (you didn't ask for it).

Your wife's dog bites you when you come home.

Your wife burned your breakfast and the morning newspaper.

You're supposed to pick up your husband at work...and you've just smashed a fender on the new car.

It's your fault that you hit that other car...and then you remember that you forgot to make the insurance payment.

The I.R.S. sends you an I.O.U. instead of a refund check.

You get a message that your extremely wealthy Aunt Tillie died last night. You remember that last time you saw her (2 months ago) you called her a fat, nose, old battleaxe!

From J.M. in Modesto

Just a few quick lines to say hello and let you know there are some of us folks out here who, for reasons better left unsaid, must practice alone.

The real reason I wrote is to warn you that all of us had damn well better quit bickering about whose methods are right or wrong, and start watching out for radical Xian political groups. I am referring to one in particular, The P.T.L. Club, and the Xian Broadcast Network.

The other night I happened to hear the president of the P.T.L. Club state on live television that his organization was funnelling money, manpower, and religious oressure on political candidates for offices at all levels. He even went as far as to say, "The people we are backing are the ones who are pushing legislation and ordinances against Porn Shops & Movies, Occult Book & Supply Stores, Drug Shops, and other small businesses."

These are the same kind of people who would, without batting an eye, kill another person who had something as innocent as the daily horoscope from the newspaper. They would justify themselves by saying, "He is a Witch, or demon possessed." You may think I am over-reacting to his statement, but for those of you who can remember what happened in Germany in 1932-1945, think of it happening here in America 1980. No, not with swastika armbands & black dress uniforms....but with the cross of their beloved Jesus and the radical religious teachings of their Holy Roller ministers.

Think about it strongly.

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ED. NOTE: It's difficult to say whether or not J.M. is over-reacting...yet. Should we wait 'til it's too late before becoming aware?

I know that most Pagans seem to have little interest in politics unless it's something that affects their own pet project or interest, but I do think we had damned well all start becoming aware of what is happening.

It isn't necessary to go back to what happened in Germany. Just remember, or if you're too young, do a little research on, the period of "McCarthyism" right here in this country: thousands of lives ruined because of one man's ambition. It can happen again. All it takes is one of the crackpot TV "Religious Personalities" who begins to believe that he is "God", some idiots stupid enough to follow him, and others to join in for their own personal gain.

If you can, get a copy of NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE for September 15. Read the article, "A TIDE OF BORN-AGAIN POLITICS."

These crackpots are breaking down the barrier between church and state, and no one is doing anything to stop them.

We don't need the "BURNING TIMES" again!

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## STUFF AND THINGS

BRENDA AND STAN (First Temple of the Craft of W.I.C.A., POB 664 Chicago Heights, Ill. 60411) had a nice full-page article with photos in a recent edition of The Star. Very nice.

They say that nearly 600 attended the Pan Pagan. (We've had other estimates that varied from 500 to 800.) They say that the Midwest Pagan Council is now looking for a new and larger (hopefully private) location in the Wisconsin/Illinois/W. Indiana area. They'd be happy to hear from anyone who knows of such a place.

At the store (Sanctus Spiritus) they have 12 of the workshops from Pan Pagan on cassette tape for sale. Write for details.

Lester (Tigard, Oregon) remembers that we have mentioned the replota of Stonehenge. He sent us a newspaper article about it with a photo. The Maryhill Stonehenge overlooks the Columbia River Gorge just off Rt. 97 and Rt. 14 in Washington. It took 11 years to build using 1650 tons of concrete. There are picnic and recreational grounds surrounding it.

If you're looking for nice gifts, don't forget the STARWIND catalog, 3015 Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, Ok. 73106.

Karen sent a copy of her Moon Magick catalog, POB 395, Littleton, Col. 80160, and a sample of bathsalts. Very nice. She also enclosed a copy of a new publication.. Still Waters.. \$3.50 per copy or 4 issues per yr. \$10. Make check to Still Waters, same address as above....but I see the zip is listed as 80120. That is probably correct for both.

Karen says she is busy with school, going for a degree in architecture. Also says she enjoyed Pan Pagan. Lots of interesting presentations, including her own on Effective Coven Leadership, and Gary's on the Guardianship of the Earth.

Karen is also happy that her TV show finally got on with very little editing.

The '81 Lunar Calendar is now available...and in a new form. You'll remember that the old ones were rather large..a little too large to handle as a book but nice to hang on the wall. The new one is about the size of the average book, and has almost 70 pages. Moon phase for each day of the year, nice articles and art work. Try it, you'll like it. Price is \$5.00 plus \$1.25 postage. '78 & '79 issues still available at \$3.50 and \$3.25 plus postage. '77 & '80 are out of print. The Luna Press, Box 511, Kenmore Station, Boston, Ma. 02215.

Bobbi (Pittsburgh) says she & Walt are very happy because she is going to be a mommy...about the end of March. (Couldn't you speed it up to be in time for the Sabbat?) Bobbi says she & Joyce have been working together on the Full Moons. She doesn't mention whether or not Joyce's dog gets in the Circle. Might be handy. He can clean up any cakes and wine that get spilled. And if none gets spilled....give him a share anyway.

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## MORE GOODIES FROM TARMEETA in Pittsburgh

The smoke detectors that are so highly advertised: don't be taken in by them. They emit a toxic chemical which, when coming in contact with smoke, will give out a loud warning. Fortunately, I read about it several months ago. When we were in Palm Bay, Florida on our last trip, I was in the place for about 20 minutes when I noticed my ankles, lower legs, and feet were itching, burning, and swelling. Never did I have this experience before. It was a 1200 mile trip but we had not exerted ourselves. Next day it dawned on me what had caused it...the smoke detector chemical fumes. Maybe I just happen to be too sensitive. So we took it out and gave it to the friend who had placed it there. His friend had used our place, and that was his "thank you." Thanks, but no thanks.

Dr ed, pulverized fern is good for athlete's foot. However, persons should get to the source such as wearing cotton socks or hose, or even going barefoot. This keeps the feet dry and gives them an opportunity to breathe. Vinyl boots and shoes may look fancy and in style, but they are a "no-no" as they cut off air supply. Leather lets air in; the feet can breathe through leather or mesh, or toeless shoes. If the ladies wear peds on the feet, they should try to get either cotton or partly cotton to absorb the moisture...preventing athlete's foot.

For crusts on scalp: dab on some white iodine with a Q-Tip. White iodine also helps to keep hair healthy when it starts to fall out. Another remedy for scalp crusts that my mother and grandmother used: Grind some walnuts, and fry in a little butter (enough to cover) and apply to the crusts. It does help to condition the scalp.

A home remedy for hair and scalp conditioning: use about 1 to 2 teaspoons of powdered milk (or a little more if needed), a few drops of glycerine (about 3 drops), then add just a little water to make a paste. After washing hair, apply and leave on 5 to 10 minutes, then rinse. It wouldn't hurt to leave it on if it is absorbed. Good conditioner.

The Scandanavians harvest rose leaves, and use for tea in the winter. Rich in vitamin C.

A few flax seeds inserted under the eyelid draws out foreign matter. Never rub. It is a muciligneous, and thereby draws out the foreign matter. Seems safe enough for dust and ordinary stuff but if it were something more serious, like a piece of metal, I'd hurry to a doctor.

Apple Cider vinegar in water with a little honey, as a drink, aids in colic and indigestion. It's astringent and contains vitamin C.

When stung by a wasp, crush wild mallow (hollyhock), and apply as a poultice. Damp earth will act in the same way.

## STUFF AND THINGS

Wyndel (Dover, N.J.) says...about periods of no sex interest and not being able to get enough sleep: I experience the same thing, and so do others, so it's probably normal. Try checking it out astrologically with a good progressed chart and transits.

ED. NOTE: I think you're right, Wyndel, about it being normal. Since I brought it up several people have told me that they experience the same thing. I had just never discussed it with anyone before.

Wyndel continued...September's Georgian was pretty good. I thought the work by Michael of Stargate was exceptional, and James Excell's herb series and Rik's Rituals were very interesting. I always enjoy Cyprian's work.

Delene (Enchanted Herbs, POB 452, Gates Mills, Ohio 44040) says...we have just returned from an 8000 mile tour of the southwest. I was especially taken with the Navajo culture. It is interesting how collective guilt can create tolerance (the white man's in this society-guilt, that is, and the subsequent tolerance of the native American's Pagan beliefs). Now, if we of Wicca could only find a way to generate guilt among the Xians...hmmmm!

Selene enclosed a full-page article from the paper The Plain Dealer. Story and photos about Lyndall "Granny" Toothman of Cedar Point's Frontier Trail. She spins things from dog hair and has used hair from 90 breeds of dogs, plus bear, llama, buffalo, tiger and domestic cats. Since reading the story I've been saving all the hair I brush from Sirius as well as that of Pooka. Wish the story had given an address. She makes some beautiful clothes.

Elizabeth Pepper (The Witches' Almanac, POB 740, Newport, R.I. 02840) says...hurricane season is nearly upon us. Hope you'll do a protection spell should you hear a "big blow" is due to hit the southern New England coast. We live on high ground mid-island so flooding isn't such a problem...just these enormous old trees give me pause. Our house was an old barn/carriage house so can withstand gales and has done so for over 150 years.

ED. NOTE: Elizabeth, anytime you need protection of any kind, I'm sure people everywhere would be happy to help. Sounds, though, like your house has built-in protection. Wish we could find houses like that in the west. Must be beautiful. How about a photo for the newsletter? Lots of people out this-a-way have never seen houses like that.

Rhea (Georgia) says...heat is still a problem. No let up of it. It has managed to get just barely below 70 a couple of nights but not too many. Wednesday night was a "lost cause". I no sooner got home than Miss Boo (my Chihuahua) went out, came back in, had got into something highly odiferous! (Frankly, smelled like horse manure!) Bath time! Then a terrific thunderstorm. Power off, etc. Jet blown off the runway at airport. Knocked down power lines, etc. Sirens kept the dogs barking. Pandemonium!

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## RITUAL WINE

from Bobbi in Pittsburgh

The Ritual wine tasted fine,  
So I had another glass  
But to my sorrow, I said no  
When the Sabbat cake was passed

The H. Priestess looked at me  
And asked if I wanted more  
As I stood to give her my glass  
I suddenly wasn't sure!

Once again I filled the cup  
With as much as it could hold  
And soon the Coven stared at me  
I felt so brave and bold!

She filled the glass to the rim  
and as I turned around  
My foot bumped our altar  
And everything tumbled down.

I raised the glass to my lips  
to take another drink  
But, alas, it was dry  
And I felt my spirits sink

The moral of this story  
is a little sad but true.  
Take care when you drink  
the Ritual wine, else it will  
take care of you.

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Tanya (Colorado) says she and an ex-roommate have been tracing past lives with a Tarot deck. Sounds interesting. She says they found some interesting things. She also says her "roomie" saw her aura as dark blue tending to violet...and she'd like to know what that means.

ED. NOTE: Sometimes I wonder what you guys do with all the info printed in the newsletter. Maybe someone would like to answer this again.

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## HELPFUL HINT FOR BEGINNERS

Do not "bug" your HPs & HP with questions like, "When do you think I'll be initiated?" This makes about as much sense as asking them when they think you'll develop a brain. If they thought you were ready, you would have been initiated...so obviously they don't think you're ready. The answer to your question lies more within you than with them. When are you going to study? When are you going to start developing? When are you going to grow up? What have you really learned in the last year or whatever? These are questions to ask yourself. Are you really growing...or have you just been filling in time? Initiations were never intended to be given just because you have a nice personality or because you're great in bed. Initiations are to be earned by study, practice, growth.

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## BEING A WITCH IS....

from Ellen in No. Hollywood

...having that special "awakening" come to a dear friend and having him realize that your path is home for him..watching the joy sparkle in his eyes as he talks about it..remembering when it happened to you..listening to the words pour out of him as he tries to say all the things he couldn't before..hearing his frustration as

## Being A Witch continued

he fails to find the right words to explain what he feels, and explaining to him (with tears in your eyes) that he doesn't have to find them, because you know what it feels like.

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## PUSSY CATS' CORNER

Tanya (Colorado) says: I've got a familiar now...a longhair tabby, 11 weeks old. I call her Sassa (Sah-sah) and she's a quick learner. I'm very glad I got her.

Marlene & Robert (Odessa) say: we have Circe, a 2½' hognose snake my father gave me. Following, we have 2 gerbils who own the kids...cottontail rabbit named Jue-Starbaby, 1 large male black cat named Mr. Asmodeus, 1 small calico female, and 4 kittens. The female cat's name is Goblin. They eat more than we do.

John (Wisconsin) says: we had to give our little furry friend away, but I at least enjoyed having her. So we gave our guinea pig to a friend who has 2 children, so she should be quite happy and certainly well-loved! She had quite a few tricks...for instance, when anyone would go in the kitchen, she would rattle the top bar of her cage at them. They whistle a lot like a bird when they want to get your attention, and like cats, when they're happy will purr! which is really more like a trilling sound. And when they are frightened or hurt, they'll make a squeeking, squeeling noise like mice do.

Ellen (No. Hollywood) says: a few months ago, my beautiful Mau cat died of unknown causes. Sammie and I have missed him very much. About a month ago, though, we got a new friend, Mau lll, sometimes known as Little Feet, Wart, Short Stuff, and No-You-Can't-Go-Outside-Leave-Me-the-hell-alone! He's very dear, even when he's being a nuisance. His favorite game is to have me throw a crumpled cigarette pack, which he chases, catches, thoroughly vanquishes, and then brings back to me to be thrown again. I'm working on putting a little charge on it as I hold it. Any hints as to techniques to help him learn to be a good magickal temple cat? He came to a moon rite, and took a nap on our altar while we worshipped. I figured the Goddess wouldn't mind.

ED. NOTE: I can't claim to be an expert at training animals to do anything. I really haven't the time for it. But I do think the most important thing is to give them plenty of LOVE. A visitor here has often suggested that I should hit Pooka with something when he does wrong things. It isn't necessary. If he has done something he shouldn't (maybe torn up something), instead of meeting me at the front door as is his custom when I come in, he will be at the back door, sitting and trembling while I tell him what a bad dog he has been....this in spite of the fact that I never hit him but only scold him with words. Next, I will have nothing to do with him for at least 15 minutes no matter how much he begs. Then I will pet him. This seems to be quite effective.

Pooka is only 10 months old. How smart were humans at 10 mo. about staying out of trouble??

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## STUFF &amp; THINGS

Ellen (No. Hollywood) says: We're planning to hold our Autumn Rite up at Angeles Crest. It's a nice campground area, and I'm told it is possible to reserve entire sections of campsites. Sooo. can I get your readers' reactions to something? It is all very iffy, and a lot will depend on the reaction we get from your readers. If we can reserve a good-size section for a weekend in, say, next May or June, and if, after we do some figuring, it becomes feasible, what would everyone's reaction to an informal meditation gathering in the L.A. area? There's a small amphitheatre set in the middle of the campgrounds that could be used for presentations.

If things fell together from this end, would your readers who could attend be interested? If so, could they drop us a postcard, saying so, and whether they speak for themselves or a group. It will help us get an idea of how much space to reserve. There is a small fee at the site, postage, etc. Cost might be between \$7 & \$10. per person, special rates for couples, groups & children.

Write to: RETREAT, Box 9513, N. Hollywood, Ca. 91609.

Late note from Kalinda. She moved. Kalinda, Star Rt. 1, Box 65E, Port Townsend, Wa. 98368. She'd like people in N.W. to write about forming networking for that area.

GRACE in FLORIDA says: Recently in the G.N. someone asked questions on the East. Naturally, Father Sun arises in the east. Lord of the East Watchtowers, I believe is Raphael. All solar worshippers face east and bury their dead or cremate facing east. All Life is said to originate in the eastern direction. Altars in most religions face east & church buildings as well. Eurus, God of the east wind. Tools to bring enlightenment..scourge, wand..are on the east side of the altar. The dawn brings Apollo, driving his horses, again starting from the East. The boy king, Leu, is given wings from the east. The pyramids face east. I am sure there is more.

Grace says the Moral Majority is opening a local branch. But in Alaska, "Free Voices" was organized to fight the untruth of the Moral Majority. Grace says that those attracted to the occult arts might silently blend their power to the Unitarian Universalists, the A.C.L.U. , and other organizations which accept Witches.

Grace also tells of being fired from a job because she is a Witch, a court trial, suppression of evidence, etc. She would like some help. For more info, write: Ms. G.V. Efstathiou, POB 4162, Warrington, Fla. 32507.

Catherine & Kent (Australia) say a new book has just been released by the Australian authors, Gregory Tillett & Nevill Drury: OTHER TEMPLES, OTHER GODS, THE OCCULT IN AUSTRALIA. C & K recommend it for readers who want to know the Craft scene over there. Published by Metuen Press St. Martins Tower, 31 Market Street, Sydney 2000. Cost is probably \$14.95 but we have no info on whether or not it will be available in the U.S. or what the shipping cost will be from Australia. They'll probably let us know or you can write: The Editors, The Wiccan, POB 80, Lane Cove, N.S.W. 2066, Australia. The Wiccan is \$2. per copy in the U.S.

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MORE STUFF AND THINGS

Excerpt from a letter from Marlene & Robert in Odessa, Teas. I'm not certain if the first part of the letter was for publication, so let's just say they spoke of a coven where they had once been members, and of the cause of a break up of the coven. They continued: If I may pass on a lesson, I hope no others have to learn as we did. Don't be so eager and open to believe everything you see and hear (with your own eyes/ears) that you become blind and deaf to truth. And to always speak of any doubts you have no matter what the doubt is, even if you feel you are the only one being so unsure. For if it is from our Gods, they will take any questions/doubts and show the truth. For to lose the love/comfort/strength of eleven down to two is a very hard lesson in learning to listen to the voice inside.

Although this happened almost three years ago - the pain is still there. We now are beginning to feel as though it is time to build again. We have renamed the coven - The Coven Phoenix. May she, too, rise from the ashes.

Any who wish to write us, feel free to do so.

Blessed Be

Marlene

Robert & Marlene Carrasco, 2314 N. Hancock, Odessa, Tx. 79761

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POWER OF THE FORCE from Lilli in Costa Mesa

The Force can work in many ways  
 Some mysterious, dark, or strange.  
 Others bright and clear like rays  
 Of sunshine, and quick to change.

It's the mystic power source  
 That dwells in all of Life  
 If allowed to run its course  
 It could end all our strife.

Far too many people just sit  
 And wait for things to be  
 Feel the Force, be part of it,  
 Some do it quite happily.

The love and joy would flow  
 If people would give the Force its due,  
 So remember this wherever you go:  
 May the Force be with you!

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BEING A WEREWOLF WITCH IS .... from John in Wisconsin

...showing up at a full Moon Esbat, & having everyone thinking you're somebody's dog!

...howling at the Moon.

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## SPIDER THREADS from Mariah in Whittier

Have you ever looked closely at a spider web, and marvelled at the beautiful delicate pattern? Now you can make your own colorful spider designs with cardboard, poster-paints, tacks, and spools of different colored threads.

First, cut a piece of cardboard (the size you want your web to be) from a smooth, unbent side of a cardboard. Give it a bright coat of paint, and let it dry. Also, you can paint the color black, and use white thread. Stick thumbtacks here and there along the sides of the cardboard, then stick a few more in the corners. Tie the end of a spool of thread around a tack, then lead the thread across the board, looping it around a tack on the other side. Guide the cotton line back and forth, here and there, from tack to tack, to create a lacy spider web.

A weathered piece of board or driftwood, a handful of nails, hammer, thread, and twigs or feathers will make another kind of webby pattern. These small bits and pieces will look as if they were caught in your web.

A twiggy tree limb becomes a cunning spider's trap when thin lines are woven through and around it. Ask for permission to cut a many-fingered, leafless branch from a shrub or tree. Don't cut if the idea comes into your head not to cut it. Some ask and think just because they ask it is okay. Better yet, find a dead branch in the woods.

Use thread, yarn, ribbon, cord or twine to weave colorful patterns, and don't be afraid to experiment with combinations of materials and color schemes.

Let your crafty spider spirit guide you in making these beautiful designs and (while you're at it), why not start work now on a giant spider web to decorate your porch or front door for All Hallows or Samhain? And don't forget to put a big black spider (paper) among the bright threads. This helps to bring out the kid in you; this is one area some forget to use as they grow older.

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What do you get when you cross a cat with a lemon?  
A sourpuss.

What do you call Art done by a Witch?  
Witchcraft.

Love with a Blessed Be, and Merry Part.

Mariah

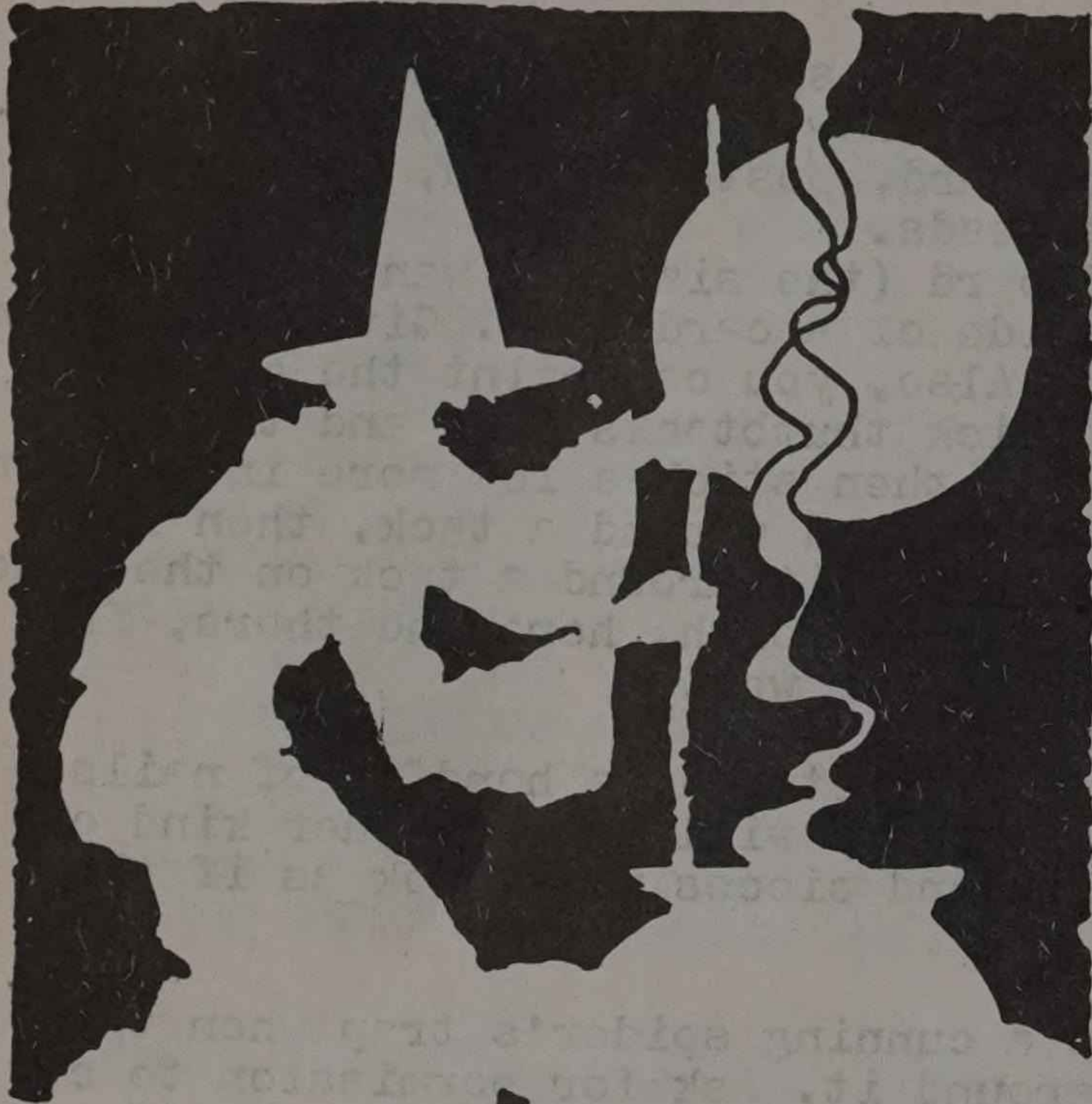
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BEING A WITCH DOG IS .... from Pooka & Sirius

...inviting a Xian to drop in sometime for a bite.



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## PHOTO PAGE

Numbers 1 thru 3. These were taken by Cinda at the mountain meet. Too bad we can't print in color so you could see the beautiful colors of the feathers on the staffs and the altar. Number 4 is Ariel and Lucifer. She's not really riding that Dobie pup, it just looks that way.

Next month..some photos of Lady Allusha's meet, and another crossword puzzle from her. Also some photos from our favorite crazies.. Rus & Ruthi.

Amazing how much mail comes in at the last minute..too late for this edition. A couple of nice reports on Pan-Pagan...both too late.

Lady Nandel, Astoria, N.Y., says she can offer temporary accommodations to any "Kool" Wiccans visiting the N.Y.C. area..an extra bedroom with a single bed & can accommodate sleeping bags. 20 min. by subway from the heart of Manhattan. She would like to have at least two - three weeks notice with details (how many, how long). Write in care of the newsletter, and we'll forward.

Nice long tape from Penny in Florida. She and the coven there doing quite well.

Two letters at once from Rhea in Georgia. All seems to be going well there...except both Chihuahuas in heat. Get 'em a ST. Bernard playmate, Rhea. That should be safe enough. Rhea was kind enough to send 10% of her take from the flea market sale to add to the property fund. Thank you, Rhea.

Richard Clarke, Midwest Pagan Council sent one of the reports on Pan Pagan. If you wish to info on anything..4524 Towle, Hammond, Ind. 46327.

The other report came from those lovely people at Circle. Hope you're getting Circle Network News..\$5. 1 yr. in the U.S. Box 9013 Madison, Wi. 53715.

The Unicorn is \$6. 1 yr. Box 8814, Minn., Minn. 55408.

Almost forgot to mention that Judith (the body) was initiated here recently. Guess now she'll let me out of the doghouse. Gail recently recieved her 2nd. An oversight that she didn't have it quite long ago. Anyway, congratulations to them both.

Guess we've forgotten a few things but we're running out of time.

That's all, folks.

Love and Blessed Be.

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