

BAKERSFIELD, - All goes well here. Lady Selene & Lord Vulcan conducted both the Full Moon and the Sabbat ritual this month. A smaller group than usual for the Sabbat because some of the out-of-town people didn't care to drive so far on such a hot day. Got to 104 degrees here. But that had one advantage: we managed to get everyone into the larger of the temple Circles (11 feet) so we could work in air-conditioned comfort.

After nearly a year of paper work and correspondence in both directions, the Georgian Board of Directors approved the first application for a charter and ministers credentials for Catherine & Kent of The Australian Wiccan. We are most happy to have them join us.

We do have all forms available now for application for charters, minister's credentials, memberships, and associate memberships.

Annual Mountain Meet will be held Friday, Aug. 14 thru Sunday, August 16. Since this will be on a private campground, we will have to pay for it. \$10. will cover your space for a tent, camper or whatever for Friday thru Sunday noon. If you wish to go earlier or stay longer, you're on your own. Send check or M.O. for \$10. (non-refundable) to the Georgian Church. Directions and instructions will be sent by return mail.

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MODESTO - Manon has been transferred to a new job and has moved to Fresno. That moves her 100 miles closer to Bakersfield and makes the trip to Bakersfield much easier and faster. Persephone and Lena will act as co-priestesses of the Modesto coven until one of them reaches third degree. However, Manon will still be in Modesto for Full Moons and Sababts and teaching. In Fresno, she'll work alone for awhile before starting a new coven.

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ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL...a British drama built around pets & Vets. On educational TV in this area.

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

...doing a skyklad ritual with your fur-miliar on your shoulder...and performing an involuntary blood sacrifice as she digs her claws in for better balance.

...meditating on the Crone aspect of the Goddess...and your mother-in-law walks in.

...giving birth to a Salamander nine months after jumping the cauldron.

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FLUFFS OF FANTASY
From Shadowhawk

Fey - Retale

Once upon a misty distant time
In a country both fruitful and faire,
Lived a lady with moonslivered hair
and eyes soft as sea gerry wine.
Her skin, like the crest of the rainthrush's plume
her delicate fingers as slender and fine
as the blush'd blossom that comes on the lacekeeper vine.
And her cheeks with the bluch of the snobloom.
She ate the sky nector with a crystalline spoon
and her tong gowns were spun
on the gold spindle of sun
and her songs on the harp of the moon

AN ATERNATIVE OF HANDFASTING

BY THEA

In Bradenton, Flordia

Hand fasting is a Wiccian term for marriage. What makes a handfasting more special is it is a spiritual union of the two involved. The two are linked together by blood and life and love.

When Fafner and I were handfasted at Yule '80 we chose not to make it legal but for "as long as love shall last". For then it was all that was necessary. But then somewhere along the line realities seem to catch up with everyone, and we found that legalities are necessary in the Social land we live in. There were family and friends to consider that were all cowan as well as the legalities. We could not see saying vows that had no meaning for us and so we wrote our own.

WEDDING CEREMONY

The groom and best man will be waiting at the altar, bride will walk up with her father and brides maid.

Pastor: Dearly beloved we are gathered here before our Mother/Father God in the presence of these witnesses to join together these two people in Holy Matrimony, which is an honorable estate, therefore to be entered into honorably and joyfully.

Marriage is a joyous occasion, it is the formal joining of two paths into one. It is the beginning of a new responsibility and new challenges. It is a bond to be entered into only after long thought and meditation.

Into this Holy Relationship these two now come to be joined. If any person can show just cause why they should not be lawfully be joined together, let them speak now or evermore hold there peace.

AN ALTERNATIVE TO HANDFASTING - cont.

Pastor: Will you (bride's name) take (groom's name) to be your husband, to share his life, joy's and challenges, to comfort and advise him for as long as love shall last?

Bride: I do.

Pastor: Will you (groom's name) take (bride's name) to be your wife, to share her life, joy's and challenges, to comfort and advise her for as long as love shall last?

Groom: I do.

Pastor will bless the rings, giving the grooms ring to the bride and the brides ring to the groom.

Stare into each others eyes. I (brides first name) take thee (grooms first name) to be my wedded husband, in perfect love and perfect trust for as long as love shall last. (Bride takes ring from groom and places it on her own finger) I freely accept this which is symbolic of my love and understanding of our union.

Pastor to groom: repeat after me: I, (grooms first name) take thee (brides first name) to be my wedded wife, in perfect love and perfect trust for as long as love shall last. (Groom takes ring from bride and places it on his own finger) I freely accept this which is symbolic of my love and understanding of our union.

Bride and groom turn to face the Pastor.

Pastor: Let all here know that by the authority vested in me by the state of (whatever state you're in), these two are now wed in the sight of Mother/Father God and each other.

Kiss each other.

P. S. This could also be used in a case where two would be joined as man and wife and one is Craft and the other isn't. It would be a good compromise.

POEM

Rose of Windwalker

The Snow Queen
gives herself gently to trees,
that watch
from the earth below.
They nod to each other
with secrets
no mortal can know
touching
entwined like lovers
in passing, in passing
repeating a ritual
begun ages ago



STUFF & THINGS

JIM in New Jersey called to tell us about all the good things happening there...and then said it's not for the newsletter, Think we should send him to the dog house.

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JENNIE in Florida called to say that things there are going pretty well, and she's keeping busy with her Craft studies. Also told about a local dingbat she met. Too bad she can't find some nice Pagans or Crafters in the Gainesville area for some nice talk sessions. It can get lonely.

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ELIZABETH PEPPER in Rhode Island sez: We're having a marvelous spring. The garden is coming to bloom but please ask your readers for tips on combating SLUGS. They have been ravishing plant after plant. Last night they devoured all my parsley. I've tried the usual methods like collars, beer, importing toads. No success. Any help would be appreciated. The way it's going all we'll have left is the wormwood and the mugwort.

Your animal set-up sounds remarkably like ours. We, too, have gates separating certain members of our menage from others because, like you, we can't bear battles and bloodshed.

A good way to handle a dog fight is by grabbing the root of the tail and pulling sharply. Someone else should be doing the same to the other dog.

Sirius sounds like one of those very special types as did your black cat in Alaska. Actually I've never met a cat or a dog I didn't like -- well, there was a chained dog in a junkyard on Long Island, but it was HE who didn't like me.

ED. NOTE: Sorry about those slugs. When I lived in Baltimore, we just put salt on them. But you have to do that individually. You can't salt all the ground without killing your plants.

Don't think I've seen any slugs here but lots of snails. A couple of professors at Cal State said they would come collect them to eat them, but they didn't ever show up.

Haven't had any problems with the dogs since they are separated. Lady gets along fine with both males and spends part of each day with each of them.

So many times I have been bitten by both Pooka and Sirius (by accident) when they were fighting, and never any treatment or problems. But a few weeks ago Sammy, a Dachsund from next door, attacked Sirius while I had him out. Sammy is jealous because the people he owns like Sirius so much. Sirius would have killed him, so I held Sirius by the collar and kept pushing Sammy away. Guess Sammy thought I wanted to fight him so he bit me. Two days later I had red streaks up to my elbow. I went to the hospital. They took my pulse, temp, blood pressure, gave a tetanus shot and a prescription for penicillin. Cost \$60. for the hospital and \$25. for the medicine. The medical profession gets to be a bigger rip off every day. It cost the neighbors \$66. vet fees to repair Sammy. I find it interesting that I never had any sort of problem with all the bites from Pooka & Sirius even though they were much worse.

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Alcoholism and the Craft
Demeter- ye full moon wicca

In the past year there has been several mentions in the Georgian Newsletter about the effect of too much wine on pagans. In the May issue Lady Seanara (Ruthi-Arcane Crafts) noted alcoholism and its effect on a HPs who may have emotional problems. In fact the following is an excerpt from Pat's last letter to me: "All goes well here so long as my sexatary stays out of the vinw when she's typing"

Yet alcoholism is no laughing matter. Alcohol has its place for sure. Myth would have it that Dionysis gave wine as a gift to man so that he could relax and make merry after hardship and toil. Used properly it can relax and still some of the 5 senses so that the 6th sense can come to the foreground of the conscious.

But, the fact of the matter is: alcoholism is a disease. I should know, I am an abstaining alcoholic. In my battle with the bottle, I learned a lot of things which I would like to share. You may find the information a help to yourself or a coven member. The possibility of alcoholism in the Craft is very strong. Why? The majority of alcoholics are not your Bowery Bums, but highly intelligent, very sensitive and creative people like so many pagans. Many are "High Performance" drinkers. They function well and many times accomplish more in less time than non-drinders.

To repeat myself, alcoholism is a disease but a heavy drinker need not be an alcoholic. I learned that the disease touches, in some way, one out of 4 people. Studies indicate that if one parent is an alcoholic the chances of the off spring being alcoholic is 50% higher than the general public. This is increased to 80% if both parents have the disease. If you are an alcoholic, be aware of this and warn your children when they come to the drinking age.

One laboratory study was done with rats. Under ideal conditions they were given 3 choices of drink - water, sugar and water-alcohol and water. As conditions become more stressful-over population, noise, competition for food and sex, tesion- the rats went from drinking water to drinking the sugar water then finally to the booze. Perhaps that is why we see the problem of alcoholism getting worse as our socety adds more pressure.

How can you tell the difference between a heavy drinker, problem drinker and an alcoholic? It's hard. But the disease of alcoholism has several symptoms and several progressive stages. Abstaining with difficulty is usually a good clue. A problem or heavy drinder can just stop with no physical emotional or mental anguish. The body of the alcoholic, on the other hand, is addicted much as the body of a smoker is addicted to nicotine, and just as the smoker's body craves that butt, so does the alcoholic body crave that drink. Introducing that 1st drink into that system triggers off a chemical reaction and the drug addiction is set in motion. It is no longer a matter of will power. The changes that an alcoholic goes thru

- Alcoholism and the Craft cont.

follow closely the pattern of someone who is being anesthetized.

Alcohol itself irritates the lining of the mouth and throat. This in itself creates a thirst. That's what causes the mild hoarseness and "dry" or "cotton" mouth. It's an insidious disease - for the sensation of thirst is created but alcohol as a drug lessens the discomforts including the irritation it causes itself. It also causes dehydration and this is why someone with a hangover should drink plenty of liquids not just coffee. The desire for liquids is the body's way of making up for the loss of fluid and trying to take the strain of filtering of concentrated alcohol off the liver and kidneys.

The disease has its own pattern. With one person it may take 15 years to reach a more serious stage, while another person may reach that same stage in two years. It is incapacitating in its latter stages. Some of the warning signals of real trouble are "blackouts" (I can't remember what I said or did) or Dt's (shakes) or the must of having a drink to calm the nerves enough to function. It doesn't matter what kind of alcohol it is either. Wine and beer are just as dangerous to the alcoholic as any of the distilled liquors. The abstaining alcoholic has to watch out for the substance everywhere cough medicines, liquid cold aids- even thing like good old liquid gertol can contain alcohol which will trigger off the addiction.

(Cont. next month)

ED. NOTE: My comments in letters about my sexatary and the vino are just to tease her about making so many typing mistakes. It isn't the vino...she's just not a very good typist.

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Dear Georgians,

Hi folks, I'd like to know if any of you can give me some information, contacts, tips, advice, ect. on getting published? Particularly in the Science Fiction/Fantasy field.

I am currently working on a couple of things that seem, at this stage, promising.

As most of you know, I am primarily a Poet. Storywriting, is at this time an experiment, hopefully to advance and expand my writing skills. Working in this form was at first like trying to walk in high heeled shoes two sizes too big, but it is getting easier.

ELVENHEARTH

cont.

I'd appreciate any input you can give.

Write to me at the above address, or phone, 209-941-2952. (sorry, no collect calls please, but late evening (discounted rates is a good time to catch me.)

Thanks, and Blessed Be.
Shadowhawk

THE HIGH PRIESTESS

Shadowhawk

"Say It with Flowers" Victorian Flower Language Phrases Con't.

Well folks, I've located my elsuive reference notes, so I can continue with this series. The list is very long, and will probably run several cols.

(hope you all enjoyed last months comic relief)

Estranged Love..Lotus flower	Friendship..Acacia
Expected Meeting..Nutmeg geranium	Friendship unchanging..London
Faries fire..pyrus japoni ca	Pride
Faithfulness..Blue velvet, Heliotrope	Galla ntry..Sweet william
Falsehood..Bluegrass, Yellow lilly	Frugality..Chickory,Endive
Fame speaks him great and good..Apple blossom(full bloom)	
Farewell..Michaelmus daisy	Generosity..Orange tree,
Fascination..Fern, Honesty	French Honey suckle
Fidelity..Veronica, Ivy,Plum tree,lemon blossoms	
Festivity..Parsley	Glory..Bay tree, Laurel
Ficklness..Pink larkspur, Abatina	Goodness..Bohus Henrius
Fire..FLEUR DE LIS, red iris	
Flattery..Venus looking glass	(there is an interesting tale
Flee Away..Pennyroyal, VENUS carnation	to this last one, It is named
Folly..Columbine	after King Henry the 4 th ,a
Foppery..Cockscombe,Amaranth	wise and good ruler, who
Foolishness..Pomegranate	took a bride from the emeny's
Foresight..HOLLY(white)	royal house, to obtain peace.
Foregetfullness..Moonwort	At first the people thought
Forget me not..Forget-me-not	of her as a monster, but when
Forsaken..laburnum,Garden anemone	she became queen, she proved
Fraturnal love..Woodbine	virtuous and compassionate.
Freedom to love..Water willow	Dbn't have all the facts,
Freshness..Damask rose	but it might be fun to re-
	search them.)sh.

A Article By Lady Mandel

Let me say here that I am a Crone, A Dianic Wiccan, and of course a feminist. In both your April and May issue there were some pretty heavy comments relating to Goddess worship, and the Female Diety taking too large a role and the balancing etc.

Article by Lady Mandel Cont.

Let me state here and strongly, that these are my feelings only, and I do not speak as a spokesperson for any group.

Last May at the Spring Rites Festival in the Boston Massachusetts area I was verbally assaulted by all males at the mere mention of the fact that I am a Dianic, also by a large majority of females there. The main topic was "What do I do for a balance". This sort of struck me odd because I have never felt out of balance and I am sorry that all of them did.

I worship the Goddess only, because that is my choice, and I feel happy and comfortable with it. When the day comes that I meet a man who has given traits that I can wholly and totally consider awesome and godlike then perhaps I may consider. I find nothing in my intensive readings on Pan or other male gods impressive. Pan is just a male stud to serve the Goddess, sorry I fell that way, but that's it dearies. However, these are my feelings, and I do not try to force mine on anyone. A right to my religious beliefs in the craft should not be denied me and many other Dianics I have known. The saddest of it all is the mess within the craft. I allow you all your beliefs, I do not assault you verbally, why is it everytime I Dianics I hear the breaths sucked in and the bellows roaring? No wonder so many Dianics are going underground and away from organized crafters.

The April article was ridiculous - in order to reply you practically had to send him a resume', and for what - a question brought up by a Mucho Zian? My feeling about it is that if anyone is upset with any aspect of the group they are involved with - then let them start another group letting it go their way instead of all this nonsense. I, for one, would like to be spared it.

As far as the Question of Karma from Wyndel in the May issue - its not a question of Karma at all - its a question of personalities with him - his statistics were cute and more boring than anything. He figured it all out after she had left. What a question to ask anyone anyway. Do you only worship the Goddess. I know someone who worshipped trees and trees only. So - big deal.

well I did not mean to be carried away, you can publish or not publish as you choose. I guess I just had to get it out on my system. I, personally have had enough of the nonsense - Goddesses Gods - can't we just drop the whole thing? We really don't need this in the Craft.

Blessed be for now.

DOG DAYS & OTHER ANIMAL PEOPLE

Now that the hot weather is here, it is time to be careful that your dog doesn't suffer heatstroke. It could kill or permanently damage your pet.

DO NOT take your dog with you to go shopping, and leave him in the car with the windows open a small crack for air. EVEN THOUGH YOU PLAN TO BE GONE ONLY A FEW MINUTES. You might return to find your dog dead or near dead.

Dogs do not have pores and perspiration to cool them such as humans have. A dog's means of cooling is through his BREATHING. If he can't get enough cool air to breathe, he can't cool his body.

Even with a car window or two open a crack, in hot weather the car's interior can become an oven even in a few minutes. If you doubt that, try sitting in a closed car in the hot sun with the windows closed even for a few minutes.

A dog may also suffer heatstroke in a house that is too warm, or even when outside. If you notice your dog breathing hard, seeming unable to catch his breath, unsteady, not wanting to move, there is a good possibility that he is getting close to heatstroke. It is necessary to cool him off as quickly as you can. If at home, place a cool, wet towel in the bottom of the bathtub, place your dog on it, then run cool water over his body.

It is important to cool your dog as quickly as possible, but this may cause shock...so get the dog to your Vet as soon as you can. He has means of treating shock which are not available to you.

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From U.P.I. ATLANTA - The Centers For Disease Control in Atlanta say California has reported the first non-laboratory case of Primary Pneumonic Plague in the U.S. since 1924.

The case involved a 47-year-old woman from Tahoe Paradise, who died last October, several days after her cat perished of the same disease.

The C-D-C noted that cats are an un-common source of human plague infection but were involved in the California case and another last April in Colorado.

Primary Pneumonic Plague is one of 3 forms of plague, known in the Middle Ages as "The Black Death." Most human cases result from the bites of fleas that have fed on Plague-infected animals.

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If you have a dog that likes to put on the dog, you could send it to the Canine Country Club in Virginia Beach --where every dog has his day.

According to manager Bonnie Williams...the guests are treated exactly as they're treated at home. For some, that means vegetables fresh from the garden. For others, it's poached eggs or even a bed-time kiss.

Williams says one woman asked the staff to read the 23 rd psalm to her dog at 9 o'clock in the morning. They did, and the dog "Just loved it."

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BEING A WITCH DOG IS..... (from Sirius)

...enjoying the Animal Protection Ritual.

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FROM U.P.I.

A University of Houston researcher's analysis of Black & White children's intelligence test scores produced an unexpected conclusion -- the stricter a mother's religious beliefs, the lower her child's I-Q score.

Dr. Zena Blau said, "In a society that is changing so rapidly, where self-control and self-direction are important to an individual's performance, the impact of the high control religious institutions is adverse to a child's intellectual development."

In writing her new book "Black Children, White Children: Competence, Socialization and Social Structure," Dr. Blau studied the I-Q scores of more than 1000 fifth & sixth graders -- 523 White and 549 Black -- in the Chicago area. She also studied sociological data supplied by their mothers.

Dr. Blau said the highest average I-Q scores she found were among White children and Black children whose mothers were from a non-denominational or non-religious background. Such Whites averaged an I-Q of 110. Similar Blacks scored an average 109. She found the lowest I-Q scores among Black & White Children with Catholic mothers. Blacks with Catholic mothers scored 101, Whites with Catholic mothers 103.

Dr. Blau said children with Baptist mothers also scored lower, while children with mothers from such religious backgrounds as Episcopalian & Presbyterian scored higher.

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SACRAMENTO - A petite 32-year-old pharmacist who decided she had enough of "Flashers" jumping out along a popular Sacramento riverside jogging trail arrested the next one she encountered. Chris Mason is a 5-foot-1, 103 blonde who runs about 8 miles on the American River Bicycle Trail six days a week. She said she'd seen 3 Flashers before and was attacked on the trail last August.

She was accompanied during her citizen's arrest by her attack-trained German Shepherd and another jogger. Although a slight scuffle occurred, she said the man, who had his Blue Jeans crumpled around his ankles, agreed to be escorted to a phone booth from where police were notified. She said her dog gave her courage to go ahead.

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NEW YORK - A 100-year-old poll of Victorian women shows they were not at all squeamish about sex...although one lady did say it put her to sleep.

The survey of female sexuality was conducted by Dr. Clelia Mosher more than a half century before Alfred Kinsey made sex research famous. Her survey was discovered in papers examined at the Stanford University Archives by historian Carl Degler.

The results defy the stereotype of the priggish Victorian woman. Despite marriage manuals that spoke of intercourse as a wife's duty rather than her pleasure, a surprising 72 percent of the women said they desired sex -- and experienced orgasms.

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STUFF & THINGS

VALERIE in San Jose...about 2½ pages from Valerie, but what it all says is that she had a really nice stay in Australia. The only sad note she mentions is that on her return trip, at the Honolulu Airport, someone stole her guitar and one of her bags containing her Craft jewelry and Book Of Shadows. Let's hope it turns up again.

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As you probably know, we cannot use our non-profit bulk rate for sending newsletters outside the U.S. That means we have to use stamps. The P.O. has just raised those rates. We're having a problem finding anyone who really knows the rates at the P.O. That's not surprising! Anyway, minimum outside the U.S. will run \$8.28 per yr. for postage. So, effective at once, rates for anywhere outside the U.S. will have to increase to \$12. per yr.... and we'll still lose money on it. Rates inside the U.S. will remain \$5. per yr., 12 issues, at least for the present.

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REBECCA in New Mexico sez: she is working at a college and expecting a baby in Oct. Last we heard from her she was in Washington & still in the Navy or Army or something.

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ROSE & NUADA in Rockford sez: the Selectric someone told you about is the top of the line - secretary's dream - it has changeable type and corrects its own mistakes...it's also very expensive.

I'd like to try to get a MIND GAMES group going in this area. If anyone in the Rockford area is interested..write Rose & Nuada, POB 3213, Rockford, Ill. 61106.

I'm glad to see that at least 1 town (L.A.) is no longer required to give stray animals to labs for "medical research". There's a group that's very active in trying to stop such things. They are: THE NATIONAL ANTI-VIVISECTION LEAGUE, 100 East Ohio, Chicago, Ill. 60611.

ED. NOTE: Not sure at this time if the L.A. thing passed. It was a recommendation. Hope we'll get more info on that.

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At the end of the comment on Gays in last issue, I said perhaps we'd get some COMMENTS from others. Only thing we've recieved at the time this is written is what would take about 4 pages of the newsletter. It is simply the usual Gay P.R. material which is easily available to anyone interested..so we're not going to print it. Our intention was not to promote the Gay cause but simply to suggest an answer to a question.

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Someone on a long distance call wanted to know if all was well here...said we sounded negative in the June newsletter. Sorry about that. No, we're not feeling negative about things..just reporting the news as it happens. Sorry it can't all be good.

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BEING A WITCH DOG IS.... from Wickian Poeka

...barking my unhappiness when they don't let me join in the Circle.

SEED PATHS

By

Lady Phoenix, In Dallas

Take your soapbox elsewhere,
You have no takers here.
I don't intend to appear rude,
I just don't choose to hear.

I once felt as you do
And spoke about the same...
My soapbox--any gathering
Where I could state my claim.

I saw the fire amusement
In faces One with Time,
And resented their compassioned glance
As their eyes met with mine.

Then I found their soapbox,
If you could call it that..,
A grassy spot of sunshine
Where quiet listeners sat.

Some phrase caught my mind and
I stopped, to hear again.
And the more I listened,
I wondered where I'd been.

The words were balms of peace
That soothed an active wrath;
I began to understand
That we each must choose our path.

No one path is right for all,
Yet none is total-wrong.
God and Goddess walk the temples
And worship in the throng.

Soapboxes are crutches,
But if you have that need,
Then speak as your faith guides you
For we all are chosen seed.

Article By Lady Phoenix
In Dallas

Synchronicity and Coincidence

Many things have recently heightened the sense of "coincidence" for me. It is amazing, at times, that the flow of all things is in harmony with the flow of all other things, and how often this synchronicity makes itself apparent.

Synchronicity and Coincidence cont.

This is evident on the physical plane in many areas. Two scientists, unknown to each other and a half globe apart, work on the same conceptual idea. They study, develop, perfect, and release to the world the same discovery..at the same time. Both Percival Lowell and William H. Pickering had developed the mathematical equations to indicate the presence of the planet later called "Pluto". Yet, credit for the discovery goes to a Lowell observatory technician, rather than Pickering.

Each of us has had moments of having thought about a person when the phone suddenly rings, or we run into that friend unexpectedly. That, too, is the synchronic action of our minds and the physical/psychic flow of the other person, and ourselves.

Last month, after trying for three months to obtain the seeds of a particular herb for the "green Growies" column in Unicorn Gardens, I had to substitute another herb at the last minute because of the lack of seeds. Yet, I opened another Craft publication to find a full, comprehensive article on the very herb I had planned to use.

Coincidence? Harmonic flow? Synchronicity? Happenstance?

In television programs, there is a similar "happenstance". With programs planned far in advance, and with usually more than "top secret" attitudes toward leakage of the content of the shows..it is interesting that the program one night, on one channel and network covers the problem with diets, and the negative effects of misuse and incautious dieting. No big deal, right? But the early morning talk show the next day has a doctor on it, discussing the same problems, and another show that night deals with dieting dangers and the effects on the dieter and his/her family. Chance? or Synchronicity?

A metaphysician releases an article and lecture to a conference of psychologists along the same lines as the same week's article in a Craft periodical about the "magical/mystical effect of the STAR WARS series, and its impact on the mental attitudes of approach to living..." Coincidence again?

What we might call a spell, Religious Science considers a "spiritual Mind treatment", the Moral Majority refers to it as "prayer"; those who work with the power of the mind mention "Alpha Level Programming", and the practicing Unitarian considers the same thing "Affirmations". There is no difference; Candles, rosaries, monitoring equipment, etc....are only accessories, not the means themselves. When we get down to bedrock, we all work to accomplish our ends in the same way. Of course, some direct their efforts through an external source, such as the candles, rosary, or the savior figure; others, merely through the activity of the mind in its efforts to create the desired changes. At the bottom line, however, the work the change-- is actually effected by our own minds, regardless of who or how we appear to work. What difference is there in that?

Synchronicity & Coincidence cont.

Each method is a synchronization of each other, in our own style.. just as two artists, painting the same stand of trees and wildflowers, produce two completely different compositions. One may be abstract, the other pictorial; one may picture the scene in moonlight one in sunshine; One may choose only the focal point of the wildflowers to brush on the canvas, while the other emphasizes the forest, and only hints at the blossoms nestled in it. Each is on the scene, merely a difference in focus on the same view.

The same thing is evident in religio-spiritual areas. One great spiritual leader instructs in Holy Writ, to "Love thy brethren as thyself...", another in equally Holy (but different) Writ, exhorts followers to "Do that unto others which would make you happy if done to you...", In Wicca, we say, "Perfect Love..." Each spiritual leader or basic precept is the same.. the synchronicity of the truth essence is obvious.

Although the Christian doctrines feel they have a monopoly on the Holy Trinity, it is a harmonic reflection of the same principle in Hebraic Qabbala, in the still older religion of Wicca, as well as many other major (or not so major) faiths.

Are not the Triple Goddess the same in any culture? Do the Earth Mothers really alter from one peoples to another? Only cultural, not inherent differences, occur between Kian Yin, Demeter, or Isis. The ruling Goddess in myriad cultures, through thousands of years has depicted with a suckling child, or with the horns--representing fertility. Moon goddesses are pictured in almost any country or culture with a lunar crown which varies only by the artistic styles typical of the peoples who worship them?

The symbols for Arachne, The Weaver (thirteenth sign of the Lunar Astrology), and the Earth are often and easily mistaken for the other. Scoff if you wish, but consider that the cosmic scheme of things is really the cosmic skein of things...and the threads of truth which interweave between all times, and all peoples are the psychic/mystic/magic threads which unite or synchronize all into one.

Synchronicity is the uniting thread which knits, weaves, spins harmonizes all that we do--all that we all are. The only real differences are usually in semantics and intolerance.

Those who paint the forest tend to scorn those who focus on and capture the delicacy and beauty of the wildflower, just as the artist who perfectly catches the glint of the sun on the deep boughs may deride the canvas which project the subdued glimmer of the moonlit branches.

The New Moon, Full Moon, and Waning Moon are all part of the same Goddess. One part of what is All has no need to deride another part of the same whole. We need to remember the synchronicity

Synchronicity and Coincidence cont.

of allthings and be more tolerant and understanding of surface differences which are not really differences, and reach beyond the superficial to the Oneness which is there.

Synchronicity, harmonic flow, cosmos, universality, are synonyms for happenstance and coincidence. However, if you consider "coincidence", and pronounce it "co-incide(nce)", you present a different, yet accurate picture of the real meaning of the work...and coincides.

When we realize, with our deepest, inner soul, that we are part of all, and that everything is a part of ourselves, then we can no longer spend time decrying the "abysmal ignorance", the "spiritual tunnel-vision", etc. of any other person or faith. For when we do, we are fraying the fibers of our own strand of Truth to be woven into the totality of the universe, and therefore weaken the spiritual strength of our existence.

PAGAN'S DREAM BY TAUMI
In Penn.

There was a stillness upon the Earth
As twilight came and day vanished into the past
The moon left shimmering droplets of pale light on everything it touched.
The hush, the silence overcame me.
I could hear the breath of Mother Earth.
I could feel her heart pulsate beneath me.
And then...
Another breath was heard
And there he stood
Naked to the Universe from which he came.
The glory of his majestic body was there for my eyes to behold.
He moved slowly and without sound
As if not to disturb Nature's rest.
Every ripple of his body was caught by the moonbeams.
His whiteness beckoned for my touch,
The touch I could not give.
My heart ached for him.
The touch could only be given by a virgin,
A woman unspoiled.
My eyes filled with the wonder of him.
I watched him move to the top of the hill.
There he stopped...
Framed by the smile of Diana.
Then slowly he vanished
But not from my mind
On this night my dreams were fulfilled
For I had seen a sight unknown but to a Pagan
I SAW THE MIGHTY UNICORN.

FROM JIM IN WINCHESTER, CALIF.

To The Georgian Newsletter:

The other day someone from another path of the Craft asked me, what is a Georgian? The question caught me off guard, and I think I gave him some general broad meaning answer. But the question bothered me in that I could not really define a Georgian. I think perhaps in not really being able to answer exactly, lies the answer.

It would be like asking a person from Japan what is a Japanese, or a 7th generation of a Mediterranean fishing family what is a fisherman.

Being a Georgian is a complete way of life, a totally accepted philosophy of living, but each member is an individual with his or her own special contributions and ideas. No one is following a set dogma like a blind herd of sheep. But all have a common thread to hold on to of the beautiful religion passed down to us by the Ancient Ones, and a history that cannot be claimed by any country in the world because all countries and peoples share in our history. Our heritage can be shared, and we feel at ease with a common bond to all Pagan people. This can be said for most Craft groups, so what separates the Georgians as special from many fine paths of the Craft?

Really only two things. Leadership! By a man who can teach, but never say this is the only way. By a man who loves his children, but if they stumble, he does not run to pick them up, but loves them enough to let them learn by picking themselves up. By a man who, though the undisputed leader, instead of standing in the center of the Circle and receiving the adoration of his followers, as he could like some religious leaders, chooses instead to stay to the side and let his students learn to lead so that they may progress themselves.

The Falwells and Jim Jones of the world, and some Craft leaders, all had good intentions, but they let power overcome all the greatness they had in them. They never learned that the true person of greatness is the one who can give up power without any fear, because he knows it is not his power, but the power that is only loaned by the Lord and Lady.

The other thing besides the leadership, of course, has to be the people who are drawn to such a special teacher of the Craft and leader. The people that I met the first time I went to Bakersfield made me feel so welcome, and I was relieved with so much love and warmth and kindness that I have never felt so less a stranger among a group of people I had never met before (at least not in this lifetime). I felt I had finally come home to my family.

So after all this, you know what! The question of what is a Georgian is not really important to be able to answer to a stranger. All that is important is that we all know the answer in our own hearts or we would not be what is so special to us in our own

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JIM IN WINCHESTER continued

path. We are a family with so much love, each member for each other...still letting each be themselves.

ED. NOTE: Jim, I'm sure that all of us here appreciate your kind words. A simple answer next time someone asks you what is a Georgian is just to say that we are an eclectic branch of the Craft. Alexandrians who have joined us for Sabbats think we are much like them, Garnerians think we are much like them, etc. We won't go into our origin here since info on that has been published in various publications at various times. (Sorry about that spelling.. Gardnerians).

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PUSSY CATS CORNER

RUTHI (Arcane Crafts) sez: Auset and Sunchild have been living with us for 9 months now. Lady Morgan Le Fay still resents them, but she's calmed down a bit. We're hoping she'll come to accept them soon, but she's always had a streak of bad-temperedness. Sunchild is very quiet and well-behaved, but Auset, her sister, is a real extrovert, always striving to be first at everything. First to eat, first to roll in the catnip, first to jump on anyone's lap and cuddle, and first to get into trouble. She's one of the sweetest, most affectionate cats I've ever met. Whenever I sit down, she promptly leaps onto my lap, climbs to my shoulder and buries herself in my hair. If I'm passing by her, and look at her, she responds with a soulful gaze and a plaintive "miaow", meaning she wants to be picked up and cuddled.

Auset is shaping up nicely as a temple cat. She was dedicated to the Goddess last fall, and ever since, whenever we would do a Circle, she would come in for cakes & wine. Nibbling the cakes out of the dish or my hand, ignoring the wine, and insisting on being petted, of course; lately she'd been staying for the Circle closing and blessings. But last night, when we celebrated the Equinox, she surprised us by coming in during the Charge of the Goddess, and staying quietly throughout the ritual. She seems to understand what's going on in a Circle, and, especially last night, to respond to the magic. When possible, we keep her on our shoulders during the ritual; and she's definitely aware of the power raised.

Last night we did a little special ceremony as part of the Equinox ritual -- drew down the power of the Moon into Auset, and she responded as any human Priestess would, but in her own way. Hence, she's become a little living totem of the Goddess, and it suits her well.

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AGING IS WHEN... from Don in Lomita

...after painting the town red, you have to take a long rest before applying a second coat.

...dialing long distance wears you out.

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STUFF & THINGS

JANIS in N.Y. sez: I'm finally leaving "Small Town Upstate New York" for a good opportunity (job) & free schooling. I haven't written much in the past years - I've been doing as much reading as possible. I hope after this move I'll have more time to do some of the things I want to do.

Blessed Be

Janis

Middletown, Md.

BOBBY LEE in N.Y. sent a long letter. What it comes down to he is in prison in N.Y. state for 4 more years. He says they are giving him a bad time about getting Craft books. He would like to know if anyone can help with any law regarding this matter. He also says he would like correspondence and visits from female pagans. ROBERT LEE #78-D-170, Box 51, Comstock, N.Y. 12821.

ED. NOTE: This is typical of letters we get from people in prisons. They ALWAYS want to hear from FEMALE Crafters. Frankly, I don't recommend it. I know of only one girl who has no regrets..she married the guy. But I have heard from many who regret in ever getting involved this way. Most of these letter-writers are just looking for a temporary shack-up for when they get out. After they get all they can from the gal..physically, emotionally, and financially... they walk out.

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RUTHI (ARCANE CRAFTS, POB 383, Mastic Beach, N.Y. 11951 sez: Demeter of Ye Full Moon Wicca was handfasted & legally married to her HP., Apollo. The ceremony was lovely, conducted by the HPs & HP of Demeter & Apllo's daughter coven, right by the bay under the waxing moon. Demeter looked splendid in a gown of scarlet satin, with a headress of satin, her Moon crown, and some glittering pins like stars in the sky. Afterwards, we all piled into cars and headed for a magnificent feast at Demeter's house. A good time was had by all. We met many wonderful people there, including 2 Prometheans from N.Y.C. whom we hadn't met before.

Tentatively, we're hoping for a debut at either Autumn Equinox or Yule for the magazine, which will be called ARTHAME, and feature fiction, articles, humor, poetry, etc. Submissions of fiction & non-fiction are welcome, limit 1000 words. Include return postage. Sub will be \$10. per yr. or \$3. single copy. We plan to publish quarterly, on the Solstices & the Equinoxes.

We may also be taking students for a Pagan Way group, to be formed shortly. Anyone interested can write to the P.O. number.

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AGING IS WHEN... from Don in Lomita

...you're startled the first time you're addressed as an old timer.

...you just can't stand people who are intolerant.

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DOG DAYS & OTHER ANIMAL PEOPLE
From U.P.I.

Doctors at the Ontario, Canada, Veterinary College say a 7 yr. old Newfoundland Retriever, named Sasha, won't have anymore fainting spells now that they've installed a pacemaker. The dog's owners said he used to pace around, then faint. One of the Vets says Sasha had a rare problem in which the heart slows dangerously. The pacemaker in the dog's abdomen is attached with a wire lead to his heart...and should cure the problem.

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The Portland, Oregon, airport has put artificial snakes on some runways to scare off birds that might roost there. Officials also put fake owls at strategic points around the airport to keep away pigeons and starlings who nest in corridors. They work just fine. But one visitor flying in from Chicago peered out at the owls and asked, "Isn't it terribly costly to train them?"

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Roy Mackal, veteran tracker of elusive animals, is going to Africa for some very strange game...the dinosaur. During Mackal's 1980 visit to the Likouala region, more than 30 inhabitants told him of a strange, Hippopotamus-size beast. They describe the creature as having a reddish-brown body, a long neck, a relatively small head and a long, powerful tail. When asked to identify the monster among drawings of a wide variety of animals, reports Mackal, witnesses invariably picked drawings of Sauropods, a group of dinosaurs thought to have become extinct 60 million years ago.

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Sylvia Wilk is driving a bit slow on the streets of Tulsa, avoiding as many potholes as possible. When she heard squeaks under the hood of her Cadillac, she found a Barn Swallow and a nest of babies between the radiator and the battery. The mother bird patiently waits...returning to her brood each time Mrs. Wilk and the tiny cheepers arrive back home.

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SANTA BARBARA - A Black Bear, which lost its home in a canyon fire, was shot & killed in the backyard of a tract house in the Santa Ynez Mountains, where President Reagan has a hilltop ranch. Captain Douglas Buchanan, a state fish & game officer, said he shot the bear 5 times rather than using a tranquilizer gun because the animal was "nervous and agitated." Some Sheriff's Deputies complained the bear should not have been killed.

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SAN FRANCISCO - The Society For Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals filed suit to force the state to relocate some of the starvation-threatened deer on Angel Island.

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An explorer who claims to have personally sighted the legendary creature known as "Big Foot" twice in 10 years...says he's going to try to capture the creature in Arizona's Superstition Mountains. C. Thomas Biscardi, of San Jose, says he'll drop a smoke bomb from a helicopter to put it to sleep. He says there have been more than 850 worldwide sightings of the creature since 1968.

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THE FOUR SEASONS by
Lilli in Costa Mesa

The Fall or Autumn

Life takes on a chilly coat
As sunshine slips away.
Winter's Lord has come to gloat
In triumph, for now he'll stay.

Winter

Frost lies heavy on the ground
The winds are bitter cold.
Flurries of snow fly all around
The time seems bleak and old.

Spring

The Lady wakes from her sleep
Life sings and grows once more.
Up in the sky the sun does leap
There are flowers and love galore!

Summer

Golden light and joyous heat
The carefree, wondrous days
Of warmth and freedom are so fleet,
Like the sunshine's yellow rays.

Witchuals by Ruthi (Lady Seanara, High Priestess, Promethean Coven
P.O. Box 383, Mastic Beach, NY 11951)

PART 3: ARCHETYPAL SYMBOLS (continued)

The earliest personification of the female force, The Goddess, was as the Great Mother. It was She, in Her Earth Mother aspect, who gave birth to all living things. She provided shelter and sustenance for Her children, and received their bodies in death, which would be used again to nourish more of Her children. Her seasons corresponded to the life cycles of humans, they noticed; in Spring, living greenery sprang up and began to grow, in Summer, it reached the peak of its beauty, in Autumn, it began to prepare for its long winter sleep, and in Winter, it slept in death under the snow, to be reborn in Spring. Animals were born in the springtime, grew up in summer, were hunted in autumn and winter, when they were grown and had begotten young for the next year's cycle. Grain was planted in spring, grew during the summer, was harvested in autumn, and the seeds were saved for spring planting. It was noticed that nothing was wasted; nothing died permanently but was always reborn in another form. So it must be with people, the ancients reasoned, and the concept of reincarnation was formed.

With an understanding of the life cycle, the Mother aspect of the Goddess was divided into three: the young Maiden of Springtime, heralded the birth of the greenery, and the awakening of young girls into womanhood. Hers were the rivers and lakes, the lesser

Part 3, ARCHETYPAL SYMBOLS CONT.

bodies of water. She was the waxing moon, the first crescent appearing in the sky. Some cultures portrayed Her as virgin, newly awakened to the potential of womanhood, others as experienced, the awakener of manhood, the desirous one.

The Mother retained Her dominion over Earth and Sea, and was within both. She was the full moon, round and silver in the night sky, All things that bore and nourished their young were Hers, as were the fruit and the grain, the things that gave sustenance.

The Crone, or Grandmother, ruled the dark places. She was the bringer in of death, and the mistress of wisdom and magic. Hers was the waning moon, and the sleep of winter. Understanding the natural cycles, people did not consider Her baneful, for they knew that all things grow old and die, and dying, sleep and are reborn anew. And, growing old, what they lose in youth and beauty, they gain in knowledge and experience; therefore, the Crone was revered as the wise one, the teacher.

The first recognition of the male force, the God, was as the Fecundator, the consort of the Mother, who caused Her to bear fruit. As the Sun, He was the life-force, the giver of warmth and light. Healing and strength were His gifts, and with rain, as the Sky-God, He nourished the crops and replenished the rivers and wells. He was Lord of the animals, as his Lady was mistress of the vegetation. The other side of the God was the Hunter, the Lord of Death and the Otherworld. He was the warrior, the thunderer, the bringer of storms and lightning. As the Crone, the War-God was not considered baneful; nature is cyclical, and out of death rebirth always follows.

Here, then, was the earliest imagery. Life and death followed each other cyclically; neither without the other was desirable. From birth through growth, through death and rebirth, the cycle of life was represented by the earliest symbol, the Circle--the wheel of the year, which was the symbol of existence itself.

The three fastest ways for witches to communicate.

1. Telegraph
2. Telephone
3. TeleaCrone

MEETINGS

PAN PAGAN SPIRIT GATHERING, June 18-21 near LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Write Pagan Spirit Gathering, c/o Circle, Box 9013, Madison, Wi. 53715. (608) 767-2345 3-7 PM CDT. NO COLLECT CALLS.

THE STARWOOD FESTIVAL, July 17-19, Cooper's Lake Campground, Western Pa. Write the Chameleon Club, Box 1779, Perry, Oh. 44081.

PACIFIC CIRCLE GATHERING, June 19-21, Chilao Campgrounds in Angeles National Forest. Write Pacific Circle, Box 9513, N. Hollywood, Ca. 91609.

Goddess Lecture & Women's Spirituality workshops with Starhawk, June 23-25, Madison, Wis. Write Circle, Box 9013, Madison, Wi. 53715.

Summer Solstice..workshop June 17-19, Solstice weekend. Write Warren Light Center, 1000 E. State St., Sharon, Pa. 16146.

Council of the Sacred Earth Pan-Pagan Festival, June 11-14, Circle Pines, Delton, Mich. Write Christa, POB 25129, Chicago, Ill. 60625. (312) 334-7478. 6-10 PM CST. NO COLLECT.

MISUMMER PAGAN FESTIVAL, June 19-22 at Big Trees Meadow, East Bay Regional Parks, Oakland, Calif. Write Midsummer Pagan Festival, 4010 Granada Rd., El Sobrante, Ca. 94803. (415) 223-1384.

PAN-PAGAN FESTIVAL, August 6-9, Buchanan, Mich. REGISTER BY July 15. Adults \$18.50, children 5-12 \$9. each. Make check or M.O. payable to Midwest Pagan Council, c/o Parthenon West, POB 613, Richton Park, Ill. 60471.

MARCH 26, 27, 28, 1982 in Sacramento, a conference on the Goddess & Witchcraft. For info: Goddess Rising, POB 19241, Sacramento, Ca. 95819.

C.O.G. FESTIVAL, September 10-13 in Marin Headlands above San Francisco Bay. For info & reservation forms: C.O.G. Festival, c/o Alison Harlow, POB 3716, Stanford, Ca. 94305.

TAYU GRAND COUNCIL, POB 11554, Santa Rosa, Ca. 95406...announces a Pagan Spiritual Conclave for lesbians and gay men. June 19-21. Mineral Hot Springs north of San Francisco. \$66. registration includes meals & lodging. (707) 887-2490.

Still planning the Georgian Mountain meet for weekend of Aug. 15...about 45 minutes from Bakersfield, Ca. If we can get more details on time, we'll have on either the first or last page of this newsletter.

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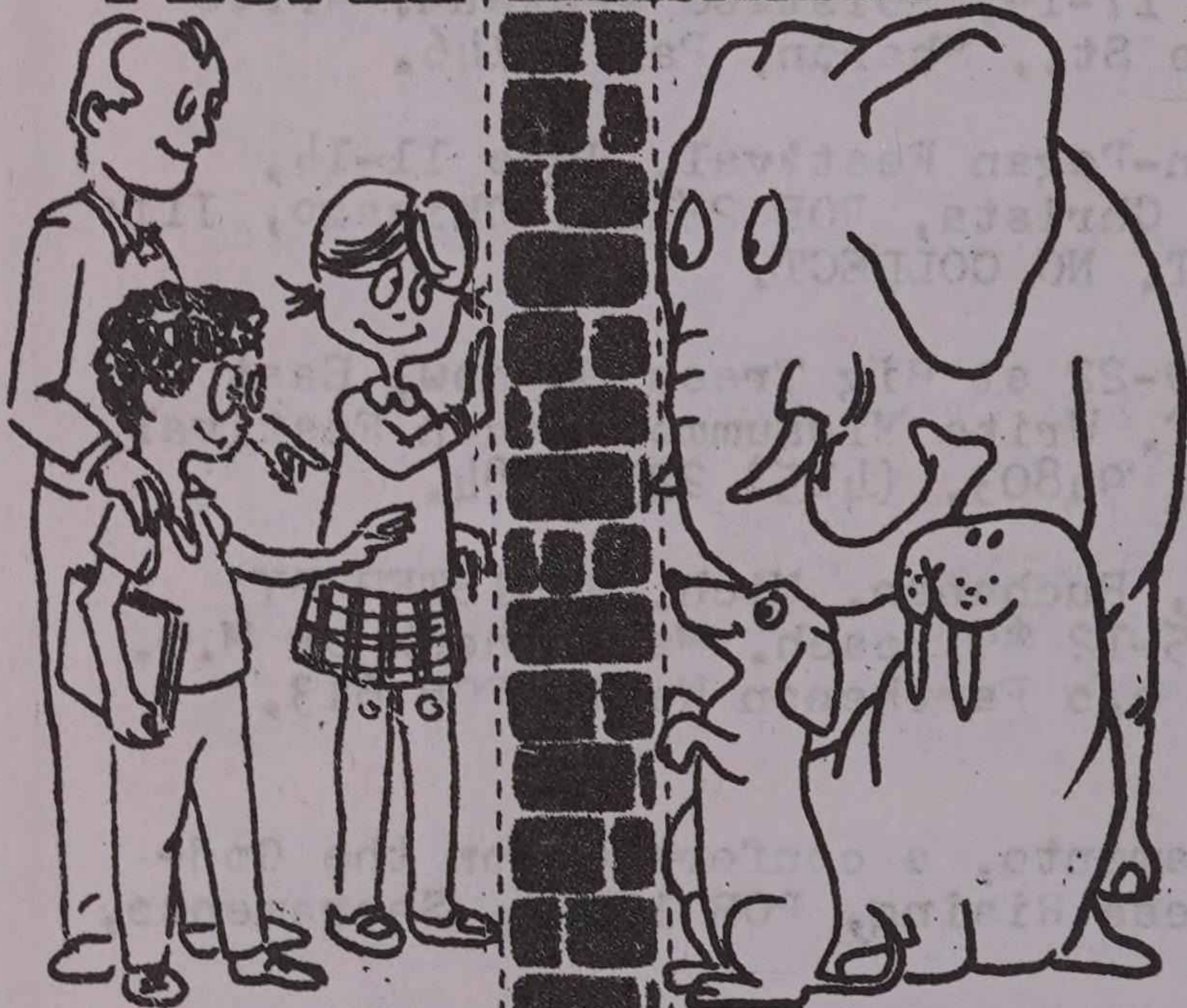
BEING A WITCH IS... from Ruthi, Arcane Crafts

...funny looks from your neighbors when you talk to your trees.

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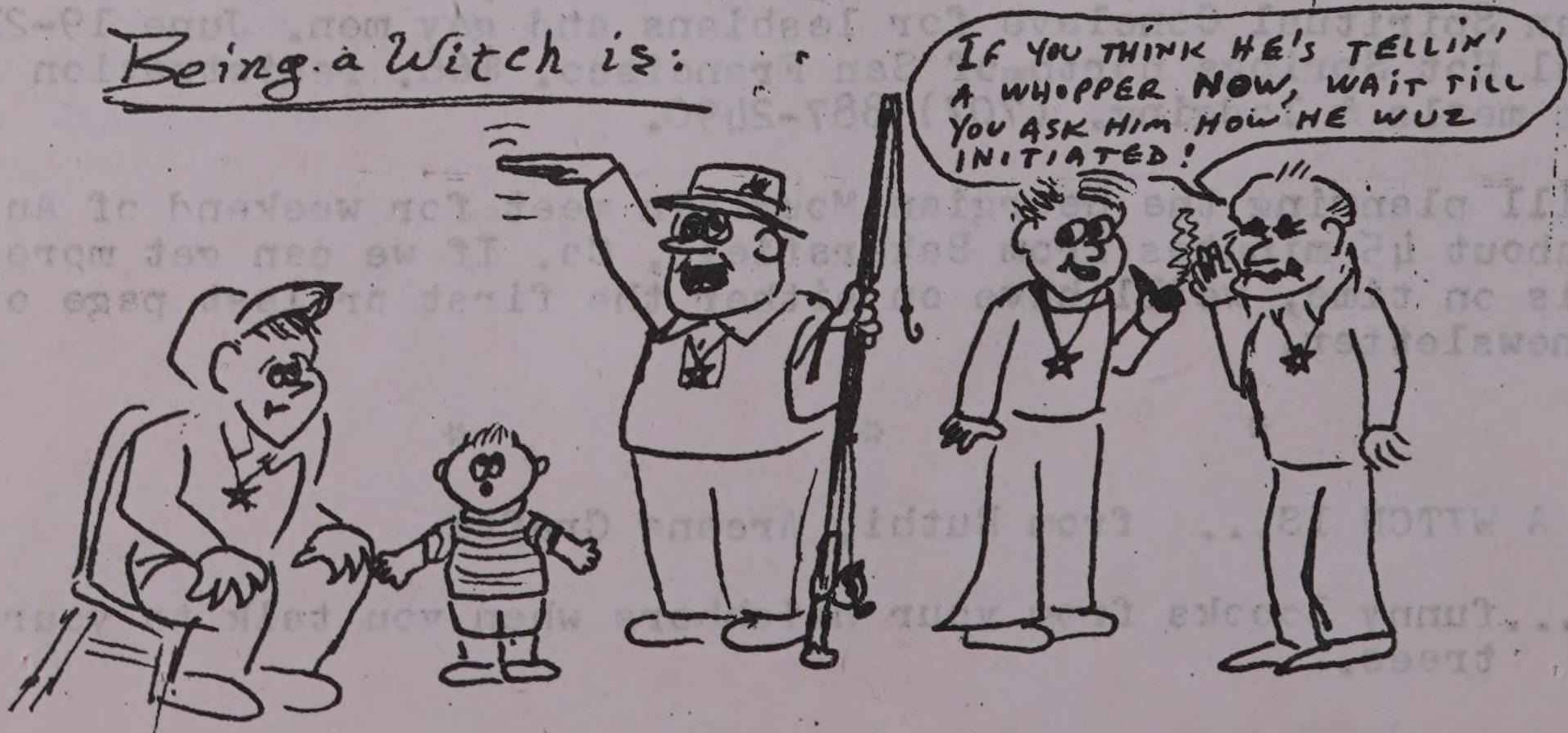
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Being a Witch is:



ARTICLE BY LADY SELENE ON
POISONOUS HOUSEPLANTS AND POISON PREVENTION

For those Witches out there, who love houseplants, children, and pets.

There are the non-toxic plants, toxic-oxalates, toxic,dermatitis, and possibly toxic or possible dermatitis plants.

1. Non-toxic: Have no more toxicity than vegetable matter: symptoms are unlikely.
2. Toxic-oxalatis: They contain irritant substance known as oxalate salts. They enclude pain/or swelling of mouth, lips and tongue.
3. Toxic: They contain a wide variety of toxins. Damage to the stomach, heart, kidney or other organs.
4. Dematitis: Gives a rash with skin or mucous membranes.
5. Possibly toxic or Possible dermatitis: It indicates the plants should have deleterious effects, but actual experience is very limited,(Means harmful to health).

The Common Household Plants and Their Toxicity.

A-C Today.

- AFRICAN VIOLET (*Episcia reptans*)--non-toxic.
- ALUMINUM PLANT (*Pilea cadierei*)--non-toxic.
- ARALIA (*Fatsia japonica*)--non-toxic.
- ARROWHEAD VINE (*Syngonium podophyllum*)--toxic-oxalates.
- ASPARAGUS FERN (*Asparagus setaceus plumosus*)--toxic-dermatitis.
- AVOCADO (*Persea americana*)--possible toxic.
- AZALEA (*Rhododendron occidentale*)--toxic.
- BABY TEARS (*Helxine soleirolii*)--non-toxic.
- BEAR FEET (*COTYLEDON tomentosa*)--non-toxic.
- BIRD OF PARADISE (*Strelitzia reginae*)--toxic.
- BIRDNEST SANSEVIERIA (*Asplenium nidus*)--non-toxic.
- BLOODLEAD (*Iresine herbstii*)--non-toxic.
- BOSTON FERN (*Nephrolepis exalta*)--non-toxic.
- BOSTON IVY (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)--toxic-oxalates.
- BRIDAL VEIL (*Tradescantia*, 'Bridal Veil')--non-toxic.
- CALADIUM (*Caladium spp.*)--toxic-oxalates.
- CALATHEA (*Calathea argyraea*)--non-toxic.
- CHRYSANTHEMUM (Various spp.)--may give dermatitis.
- COLEUS SPECIES--non-toxic.
- CORN PLANT (*Draceana fragrans massangeana*)--non-toxic.
- CREEPING CHARLIE (*Glecoma hederacea*)--toxic.
- CREEPING CHARLIE (*Lysimachia nummularia*)--non-toxic.
- CREEPING CHARLIE (*Pilea nummularifolia*)--non-toxic.
- CREEPING FIG (*Ficus*)--possible dermatitis.
- CREEPING JENNY (*Lysimachia*)--non-toxic.
- CROWN OF THORNS (*Euphorbia milli*)--toxic.

More next month--Blessed Be.

DIDJA KNOW??? from U.P.I.

OXNARD, CAL. - Police say a Baptist minister who is a high-ranking member of Californians for Biblical Morality has been charged with soliciting a prostitute. Detective Billy Tatum said the Reverend Dale Rothenberger was arrested in a shopping center parking lot after he solicited an undercover police officer. Californians for Biblical Morality says its purpose is to return to moral and social standards based on the Bible. The group's goals include eradication of prostitution as well as abortion, homosexuality, pornography, nudity, and alcohol ' drug abuse.

The minister tearfully told his congregation that he used "Bad judgment" in leading the woman to believe he might be a customer. He asked the 400 members of the Oxnard church to forgive him... and they did without dissent.

ED. NOTE: only one thing we can add to that: saw a bumper sticker recently that said "Jesus Is Coming". Someone had added to it: "Glad He Found Out It Was Fun".

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SAN FRANCISCO - Scientists say Great White Sharks may be confusing humans with seals when they attack swimmers and skin divers. Researchers say the sharks are blind just before they strike and appear to home in on faint electrical signals from their prey.

Daniel Miller of the State Fish & Game Dept. says shark attacks on humans are infrequent...but increasing. Miller said there were only 47 cases back as far as 1926 in which the attacks along the California Coast were reportedly unprovoked. There were 18 in the last 6 years and only four in the first six years of the record. Four of the attacks were fatal. Miller said shark attacks on humans were 10 times more frequent in the area from Ano Nuevo Island to Bodega Bay than along the rest of the state's coastline. Most of the attacks occurred in Bodega Bay, Tomales Bay, around the Farallones and Monterey Bay.

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SAN FRANCISCO - A Superior Court Judge ordered the scattered Peoples Temple to pay the Federal Government one-point-four million dollars. The money would go to defray some of the costs of returning 900 mass suicide and murder victims from Guyana to the U.S. The ruling by Judge Ira Brown cleared the way for settlement of nearly two-billion dollars in claims by former Peoples Temple members and relatives of those who died in Jonestown in 1978.

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LOS ANGELES - A former Texas preacher was sentenced in L.A. to 32 years in state prison for sexually assaulting a woman in whose home he had been a guest. Allan Eaton was sentenced to serve consecutively the maximum allowable terms on charges of forcible rape, oral copulation, sodomy and burglary. Judge Gerald Levie said he gave the maximum sentences because Eaton used a butcher knife in the assault and caused great bodily injury by damaging the victim's hands. He also threatened a year-old baby.

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STUFF & THINGS

FRANK & BETH IN Memphis say they are not new to the Craft but are having a problem making contact with a true Wiccan coven in their area. They would like contact even if the coven is not very near to Memphis, Tenn. Anyone interested may write them c/o the newsletter, and we'll forward.

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A postcard from Janice & Dennis sez: As you can see, we are now at the Grand Canyon. If we can find jobs, we'll be staying here. Will send new address as soon as we have one.

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Le Ann in Columbia, Mo. sez: I'd like to thank Lady Allusha for her list of definitions. It really was well done. The Selectrics are very good, but even a used one around here sells for \$750 to \$900.

Does an athame have to be a black-handled knife with a double cutting edge since it's used for ceremony and not actually cutting? I have a very lovely wood-handled, precision-balanced throwing knife which was a gift from a close friend, and it keeps telling me to use it.

Guess I'm an adult now; I turned 21 on May 26 and had a very nice birthday party. I recieved a lovely gift..a Rider-Waite Tarot Deck.

I've done what you suggested; went through the last two years of the newsletter, and lo and behold..I found a wealth of info. I'm typing it up. Please thank everybody who contributed to the newsletter. They put a lot of work into their articles.

ED. NOTE: HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Le Ann. About the athame: We have always recommended that new people start with the black-handled knife. Later, when they have more knowledge and experience, they may make a change when they find something that they feel is really perfect for them.

Yes, it should have two cutting edges, though not sharp (you don't want to accidentally injure yourself or anyone else). Just try making a pentagram with a single-edge blade while keeping the cutting edge always in the front of the line of movement. Different traditions may have different requirements, so one should follow his/her tradition. However, my own feeling is that it is far better to work with what you feel comfortable with...what you feel is right for you.

Wherever you get your athame, be sure to exorcise it before you use it. It is best if it is new, either purchased or make it yourself. But sometimes one finds something used that they feel is just perfect. In this case, exorcise it, wrap it in cloth and bury it in dry earth for at least a week. Some insist on 30 days or more. This helps to remove any bad vibes that may have been associated with the knife.

A P.S. from Le Ann sez: I have read the series on Tarot reading by Lady Allusha or Demeter. Would she or anyone answer questions about the Tarot.

ED. NOTE: We'll print your questions. I'm sure someone will answer them.

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The Collector of Dreams

Let me tell you a dream of him
 the widow said
 Don't be shy the traveller replied
 to tell me your dreams
 he told me to cover my face she said
 I thought that furnace would explode
 It did not
 explode she said
 He toned
 the fury
 I did not die

let me tell you a dream of him
 the widow said
 don't be shy the traveller replied
 let me hear you

Speak with power.

Alayna del Amo

Fluffs of Fantasy

From Shadwohawk

DREAMSPINNER

...The thread of dreams is woven
 in pastels of moonlight pale,
 That race down ways of wonder
 and acrost starrystream vale.
 Where sits a temless figure wrapp' t
 in folds of Morphuis' cloth
 and falling from her fingers come
 the dreams' that we've forgot.

DEFINITIONS #2

Lady Allusha

S.L.O. Pismo area

- Alexandrian -- The form of the Craft practiced by covens whose ancestry traces through Alex Sanders
- anele -- to put oil on, as during an initiation
- Arrow Position -- a stance where one's feet are together, and the arms are raised above the head, with the palms touching
- Aspergillum -- a 'sprinkler' used for charging; in the Craft, often made by typing freshly picked sprigs of herbs or other plants to a wooden handle; a tool
- asperse -- to sprinkle with an aspergillum; to cast aspersions on
- Bell -- a small bell or gong; a tool
- Beltane -- the May Eve Sabbat; one of the Celtic cross-quarter days; Spring fertility
- bigghes (beighes) -- the Queen's jewels; necklace, bracelet, crown garter
- Black Book -- see Book of Shadows

DEFINITIONS #2 Cont.

- Boleen (bolline) -- a small curved knife, something like a sickle, used for cutting herbs, twigs, and suchlike
- Bracelet -- an engraved metal bracelet which is, in some traditions, worn on the left wrist by Witches as a badge of rank; the High Priestess' bracelet is of silver, the High Priest's is of brass, or gold
- broom-flying -- common term for travelling fast
- burin -- a large awl, used for making talismans and for other workings
- Candlemas -- February Eve Sabbat; Feast of Brigid; Feast of the Waxing Light; Celebration of the Goddess' recovery after giving birth to the new year's Sun God; a cross quarter day; many traditions celebrate it on Feb. 2; also known as Imbolc
- Catcher -- the coven member responsible for informing the other members of when and where meetings will be held
- Cauldron -- a special, 'stylized', magical pot; may also be used as a thruible
- cense -- to charge by means of a censer
- Censer -- an incense burner, usually hung on a chain so that it can be swung; a tool
- Cross-quarter days -- the Great Sabbats of the Craft, based on seasonal peaks, weather, and fertility
- degrees -- the levels of initiation into the Craft; three degrees are traditional (but not universally so)
- deoseal (deosil) -- Gaelic for 'southwards'; sunwise; clockwise
- derwydd -- oakseer (Welsh)
- Diana's Crown -- a tiara surmounted by a crescent moon, worn by a High Priestess for certain workings, and by the Queen as a badge of office, in some traditions
- Elder -- a member of the governing body of a coven (the High Priestess and High Priest) or of a group of covens (the Queen and Magister); a member of the Council of Elders; must be of sufficient degree (2nd or 3rd, depending on tradition)
- elementals -- sylphs, salamanders, undines, gnomes, etc.; nature spirits which are contained within and consist of only one of the four elements; there are also others which are formed accidentally by humans, created by intense emotion and thought.
- elementaries -- beings created deliberately by humans to serve a particular purpose
- Elphame -- the name of the Land of Faery, the pagan paradise
- Eostar -- March 21, the Rite of the Spring Equinox; Sabbat; quarter day; the wheel of Fertility and the Cauldron of Fruitfulness
- evocation -- calling forth a spirit from the unconscious
- Feast of Cernunnos (Baphomet) -- a male-oriented fertility ritual celebrating the most aggressive aspects of the Horned God, usually performed near the beginning of the Horned God's rule
- Feast of Pan -- a male-oriented fertility ritual celebrating the lighter aspects of the Horned God, usually performed near the end of the Horned God's rule
- fili -- seer (Irish)
- fith fath -- a figure fashioned after a person, doll-like; usually made of bee's wax; used as a proxy for the person in working

DEFINITIONS #2 Cont.

- a spell; a psychic focus
- galdocraftig -- (Olde English, adj.) skilled in working magick
- Gardnerian -- the form of the Craft practiced by covens whose ancestry is traced through Gerald Gardner
- garter -- a badge of rank or office in some traditions; a symbol of the Queen or Magister, with bells or buckles sewn on it representing the number of covens under them
- gate-- a 'doorway' opened in a Circle to allow passage 'between the worlds' without risking severe loss of energy from the Circle
- girdle cord -- a cord used to denote, in some traditions, degree or rank; the symbol of spirit, which binds the four elements together to form life; the white cord for the Initiate, the red cord for the Accomplished witch
- Goodswarden -- the coven member responsible for maintaining the coven's working supplies
- grades -- see 'degrees'
- Great Rite -- a fertility rite; the actual or symbolic sex act performed within the Circle; a means to raise and/or ground the energy or power; a form of religious worship performed for the pleasure of the gods
- Handfasting -- a pagan wedding; usually performed by a High Priestess and High Priest; the nicking and binding of the wrists during the working; a spiritual bond of love and devotion between two people
- Hereditary -- a witch who has received training and initiation into the Craft in a tradition preserved by her/his family
- Hierophant-- (Greek) 'He who makes the Sacred appear'; the High Priest of Eleusis; used as a title of office in some covens
- Honi soit qui mal y pense -- Shame be to him who thinks evil of it
- Horns of Herne -- the horned headdress worn by a male witch for certain workings in some traditions; a badge of office of the High Priest
- Horsethief -- (Gypsy term) the most knowledgeable member of a coven (the 'Eldest')
- Imbolc -- the February Eve Sabbat; one of the Celtic cross-quarter days; also known as Candlemas
- incantation -- a formula of words and phrases spoken, chanted, or sung; used as part of a magickal ritual; used as a spell
- inner-planes ---the realms of the unconscious; levels of inner awareness; the places within the mind and the spirit which contain much personal knowledge
- invocation -- calling down a spirit from the 'other worlds' to to in-dwell for a time in this plane
- Kykeon -- (Greek) mixture; the sacred drink of the Eleusinia
- Lammas -- the August Eve Sabbat; one of the Celtic cross-quarter days; also known as Lughnasad
- licwiglunga -- (Olde English) the conjuration of spirits
- Litha (Lithe) -- June 21, the Summer Solstice Sabbat; a quarter day the Summer Goddess Festival; the peak of the Sun God's strength; festival for the increase and abundance of the crops and the riches of the earth.

(continued next month)

FROM UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS - An evangelist, who is convinced a popular game comes "straight out of hell", has sworn to burn every copy of "DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS" he can buy.

Dungeons And Dragons is a role-playing game that has sold more than 3 million copies nationwide.

Tom Webster, a non-denominational evangelical minister in Hutchinson, says the game puts the players in touch with "DEMONIC SPIRITS." And, he adds -- quote -- "When you play with demonic spirits, that's not a game."

Webster admits he has never played the game, but says he has read its rules and decided "Dungeons And Dragons" emphasizes evil and calls upon the power of demonic forces.

Says Webster - "It refers to casting spells...it's straight out of hell...as you advance higher in the game, you get more into the demonic."

Webster says he plans to collect one-thousand dollars to buy the games and burn them.

Learning that some ministers use the game in their counseling, Webster said such aids are "Like using Tiddly-Winks to become a better accountant."

Don Snow, a spokesman from T-S-R Incorporated, the company that manufactures the game, likened the game to an intellectually elevated and modern version of cowboys and Indians...and said -- quote-- "It in no way supports evil. It rewards intelligence and imagination.

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GRANTHAM, ENGLAND - Grantham, voted the most boring place in Britain -- is living down to its reputation.

Grantham...birthplace of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher...was voted the most boring town in Britain by listeners of B-B-C radio earlier this year.

To try to change the image of the Lincolnshire town on the east coast of England, former Mayor Paddy Perry decided to organize a summer festival. He invited 150 local organizations to take part. Only two even bothered to reply. So, Grantham has cancelled its summer festival for lack of interest.

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LINCOLN, NEBRASKA - A television station in Lincoln has refused to allow the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus to sing on its "Morning Show" program.

The chorus was booked to perform on K-O-L-N - K-G-I-N --TV after a Tuesday night concert at First-Plymouth Congregational Church.

The station's president, James Ebel, said the station's public affairs committee decided that the 82 percent of the station's viewers outside Lincoln would not appreciate the lifestyle represented by the chorus.

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BEING A WITCH IS... spending all your life learning.

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STUFF & THINGS

We've had several letters of description of Demeter's legal handfasting...including one from Demeter, but we've pretty well covered that event elsewhere. Anyway, everyone thought it was great and everyone had a good time. The originally planned 20 or so expected to attend grew to about 70.

DEMETER sez: Ruthi & Rus played a tape from Puck, and the song I heard touched my heart. I wonder if he would make me a copy of his song of Demeter & Persephone. Erica didn't hear it since she wasn't there. I love her as much as Demeter loves Persephone, and that song touched those feelings.

New address for the shoppe is YE FULL MOON WICCA, 15 Ivy Road, Mastic Beach, N.Y. 11951.

Now a comment on Mariah's article PARANOID & THE POWER GAME. I do know personally of psychic attack. Magick is magick, and like any tool, it can be used positively or negatively...the result being the karma of the user. Magick is not exclusive of the Wiccan World. It was a psychic attack that brought me into the Craft. I had been involved in occult thinking for a long time, and that all fell into place in the Craft.

My Pollyanna attitude could not stand up to my successfully-bred litter of kittens going mad, running around in circles, and dropping dead...my well-tended plants withering and dying...an infestation of insects you wouldn't believe...unesy sleep for the whole family...near crashes...unexplained mechanical failures...close calls.

From the Oiuja Board, an instrument I've used occasionally since I was 18, the trouble source was revealed as a voodoo interference. It was reversed with a ritual I recieved from a HPs I knew. Since it was a "death" curse, I wish I had saved the newspaper clipping of the fire that killed the caster in N.Y.C. The name corresponded to the one I'd recieved through the Oiuja Board, although the reversal was a "blanket" reversal and named no names.

Even today, there are times I pick up on heavy psychic attacks. They don't come from Witches either. They come from groups of "born-againists" who hate all that this shop stands for. They send out these emotion-laden thoughts of my destruction and the destruction "by lightning" of what they consider my evil. They work themselves up to a fever pitch and let loose with all those vibes. I feel them but they are correctly neutralized.

People are people, and when that will ever change I don't know. As above, so below. There are thieves, liars, murderers on the physical plane, and those same vibes are reflected on the psychic level, too. Plants have been killed by the negative thoughts projected at them by school children in numerous experiments.

I am not the paranoid type & don't consider psychic attack as the first thing to look for when something goes wrong. But from experience, I know it happens and will continue to happen just as wars are always happening no matter how silly they seem.

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STUFF & THINGS

ATTENTION: To all you Gal Witches out there: I'm looking for instructions on how to make Potpourris of all kinds; if any of you have 1, 2 or more, and would like to share them with all of the other Witches, please let me know. Write: Lady Selene, Georgian Newsletter, 1908 Verde St., Bakersfield, Cal. 93304.

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JEANNE of Blue Moon sez: when I lived in Pa., I wrote the U.S. Senators there, telling them how I felt about the cruel use of animals in laboratory testing. I recieved these letters in reply. I never had much faith in writing to politicians about anything. Perhaps our letters are stimulating them to action; so folks should write them if they get the chance.

From Senator John Heinz:

Thank you for contacting me expressing your concern about the use of live animals in laboratory research. I share your concern that efforts must be made to minimise and eliminate the pain, suffering, and fear that research animals experience.

I am pleased to inform you that I am cosponsoring a Senate bill to encourage non-animal testing methods. I will continue to support such efforts to enhance the development of alternative methods of research, as existing evidence indicates that in many cases these alternative procedures are cheaper, faster, and more reliable than the methods which require the use of animals. I feel that continued reliance on animal experimentation will only delay the development of new, more effective procedures, such as mathematical models, tissue or cell cultures, simulated tissues and body fluids, and computer simulations.

I appreciate knowing of your concerns in this area and I will continue to work toward improving humane research procedures. If I can be of any further assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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From Senator Arlen Specter

Thank you for your recent letter concerning animal welfare.

The Research Modernization Act would establish a National Center for Alternative Research which would develop various methods of research and testing which do not involve the use of live animals.

As you may be aware, no action was taken on HR 4805 during the 96th Congress. However, similar legislation, HR 556, has been introduced in the 97th Congress and is pending before the House Committees in Interstate and Foreign Commerce and Science and Technology.

Please be assured of my continued commitment to the protection of those creatures who cannot speak for themselves.

I will keep your views very much before me when the Senate considers this legislation.

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JEANNE continued: the latest I've seen on the Moral Majority: PROCTOR & GAMBLE have given in. They are removing advertising support from TV shows the Moral Majority object to! We're going to

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JEANNE of Blue Moon continued:

try a one-man-woman-cat boycott of their products. This might prove difficult however...Proctor & Gamble are practically the only game in town.

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ED. NOTE: Good work on the letter writing, Jeanne. Politicians are always aware that another election will be coming along. If enough people write them about a subject, it will at least get their attention.

New address for BLUE MOON is 235 Lake Shore Drive, Lake Secor, Mahopac, N.Y. 10541. Blue Moon has beautiful Pagan T-shirts.

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Seems everyone wanted to write about the Handfasting & legal marriage of Lady Demeter & Lord Apollo. Ra, of Tyngsboro, Mass. sent a nice article about it, but since we've already mentioned this affair, we won't print it. However, the following is an interesting excerpt from it.

The minister who officiated the "legal" half of the ceremony was an interesting fellow. He stood in awe of the entire proceedings, drinking it all in, much like a child at the circus. There was nothing but praise for him when he said, after jumping over the brooms, "Since Demeter and Apollo have pledged themselves in this mystic circle, I now pronounce them man and wife." I would not be surprised if a pentagram soon appeared on the wall of the Unitarian Church.

Ra continued: In regard to some of the references in the article: I have always been a "wilderness person"; I love tall trees, high mountains, and cool streams, none of which Long Island has. However, I am very deeply attached to the people I met there. I left L.I. over a year ago for greener pastures, and the only thing I miss is all the people I met there since entering the Craft.

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Still haven't heard if anyone claimed this:
WE FOUND IT! You lost your athame at the 1980 Pan Pagan Festival in Indiana. Call or write, describe same, and we can work out the details for its return.

Calumet Pagan Temple, Janel & Richard Clarke, 4524 Towle Avenue, Hammond, Indiana 46327. (219) 931-4348.

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BOB moved from a Hollywood to an L.A. address. He sez: Hollywood is just too rundown these days with crime going up around that area. I had a Moped stolen from my apartment, and decided to move. I'm paying twice as much but, in a way, it's worth it.

ED. NOTE: Sorry to hear about Hollywood, Bob. It was pretty nice when I lived there...but that was a long time ago.

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BEING A WITCH IS... from Lady Phoenix in Dallas
...correcting someone by reminding them that the man in the moon is a Lady...and having a Christian friend (who doesn't know you're a Witch) support you by adding, "Auntie Mame said so!"

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STUFF & THINGS

CARL sez: he has moved from another town in Calif. (where he was a coven member) to the Redding area. He would like to meet people in that area. Write, and I'll forward.

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CHARLENE sez: she has moved from Maine back to Mass. She is near N.H. and about 30 miles from Boston. She says she is third degree and is now forming a feminist group but needs more teaching material. Write, and I'll forward.

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JIM in Winchester sez: he attended the Pacific Circle Gathering. He especially enjoyed the ritual by Ed Fitch and the Handfasting of Ellen & Chris. Jim will be at the Aug. Mountain Meet this year.

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A nice note from Karl in New Zealand. I occasionally hear from DX'ers in N.Z. who pick up my morning Farm News. Karl asked about air mail rate for the newsletter. Subscription would have to be \$20. per year air mail. Back issues are available at 50¢ each but postage would depend on how many ordered so I can't answer that.

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If you like kids & animals, see the movie RUN WILD-RUN FREE if it comes to TV in your area.

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Decision on using L.A. stray animals for research will come one day too late for this edition.

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ALTHING at Joseph P. Bort Meadow, Anthony Chabot Regional Park, Oakland, Calif. \$25. per adult, kids under 12 free. Asatru Free Assembly, 3400 Village Ave., Denair, Cal. 95316.

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BEING A WITCH IS.....

...remembering that it is "EKO, EKO" ...not "EGO, EGO."

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Sorry to see that THOSE AMAZING ANIMALS is not scheduled to return in the fall. Wonder if the "Moral Majority" objected to that one. Well, none of the animals had pants on.

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Lots more that we could write but we just can't afford to make the newsletter any larger...so some things will have to wait for next month. It also saves Lady Selene and me from more hours at our typewriters. After all, I still haven't found those other six secretaries.

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THAT'S ALL, FOLKS.

LOVE AND BLESSED BE.

PAT AND ALL THE GEORGIANS

LETTERS & THINGS

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... THAT'S ALL, BOYS.

... LOVE AND BLESSED BE.

... THE END