

HELLO, AGAIN, TO ALL YOU HAPPY PAGANS.

BAKERSFIELD...The March Sabbat was quite a busy day. First, the annual membership meeting, then the Board of Directors meeting. After a break for food, Cinda and I conducted the Sabbat ritual, then Gail & Lord Vulcan conducted the Full Moon ritual. Most unusual...it rained on a Sabbat, so we had to use the indoor Circle in the temple. Because of the crowd, several people didn't go in, but even so we had 19 people in the Circle...and it was still crowded though we used the 11 foot Circle..instead of the 9. A very busy day, and a most pleasant one.

MODESTO...Manon sez - lots of activity for Coven of Ceres this month. Lena and Persephone each recieved their second degree, and Simon recieved his first. Congratulations. We're all looking forward to meeting with Coven of Trothland and the newly-formed Coven of the Golden Realm for Beltane. That should be a very joyous occasion.

PITTSBURGH ..Armeeta (back home after her vacation in Florida) sez she wishes to thank those of you who answered her question about which direction to sleep.

GAINESVILLE, Fla. - Jennie sez now that she has been initiated she is anxious to get started on the next group of lessons. She also sez to thank Dorothy for the info on herbs.

SAN JOSE ..Valerie V. (now visiting in Australia) sent a postcard of a half dozen kangaroos hopping around. She sez: here I am in Australia at last. It is really a lovely place, and I am delighted to have met Catherine & Kent and the crew at last. Catherine and Kent are the mainstay of the Craft here. At their house, I met a wonderful fellow from Adelaide, Tim H. (known to the public as "The White Witch of North Adelaide") as well as 2 covens of British Traditionalists and some friendly magicians. Everyone has been just wonderful, and I can see my two months here will be a pleasure indeed. Take care, everybody.

Love and Blessed Be,
Valerie Voight

HIGH WYCOMBE, ENGLAND...Clive sent for a copy of the newsletter and some back issues. He says he read about the Georgian in The Australian Wiccan.

They're on the way, Clive. Nice to hear from you.

BEING A WITCH IS.... from Ellen in North Hollywood

...realizing it is about to rain, and the top of your car is down; throwing a banishing water pentagram over your car as you dash out; getting the top up, running back inside and saying "Go!" And it does!

YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN TROUBLE WHEN.....

...the I.R.S. invited you to visit...with all your records.

GOODIES FROM ARMEETA

We very much enjoyed a recent trip to Old Bedford Village, about 100 miles east of Pittsburgh. About 7 years ago or so, the townspeople built the log cabin village as it was in the early 1700's, funded by government and several other organizations; truly as it was in the pioneer times. Each of the cabins had different crafts where they relive the American Heritage. To name a few: the Potter's house, Furniture & Undertaking, The Tavern, Print Shop, Bakery, Toy Shop School, Candle Shop and Doctor's Office, Doll House, Clock Shop, Leather Shop, Jail blacksmith shop, Post Office, Gun Shop, Basket Shop, Weaving Shop, Pewter & Woodcarving, Tinsmith Shop, Broom Shop, etc. All crafts were being made as they had been when our forefathers came and settled in America.

The Doctor's office was to me one of the most interesting. A man, dressed in colonial clothes, answered my many questions about the various herbs drying on the wall and in bottles and the infusions. There was an elderly man who was so very interesting and knew quite a bit of the native herbs. He had a son born, weighed only 2½ lbs. He heard of a Yarb (herb-wise lady) living in the mountains, so he took his baby there. She asked to have the infant remain with her for awhile. She fed the baby catnip tea, and the infant who was so poorly that they hardly had hope for him, survived and today is a healthy six footer.

He told me of another...a baby girl infant who was taken to a mountain healer who cured the very sickly baby by feeding her buttermilk.

He also said that they used to take a Spring tonic of Sassafrass (the outer bark of the root of the tree) and they would drink the tea to purify and thin the blood until their noses bled. So very many stories.

At the wood carver's shop, too, the man was very knowledgeable about herbs, and talked a lot. He gave me a piece of birch which they used to make birch beer, a soft drink. It, too, is good as a blood cleanser, he said. It is (birch tea) used as an antiseptic and astringent for skin diseases, and a counter irritant for sore and stiff muscles and joints. (Made into a salve or ointment).

A decoction of birch leaves or bark is good as a diuretic (helps eliminate water from the system) and some claim it is good to break up kidney stones. Also can be used as a gargle for sore mouths and canker sores...one teaspoon or as much as you can hold with thumb, index and middle fingers, over which you pour one cup boiling water, and let set for about 10-15 minutes or so. Place a saucer over the cup to hold in the essence while extracting. It is also used as a gentle sedative, taken before going to bed to encourage a good night's sleep. Commercially, they distill the inner bark which is sometimes sold as wintergreen.

So many other herb remedies they told me, that they made me feel

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GOODIES FROM ARMEETA continued

right at home as though I was one of them and belonged there. One lovely lady even invited me to her 368 acre spread on top of the mountains. Lovely people...all of them.

The woodcarver, too, had an inexhaustible fund of herb and tree knowledge, and we discussed making early pioneer brushes and brooms from Beech and Birch. What they did was take a small branch about 5-6" long and about as thick as a man's finger...strip the bark, and for about 2½" or so, they started to cut or strip thinly until a scouring brush was formed.

For a broom, they selected a straight branch about 4½ to 5 feet long...stripped the bark and proceeded to cut thinly about 2 or 6" until a broom was formed. Now they can be made more easily and quicker with corn and other plants.

They used to make long strips from oak for caning and making furniture for seats and backs.

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STUFF & THINGS

JIM in N.J. sez: his letter isn't for print. But Jim did mention Hewlett-Packard. Jim, I've often used H.P. electronic test instruments, and found them excellent.

Finally a letter from BETHEA in So. Cal. We wondered what had happened to her. We're happy you haven't disappeared in the fogs of Merry Ole. BETHEA sez: Regards Mariah's article: ME, TOO. Vote a NO! With my circumstances, I can do more for Craft behind the scenes. Just like in a stage play...the actors on stage still rely on the ones who do the scenery, etc...and so, even though they are never in the limelight, they still serve an important part. So, some go public, and others still serve the Craft behind the scene.

BLESSED BE
Bethea

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JIM in N.J. SEZ: We are making good progress with the group we are working with, and some good things are coming to us as a result.

We are also working on plans to eventually depart the N.Y.-metro area to head north...possibly you may be able to help...is there anyone you know that you could "bridge" us to who live in Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine or Up State N.Y. who could help us get a "feel" for those areas. Possibly you could contact them in our behalf to see if they were open to our asking about the areas. If you can, and will, we'd really appreciate it. We want to go back to the land...and soon (next 2-4 yrs.)

Hope all is well with you and the Happy Georgians....

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STUFF & THINGS

JIM'S LETTER continued

Again, we respect your willingness to take those firm stands... it certainly gives others a reason to examine their own thinking.

BLESSED BE

Moonchild of the Enchanted Forest

ED. NOTE: Thank you for the kind words. We thought it best to publish your letter. Now, anyone interested can write to Jim or Moonchild in care of the church here, and we'll be glad to forward to you.

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ELLEN in N.J. sez: Well, I'm a new mother. My Witchling, Michael, was a year old on Feb. 12. And now I belong to a newly established coven in Woodridge, N.J. We call it Haven Hearth, and are currently looking for interested folks in our area. So, if you'd kindly state this in the newsletter, it would be much appreciated. Also, anyone just wishing to correspond with us is okay, too. Our address is: HAVEN HEARTH, P.O.Box 371, Rutherford, N.J. 07070.

I must say that after being a solitary for so long, I really enjoy being in a Circle now. The results are so much more rewarding when you share them.

Well, until next time, continued success in your new church and much peace, love, and joy to you all.

BLESSED BE.

Ellen of Haven Hearth

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MARLENE in Odessa, Tx. sez: Just a few lines to say hi & to wish you a beautiful Spring festival. We, here, are well and have a new "student". She is progressing well.

We planted a Willow last weekend and conducted a simple dedication ritual for it. Can't wait 'til it's large enough to sit under. (It's only 2½ ft. tall now.)

The classes at the college have started again so I am always in a hurry (again).

I was taught (and have experimented) that sleeping with the head in different directions will produce different effects: Head in the North will allow the earth's magnetic energy to flow through the body, and recharge the psychic centers (you'll wake up feeling charged and rested).

Head in the South will allow the energy to flow through the psychic centers, aligning and encouraging the Serpent fire to awaken sooner.

Head in the East will produce dreams that may, at first, appear confusing, but later prove to be prophetic.

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STUFF & THINGS

MARLENE continued

Head in the West is good for projecting back into "time". This was explained as: North is the portal of life/death; East is the portal of knowledge; South is the portal of growth; West is the portal of old age/time. Has anyone else had the directions explained in this manner?

BLESSED BE.
Marlene

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BOB in San Francisco sez: I'm sending with this letter an article from "New Age" magazine on "Animal Rights". New Age is a good magazine with a lot in common with the Pagan community. I liked particularly their memorial article to John Lennon which featured the line, "John Lennon - the Goddess weeps for you."

I think it's interesting that Moral Majority dropped their case in Washington. I heard a woman on TV who supported them say, "How can you trust a group that gives up under pressure?" Whether or not they gave up under pressure I don't know, but a little adverse publicity is good for them.

"In God We Trust, Inc." is trying to rally in S.F. against gay rights. I really can't say how that's going to go. It could be 50/50. Some say that it's a lost cause. I've always had a hard time accepting homosexuality. I'm not anti-gay, but I just leave it up to, "To each, His or Her own." I favor the gay community in this one.

Since you're in Bakersfield, do you ever get to see a man named Dr. Gene Scott? He's pastor & president of "Faith Center Network". Scott, as a Xian, ain't a bad dude. He frequently says that as a Constitutionalist he would stand next to Anton LaVey for his constitutional rights. Scott has even offered air-time to gays in S.F. to plead their case. I enjoy watching him, but when he starts on the Xian stuff, I switch the channel.

BLESSED BE
Bob

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ED. NOTE: Thank you for the Animal Rights article, Bob. Very interesting. Haven't seen the magazine. Haven't seen Gene Scott. Suppose he's on TV on Sunday morning. Only thing I watch on TV on Sunday mornings is "Sunday Morning".

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YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN TROUBLE WHEN... from Joyve B. in Pittsburgh

...the tall dark handsome stranger you see in your crystal ball turns out to be an I.R.S. agent.

STUFF & THINGS

LADY ALLUSHA in the Pismo-SL.O. area sez: Greetings! Whew! That newsletter I just recieved sure was a biggee! I don't see how you can do it. I have enough trouble just keeping up with my correspondence. Between my beginning classes, Tarot classes, preparing the first degree-ers for second, and the second degree-ers for third, the garden, an acyive son who is now in Little League, my new status as MRS....., and all the extra little things that go along with having my man home, I still can't find time to relax and enjoy the 'leisure life' I'm supposed to be living now that I'm a housewife. Oh well, I wouldn't have it any other way!

Yes, Michael and I got married on Jan. 22. We are planning the Handfasting for Aug. 2 during our open Llamas Festival. This year it will be held at our home. I'm really looking forward to it.

As I already stated, all my students are really coming along, and getting ready for their next initiation. Our group is slowly but surely growing. This year, when we come to the Mountain Meet, we would like to conduct a ritual in our tradition, if that is alright with you.

Also, Michael asks permission to be allowed to offer his TATTOO services while we are there. He has been collecting many nice little Pagan designs for tattoos, and he does excellent work. I'm sure you have seen the rose tattoo I wear on my left breast, it is one of his originals.

My blessings to Puck. I wish I could help, but all I can do is send good thoughts. May all go as he plans!

On the definitions by Houston Roberts: I agree with everything as he defines them, with the only possible exception of 'sorcery'. In my mind, his definition implies Black Magick, where I see sorcery as Magick devoid of the religious element. Sorcery, as Magick, can be either black or white, depending on the intent. I am enclosing a list of some definitions we use in our tradition to help clarify concepts in our students' minds. Maybe they can be of some use.

Also enclosed are other lists of notes from my magick classes, a list of meditation exercises, and a written test I devised recently. If any of the material or stuff from this letter you feel is pertinent to the newsletter, feel free to use it.

Our Coven Broomstick has been finished and charged. In our tradition, it is inscribed in runes with the background and history of the Coven, and passed on to the next ruler of the Coven in turn.

Kenny, in Kings Beach, Cal. (near Tahoe) needs a Coven Contact in his area. If you can be of help, it would be greatly appreciated.

Bright blessings...

Love & Blessed Be,

Lady Allusha

ED. NOTE: Okay about ritual & tattoos. We look forward to seeing you again. Your material will be in upcoming editions of the newsletter. Our best wishes for a long and happy marriage.

GOODIES FROM ARMEETA

Some Cedar trees grow to be a couple thousand years old. It is an evergreen and is much used in lining or making Cedar Chests, coffins, instruments and other furniture as it is water and decay resistant. I saw a small coffin being made in the wood-working shop (see March issue), and asked if that size had been used for an adolescent. The man told me no...it was the size for a normal lady of about a couple hundred years ago (about 1700 or so), the stature of women then was much smaller than today.

Carry a small piece of Cedar in your billfold to attract money, and use a green or brown billfold, preferably green to attract an abundance of money.

A few cabins were furnished as the people lived then, with iron pots, boot frames to remove boots, wine press, butter churn, cherry pitter, hand-made rugs, quilts, apple butter paraphernalia. Oh! it was a joy to behold.

Ligonier, somewhat west, is known as the Key to the West, but Bedford was the door opener.

They told me about the various uses of the Mugwort, a common weed to some, that grows in the flower garden of most people. It grows to about 10-12 inches high and the leaves are smaller but resemble the chrysanthemum. They told me that it can be used as a bath herb to bring about a late menstrual cycle, and the juice of the fresh Mugwort can be used as an antidote for heavy drugs. Long ago it was used as a love-divining herb, and some (At Somerset Fair) used it in addition to other herbs to stuff pillows for its sedative effect. Our early Indians used it as a tea made of the leaves for colds, bronchitis, rheumatism, fever, and as a poultice for wounds. Some people used it for headaches by inhaling the juice of fresh Mugwort.

Coltsfoot, a low-growing, lovely yellow flower (one of the first coming out in the Spring) is similarly used for bronchial afflictions, colds, etc. You can see them early in the Spring along country roads, especially up in the mountains. Both the leaves and the root (rhizome) are used for medicinal purposes. It is excellent for catarrh, consumption and lung troubles. It is soothing to the mucous membranes.

It (tea) helps relieve the chest of phlegm in all coughs, asthma, bronchitis, whooping cough and spasmodic cough. Also, they used to use it for inflammations and swellings, piles, stomach troubles and fever. The powdered leaves they used to snuff up their noses to open up obstructions, and for headaches. Also used for scrofula and scrofulous tumors, to be taken internally or applied as a poultice externally.

It used to be listed in the government pharmacopea. Don't know if it still is. But it is still used in making cough syrup, combined with other herbs, and also used in cough & lung medicines. The flowers also can be used. (yellow)

The pine tars or sap, the exudation of the pine trees, used to be used to chew on for coughs and colds. (Vitamin C)

PAN IS NOT DEAD! HE LIVETH PAN!
 J. Mac Candleass in Wisconsin

When the Old Religions
 of the Noble Pagans
 did bow
 before the Yoke & Sword
 of Christian Wolves,
 (the Ignoble Power)
 & the Treacherous Guile of Papacy
 (in Vatican's Crumbling Tower)
 did Triumph,
 'twas heard throughout
 the Aegean Sea
 the word of Pagan Doom
 & the coming Rule of Gloom:
 "Great Pan is Dead!"
 did echo the cry
 of that Infamous & Evil lie.

& now it is said:
 that "God is Dead!"
 Where then does lay
 his Mighty Head?
 is here not
 a Truth of Irony?
 Of most Noble Mystery?
 Pan is not Dead!
 He liveth Pan!
 Break down the Bar!
 For every Man
 & every Woman is a Star!

Before the day of Reason
 that Noble Power
 we hear the groans of Pain
 from within Vatican's Crumbling Tower
 of the Dying Agony.

Of "Holy Mother Church,
 (at such a title
 I laugh & Roar with loud
 Laughter & a Sarcastic Ha'.

The Gods do Not Die!
 Yet Creeds grow & Whither;
 "God is Dead!"
 Whither then, are we led?
 Pan is not Dead!
 He Liveth Pan!
 With Hooves of Steel
 He races on the Rocks
 through Solstace Strborn,
 on to Equinox!
 Rending & Tearing asunder
 that Ignoble Power
 of Vatican's Crumbling Tower!
 Pan is not Dead!
 He liveth Pan!

Arise Ye & Revel with
 the Drunken Lust of Life
 as Pan plays upon this life!
 Upon the Everlasting World
 without end,
 hear his cry, that he does sen
 as he ruhs through the Rill
 & leaps to the Top of the
 Hill:

"Do what Thou Wilt
 Shall be the Whole of the
 Law!

For Pan is not Dead!
 He Liveth Pan!
 They said that I was Dead,
 gone into the Doom
 of Pagan Gloom!
 Yet Lo! & Behold!

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FROM UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

A rare delicacy was on the menu at a Berkeley restaurant recently...but the State Department of Fish & Game says it will be the last time. The Poulet Restaurant sold Alligator Creole and Alligator Abodo from Louisiana for 25 dollars a plate. Then the cook prepared a stew from leftovers...but Fish & Game said it was against the law to serve it. One patron said it tasted like Abalone.. another said it tasted like Iguana.

PAN IS NOT DEAD HE LIVETH PAN! Cont.

with Perfect Love
& Perfect Trust
I come forth again!
Pan is not Dead!
He Liveth Pan!

& By the Lady's Grace
for the glory of Her
Noble & Sacred Face,
O Lovely Diana!
Unto the Everlasting
World without end,
Her Consort's Mighty
Word of Triumph
I will send!
"The Gods do not die!
Pan is not Dead!
He Liveth Pan!"

ARCANE CRAFTS

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Congratulations to Rik, Shadowhawk, & Catherine & Kent on making it to the winners' circle. I must admit that if Rus had not been nominated, I would have voted for Rik, and so would have Rus. The OSHA letter was a scream, more so because I have seen many copies of the genuine article--one of my many office tasks included filing away the OSHA reports which the boss received regularly, back in a job I had in '78. It was hard to read them with a straight face, they were so pompous.

Armeeta deserves some kind of honorable mention for all the little-known bits of information she's been sharing with us--and so regularly! The gold coins placed on dead people's eyelids were an ancient holdover--one meaning from ancient times is that the coins were money to pay the ferryman's fee to take deceased over the river to the land of the dead. It could also be a reminder of the burial practices of ancient Egypt, where deceased folks were fixed up incely in their tombs with all sorts of material goods, food, clothing and riches, within the means of their kin, for their use in the Otherworld. Anyway, the coin custom is an ancient Pagan one, originating in Greece, where Charon was the ferryman over the river Styx, which separated Hades from the land of the living. Several other Pagan cultures had that custom, also, and one finds it now among ethnic groups whose Christianity is a thin veneer over ancient Pagan beliefs.

Sleeping positions--Not at all a good idea to sleep with your head in the North; it opens one up to having nightmares brought on by unpleasant entities who inhabit the frozen wastes of the North, esoterically speaking. Head in the South and feet in the North is O.K.--they can't reach you that way. I would recommend

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changing your position in bed regularly, too--it frustrates psychic attacks. If you have reason to believe you are under psychic attack, try rearranging the furniture in the house; and, especially, moving the bed and placing it on a different axis (for example, if it generally faces East, lying on an east-west axis, try turning it to face North, on a north-south axis. Clean the bedroom, too, as you rearrange the furniture; then, do a thorough banishing, purify the room with salt, water, and incense smoke, and cast a protective circle about the bed. Reinforce it everynight, until you're positive the danger of attack is long past. A thorough housecleaning and house-blessing, casting a protective circle about your dwelling, wouldn't hurt, either. The idea behind rearranging the furniture: you see, hostile beasties sent by a hostile magician are pretty stupid creatures, being mindless. You can fool them into thinking they're in the wrong place by rearranging the furniture, and by placing yourself in a different place from where they expect you to be.

Banishing them from your dwelling-place only gets them out, whereas the purification and protective circle casting keeps them out, but it's necessary to reinforce it often, for best results.

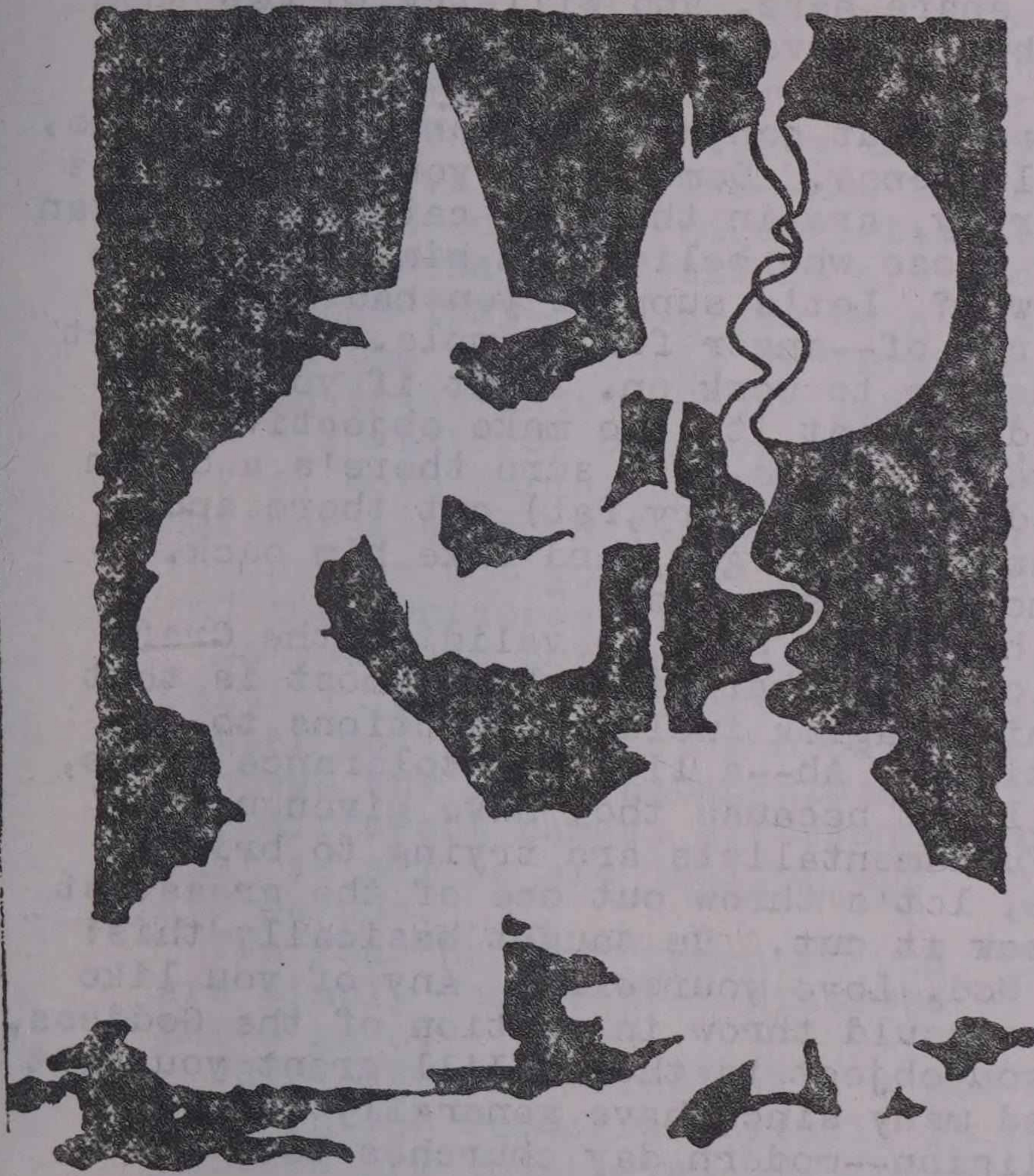
Another great book, for fantasy lovers, is The Silver Sun, by Nancy Springer (paperback, Pocket Books is the publisher). It's a wonderful, Tolkien-esque tale about two young men who meet unexpectedly as outlaws in the forest, travel about together for four years on a quest to save the High Kingdom of Isle from a Dark Lord usurper king whose ancestor brought evil into the land, and eventually fulfill the prophecy of joy foretold ages ago in the Book of Suns, discovering that not only are they brothers by vow, but by birth. The Silver Sun will delight Pagans with its Tolkienesque and Mabinogionlike feeling, without being an imitation of either.

Shadowhawk's S.C.A. Yule ritual sounds lovely, It's certainly something to think about for a rite which includes non-Pagans in the Pagan spirit. By the way, there's no need to restrict the good feelings to coven members when energy is raised--just visualize those people you wish to share in the positive energy as being present when you release it among yourselves, and they will absorb it subconsciously without realizing where it came from and how they received it. You can also send them excess energy astrally--isn't that what we do when we work healing magic on someone who isn't present in the Circle? Generally at promethean Circles when energy is raised for good times and merriment, rather than specific magical work, we share it with our friends who are not present physically in the Circle, and with any others whom we feel could benefit from the good vibes, whatever their religious persuasion.

(Unless they are extremely clairvoyant)

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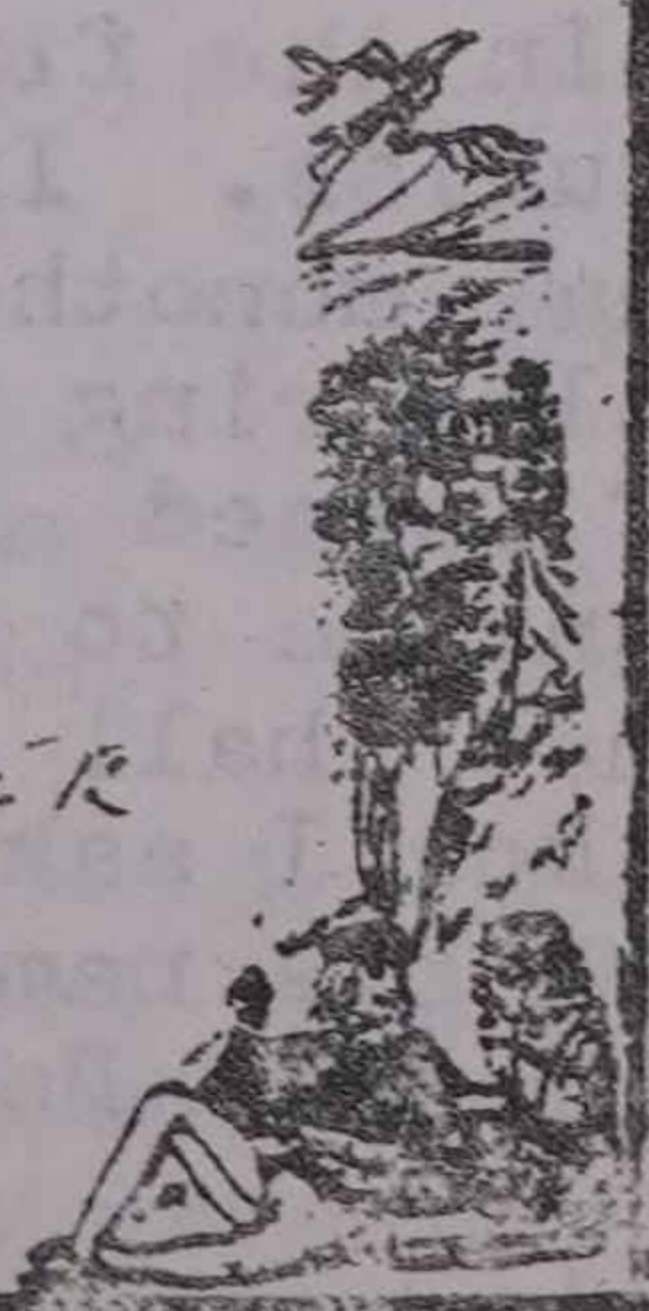
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IN DEFENSE OF CEREMONIAL MAGIC AND THE PENTAGRAM RITUAL

By Ellen Cannon in No. Hollywood

The techniques and traditions taught by the Golden Dawn were an integral part of my training, and I feel compelled to rise to their defense. We don't use all of them, but do use them a lot. I have several thoughts to share here, and will try to get them out in a coherent matter, but forgive me if I ramble a little.

First-- I'm not talking here about conjuring demons and suchlike, at least not in the "normal" sense. Demons, if you consider them part of Satan's hierarchy, are in the same category as Satan himself--existing only for those who believe in him. But what if you looked at this way? Let's suppose you had a bad quality you wanted to get rid of--anger for example. It is part of you and that makes it harder to work on. What if you could pull it out where you could look at it? To make objectivity even easier, you could give it a name..I'm sure there's a demon with that name. So get old George (sorry, Pat) out there and deal with him. Turn him into a nice guy, and take him back. That kind of conjuring demons makes sense.

What I am talking about here is a path as valid as the Craft or Druidism or other ideologies. What disturbs me most is that many objections to ceremonial magick include objections to its "Jujdo-Christian" connotations. Ah--a little intolerance there, hmmm? "Let's throw it all out because they have given us a hard time." Because the Fundamentalists are trying to bring about another burning time, let's throw out one of the greatest teachers of all time? Check it out. He taught basically this: "Love your neighbor. Love God. Love yourself." Any of you like to argue with that? Oh, we could throw in mention of the Goddess. But, basically, anything you object to there? I'll grant you that St. Paul, St. Augustine, and many since have generally screwed up the practice of the religion--modern day churches have lost sight of what he taught--but don't blame that on him.

However, if you still want to toss him out, I'll make you a deal. We're not on real great terms with most of the Middle and Far East right now, so I'll agree to throw out every bit of Christianity and everything that goes with it, if you'll agree to throw out the Eastern philosophies and everything that goes with them....Yoga, the Chakras, Confucius, Buddha, the I Ching, Lag Tze--all of that. Deal?

Let's move on to the "Judeo--" part of that insulting phrase. Stuffy old monotheists--the "chosen people" --boy, let's get rid of them, too.

In the first place, I doan wanna. Qabala is one of my favorite studies. In the second place, I don't think that they were all that monotheistic in the past. When Moses was given instructions delivering the Hebrews, he said "When I come unto the children of Israed and shall say into them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you, and they shall say to me, What is his name? What shall I say unto them"?

Now I ask you, if they only believe in one god--why did Moses ask his name? (By the way, the answer was, I AM THAT I AM, Ehieh in Hebrew, not Jehovah. It wasn't until later that the

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name Jehovah is given.)

The ancient Jewish scholars were great mystics. While I don't agree with some of their rules, that doesn't mean we should throw out the good stuff they learned and passed on. You go ahead if you want to... by the way, you Deanics are going to have to give up Lucifer---he's been turned into Satan, so we throw out Judaism and Christianity.

I know that our beliefs are older than both of these. I know that they have given us a lot of trouble. So did Germany during the war. Shall we throw out all the discoveries by German scientists? Japan wasn't on our side either---there go the transistors, Datsuns, Toyotas, etc. etc.

Yes, both Christianity and Judaism are male oriented, and neither are known for their tolerance of other beliefs--but I for one am not going to toss out Chris's teachings, the Qabala and the Pentagram ritual because of their wrong-doings.

Do you toss out Greek and Roman mythology because you're Celtic? Snuff out Egyptian because you're Norse? Is Odin a better god than Zeus? Aphrodite more beautiful than Isis? Jehovah any more rambunctious than Thor? Of course not. They are different names, different presentations of the same things. That is all we are dealing with in the Pentagram ritual...names and sounds.

The four Hebrew "names of God" used in the Pentagram Ritual are simply four representations of the "Is" as Bach calls it. Let's go over them.

JHVH--JEHOVAH--originally a god of war. But the name is not used in the Pentagram Ritual, it is spelled out. The hebrew letters are yod-he-vau-he. These letters are vibrated--yod-hay-vau (or vo) he. Listen to the sound. May I ask if any of you ever use the following phrase as a greeting to a goddess or god--Io evohé? Hmmm?

ADONAI -- Hebrew for Lord. I've seen many circle-setting methods that revere the Lord at the South. The only difference is that this name is in Hebrew.

EHIEH-I am that I am. No sex here.

AGLA - okay, that's an acronym for "Ateh gibor leolam Adonai, "Thou art the Lord ever powerful." However, it is also an acronym for "Ateh gibor leoalm Adonath." "Thou art the Lady ever--powerful."

Chauvinistic or not--it works! It protects and it purifies. Whether one uses it to a circle, or as an exercise, it has a good effect. I've used it to banish negativity, both inner & outer, effectively. The vibration of those sounds, those "names" whatever original meanings they have, has the power to accomplish what I want--a secure circle. I'd use Serbo-croatian names if they worked.

A brief mention of those chauvinistic archangels--Archangels have no sex. It is only artists who have portrayed them as male. They are still the Guardians of the Watchtowers. They've been named and given anthropomorphic forms so that we can picture them a little easier.

IN DEFENSE OF CEREMONIAL MAGIC AND THE PENTAGRAM RITUAL
Cont.

The pentagram ritual is a good exercise for me. I'm not asking you to use it. I'm trying to point out that the techniques and ideas found in Ceremonial magic can be useful and enlightening.

There's enough intolerance around. Let's not harbor any more than necessary. You'd be surprised at how much Craft and ceremonial magick share.

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FATE

Lilli in Costa Mesa

I seek the hidden Path,
Of my own true Destiny,
Be there glory or there wrath,
Or the very best in me.

The mysteries of living
Do come in many shapes,
A gift a friend is giving,
Or strangers clad in capes.

This life holds many choices
And it's ours to decide,
Quelling conscience's voices
With the help of those on Side.

We follow the whims of Fate
Be they for good or bad,
To hurry or to wait,
Is Life just the current fad?

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"MY MAGICAL WORLD

Mariah

I know a place where the Sun is like gold,
and the old Oak burst with berries of snow,
and down under the loviest nook, where the
smallest men grow,
with pink trees that growes children's dreams, you know.
If you search, you will find where they all grow.

TO REMOVE CANDLE*WAX

Scrape off with a dull knife. Place a clean blotter above and below the stain, and press with a hot iron. To remove any remaining that you can't get off with the iron, pour carbon tetrachloride over the spot. If stains remain, sponge with one part denatured alcohol to two parts water.

(ED. NOTE: carbon tet fumes are very toxic. AVOID BREATHING THEM. Effects do not wear off. Continued use will cause the poison to build up in your system.)

WORDS OF WISDOM

You should never cry over anything that can't cry over you.

When we fall down on Mother Earth, we have to push ourselves away from her to get back on our feet. Same as a child pushing away from mother to get away from home. Both take strength.

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DOG DAYS

So you have decided you want a pet. Well, that's something you shouldn't rush into just because you see a cute puppy in the window of the pet shop. Give it lots of serious thought. What animal attracts you most? Do you have proper facilities for caring for it? If you're renting, will the landlord allow you to keep it? If you have to move later on, what happens to the pet? Can you afford to care for the pet properly? Why do you want a pet? Should you get a male or female?

Suppose you decide you want a dog. Do you have a large yard where the dog can get exercise? If not, maybe you should get a Chihuahua. They don't need as much space. Should you get a registered dog? Unless you plan to go into breeding as a business, what difference does it make? Do you want the animals or the papers? And registered dogs can be quite expensive...from about \$100. into the thousands.

I've had purebred dogs and mixed breeds, and some of the mixed were some of the finest animals I've had. Go by your feelings toward the animal. What vibes do you get? When I recently got Lady, I could have had a purebred Samoyed. That would have been a nice match with Pooka, but I didn't like the feelings I picked up. Lady is just what I picked up by vibes...friendly, affectionate, obedient.

Should you get a male or female? Can you afford a female? Unless you plan on breeding as a business, a female should be spayed. Otherwise, you are certain to have a lot of puppies you'll be trying to push off on everyone. We already have too many unwanted and uncared for animals.

Although Lady is obviously a purebred Border Collie, she cost only \$14.22 from the S.P.C.A. But getting her spayed, shots for Parvo, distemper and rabies, and a license brought the total to \$100. In some areas, the Humane Society can help with getting the dog spayed if you can't afford it...but find out if you are eligible for this BEFORE you get the dog.

And much of the above holds true for cats. If you have little space, or if you rent, maybe you should get a different pet. A parakeet might be more practical. They cost less to buy and to care for, and most landlords won't object to a bird.

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Postal service in Czechoslovakia has gone to the dogs. Some dogs there don't bite mail carriers - they are mail carriers. A team of 7 specially-bred pooches has been delivering the mail in a mountain resort in Bohemia. They've been able to complete their 20-mile route when the snow was so bad even snowmobiles couldn't move.

The dogs - named Aik, Alf, Alma, Art, Ben, Cisa and Don - are the children of a female Slovak Sheep Dog and a male of Canadian origin. Their breeder plans to produce more of the "Postal Pooches" to pull sleds for avalanche rescue teams.

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DOG DAYS continued

Dog owners in Multnomah County, Cal. will have to pay more to license their pets now. County Commissioners voted to raise dog license fees to help make the county's animal control operation less dependant on the county general fund. The license fee for fertile dogs was raised \$3. to \$15...fee for sterile dogs was increased from \$4. to \$5.

LOS ANGELES - David Catchings, the first person convicted under the Calif. law making dogfighting a felony, has been ordered to donate 40 hours of community service as punishment.

The 21-year-old Pasadena welder could have been sentenced to one year in jail and fined 50-thousand dollars.

But Superior Court Judge Julius Leetham and Deputy District Attorney George Knoke were evidently sympathetic to Cathings, the only one of 23 people arrested who was tried on a felony charge. Cathings was arrested in 1979 at Ernest Debs Park for "causing dogs to fight."

The canine star of "Skeezer" will be O-J, a combination Collie-Sheepdog originally saved from execution at the Los Angeles County Animal Shelter.

O-J's previous credits include the ABC-TV series "A New Kind Of Family" and two pilot shows, "Sign On" and "For Heaven's Sake"... along with several commercials.

"Skeezer", to be produced by Marble Arch Productions, is the true story of a mongrel who became a "Canine Co-therapist" helping emotionally disturbed children to love and relate to others.

If you like animals, don't miss "Those Amazing Animals" on ABC-TV on Sunday evenings.

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This is the month that Canadians will be clubbing to death the baby Harp seals. Norway is also involved in that killing. And in June, U.S. Government employees will be killing the North Pacific Fur Seals on an island off Alaska. This year the U.S. Senate must hold hearings to ratify continuation of a treaty with Canada, Japan & the U.S.S.R.

If you care, you can write letters to urge an end to the killing. His Excellency, Peter M. Towe, Canadian Embassy, 1746 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

His Excellency, Knut Hedermann, Embassy of Norway, 2720 - 34 th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008.

Your U.S. Senators, c/o Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510.

You can also send a tax-deductible contribution to The Humane Society of the United States, 2100 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. Mark it for "Help The Seals".

If we, who consider ourselves closer to nature than other religions, don't help the furry and feathered people, who will?

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HERBS OF MERCURY

By James Excell in Colorado

The activity of herbs attributed to Mercury is quite multifaceted, but a common thread runs through them. Mercury is the connector, the communicator, representing the bright intelligence and the free flow of nervous energy. Mercury governs both the nervous and respiratory systems and is intrinsically involved in matters of perception.

There is a preponderance of stimuli amongst mercurial herbs, though they are of a somewhat gentler and more precise nature than the Martian stimuli. Many act to excite the nervous system, as spices, through the sense of taste. Cinnamon, liquorice, and star anise are noted examples of this function.

Gum mastic admirably exemplifies the interconnecting, messenger function of Mercury. Though it is a fixative and a binder, it provides the medium in which a multiplicity of elements may blend (communicate).

One of the more obvious of the Mercurial aspects of any herb is exemplified in the function for which Eyebright is named. Clearing the vision, enhancing perception, eyebright helps create the physical embodiment of the all-seeing Mercurial mind's eye.

Mercurial herbs seem as a group to act to relieve respiratory difficulty and nervous skin irritation such as chronic itching. Mugwort acts as an appetizer and digestive while benefitting bile production. Its fresh juice relieves skin rash and itching. Mullein taken as a tea relieves respiratory conditions such as coughs, hoarseness, bronchitis, while inhalation of the vapor serves to break up congestion in the chest. Application of a mullein fomentation, on the other hand, is said to relieve skin inflammation, itching and warts. Liquorice also relieves hoarseness and bronchial conditions as well as calming nervous ulcers.

There is one more herb in the Mercurial attributions that fills most of the functions of those previously mentioned - respiratory relief, digestive stimulus, and the soothing of itches and inflammation. It also possesses a few unique properties that at several times in history have made it quite famous. Taken as absinthe, wormwood provides an extremely powerful, cathartic (depending on the dosage) cardiac stimulus that drastically alters circulation and is reputed by adherents to provide a quantum jump to a new level of perception. If the Mercurial attribution holds true, then the state of consciousness represented by Mercury - the sephira Hod, may be facilitated by the use of wormwood in ritual and path-working.

THE GROVE OF THE UNICORN

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From Lady Galadriel

Atlanta, Ga. 30319

Our Basic Philosophy and Beliefs are as follows:

1. We conceive of the Creative Power in the Universe as manifesting through polarity - as masculine and feminine forces - and that this same Creative Power lives within all people and functions through the interactions of Nature. We value neither male nor female above the other, but rather, believe them to be equal and necessary to one another.
2. We recognize other planes of "Being" than just the physical one on which we reside. We recognize the powers of interaction of these planes which provides the basis for paranormal phenomenon and magick.
3. We see Religion and Magick as wisdom-in living, and as being aware of and in harmony with the Universe and our place within it. We acknowledge a depth of powers and understanding which is far greater than is apparent to the average person. Because it is often 'unknown' these powers are often called 'occult' or 'supernatural', but we see them as that which is the potential of all humans.
4. We practice symbolic Rites to attune ourselves with the natural rhythm of life's forces, marked by the phases of the Moon and the Seasonal quarters and cross-quarters.
5. We seek the affirmation and fulfillment of life in a continuation of the cycles of evolution and the development of consciousness. We seek within Nature, the Universe, and ourselves for that which is contributory and beneficial to our Physical, Mental, Emotional, and Spiritual knowledge and well-being.
6. We recognize that our philosophy gives us a unique response-ability with our environment. We seek to live in harmony with Nature - in a balance that promotes the continued development of life, and in co-operation with nature and her forces.
7. We seek to aid and encourage all members to progress and improve themselves mentally, physically and spiritually. We seek to make our everyday life a reflection of our inner awareness. We seek to work for a better understanding of and a better relationship between man/woman, Nature, and the Infinite.
8. Membership in this organization does not preclude or renounce any member's other religious affiliations and/or beliefs and practices; nor should said membership be taken as a statement of such. Rather, We welcome and respect all Life-Giving Teachings and Traditions, and seek to learn from all and to share our knowledge and experience with those who wish to learn.

THE GROVE OF THE UNICORN
From Lady Galadriel
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The GROVE OF THE UNICORN teaches the following precepts:

...a metaphysical approach to life, primarily based on Wiccan teachings and traditions; however we restrict ourselves to no One creed or tradition, rather we seek knowledge and wisdom wherever it may be found.

...that Magick, which is action in accordance to will, and actualization of mental and other energies can be used for the development of the consciousness and for the aid and benefit of humankind.

...that if we walk in Balance and Harmony with Nature and the Infinite our needs will be provided for.

...that within the framework of the Universe there are devic and elemental forces and realms which may be understood and interacted with, and the means and methods for doing so.

...that "as above - so below" or that the microcosm (human-kind) is a miniature of the macrocosm (the Divinity) and that through interlocking psychic forces Divinity exists within each man and woman.

...that souls reincarnate in order to learn valuable lessons on the pathway to ultimate enlightenment and that the Law of Karma (or three fold return) governs which lessons are to be learned and in what manner.

...that each person is an individual, yet we are all kindred spirits in the search for knowledge and on the path to the Infinite. Therefore we should co-operate and aid one another whenever possible in the spirit of Perfect Love and Perfect Trust; and that we should avoid disputes and violence in our dealings with another.

...that the purpose of our studies is the enlightenment of the consciousness which may be experienced as "initiations", here defined as stages of enlightenment or expanded awareness that comes with the understanding of the forces of the Universe, and that we recognize various levels of this awareness and attainments with symbolic rites and degrees.

...that "and ye harm none, do what ye will" should be the guide for your actions and daily life.

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FROM UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

A Philadelphia physician says obedience school for dogs may be the cure for a new elbow ailment. Dr. William Mebane the third says he has traced the cause of his ailing elbow to walking his undisciplined Black Labrador, Hogan.

He says his advice for fellow sufferers of what he has named Hogan's Elbow is to put the dog in obedience school, hand over walking duties to another family member or get a longer leash and assume a "get tough" attitude with firmer commands.

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Being a Witch is...

...AND MY MAN IS SITTING AT HOME WITH A BEER, WATCHING TOMORROW'S GAME IN THE CRYSTAL...



THERE'S A SATANIST AMONG US; SOMEBODY KISSED ME ON THE WRONG CHEEKS!

Gwenkin

OH, WICKIAN-POOKA!
DO BE SIRIUS FOR
A CHANGE... ER...
SERIOUS... ER...
SHRIEK!



DIS "GENUINE MINK"
ROBE YA SOLD ME,
IT KEEPS LIFTIN"
ITS HEM AT EVERY
FIRE HYDRANT!



FROM RUS...
ARCANE CRAFTS
POB 383
MASTIC BEACH, N.Y.
11951

SOME THINGS FROM UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

A Born-Again Cristian in Sapulpa, Oklahoma has been sent to jail for refusing to pay child support..after giving 30 thousand dollars to the Oral Roberts Evangelical Organization. Prosecutors say Donald Burger, a self-professed Born-Again, told them he cannot pay more than 6 thousand dollars in overdue child support payments because he now works for Jesus, and has no paying job.

Judge Lester Henderson decided Burger will have to carry out his ministry from the county jail for the next six months.

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LOS ANGELES - The L.A. Times says a Roman Catholic Priest who allegedly condoned homosexual activity by priests and criticized celibacy as a "Debilitating Privation" has been silenced by his superiors in Rome.

Father Richard Wagner, a priest of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate living in Oakland, wrote an article in the November 21 st issue of the National Catholic Reporter that prompted the disciplinary action.

He drew on results from a survey of 50 homosexual priests .. a study he did for his Doctoral Dissertation.

Rev. Paul Waldie, Wagner's Provincial superior, said the order has known for 3 years that Wagner is a homosexual, and that in itself is not a problem.

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The new motion picture "The Legend of the Lone Ranger" has gotten an "X" rating from a most unlikely source.

The Denver-based American Humane Association says animals were treated cruelly during its production..and has given the movie an unacceptable rating.

A spokesman for the association says several horse falls that used wire trips were the reason for the negative rating.

He points out that wire tripping of horses has long been banned by the motion picture industry...because it can be harmful to the animal.

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Oliver Paxton will just have to learn to be more careful. Paxton strolled into an L.A. bank...pointed a gun at the teller... and told her to hand over the cash. She did. And Paxton took the 17 hundred dollars and fled to his car.

That's when Paxton discovered that he and the cash were on the outside...and the car keys were locked safely on the inside.

There was no time for the old coat-hanger through the window approach. He was captured in a nearby house.

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Some second graders in Wisconsin were asked to define inflation. Merrie Schults says it is "Padding in the attic. It keeps the house warm". Billy Ruzicka says, "it's a woman." Becky Koenig says, "it is growing up."

Mike Oettiker says inflation is "air you put in tires and inner tubes."

And then there is David Kosloske's definition.. "Inflation is gasses that are in the air. Inflation can make people very sick."

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A LETTER TO PAT & ALL THE GEORGIANS
From Blacksun of Elvenhearth

It has come to my attention that there appears to be an unexplored phenomena within current American Wicca. I refer to the relative "Back seat" of the male deity forms and the effect it has upon rold and functioning of the male members of a Wiccan circle and on solitary male witches.

Allow, for the moment, that my perspective is limited. But I feel compelled to investigate. This may seem an unimportant philocophical question to some witches, but let me tell you of two unrelated (time-wise) incidents.

The first, about a year ago, was a series of unhappy events which led to the breaking away of a promising student who had become a close friend. The problem was the Dominance of the Goddess in everything he read and the traditions which put the High Priestess in charge of the circle. He had been raised Xian and had more than just a few "macho" hand ups, Since he has departed, he has found a more comfortable path.

The second thing was another priest who came to me to discuss various aspects of establishing a circle. He and his wife have been practising together for several years and have gathered some interested pagans. He said that he felt "shoved aside" and without purpose during ritual. It was only during the solar Sabbats that he felt he represented the God form effectively. He though the rituals should be balanced for proper energy attunement, but he felt that the traditional rituals created a tremendous over emphasis on the female (passive/receptuve) principle.

To me, this would seem to be a lack of understanding of the duality principle. But who could blame them? Everywhere we turn there is another article about the Goddess, and another book about a high priestess. Sometimes, though more rarely, the God is discussed. Hardly ever is there even mention of a duality principle (polarity). Many witches have never heard of this concept!

This is a theological matter. And such things can very easily turn into arguements. That is not my purpose in stirring up this cauldron. Perhaps my perspective is born of ignorance. Surely I know very little about the ways of practise on all but a few circles. Also, my contact with other priests is quite limited because there seems to be fewer of them than Priestess. Perhaps that is a peculiarity of my life style, or maybe it is a reaction to the very things I am attempting to look into here.

Therefore, I am asking for deed-back. I would be very pleased to receive some discussion, argument, statement, questions or anything else that relates to this area. I do not seek agreement or consensus. I do seek a broader understanding and fuller perspective of the matter. (Right now, I feel in the position of the blind man discribing the elephant.

A LETTER TO PAT CONT.
FROM BLACKSUN OF ELVENHEARTH

My view is narrow and without illumination.) Nor do I wish the newsletter to be a target area for heated dispute. Such things easily become dogmatic in nature. Dogma is against my religion. But the views and comments of many can often shed a greater light than the flares of a few. Illumination can be the result of knowledge shared in love and trust.

So I appeal for communication. You may remain anonymous if you wish; I will read mail addressed to me, signed or not. Any names or addresses given to me will be kept secret from all except Shadowhawk, My High Priestess. It would be helpful to include some information, such as if you are solitary or circle, male or female, mated to a witch or not, how long you've been practising, etc.,. But this is not required. Budget does not allow for collect calls, but I can be reached between 7-11pm M-F and on weekends.

Blacksun

c/o Elevenhearth
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Federal Way, Wa 98003

Phone. No.

(206) 941-2952

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SARHADWEN...DeKalb, Ill. sez: officially the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. is a non-profit educational corporation for the purpose of research and re-creating aspects of the Middle Ages as defined from 476 c.e. to 1650 c.e., concentrating on Western European civilization. "We re-create the Middle Ages, not as they were, but as they should have been."

Realistically, we're a bunch of hopeless romantics, some of whom dearly love to bash each other over the head weekly. Others are embroidery fanatics - one lady brought her tote bag to a wedding, so when she got bored at the reception, she took out her embroidery and began stitching away!

A goodly number of us do a moderate amount of historical research in the sciences and fine and applied arts. Armor is a constant field of research - we need something to protect the addled brains and bruised ribs, legs, arms, etc. of those fighters.

Locally, my husband and some other men have a small blacksmithing and sheet metal shop set up at one guy's house. If we need larger items, there's a professional SCA blacksmith about 40 miles away. Most of us, both men and women, research and sew our own costumes ranging from grumpy Viking to perfumed cavaliers.

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BEING A WITCH DOG IS.....

from Pooka, Sirius & Lady

...barking outside the temple when the music starts for dancing and they won't let us in.

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THE HIGH PRIESTESS by Shadowhawk of Elvenhearth

"SAY IT WITH FLOWERS" continued from last month

SOME PHRASES AND THEIR FLOWERS :

acknowledgement - canturbury bell
 advice - rhubarb
 affection (beyond the
 grave) - green locust

agreement - straw

alas! my poor heart -
 deep red carnation

anger - whin

beauty unconscious -
 burgundy rose

be mine - 4 leaf clover
 beware - oleander

bluntness - borage
 boldness - pink

busibody - quamoelit

calm repose - buckbean

changable disposition -
 rye grass

chivalry - monkshood
 clean - hyssop

consumed by love -Syrian mallow
 concealed love - motherwort

confidence - liverwort
 crime - tamerisk

dangerous pleasures - tuberose
 death preferable to loss of
 innocence -
 white rose (dried)

decietful charms - thorn apple
 (datura) the blossoms are a
 strong hypnotic when living

admiration - amethyst
 affection - pear

afterthought-China aster

agitation - sainfoin

ambassador of love -
 cabbage rose

beautiful eyes -
 variegated tulip

beauty is your only
 attraction-
 Japan rose

be frayed -white catchfly
 blackness - ebony tree

boaster - hydrangea
 bravery - oak leaves

call me not beautiful -
 rose unique

change - pimpernel

cheerfulness (under adver-
 sity)-
 Chinese chrysanthimum

cold heart - lettuce
 compassion - allspice

comfort -scarlet geranium
 confession of love -
 moss rosebud

courage - black poplar
 danger - rosebay,
 rhododendron

death - cypress
 deciet -flytrap, dogsbane

desire to please -mezercon

STUFF & THINGS

PIPPIN in Seattle area sez: I have been reading your newsletter for quite awhile, and I enjoy it. I would like to contribute to..

BEING A WITCH IS.....

...catching your robe on fire at your very first Full Moon ceremony, and then discovering that it doesn't "ruin" things when the unexpected happens, if you take it all in stride.

...sending a good deal of healing energy to a sick friend; coming down with the same symptoms the next day..and then finding out that your teacher didn't tell you about "shielding" because she thought you would already know somehow.

I would like to correct a very inaccurate statement on page 2 at the bottom of your Feb. issue.

"But the Mexicans drink the water and it doesn't affect them." Did you know that the leading cause of death in the Yucatan province (and probably elsewhere) for the people who live there is water-carried amoebic dysentary? I stayed there with two nurses who were also missionary wives...so they had a broad experience and were up on their gatures.

I think it's a dangerous thing to make it seem that the only problem with Mexican water is our American systems ...which it partly is, but there are many other real dangers there and it is a good idea to be very careful. Amoebic Dysentary is difficult and sometimes impossible to remove from the body entirely.

With love and good wishes,
Pippin

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BLACSON WROTE A COMMENT ON SHADOWHAWK'S HOUSEKEEPING.

Garbage! Garbage! Everywhere;
we're up to our ears in shit!
Woe be to the man,
Who has as his plan,
To find a clean place to sit.

I don't mean to offend,
That's not what I intend.
I just thought this was kinda
cute.
It's novel, I'm sure,
Though the form ain't too pure,
But the message you can't re-
fute.

This mess, I do fear,
Will prob'ly stay here,
Because I won't clear it out.
I've written this poem,
About this here home,
Because I don't intend to shout.

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ED. NOTE: Shadowhawk's column gives all of the excuses for the above next month.

Some of the gals who have stayed here at times kept house just about the same way. Makes me wonder if all Pagan gals are such dedicated housekeepers??????

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Haidu Three Line Rhyme--By Fratre Mac Candcass

I went to wake Fred
 But could not raise hem from bed
 because he was Dead!

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BEING A WITCH IS.....

.....hoping Jerry Falwell goes to heaven.

We surely don't need him in the Summerland.

A LETTER TO THE GREAT GODDESS

By VULCON

Oh Great Goddess, just a short note to let you know that I will be trying harder in the future to become a good witch, but it seems I can't do anything right.

I read in the paper about the witches that were causing a family untold pain and discomfort, I'm sorry I couldn't do much to help these witches as I was healing burns on the face of the little girl next door. I heard on the radio about the witches who were slaughtering cattle, couldn't help these witches either, I was busy mending a little birds broken wing. The next day on t.v. I saw witches burning black candles and chanting their love of Satan, I'm sorry I missed that one too, but it was the full of the moon and time to gather the herbs that the unicorn loves so much.

You see every full moon I recieve a visit from this beautiful lady riding in a silver charitte drawn by a unicorn who passes my way, stopping only long enough for her unicorn to brouse on the herbs. She never speaks, but always smiles knowingly

Dear Goddess, please help me to try harder to become a good witch.

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FROM SARHADWEN in Illinois

A recently published book, 'Last Country Life' - Dorothy Hartley is a compendium of English folklore and lost arts. It's fascinating. Highly recommended to anyone who's going back to the land. Read this before.

The very old ways of doing things - good section on the dairy. It also explains a lot of sayings and customs that seem nonsensical these days; "he's a spitting image of..." origin - "he's a splitting image". A large tree was split in half for the center post beams at either end of the house so they'd be equal.

READ IT.

Blessed Be.

Sarhadwen

STUFF & THINGS

PLEASE! Whenever you write to give a change of address or to renew your sub, be sure to use the name that we put on your address label. Many of you use other names for articles or sign your letters with those names, but I need your mailing name for anything to do with a sub. For example: if you write something and just sign it "Apollo", I have to go through pages of address labels trying to match an address to yours. And that is assuming there is a return address I can read. It is always best to put your address on the inside since the P.O. often covers the return address with their cancellation stamps.

Also, when you send articles or letters for publication, be sure to make it clear what name you want used for publication. Some things are recieved with both a Craft name and a legal name at the end. How am I to know which one you want used? Or both?

ALEISTER in Modesto sez: Well, Spring Equinox is coming. I personally look forward to seeing it come. In the Spring, all Nature renews itself, and so should everyone else. Everyone should let all past trespasses melt away as does the snow. Renew friendships and make new ones blossom. Plow under any bad feelings you have against anyone.

Plant your personal wishes and hopes into the new-worked soil, and watch them that are truly wise and sincere sprout and grow, with Summer until you can enjoy the fruits of their harvest in the Fall. This is what I see in the Springtime. Thought I would share it with you all.

Blessed Be. Bright Blessings.

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BLUE JAY by Ravenwolf in Modesto

Kevin brought you in a box	Friends say I'm crazy to cry out
Your feathers were the purest	"Look there! The peregrine's face
blue	In the mirror is your own
I've ever seen, unrivalled even	Reflection, don't you see?"
By late April's morning sky;	
Two weeks or three, you'd be	Love Canal is far away, but how
fine	Many babies died from cancer-coated
Big enough to make your way	Sleepwear bought to keep them warm?
Two days or three, you blessed	Watch the gray-faced men walking
us	At dusk, arguing cost-effectiveness
With your raucous song, and died.	Following the condor
I've seen the symptoms before	softly
Pesticide poisoning; someone's	into
roses	night.
Are safe from bugs you'd have	
Cheerfully helped eliminate.	

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STUFF & THINGS

THEA, at EYE OF THE CAT in Long Beach sez: This is the first time I have written to your newsletter although I have been reciev- ing it for years.

In the March letter there was a letter or article titles "A Teacher To Her Students" by Ellen Cannon. I just wanted to thank her. I am a teacher of the Craft, and I have been trvine to say that very thing to my students for a long time. And she said it so simply and beautifully.

So I just thought I'd tell her, Thanks.

Thea, Eye of the Cat, 3704 E. Broadway, Long Beach, Ca. 90803.

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This from Cristie D. in Nashville, Tn.

The Spirit longs to be free
 from values pressed on
 it by society
 Free to know, Free to grow
 To know what truly is
 Living in two worlds
 Playing two roles being
 fulfilled in neither.
 How can the Spirit find
 its place? Which is the
 best way to go?

We drift along on shores of
 time. Forever flowing around
 us. Time eternal. Only a
 short period in this world
 of time are we. Making only
 a small change in its flow
 Then departing, returning again
 another place. Perhaps to be
 better than before.

The day is alive and new
 The light is beginning to show
 The sun shines amidst the
 trees.
 The leaves sway gently in the
 wind.
 Soon they will be gone bare
 will be the trees.
 The skies will be dark and
 grey.
 Cold rains will come and then
 the snows.
 But time will pass.
 The snows will melt away
 in the warm gentle blowing
 winds.
 Then the tiny green buds
 will come forth.
 A new world, a new life will
 begin. All nature will speak
 its joy for those who care to lis-
 ten.

She is the beginning of life
 New untouched by life's
 pain, unhappiness, joys and
 pleasures.
 She is innocent. The maid
 She is the mature woman,
 cradling a frightened child in
 her arms.
 She is the Old woman full of
 wisdom, understanding and
 knowledge.
 She is Death. But with
 Death there is also Life. For
 with dying there is always a
 new beginning.

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MERRY MEET, PAT,

Enclosed is a check for \$5. to renew my subscription to the Georgian Newsletter, plus \$7. donation toward the same. I don't know how you do it; produce an excellent quality magazine every month. I hate to think of it; all the headaches you must get. And you've been doing it for a few years. Hardly any other publication has been around that long. All I can say is that my blessings are with you.

Blessed Be.

Bob S. (Hollywood)

ED. NOTE: Thank you, Bob. We usually get several letters a month similar to yours. We do appreciate them even though we don't publish them. Thought we'd share this one with the readers. Yes, the newsletter is a lot of work and some headaches, but we enjoy doing it. And we do appreciate the interest and effort of all of you who send letters, articles, etc. You readers write most of the newsletter. It is kind of you to share your thoughts, ideas and knowledge with everyone.

RUS of Arcane Crafts (POB 383, Mastic Beach, N.Y. 11951) sez: Busy here like never before. It's catalog mailing time! Here's your copy.

Here are several replies & comments, which I hope you'll print.

I should'a given the names of the characters in my cartoon "Samhain at the Promethean Covenstead" (March issue). The occasion of the picture was the visit of the people from Circle here on Samhain. After the rite, we braved frostbitten toes to go out to the woods to give cakes & wine to the Guardian Spirit of the covenstead. Shown in the cartoon, from the left: A Gnome, the totem of the Guardian, Ruthi with chalice, Jim Alan, Selena Fox, DeAnna, Rus & Morgan LeFay. Pat wanted to know why the pussy is following me, instead of the other way around (the way so many men do). I guess it's because they like me enough to follow me around like that. It's often happened before.

ED. NOTE: Rus, we're not surprised if cats follow you. We thought there was something fishy about you.

Rus continued: FOR PUCK, and others who want copyright information: The copyright law covers written work, artwork, recordings and performing art works. The new copyright law (since 1978) covers both published and unpublished work. For information, write to COPYRIGHT OFFICE, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20559. Ask for circulars Ric, R1d, R4, R7a, and especially R99. The necessary forms are: for all written work except dramatic, Form TX; for dramatic works, Form PA; for artwork, sculpture, etc., Form VA; for sound recordings, Form SR; for a series of articles in a periodical, Form TX plus Form GR/CP. The copyright fee (sent in with registration form) is \$10. Two copies of a published work, or one copy of an unpublished work must be sent to the Copyright Office together with the

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registration form and fee.

A caveat emptor is appropriate here: I have heard of printers who offer to copyright the work for you. They give the unsuspecting author the line that there are some kind of legal difficulties in obtaining a copyright, and that they can do it easier. This is a con game. Anyone can obtain a copyright; there is no bureaucratic delay, no search is made by the Copyright office for similar existing works. All it takes is a filled-out application, the 10 dollars, and two copies of the work, sent in a package to the copyright office. After a while the registration form is returned with an embossed seal and a registration number, and that is all! The trick the printer pulls off, if you give him the work to copyright, is he might copyright it in his own name, thus securing all (legal) rights to publishing your work, making a profit, and not having to pay you a cent.

About C. S. Clifton's article WHEN PAGANS MEET THE PRESS

What timing!! Just as I was about to wonder if anyone would write such an article. I hope you reprint the article from time to time.

One point I would like to add, which would be somewhat outside the scope of Clifton's article. Even though we are aware that some bickering still exists in the Craft, it should never be dragged out before the public. When you are telling the world, through the media, about the Craft, always remember that you are still DEFENDING the Craft against a tradition of prejudice.

Do not do as a Crafter of dubious repute did recently, during the trial of Loy & Louise Stone. This person made unfavorable remarks to the national press concerning the branch of the Craft to which the Stones belong. Coming as they did, at the peak of the trial, these remarks can only be interpreted as an attempt to discredit the defendants, and possibly harm their case.

Had the Stone's trial not turned out as favorably as it did, the damage would have been not only to them, or to their branch of Wicca, but to everyone who bears the title of Witch. Neither the press, nor the public, knows the difference between one branch of Wicca and another, and we cannot always explain it to them. Therefore, if you have any differences with another tradition, another coven or even another Witch, confine them within the Craft! But to the press, and to the world behind them, PRESENT A UNITED FRONT.

In case somebody out there is nearsighted enough to throw that modern cliché "the public has a right to know" in this direction, I offer this statement: "There are also things the public NEEDS to know, which are of greater importance." And what the public needs to know with respect to the Craft is that it is decent, perfectly normal religion. Every time we tell that to the world, we change one or two minds in our favor; that can add up to quite

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a lot in a few years, just keep repeating. Airing the Craft's dirty linen in public will do only one thing to any respect for the Craft --lose it, starting with the speaker. At best the public will ignore the remarks, not knowing what the whole thing is about--the media would cut them out as irrelevant anyway. But if they do get into print, or on the air, you can imagine the grin of delight on Jerry Falwell's face..

Submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for getting out of the doghouse.

Blessed Be!
Rus.

ED. NOTE: Be sure to write for a catalog if you're not on the mailing list for it. ARCANÉ CRAFTS, POB 383, Mastic Beach, N.Y. 11951.

Rus, I agree with the general idea of what you say, but not all of it. The remarks you mention were certainly made in poor taste and worse timing. Of course, we all have disagreements with other Crafters at times, and these should be private. But we also know that there are many phoney's and ripoff artists who prey on the public and get away with it because the public knows no better. You seem to imply that we should never speak out against anyone simply because they call themselves Witches.

Suppose we know of some group like the Manson bunch, and they call themselves Witches. If we do not speak out, it means we condone their actions. Would this be good P.R. for the Craft? Perhaps if someone had spoken up, the Jim Jones tragedy might have been avoided.

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MAY HARVEST by J. Davis in Orlando, Fla.

Of ancient scenes
Not now seen,
Cast a play
In time delayed,
Of a town
Dancing around
The May Pole Queen
And Jack in Green

Everyone is merry
For their fairy,
In festival ferment.

Bringing the fire
Of night's desire,
In harvest to be sent.

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AGING IS WHEN.... from Don in Lomita

...you turn out the light for economic rather than romantic reasons.

...you're 17 around the neck, 42 around the waist, and 96 on the golf course.

...your knees buckle and your belt won't.

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SUMMER SOLSTICE with camping, lectures, etc. Workshop June 17-19: Solstice Weekend June 19-21. For info: Warren Light Center, 1000 E. State St., Sharon, Pa. 16146.

ED. NOTE: Haven't quite figured out this group. Seems to be a mixture of Xian and Pagan but not Craft. Suggest you write to them if you're interested.

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Sorry to say that the bill in Sacramento to make it illegal to eat dogs & cats did not pass. However, it may be re-introduced.

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RICCI ANN in Ojai sez: we are searching for a place in the country. anyone know of a place between Taft and San Luis Obispo? We have goats, bull calf, a ram sheep, and an unruly dog. Need a low down and low monthly payments. So, if anyone knows of anything, please contact. Would love to hear from other Pagans anyway. Ricci Ann Porter, 10773 Hwy. 150, Ojai, Cal. 93023.

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If any of you wish to call other people idiots, morons, or worse, please do it on your own. If you wish to say you think someone is mistaken or wrong about something, that's fine, but we will not print a bunch of name-calling.

When you write things for the newsletter, please check it over before you send it. Sometimes one incorrect letter in a word changes it to a different word...and a different meaning to what you want to say. If you make a mistake in a word, please don't write over it. Makes it almost impossible to figure out what the word is. Scratch it out and write it again. You know what you mean but we only know what you say or seem to say.

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Sub rate is \$5. in U.S. or \$8. foreign. Remember, your sub is due for the issue of the date on your address label. That is, your sub should be received here before that date.

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We're planning to have the August Mountain meeting as usual but location and date are not yet set. We'll let you know as soon as we know.

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We've all been so very busy but we should finally have application material ready for charters and ministers credentials sometime this month.

You all know how difficult it is to get people to work when they aren't getting paid, but things here are getting much better. Manon helps with the mail, Lady Selena helps with typing newsletter stencils, Vulcan has been doing a great job as H.P. of the coven, and Lady Fauna, Church Secretary, has worked very hard and has done an excellent job.

THAT'S ALL, FOLKS,
LOVE AND BLESSED BE,
PAT AND ALL THE GEORGIANS

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