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BAKERSFIELD - Not really a lot of news from here this month since there was no Sabbath. Cinda & Lord Vulcan conducted the Full Moon which was as nice as always. Received donation checks from Walt in L.A. and Jim in Winchester..but no visit. Remember you guys, we enjoy your presence as well as your checks.

Get some letters from people asking if they are in the doghouse because I haven't answered their letters. NO! Nobody in the dog house. If there is something for the newsletter, we print it... so you know we got your letter. If your letter doesn't require a reply...you don't get one. Without a secretary I just can't keep up. I type with two fingers...and keeping up with the newsletter is more than enough to keep me busy.

Lots of material this month so some will have to wait for next month. We're trying to keep the newsletter to 35 pages. To grow larger we'd just have to keep raising the price. We know some of you are willing and can afford more...but there are some who can't. We want to reach as many people as we can with as much info as we can for as little cost as we can.

Next month will be the last issue for this year...and time for you to send in your nominations for the Georgies for 1981. Start reviewing your newsletters for this year and make your pick for best article, best series, and person or group doing the most for Craft/Paganism in 1981.

We're planning to get this issue in the mail a little early so we won't be tied up with it on the Samhain weekend...so the report on the Sabbath will have to wait 'til next month.

Many people think only first class mail is going up. Not so. Our rate goes up the first of November agin, too.

AUSTRALIA - Catherine & Kent have put out a nice little booklet.. THE WICCAN GUIDE TO WITCHES' WAYS. The Xians have blocked public sale in Australia. This was written for the neophyte and those who think we are devil worshippers. Don't know how you can order it since there is no price listed. But you can write to The Editors, POB 80, Lane Cove, N.S.W. 2066, Australia.

Nice long letter from Demeter of Ye Full Moon Wicca. We'll have that next month. Nice letter from Wordon in Detroit..for next month. Penny called from Florida...all goes well with the coven there. Nexus International keeping busy trying to help people with problems. POB 45061, Dallas, Tx. 75245.

Don't hide in the closet and pout if someone disagrees with what you have written. You are not the God or Goddess...and no one is required to agree with your opinion.

BEING A WITCH IS....

...understanding that no matter how long we have been studying and/or practicing the Craft...there is always so much more we can and need to learn.

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STUFF & THINGS

JIM in Winchester, Cal. sez: Well, things are back to normal around here after the hectic summer. Time to start several long-delayed projects. Jim sent a couple of photos of newly-planted trees around his outdoor Circle. Too bad...not enough contrast to copy.

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RUTHI of Arcane Crafts sez: It's hectic trying to do everything at once...work at jobs, working on starting our magazine, a coven, a Pagan Way of sorts...and remodelling. We plan to panel & insulate the garage walls, cover the cement floor with something kinder to bare feet, build a circular fireplace in the middle...and turn it into a den cum temple. Also much remodelling on the house. Too bad about Panorama Heights being closed. Hope you all had a great time anyway. It would be nice if you could get your own land.

Somebody mentioned in August Georgian the book "Too Long A Sacrifice" by Mildred Downey Broxon. It's not too bad. It attempts to tie Craft, ancient Irish folklore and legends, and conditions in modern Ireland in with the story of a young couple who, thousands of years ago, are taken to live in the Sidhe, where time moves in far different ways than it does above ground. They exist in a kind of dream among the people of Sidhe, leaving it to emerge in modern-day Ireland amid the strife & violence of a country torn apart, with people whose way of life differs drastically from what they were used to in their own time.

In emerging from the Sidhe, Maire & Tadhg become separated, and are left to find their way around through the bewildering maze of another time, and the struggle to adapt themselves to it in their efforts to find one another again.

Through companions they meet in their search, they are forced into the conflicts around them, culminating in a climactic meeting at Samhain; the battle of the Horned God (whose power has entered Tadhg) and the Goddess (whose power has entered Maire) for possession of the year.

I picked up the book to read because it combined sources from both Craft and Irish culture--two interests which have been central to my life for quite some time--and was left with a mild sense of disappointment afterward. Compared to most available fiction on these two subjects, the book is quite good, but that's not saying very much. I wish it were written in greater depth, with more attention to style, detail and story line.

Love and Blessed Be,  
Ruthi

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DIDJA KNOW...if you didn't break them, and didn't cut them for 27 years...you might grow fingernails as long as a Chinese priest in Shanghai whose nails reportedly reached a length of 22 and 3/4 inches?

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BEING A WITCH IS...

... getting high on life and the Craft...without the use of alcohol or drugs.

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## NEXUS TRIBUTE TO THE GODDESSES

(AT THE CELEBRATION OF SUMMER 1981)

The circle is set before people begin to arrive. One unlighted torch shall be standing at each quadrant, three shaped torches or luminous shapes at the South, and the fire cauldron set atop the unlighted bonfire, covered & ready to light.

Participants approach, wash their hands before the entrance, and are greeted by the HP/S of the rite., then enter the circle with their stone, to set into the ring of stones at the edge of the circle. As they enter the circle, they also select a paper from a second bowl, which contains goddess names.

Four priestesses and five Consorts are placed about the Circle. Narrator is at the West or South, and the HPS stands within the circle at the East.

NARRATOR: "We gather to celebrate the zenith of the sun, and share in the awareness and understanding of the dying god, as we see around us now."

(Brief pause to witness setting sun)

"We fear not the darkness, for the Sun's birth we shall see again at Mid-Winter. The Moon Mother continues to reflect, in subtle beauty, the radiance that is His. She is with us at all times, even beyond the birth of our world.

The World was born in darkness  
And like called to like.  
Sand and clay and pebbles  
Heard the call,  
Took form.

There, in the coiling blackness,  
Loneliness began.  
The Earth reached out of love,  
And finding none,  
Drew the darkness close,  
And wept.

The tears flowed across its face  
And its cries were heard.

The Mother Goddess turned  
To smile on Earth  
And the crescent moon  
Appeared.

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BEING A WITCH IS... from Lady Phoenix in Dallas

...having your son bring in a little friend... "My mommy can fix that, she's magic."

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NEXUS TRIBUTE TO THE GODDESS cont.

(Waxing crescent torch or luminaire is lighted or shown at the south, sweeping in an arching curve from East to West. If a torch is used, be certain that it is properly extinguished immediately)

(During the following stanza, light the full moon torch or luminaire, and slowly arch it from East to West. Again, dispose or extinguish properly)

As the Moon grew brighter,  
The Earth forgot  
Its loneliness and fears,  
And forgot to  
Live in Perfect Peace  
With all.

(Waning torch is lighted, or luminaire shown, arching from East to West during the following stanza...to be extinguished by the forth line)

The Goddess turned in sorrow.  
Darkness hid Her Face  
And dimmed the loving light  
Upon the Earth

(Torch must be extinguished or luminaire not showing before the the next lines)

In the Dark of Moon  
She cried. \*\*\*

"But the Goddess has faith in us, and She always returns."

(HPS steps from the Eastern edge of the circle, into the central circle, and lights the cauldron. She then turns to the East, draws an invoking pentagram of Air, and the Priestess of Air (still in the outer circle) speaks:)(Torch is lit)

LST PRIESTESS - Air: "From the time of the beginning, I have been with you. I am with you when the breezes of spring bring you the soft fragrance of the flowers of my Earth."

(HPS moves to the South, invokes Fire, and the Fire Torch is lighted as the Priestess of Fire speaks:)

2ND PRIESTESS - Fire: "I am with you when the summer days add to to the warmth and beauty of my moonlit nights

(HPS moves to the West, invoking Water, and the Water Torch is lighted as the Priestess of Water speaks:)

3RD PRIESTESS - Water: "I am with you when the ebb and flow of the tides changes the autumn seas."

NEXUS Tribute to the Goddess cont.

(HPS MOVES TO THE North, invoking Earth, and the Earth Torch is lighted as the Priestess of Earth speaks:)

4th PRIESTESS - Earth: "I am with you when my beloved earth lies barren in the winter winds and my Lord rules over you...I am with you now."

(HPS moves to the East, completing the circle of the elements, speaking as she moves, stopping between East and South.)

HIGH PRIESTESS: "All these things I have wrought to delight and bring wonder to your senses, for I am the Goddess, and I am the Queen. I AM...and you are all my children.

There have been times when you called me only with your visions, but as the ages passed, you named me..

In the Land of the Pyramids and the Great River, you named me ISIS."

(Air Priestess steps into the central circle)

AIR GODDESS: "In the mysteries of the East, you called me Quan Yin."

(Fire Priestess steps into the central circle)

FIRE GODDESS: "As the fires were lighted to me, I, Brigitte, responded."

(Water Priestess steps into the central circle)

WATER GODDESS: "Where the hilly crags met the seas, you cried to Pendrim."

(Earth Priestess steps into the central circle)

EARTH GODDESS: "As I wander my earth, you knew me as Demeter."

(Priestess count space of three heartbeats, and speak in unison:)

ALL GODDESSES: "And I come to you."

NARRATOR: "Listen to the words of the Great Mother, who was of old called amongst men, Artemis, Astarte, Dione, Melusine, Aphrodite, Cerridwen, Diana, Arianrhod, Bride and by many other names....

(Beginning at North of Circle, one by one, each person calls out the Goddess name on their slip of paper. This continues around the circle, clockwise, until all forming the outer circle have invoked the Goddess by one of Her names.)

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## CREEPS OF THE MONTH or people we don't want to know

New York police officer Thomas Kennedy is in guarded condition after being hit by five bullets in a chase with a gunman in Brooklyn. Officials say that as the officer lay bleeding in the street... a group of people tried to rob him.

New York police officer Bill Fox has been granted temporary custody of 17-year-old Michael Buchanan. But Fox says he wants to make the situation permanent... by adopting the youth whose life he saved. The boy had been wandering since abandoned by his foster parents in Tennessee five years ago. Fox talked the teenager off the roof of a Bowery flophouse as a crowd below chanted "JUMP! JUMP!!"

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FROM U.P.I.

According to Science Digest Magazine, regular marijuana smoking may, in the long run, widen the gaps between nerve endings in the brain that are necessary for such vital functions as memory, emotion and behavior.

Dr. Robert Heath, of the Tulane University School of Medicine, administered marijuana smoke and its active ingredient, T-H-C, to Rhesus Monkeys over a period of 6 to 8 months. The magazine said at doses that are comparable to those inhaled by a moderate-to-heavy smoker, T-H-C caused structural changes, widening the synapses in their brains by 35 %.

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In Birmingham, Alabama, Fred Lee was twice approached by a young man who offered to sell back his stolen articles. Twice, Lee stalled and called police. First time they scared off the young man by arriving with sirens blaring and lights flashing. Second time..they just didn't show up. So..Lee forked over 32-bucks for his TV and adding machine stolen from his office. Now..he could be charged with buying stolen property.

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Massachusetts State Police say they have nothing to go on so far in the theft of more than a million dollars worth of marijuana.... from their own barracks. The pot was being stored as evidence in the barracks basement, which is manned 24 hours a day and is equipped with an alarm system that was tripped during the theft. State Police officials have no comment on how the thief got away with 50 bales of marijuana weighing more than 60 pounds each. Oh where is Sherlock Holmes???

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BEING A WITCH IS... from Gail in San Jose

...recognizing your car for what it is...a cart made of stone that rolls on wheels of trees and is pulled by dinosaurs! No wonder it's so hard to get parts!

DIDJA KNOW the price of mail has gone up again..for letters, post-cards & airmail, too?

President Woodrow Wilson watched the world's first scheduled flight take off in Washington for Philadelphia in May, 1918. The plane lost its way & landed in Maryland. The mail was delivered by train to Philadelphia. Guess things haven't improved very much.

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## FROM YOUR EDITOR

A recent letter asked, "What is the value or importance of learning about past lives?"

The simple answer is that it helps you to better understand yourself and live this lifetime.

You are, today, the sum of all those things you have experienced in past lives, as well as all you have experienced in this lifetime. Those experiences have conditioned us to certain reactions.

Remember Pavlov's Dogs from your study of basic psychology. The dogs were trained to react to a certain stimulus. The same principle may be used to help people stop smoking, over-eating, or excessive use of alcohol. The person is given an unpleasant stimulus, such as an unpleasant but harmless electric shock, each time they smoke, eat sweets, or drink alcohol. The person soon reacts by losing the desire for these things as preferable to getting the shock.

We are conditioned to many things by receiving a pleasant or unpleasant stimulus, which acts on our subconscious, and we react in a certain way whenever we receive that stimulus.

We generally do not remember consciously the events of past lives ...but our subconscious remembers. If you have an unreasoning fear of caves or tunnels, it could be that you were trapped in a cave-in during a previous life. A fear of heights might mean that you once fell from a cliff or high building or even a tree. A fear of animals might mean you were killed by animals in a previous life. A feeling of instant like or dislike the first time you meet a person may be caused by an association with that person in an earlier lifetime.

Any of these things could also come from earlier experiences in this life. Some things you can remember but don't associate with the present situation. For example: the person you feel instant like or dislike toward may simply remind you of another person earlier in this life that you did or didn't like.

The mind will often block out unpleasant memories from this life or earlier lives. This is one of the ways the subconscious tries to help us avoid pain. If you dig out those experiences and study them, it will help you to understand yourself and your feelings in the present time. When you run into mental blocks about any period, it usually indicates a very unpleasant or painful experience that the subconscious is trying to prevent you from remembering. But- you can break through!

Even though it may be extremely painful, it is best to remember and face it. If you don't remember and face it, you will go through life responding to conditioning like Pavlov's Dogs. You will react to conditioning rather than acting on will.

There are several methods of remembering...but we'll go into that at another time.

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BEING A WITCH IS....

....a great way to live.

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## HP: THE POWER BEHIND THE CRONE #3

There isn't any rule that you HAVE to teach, even if you are in charge of a circle, but it seems that there really isn't any way to escape from being presented with the opportunity. As soon as a person is able, the Lady sends people to the door. Not every prospective student is right for your brand of teaching, and many should be directed elsewhere. But sometimes one will come along that you may want to teach and all the aspects look favorable. All right, what are you going to do? What are you going to teach, and how are you going to teach it to this person? What kind of rules are you going to lay down to insure that the information is not just blabbered all over town, and how are you going to be sure that this experience will be beneficial to both of you?

These and a thousand more questions must be asked and hopefully answered before you sit down with your first student. You can, of course, just kind of muddle thru and hope that the right information will somehow be imparted. This surprisingly works in many cases! But if you can lay out a curriculum of studies that you feel should be learned, you will at least have a better handle on the situation. What qualities do you feel are needed for a person entering the Craft via your gate? What things should they know for them to work competently on the same circle with you and the other people that you work with? What is the price that you will demand for this opportunity?

Let me expand on that last question. Every time we take on a new student, we make it quite clear exactly what we expect from them in return for our time and efforts. We NEVER ask for money except for materials that we want the student to buy, and usually they go out and get them, we don't sell them to them. So far, the one exception to that has been we ask for money to be paid back to us to cover the programmed curriculum. This is only about \$5. and doesn't even cover the gas spent to go to the xeroxing place. But the real cost that we ask the student to pay is the cost in their time and energy. If they want to learn what we teach, they must come to us at a time and place which doesn't put us out of our way. and they must do it on time and not cancel out at the last minute. And they must not make it so that we have to take care of any of their messes. When you stop and think of it, those are pretty much the same rules that the public school system uses, they just get carried away with it. We are working at trying to build something and if they want to be a part of it, then they can damn well assure us that they aren't going to waste our time and energies. BEFORE the student is taught anything, they must know what rules apply or not, and a clear understanding is reached between the student and teacher(s) as to what the price will be and what will or will not occur if the price is not paid.

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WORDS OF WISDOM from Lady Alusha

Attention is energy.

HP: THE POWER BEHIND THE CRONE cont.

Back to developing a curriculum. Every circle is different and should decide what criteria it will use in determining what persons will be accepted as students and what they will taught. But let me recommend that you have some system by which you can get to know the student better before you teach them anything too sensitive to be trusted to fools or people who may not stay with you beyond just the preliminary teaching. After all, you don't want to waist their time or yours!. So the first thing you need to decide is for what purpose you are teaching this person anything. Then you need to know something about the person you are going to teach so that you can know how they will fit into your goals once they have learned what you can teach.

We have developed some guide lines for our circle which you might find interesting and give you some ideas as to what guidelines you may wish to adopt. First, we must have spent many hours (this is not a fixed number, just a rule of thumb) getting to know the person beyond the normal cocktail hour talk. If they seem to be serious and of the qualities that we think would possibly be helpful to our circle, we arrange that at least one other person that we regularly work with gets to meet them under social conditions which does not alert the prospect as to the status of the viewing circle member. Being good ragans and getting together with people for parties and just plain good hedonistic fun gives us plenty of opportunities to have many people who could be a circle member looking at our prospect without any suspicion being cast on any one person, and besides, they aren't told that they are being looked at anyway. So then we ask the views of the person whom we've asked to look at the prospect. If they don't see anything which we feel would rule out the prospect, then we go ahead and tell them that we will take them on as a student, provided that they understand the price and agree to it completely. Then we "sing them up" for a nine week, once a week, course in study of Human Relations. This series is designed to give them an idea of what we feel are the basic skills in communication, group relations, and personal discipline which we aspire to. During this study, we get to see them on a regular basis (and they us) and can better see how they think, act, feel and relate to us and others. There is nothing in the written material that we would feel edgy about going on the evening news.

If the student has gone thru all nine weeks of this and shows promise to us, then we ask them if they are willing to go for another four weeks of material which is slightly more inclined to the occult. If the bargain is struck, we take them thru a series of studies on Energy which has a large dose of metaphysics thrown into the material for study and discussion. This is where we can start comparing (not teaching, for this is where we find out where the student is coming from on a level which he has already formulated) cosmologies. If they can relate well at this point, we usually will throw a hint or two about some other material that we can teach them at some point if they desire to go into under-

HP: THE POWER BEHIND THE CRONE #3 cont.

standing our brand of approaching the world of the occult. If they bite at this hook, we will then arrange a schedule which will require them to promise 13 weekly meetings but we will only promise to give them six "lessons". It will be part of the bargain that at the end of the sixth week, we will decide if we want to go further and let the student know. Then we teach them about the Pagan calendar, the solar, terran and lunar holidays and some of the legends and mythology surrounding them. Depending on how they receive this information, we will either end the teaching after the sixth week or go further. Either at this point, or at the first lesson (depending on which we think will be the best time) of the six weeks, we will take them into our ritual room and perform a ceremony that contains all the elements of a proper ritual, not saying anything to give away names or powers, and extract an oath of secrecy and honor from them. The next six weeks are where we discuss the use of symbols and ritual and this gives them the knowledge of what the rituals and works that we do are all about. The last week, week 13 in this second half, is where we either offer them initiation or tell them that we feel they should look somewhere else for a group to work with, or work by themselves. If they are told to work by themselves, we try and give them a group of rituals that they can use or model their own rituals after. If they are told to seek our another group, we will try to arrange some other circle to look at them and see if then feel that this person could be suitable for working with them.

If we offer them initiation, we offer only initiation to the Craft at that time. If they accept and are initiated, they will work with us to learn the rituals, working methods, and laws that our circle uses. If they measure up to our standards, they may be considered for admittance to the full circle after six months of working with us. Usually it takes longer before we will bring the matter up for consideration to the whole circle, but six lunar cycles is the minimum. Next month, we will investigate initiations and what they do and don't do.

Until then Blessed Be,  
Blacksun of Elewenheart

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#### STUFF & THINGS

Just recieved the '82 LUNAR CALENDAR. Excellent as usual. Shows moon phase, rise & set times for each day of the year. Also month names derived from the Celtic/ Druidic tree-alphabet. Each month described with mythic reference and Goddess lore...lunar transits of the houses of the zodiac...the high earth festivals, etc. This has excellent art and articles...much more than just a calendar...you don't throw these away at the end of the year. Size is 8½ X 11 but opens for wall-hanging to 17 X 11. 32 pages of text. \$10. each plus \$1.50 shipping. Three for \$25 plus \$3.00. Also Ishtar/Astarte buttons, Poster images, Vintage Lunacy, etc. Write for info on these. LUNA PRESS, Box 511, KENMORE STATION, BOSTON, MA. 02215. DON'T MISS IT!

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MUSE-INGS FROM THE CRONE  
(COMMENTARIES ON HP #3)

On Students in general.

My first mentor told me "ALL APPRENTI ARE FAITHLESS". After some ten plus years I think I understand what that means. If you are truly a good teacher, your students will be better than you. Not only that, but they will take great pride in showing you just how much. Believe it or not, this will be both your proudest and most frustrating time in your relationship. If you have truly been a good teacher, you will bite your tounge, and say "well done" and truly mean it.

There may come a time (nag, Will) when your student loses their innocence regarding you. They will see, and point out to you a mistake, or violation that you have made of your own laws.

SWALLOW YOUR INDIGNATION, and be glad that the craft will ever survive, and ever progress. SMILE AND say "NOBODY'S PERFECT, I'll TRY TO DO BETTER." And DO IT.

HOME\*MADE HENGES  
By Rik in Tucson

I have noticed that a lot of witches seem to like the idea of building a Stonehenge in their own back yard. Outdoor rituals seem to take place in places like the Maryhill Stonenge whenever possible. I myself, have even built two stone circles (small) in the mountains so no one is immune from this. To give an idea of hwo to make s stonehenge work, I have written theis sampler.

Remember that the orginial Stonehenge has certain alignments that allow the rising and setting sun to appear over and between certain stones at certain days. This marked the calander and the Holy days of the Lesser Sabbats. In the Maryhill Stonehenge, an exact duplicate in form, size and alignments, the sun acts differently. This is because the lattitudes (the distance from the equator) are different and so the sun rises in a different place at the same time. To makea Stonehenge that works, you need to make a few adjustments in the placing of the sarsens (the upright stones). As I don't know how to do this, I will tell you what I do know, that is hwo to build one to fit your location and in your style.

STEP II. Find a place that has an unobstructed view of the rising and setting sun all year. A hill is best with no trees or mountains about. As Tucson is in a valley with tree coverup craggy mountains, this is difficult for us but not impossible. Remember that you must be able to see the sun rise and set at all times.

## HOME\*MADE HENGES cont.

STEP II. Gather about 1500 poles. These can be the 3" dowell rods that any lumber yards sells or iron rods or anything that is about ten feet long. Take them to your henge site and devide them into four equal piles. One pile is about 30 feet east of the circle center, and the second pile is 100 feet east of the circle center. Two more piles are 30 and 100 feet west of the circle center. These are your marking poles.

STEP III, Mark your center point with a pole. This is the exact center of your stonehenge, and must be straight up. Use a plum-bob to determine this. Mark one circle about this pole with a radius of 30 feet. Mark another circle with the center pole and a radius of 100 feet.

STEP IV. On December 21, before the sun rises, take two friends to the henge and wait for the sun to rise. As it does so, you stand behind the center pole so that the pole blocks the sun. Have one friend hold a pole at the 30' circle and another at the 100' circle. Have your friends move the poles until all three are exactly in line with the rising sun. If done right, the shadow of the 100' pole will point exactly at the 30' pple and the shadow of the 30' pole will point exactly at the center pole. Drive the poles into the ground so that they will not move.

STEP V. Return before sunset and repeat the procedure with the setting sun. If done properly, you will have three poles pointing a little northeast and thr/e poles pointing a little northwest. Actually the center pole doesn't point at all, it simply is there as a marker. (figI)

STEP VI. Repeat every morning and evening for an entire year. You will use up most of your poles and notice the next Yule that you do not in fact have a complete circle of wooden poles (unless you live at the north or south pole) but actually you have tow arcs of poles in the east and tow arcs of poles in the west with the north and south open. This is because the sun doesn't circle about us as we think but in reality it moves north and south in a small area. The second thing you notice is that you have half of your poles sitting on top of the other half. You drove poles into the ground for six months from Yule to Litha or from December 21 to June 21, then from June 21 the poles fell on top of the previous set. This is because the sun is fairly regular and moves a set distance each day of the year. This distance can be measured and on these days that you overslept, you can approximate the rising and setting positions.

STEP VII. Write the date that you drove each pole into the ground in each of the respective poles. You will notice a few interesting things.

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WORDS OF WISDOM from Lady Allusha

Thought cannot be destroyed, so thought control is important.

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## HOME\*MADE HENGES cont.

1. The winter solstice pole or Yule or December 21 pole is the most northern pole.
2. The Summer solstice pole or Litha or June 21 is the most southern pole.
3. March 21 and September 21 or the spring and fall equinox are the same pole and are exactly in the middle. Count them if you don't believe me. (note; the calander shows a two day difference but in a true solar calander, which is what we are building, they are the same.)
4. Counting down from Yule, pole #40 is Imbolc or candlemas or February 1. Counting up from Litha, August 1 or Lammas or Lughnassac is pole #40.
5. Counting down from Yule, Beltane or Rodemas or May 1 is pole #130. Counting up from Litha, Samhain or Hallows or November 1 is pole #130. (again the calander differs by two or three days but in a TRUE SOLAR calander, the poles are true.)

STEP VIII Mark any other dates that you want to celebrate: Feasts of the Gods, Festivals of life, birthdays, etc. and remove all other poles leaving only the poles that mark the Sabbats and other festival dates. (fig 2)

STEP IX. Set your Altar exactly over the center poles location and build a wall of stones in a circle on the 30 and 100 foot marks. Leave openings at each pole. NOTE: This is VERY IMPORTANT. Any opening in the 30 foot circle must face a stone in the 100 foot circle except where there is a pole. Then the openings must coincide. This is so that when the sun sets or rises, the sun's rays will fall on the Altar through the openings only on the Holy dates.

By now you may ask, "Why the Hell can't I just get up on the Sabbats and drive only those poles and sleep in the rest of the year. It will be cheaper and easier?" The answer is that if you do, you will lose the reason why we celebrate on these dates. You won't know about the short motion of the Sun. You won't know how to locate the dates. However, I'll be easy on you. Now that you have read this far, you already know this so just wake up on the Sabbats and do your marks. Actually, if you want, you can call the local observatory and give them your address and ask for the compass points for the rising and setting sun on those dates. Then one day you go out and set up all poles in a short time. Much faster than spending a year on it. However, too many of us celebrate the dates and know nothing of the why or how. We tend to think of the ancients as being supermen. They weren't, they simply kept their eyes open and noticed the simple things in life.

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WORDS OF WISDOM from Lady Allusha

Writing anchors energy.

## HOME-MADE STONEHENGE Cont.

To make the henge itself, you have a number of options. You can carve hung sarsens, set them in the ground and cover the tops with huge lintels. This will give you a truly looking stonehenge. You can form the whole thing of concrete as was done at Maryhill. You can make it of bricks and cement, wood, or adobe. The openings can be small holes in a wall or graceful arches, or square doorways. You can have four arcs, two in the east and two in the west, or you can have arcs in the middle and a circle at the 100 foot circle, or you can simply build poles or stone piles at the poles to mark the dates. One last thing before I end. STEP X. Give the Wooden poles away so that another can use them. Don't burn them or waste trees. And on Arbor day, chop down a lumberjack.

Blessed Be.

## THE CASE OF THE FLYING ATHAME From Lady Phoenix in Dallas

The young lady was at a loss and couldn't think of anything more she could do. I told her that I was upset about the insult to the religion, but was also personally being inconvenienced. The church conference here in Houston had gone longer than expected, and that I had carefully arranged everything in my purse or in the one shoulder bag so that I would not have to go through or wait on baggage claim delays. I explained that from the moment the plane landed in Dallas, I had exactly 45 minutes to get out of the chaos and crowds of the airport, drive thirty miles to my home, clean up, and begin a worship service. (This was not exactly truth, as the class had already had to be rescheduled...but I had to phrase things in such a way that they could relate to the references they could understand. Worship service they could understand--witchcraft class they would not). I explained that as it was, if I had my shoulder bag with me on the plane, I would have little time to clean up and that I would not and could not go into the temple to perform a worship service of the Goddess with my physical temple dirty from the trip! Even having had a shower that morning would not allow me to go into the worship service without the ritual cleansing that was needed!

Finally she said, "Wait here!" and went flying off through "employee only" doors. In a few minutes, ten minutes before take-off, she came flying back with my other bag that had been checked into baggage an hour before...asked me to remove my athame, and it was put in an envelope. She personally walked me back down the concourse, boarded me on the plane before anyone else was permitted on board, and handed the envelope containing the athame to the head attendant...with instructions that it was to be returned to me after the flight. The flight was uneventful, when everyone was deplaned, the hostess returned the envelope to me, and I went my way, was greeted by my mate, and returned home.

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WORDS OF WISDOM from Lady Alusha

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

## THE CASE OF THE FLYING ATHAME cont.

This may seem merely an amusing incident...but I feel that something was accomplished. One...I learned to pack my athame first, and leave it flat on the bottom of my furse. The x-ray machine only "clearly" lights the central interior of bags, and there is a band or border all the way around it, where the edges of the bag are, therefore, the athame, lying flat at the bottom might not be as noticable...and therefore avoid a possible delay, etc. I also learned that "religious discrimination" is not a complaint that is ignored! Also, I learned that the more formal and typically "religious" sounding your description, etc..the less problem you have. There is either an honoring or awe responce from those who are religious, or an impatient o.k., o.k...let me hurry up and get you out of my hair response from those who are not.

I'm going to make a very ornate pouch in which to store my athame for trips such as this one, and a utilitarian pouch for both...so that if I should have to bring it out, I can do it with as much ceremony and reverence as possible...and should any one start to pick it up to look at it...I plan to stop them...and explain that is a consecrated religious object...that I'd be happy to display it for them, but it is an item of the priesthood, and it would be preferred that they not touch it.

Oh, at various times through this incident, different comments or questions came up. When the lady at the ticket counter was arguing with me about the safety, etc...and that "someone might be hurt.. its for your own safety, I'm sure you can appreciate that..." I told her to stop talking down to me as if I were a retarded child. That I was at least 5-10 years older than she, that I was a minister, not a moron. If she could not discuss something with me on an intelligent adult level, to please call someone to the counter who could.

I admit, I was a bit haughty and caustic at times...but it worked. I still got to carry the athame on the plane, did not have to go through baggage check, and registered a point of religious discrimination against the Wicca.

Oh, and the female at the counter commented once more about someone being hurt. I told her that it could not occur, as the Badge of Office was symbolic, and that it could not be used in any other way than in religious ceremony. "Well, someone could take it away from you..." I told her that the person would have to be a mind-reader to know that it was there, that I did not willingly exhibit the athame to the mundane and unenlightened...and that if they could that it was there, I would want to visit with them..they were either highly proficient in the psychic sciences and skills, or were themselves a Priest or Priestess of the Old Religions.

I also mentioned to her that should someone be harmed by the use of it, that it would debase the consecration, and it would have to be destroyed...that the harming of another or even the thought

## THE CASE OF THE FLYING ATHAME cont.

or intent of such was a sin and that the athame could never be used in worship of the Goddess again, nor ever brought into the temple after that. That, in fact, if it should by accident be dropped and hit someone's big toe....that I could never even directly touch it after that, but would have to pick it up with something else and immediately destroy it. (I know...it sounded a bit dramatic, but the intensity was needed, and the truth is fully there...at least with our tradition, it could no longer be used as a weapon of Air or a Witch's tool.)

The young girl had asked so many questions...she seemed a seeker. I wish that it could have been a situation where there was time to talk with her further. The other Priestess who took me to the airport and I both wondered what reason there could be for the delays which forced me to miss my flight and take a far less preferred airline to return home. Could it have been to activate my indignation at the "discrimination"? Or because a seeker needed a contact? There has been no news of problems with the flight I missed, so I hardly think it was a protection function. Who knows,, I did learn a lot, though, and the most important is that with never showing my "ministerial I. D". (which I have for just such situations)... I was accepted, in spite of my casual attire as a Ministress (???such a word???), and my religion was not questioned except in a positive, curious manner.

I also told the supervisor of the service supervisor that I thought it was really a shameful comment on the lack of the principles on which our nation was founded that a minister of a typical, "acceptable" Judeo-Christian religion could walk on board in clerical attire, with something hand-carried that might be truly atrocious, and sit for the entire flight with something on their lap labeled "Holy Relic" and it would be acceptable...but that I could not carry my religious equipment with me in quiet, never exhibiting it at all. Yet, if I should have gone through the airport in my "clerical" robes...I'd have been labeled as a "kook" or a fanatic and probably been stopped several times as a "wierdo"....I thought it was a sad state of affairs that a Priestess of the Oldest Religion was not as acceptable as a minister, and men of the newest faiths, which were only 2000 years old...were accepted. That was amusing because women were the first "ministers" and priests!"

Would you believe his response was a moment of silence and then a very quiet, "I think I need to do some more reading."

The young lady identified herself, but I do not recall her name. She immediately asked the questions she needed to function effectively, and set about to check all possibilities for resolving the problem. She effectively devised a creative and intelligent solution that was suitable and equitable to all concerned...doing this competently when everyone else could see nothing more than a "complaining passenger".

THE CASE OF THE FLYING ATHANE cont.

I had traveled Southwest for almost all flights I had had to make over the last few years, but had recently changed my reservation habits to other airlines because of the plastic, non-helpful attitude which seems to pervade Southwest Airlines personnel. However, with the possibility of representatives of your young manager's calibre, it could become enjoyable to consider Southwest Airlines again as a routine matter rather than for emergency flights only when no other airline can provide us with reservations

In a general culture which cares nothing about quality of service or providing it, I was most impressed with the young lady who assisted me on Sunday. Please place the attached letter in her personnel file, and provide her with a copy of it.

In normal circumstances neither yourself nor myself would consider instructing the other in how to conduct his or her business. However, I do have some information which, considering recent circumstances, might be of value to you to have read and be able to keep in mind:

While I am aware that a person who simply glanced at an Athame could consider it a possible weapon (and I understand that you have regulations to consider)...the only manner in which it could be considered a weapon is that symbolically, the Priest or Priestess to whom and for whom it is consecrated is, by training and dedication, a Defender of Eternal Truths and Protector of the spirit. Also, our holy vows upon attaining our Priest/ess-hood is that we harm no one--either physically or even within our minds and thoughts. The Athame is, indeed, a religious and consecrate equipment of worship. The consecration of each one stretches back in lineage and precedence to times of 30-40,000 B.C.E. (Before Common Era), certainly not of the C. E. or A. D. time designations of the more modern religions of Judaism, Buddhism and Christianity. It is of extreme religious significance and as such should not be handled by someone who is not a dedicated and consecrated Priest or Priestess of the Old Religions.

Just as holy orders of more modern religions may take holy vows of silence or poverty upon their ordination, so we take our vow of harming none and whichever additional vow appropriate to training is required, such as vows of healing and of teaching, etc. Knowing that this sacred vow is part of our very ways of life as Priest and Priestesses, you can more easily understand the fact that the Athame or Symbol of Religious Office would not be used as a weapon of any kind.

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BEING A WITCH IS.... from Lady Phoenix

...writing complaining letters to networks about their defamation and misrepresentation of your faith.

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## THE CASE OF THE FLYING ATHAME cont.

Considering these things, could I suggest that at any future time, should similar circumstances arise, that your personnel be instructed to ask what the item is before they arbitrarily handle it and unintentionally offend. Some intelligence must be utilized, as Priests and Priestesses of the Old Religions do not wear cleric robes (they are worn only in the Temples), nor do we brandish or flaunt a religious object about in public places. This would violate an additional vow of humility. We do, in many instances, however, carry the Athame with us while en route to or from our ministerial duties--just as any Roman Catholic priest carries a rosary or equipment with which to administer the last rites--which no one would consider touching.

If there should be any doubt in the minds of your security staff, may I suggest that a handkerchief or scarf or other such cloth be used to pick up the object and remove it from a security area, asking the Priest or Priestess to accompany you. I would seriously doubt that any Priest or Priestess would object to the solution advised by your manager. Simply provide an envelope or small box and ask the Priest or Priestess to place the Athame in it, seal and identify it. It can then be handed to the senior Attendant on the flight, who will hold it in a secure place on board and return it immediately upon landing. We are human as well as ministers and perhaps understand the frustrations and difficulties you go through more than most as the usual causes for such are common foes for us both--irresponsibility, fanaticism, shiftlessness and lack of respect for rights of others breed the illnesses of both the spirit and of the daily mundane world. We fight the same battles, merely in different areas of endeavor.

Thank you for having such competent and intelligent personnel on your staff, and for taking from your busy time to read such a lengthy communication. I know that your time is extremely valuable, but perhaps the time you have taken here may be useful in saving time and difficulties at a later date.

Blessed Be  
Lady Phoenix

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A six-month-old Poodle in Seattle is the prime suspect in the disappearance of a money bag containing some 5-thousand dollars in cash, checks and credit card stubs. The dog apparently dragged the bag out of the house to play. Some expensive dog bone!

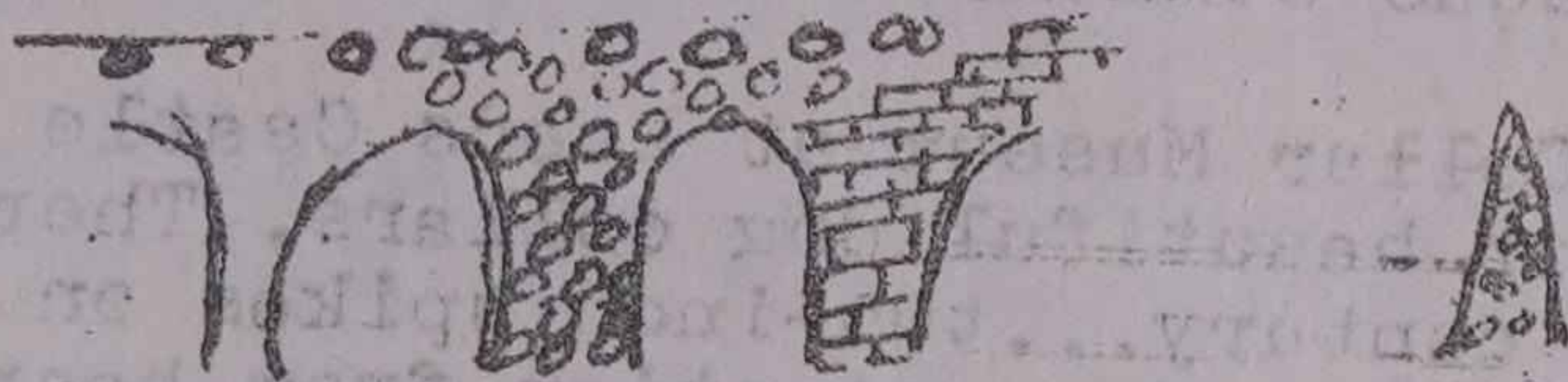
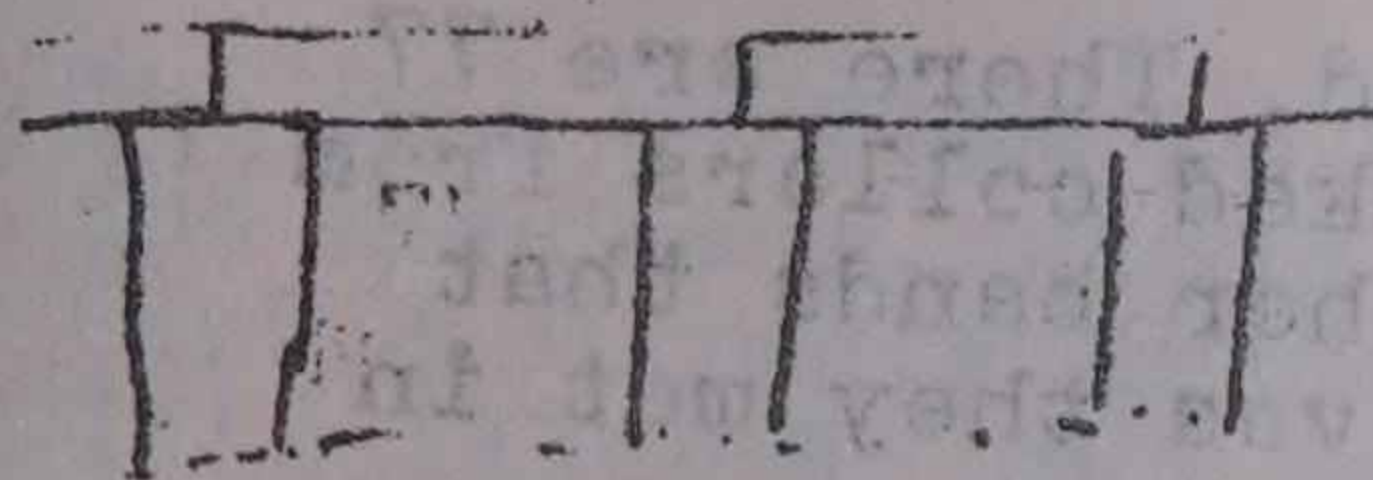
In San Salvador, a man who had been shot in the head startled undertakers preparing him for burial, when he regained consciousness. When morticians began preparing José Orlando Castellanos for burial, the young man opened his eyes. Officials say the terrified undertakers scrambled out of the funeral home...and notified authorities. Castellanos is now in a San Salvador hospital being treated for a bullet wound in the head.

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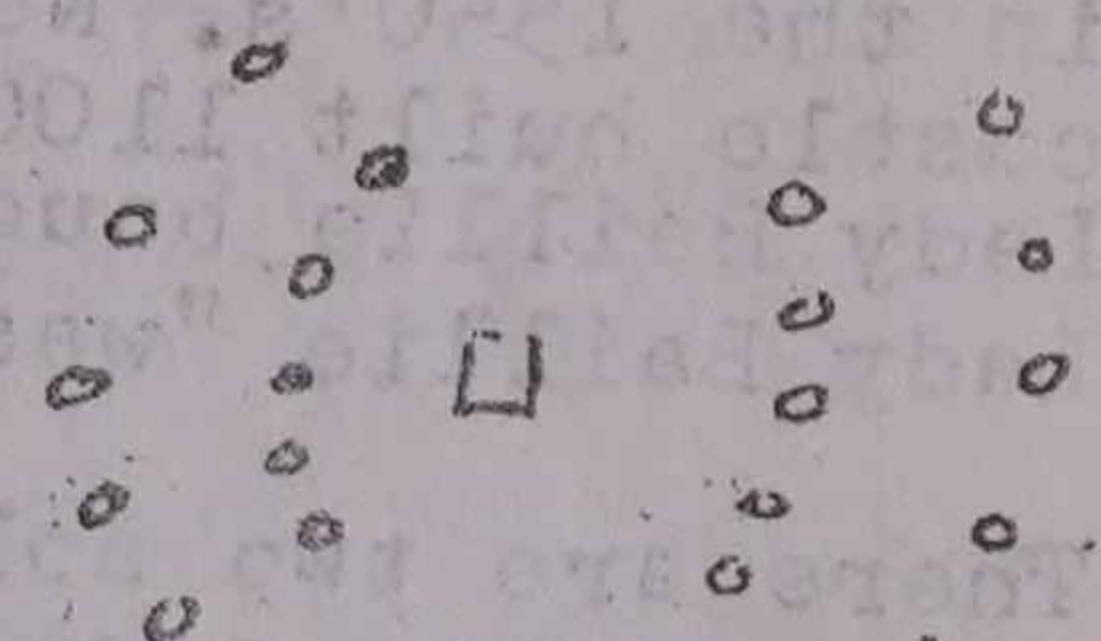
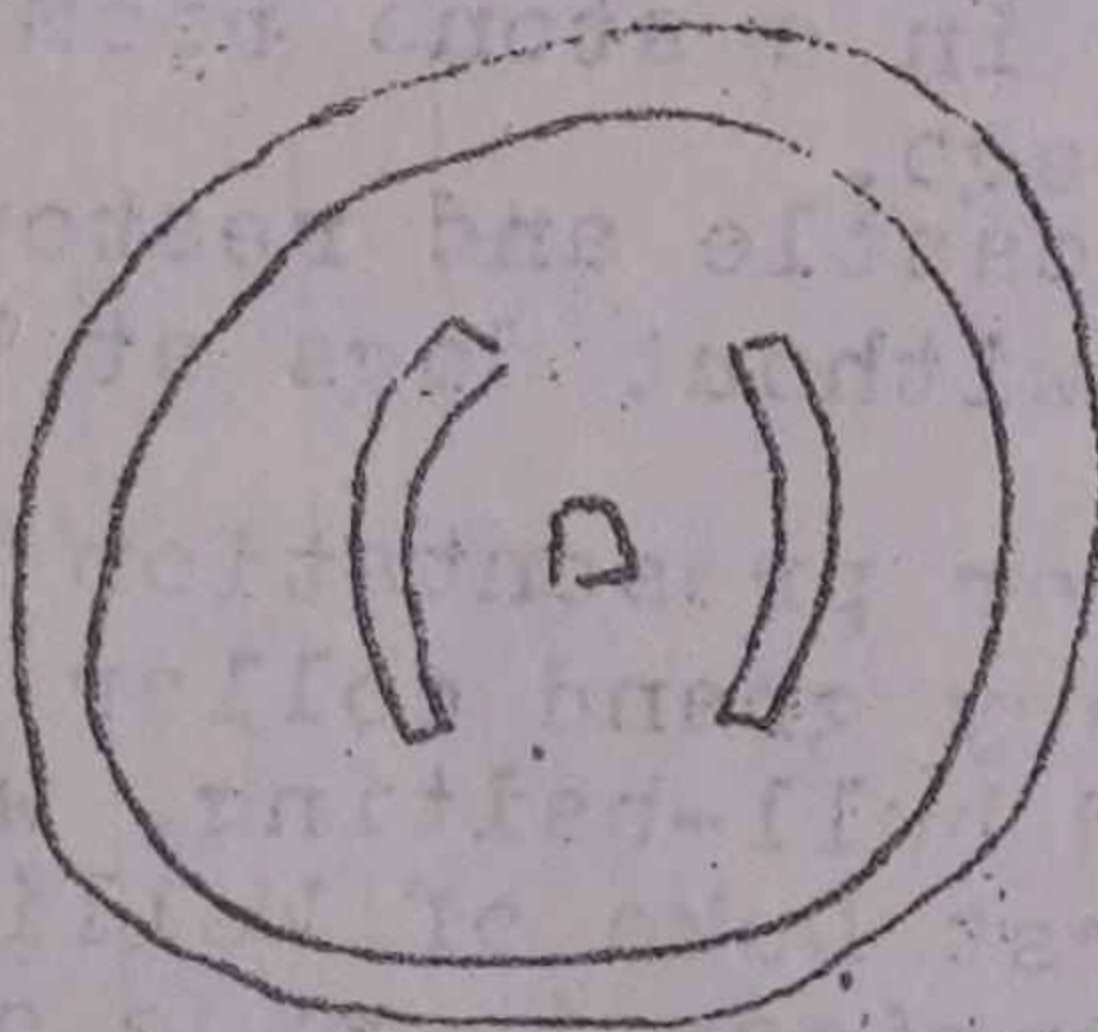
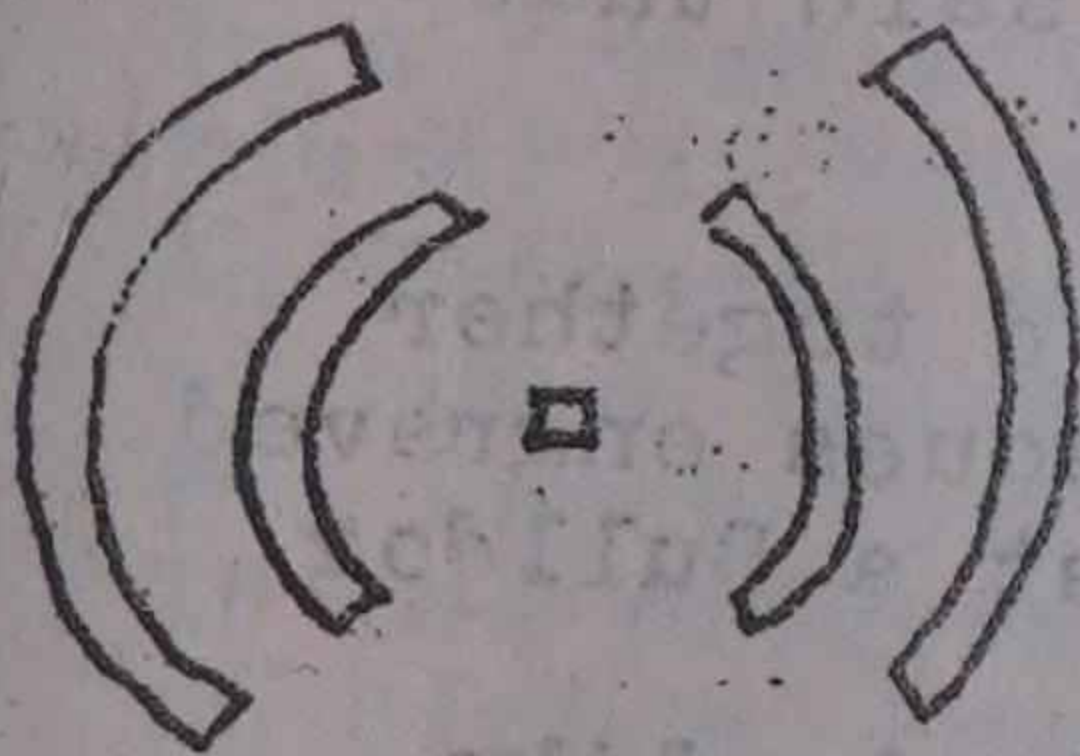
State records show three female...  
 protection... in the hills above...  
 Fortunately... the animals were...  
 German Shepherd and Labrador...  
 lie on the low hills... they could be...  
 Marjane plans... at a value of \$1 million... were

fig 1

fig 2



some ideas for shapes of the henge.



some ideas for the design of the henge.



I recently came across this piece  
 artwork that captivated my attention.

Is there an analogy here, concern  
 ing the 13 Lunar Sabbats ?

Does this configuration have any  
 specific revelation in regard to Wicca ?

Is it a source of identification ?

Does it have an origen ?

Martin Wonderly  
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## DOG DAYS &amp; OTHER ANIMAL PEOPLE

State narcotics officers found three Bengal Tigers and a leopard protecting a marijuana patch in the hills above San Gregorio, Cal. Fortunately for the officers, the animals were caged...except for German Shepherds and Doberman Pinschers. One of the officers was bit on the leg before they could be controlled. Marijuana plants estimated at a value of 1½ million dollars were cut down.

The Oregon Humane Society scheduled a special ceremony for very special Vietnam War Veterans. They invited all K-9 Corps veterans and their masters to a ceremony at the Portland Animal Shelter. Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars were scheduled to unveil a bronze plaque commemorating the contribution of the War Dogs.

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A Dog Collar Museum at Leeds Castle in England. There are 77 fearsome or beautiful dog collars. There are spiked collars from the 16 th century...two-inch spikes on wide leather bands that gave the dogs some protection from bears and wolves they met in the forest.

Some collars of 300 years later are made of silver, some elaborately engraved. A small 18 th century collar reads, "Stop me not but let me jog for I am S. Oliver's dog, Bricknell."

A collar of 150 years ago says.. "I am the Marquis of Granby's dog, Putton. Whose dog are you?"

The first dog collar collector was King Philip the 2 nd of Spain in the 1550's. Now it is in a stone room of a gatehouse of the castle built 1100 years ago.

Lady Baillie bought the castle and restored it. It is said that Lady Baillie "was never without dogs at her side."

There are two solid silver presentation collars, linked together for a pair of dogs. A very grand collar with brass plaques engraved with scenes of bear, and bull-baiting, was presented at a Bulldog Breeding Show by the first Duke of Wellington.

A recent gift from an American is made of celluloid, looks like white plastic, and is a replica of a starched wing shirt collar & tiny bow tie.

If you'd like to visit Leeds Castle, it's 45 miles west of London on two islands in a lake with black swans.

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The California Veterinary Medical Association reports that a rawhide chewbone product (Mr. Max) distributed by C & L of Mountain View, California, is possibly responsible for a series of strange behavior in dogs.

Dogs that have chewed on these white bleached rawhide bones of this label have exhibited bizarre hallucinations and "seizures". Symptoms include: dilation of pupils, frightened expressions, excitement, loud barking, crouched rear legs, racing around as if being chased by a ghost, urinating, and hiding under beds and other objects. These symptom last from 10 seconds to 10 minutes.

After this passes, the dogs act frightened with trombling and paranoia. Some run away & hide for an hour. Then repeat episodes. They seem to recover in 1 or 2 weeks if they get no more of that rawhide. Since this is only in Calif., report cases to the CVMA office.

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## STUFF &amp; THINGS FROM U.P.I.

The mini skirt is officially back. That's the message from the week-long high fashion marathon in Milan, Italy. Most Italian designers are saying legs will be seen next spring and summer.

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39-year-old Frederick Henderson has been arrested in Shreveport, Louisiana. He allegedly gave a bank teller a robbery note saying he didn't want to hurt anyone...and demanding a little over \$4. The note also listed his name, address and telephone number.

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In Grand Rapids, Michigan, a bandit had trouble getting in the bank...he tried to push in but the doors open out. A teller had trouble understanding that he wanted money put in his grocery bag (he had a sweatshirt over his head). On the way out, he stumbled and fell on the sidewalk. The cash flew in all directions as scrambled to flee.

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The big problem in Munich, West Germany these days is nudists. By the hundreds, stark naked men & women are flocking to Munich's Main Park & Olympic Stadium.

It's illegal...but police say they are powerless. One spokesman asks... "Are we supposed to hunt them down, on horseback maybe, armed with blankets & nets?"

Meanwhile, the nudists have taken over the park. They lie about, walk along park paths...and even dash out wearing only shoes and socks to make a purchase at a nearby store or get something from their cars.

One West German magazine laments that... "Soon they'll be going naked to the opera."

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In a break with traditional Soviet taboos, sex education will be taught to Russian teenagers for the first time this fall.

14-year-old students will be taught the basic biological principles of human relations. 16 & 17-year-olds will learn about "Ethics & the Psychology of the Marriage Relationship."

If the program is successful in Moscow, it will be expanded to other cities. Previously, sex-education programs were offered only in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

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A new ditty is making the rounds in Moscow...on school walls, subway stops, and chanted in lines at markets. The state recently raised the price of vodka 30 %...from 4 to 6 rubles. That angered Soviet citizens who average 32 quarts a year. The poem warns that the situation in Poland could spread. A loose translation goes:

Vodka now costs six-0-eight,  
We still drink it at that rate,  
And tell them if they make it 10,

We'll still drink it even then,  
But if it ever costs much more,  
We'll bring Poland to their  
front door.

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DIDJA KNOW...as far as we know, it was Hathor, an Egyptian Priestess who got the first tatoo? Her mummified body dates back to around two-thousand B-C.

Her stomach was inscribed with parallel lines...perhaps to induce fertility or relieve pain.

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THE ANCIENT MANTIC ARTS

Submitted by HARAGANO in Seattle, Wash, Part 2.

- CLAIRVOYANCE 'clear seeing', referred to as second sight, Cryptesthesia or Telesthesia, foretelling the future without special equipment.
- CLEDOMANCY or Cledonomancy portents taken from chance remarks which were overheard, used by the Greeks. Movements of the body were also believed to be revealing (hence the importance of epilepsy).
- CLEROMANCY Divination by the casting of small objects such as pebbles etc.
- CLEIDOMANCY or CLIDOMANCY Fortune telling by means of a key bound with the Bible and hung from the diviners finger, the book spins at the correct answer to specific questions.
- COSCINOMANCY Divination by the rotation of a sieve suspender on a thread, in another method it was held with pincers which were supposed to spring apart at their own volition when the name of someone guilty of a crime was spoken.
- CRITHOMANCY Portents drawn from freshly baked bread or cakes destined for sacrifice.
- CROMMYOMANCY or CROMNIOMANCY Foretelling by the means of an onion.
- CRYSTALOMANCY Crystal - gazing.
- DACTYLOMANCY Divining by means of rings. In ancient times special rings were worn in connection with the planets & provided omens by means now obscure.
- DAPHNOMANCY The sound of laurel leaves burning on an open fire, the louder the crackle the better the omen.
- DEMONOMANCY fortune telling through the aid of demons.
- DENDROMANCY Omens taken from plants & trees, particularly the oak & mistletoe.
- DOWSING Diving for water or other buried items with a forked hazel branch.
- ENOPTROMANCY Use of a magic mirror, its predictions were said to be visible even to those whose eyes were shut or covered.

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Fifth Article on Poisonous Houseplants and Poison Prevention  
By Lady Selene

More about Drug & Chemical Toxins:

Iron--is used as a common, everyday nutritional supplement. Maybe found in many preparations, alone or in a combination with vitamins, while this is considered harmless substance it can be dangerous when taken in an overdose. Large amounts of iron are very corrosive to the stomach and intestines. Causing serious intestinal bleeding. When absorbed into the body in toxic amounts iron can cause coma, shock, liver damage and death.

Methanol/Ethylene glycol--are a pair of similar substances commonly used in antifreeze, window-washing solvents, and various chemical preparations. These two are extremely toxic. A few swallows in a small child are potentially fatal. These chemicals produce metabolic derangements and either eye or kidney damage.

Narcotics--are common causes of overdose, ranging from acute overdoses in the heroin abuser to accidental ingestion of antidiarrheal preparations. Narcotics produce three characteristic effects; coma, respiratory depression, and pin-point sized eyes.

Petroleum distillates--include gasoline, paint thinners, lighter fluids, and kerosene. They are found in many chemical compounds, polishes, lubricants, and fuels. The principal hazard in inhalation of the vapors during swallowing, which may produce coughing, choking, and a chemical pneumonia.

Sedatives/tranquilizers/antidepressants--are varied in nature, but all are very serious poisons. They generally depress the nervous system, but also may stop respiration, induce shock, or lead to kidney failure. Antidepressants are even more serious intoxicants leading to seizures and potentially fatal cardiac irregularities.

Reducing the Incidence of Poisonings\*\*

There are three good methods we can use to prevent poisonings:

1. Safe storage and use of hazardous chemicals and drugs.
2. Use of the Child-resistant safety packaging whenever possible.
3. And participating in child-oriented education and/or sticker programs.

Storage & Use

Keep household products and medicines out of reach and out of sight of your child. Lock them up!!

Never put any medicine or chemical in a cup or soft drink bottle!!

If you have a crawling infant, keep household products stored above the floor level, not beneath the kitchen sink.

If you are using a product when called to the door or telephone take it with you; otherwise your child could get into it.

Read the label on all products and heed warnings and cautions.

More Next Month--Blessed Be

FEATHERY PEOPLE

Bird droppings ruffle a judge's feathers. Polk County District Judge, Anthony Critelli, has filed suit against county officials. He says he became ill because they have failed to clean up bird droppings at the courthouse. He claims that bird droppings contaminated the air in his chambers causing him to contract a respiratory infection.

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77 year old Albert Street was convicted of resisting arrest and creating a public nuisance after neighbors complained that his feeding pigeons attracted flocks that spattered their cars, houses and property. Street told Judge Phillip Moscone that he'd rather go to jail than stop feeding the pigeons. So the judge ordered Street to 6 months probation at a Junior Museum which specializes in the care and rehabilitation of birds.

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Hen-pecked roosters make lousy lovers...so says a University of Maryland Poultry Researcher...after a Masters & Johnson-type study of the chicken coop. Dr. Mary Ottinger says dominant roosters are "better lovers" than their male counterparts. She says male chickens, like humans, can have reproductive problems related to environmental conditions. She says males should be separated from females at the early age when they are likely to compete for food. Otherwise, she says, the males may be subject to a "psychosexual castration" which makes them not able to establish dominance and reproduce in later life.

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Joggers hurry when passing the pond at Quail Creek Golf & Country Club at Oklahoma City...because of a swan. There are lots of stories about the swan including one that he killed a dog by holding it under water...but mostly he attacks joggers & children. There was also a hawk that swooped down on people but someone put him out of business with an 8-iron.

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Was there "fowl" play in the duck race to be held for charity? Proceeds were supposed to go to the Canadian County Youth Shelter. Prosecuting Attorney Stan Chatman says the duck races were a good idea...but he wants to know where the money went. He says the promoter moved out of his residence...and when his checks began to bounce...the duck race took on an air of quackery.

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City officials in Yellville, Arkansas once again planned to toss turkeys from an aircraft to a waiting crowd at the courthouse square in spite of the objections of animal protection groups in Arkansas and California. Chamber of Commerce Officials ignored the groups both last year and this year.

A field inspector for the Arkansas Humane Society says he watched last year as clipped-wing turkeys were tossed from a plane. He says, "The first bird out of the plane fell like a bomb." He says he has a videotape of the bird lying on a rooftop with a broken neck.

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DIDJA KNOW...the Hundred Years War between England and France actually lasted for 116 years? From 1337 to 1453.

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WITCHUALS by Ruthi (Lady Seanara, HPS of The Promethean Cowen  
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#### Part IV: PANTHEONS AND PLANETS

As civilizations grew, people's concepts of the Goddess and the God began to change. Where once one Goddess, as Earth, Moon, Sea, Maiden, Mother and Crone, were worshipped, several Goddesses now ruled, each having Her own personality and domain. The God, too, became many Gods. Where life remained simple, with agriculture, hunting or herding nearly everyone's occupation, the deities were still few. But in sophisticated, diversified societies, like Greece and Rome, the pantheons numbered several scores of Goddesses and Gods. Often, as the predominating nation conquered yet another tribe, its deities were assimilated into pantheon, their functions changing as the needs of the people altered, or remaining the same, if it suited the conquering nation.

Usually, the pantheon was headed by a chief God and Goddess, whom the ruling family honored above the rest. Other deities had their own specific rank and function within the pantheon. They each had their own temples, priestesses and priests, and domains. Most people called one or another deity as the season or situation demanded, but, in addition to priestesses and priests dedicated to one particular deity or another, workers in a given profession usually honored the patron deity of that profession above the rest. In Greece, for example, tradespeople looked to Hermes, poets revered Apollo, as did doctors, whose patrons were Asklepios and Apollo, courtesans prayed to Aphrodite, warriors sacrificed to Artemis and Ares, Sailors were careful to honor Poseidon, judges and lawmakers called on Athena. It was advisable to pay special attention to the deity whose favor one needed in order to survive and earn one's living, as well as to call on the appropriate deity to aid you in a particular undertaking.

Now, with leisure to reflect on the nature of the universe, people came to attribute everything within it as representative of one or another deity. No herbalist would work without knowing which plant was sacred to which deity, no craftsman would pick up a tool without understanding how each mineral was charged with divine power. Astrologers plied their trade, noticing how planets moved in regular orbits and constellations stood in specific patterns. They named the planets after the Gods and Goddesses whose attributes they seem to possess. The Sun and the Moon representing the God and the Goddess from time immemorial, were joined by swift Mercury, beautiful Venus, Blood-red Mars, huge Jupiter, and distant, ringed Saturn. Constellations, too, were named after earthly or legendary creature

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BEING A WITCH IS... from Lady Phoenix in Dallas

...having a little one experience a children's ritual without you, and learn the chant: "The Goddess is alive! Magic is afoot!"..and tell you about it excitedly as "We sang about the magic foot....and..."

WITCHUALS cont.

It was seen how the positions of the planets and stars in the sky influenced all of life: how people who were born at one time or another displayed certain characteristics, how events could work out well or poorly depending upon when they occurred. Hours of the day and night were assigned to the different planets, so were days of the week. Each sign of the zodiac was ruled by a specific planet; each sign in turn had its own special plants, minerals, parts of the body, colors, numbers, and animals. Planets, too, ruled colors, plants, minerals, animals, numbers and elements; some of these were time-honored correspondences with the deity the planet was named after.

All of these symbols, including the planets themselves, were used in ritual and magic. They aided concentration on the particular deity or force being worked with, and served as a reinforcement to the magician or priest/ess's will. Over the centuries, these symbols acquired a psychic potency of their own, which rendered them invaluable in rituals and magical operations, through being associated with a particular goddess or god. They helped to open channels of consciousness within the psyche through which the power which welled inside the magician, and the power she called from the god/dess, met, blended and flowed, accomplishing the purpose of the ritual or magical working.

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Scientists said at an international conference on pet therapy in Philadelphia that pets can help lower their owner's blood pressure, increase the survival chances of heart patients and improve the lives of people in nursing homes.

Dr. Leo Bustad, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine of Washington State University, said, "We have to convince the medical community that writing a prescription for a companion animal has value."

Conference chairman, Dr. Aaron Katcher of the University of Pennsylvania, told those attending... "Until recently, pet therapy was confined to Lassie stories, but no scientific research."

In his own studies, Katcher has determined that pets can help lower a person's blood pressure & improve chances of survival of heart disease patients.

Robert Andryscio of Ohio State University said pets also helped significantly with disoriented or withdrawn people in nursing homes or retirement communities.

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DIDJA KNOW? In 1938 London fashion experts predicted a novel kind of fur coat would be all the rage the following winter. They announced that mouse fur would be the big item of the 1939 winter season. They told the style-conscious that a full-length coat would require the skins of about 400 mice... at an average cost of 350 dollars... a figure that could be lowered considerably if customers would catch their own.

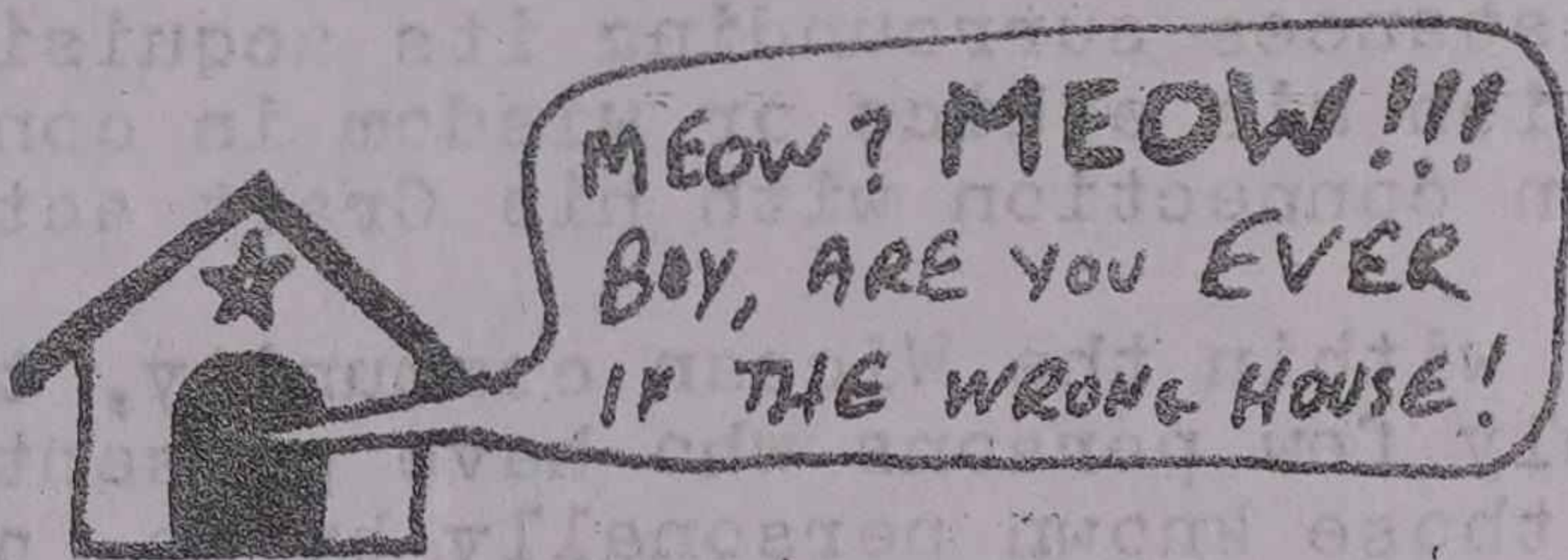
Bet the pussy cats are glad it didn't catch on. "Gee, mom, where's my dinner?"

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CARTOONS by Rus of Arcane Crafts.

Box 383, Mastic Beach  
N.Y. 11951

Arcane Crafts has a new catalog. Some prices have been reduced due to a lower price for silver. Also some less expensive things now made from less expensive material. Among new items are a ring ... "Triple-Faced Necate", a "Unicorn" & an "Amazon" pendant. Send large S.A.S.E for catalog.



PHOENIX in N.Y. sez: Thought I'd toss in a couple of trivial opinions on your October editorial entitled "A Rose by Any Name."

Within modern Wicca there are relatively few who are or have been known with titles which run along the "Doctor" lines. One, of course, was Dr. Gerald B. Gardner, and you can take your pick from any of several versions as to how he came by that title. Some say it was an honorary one bestowed upon him by an actual seat of higher learning based upon extensive research he had done in the field of Malaysian edged weapons. Others say he made it up himself, and further claim that he bestowed fantasy "Doctor of Folklore" degrees upon a few cronies who visited his Witches' Mill Museum on the Isle of Man. In any event, nobody ever accused "Old Gerald" of ever having actually gone through the many years of academic study it takes to earn a doctorate degree from any accredited university. Looking back in retrospect at his use of the title "Doctor," based upon the probable circumstances surrounding its acquisition, there are now those who question his ethics or wisdom in connection with the use of that title in connection with his Craft activities.

More currently, within the Wiccan community, there have really only been a relatively few persons who have presented themselves with this title. Of those known personally by me, one seems to have become a "Doctor" by sending somebody \$5. and receiving one of those mailorder "Doctor of Divinity" certificates. The other one, who backs up the claim to the title with an explanation of how a Ph.D. was granted by a specific prestigious overseas university, made the whole thing up totally from "thin air," never having attended that particular (or any other) institute of higher learning as an undergraduate or graduate student.

I might add that I have met two persons within the Wicca (both are High Priestesses) who do seem to have earned Ph.D.'s at universities in academic subjects, however, I do not believe that any of their Craft activities have been embellished by their attempting to lay the title "Doctor" on anybody.

Those persons who spend many long years studying for a graduate degree are prone to listing those degrees when they comment or otherwise write scholarly papers on their specific area(s) of expertise. This is to let the reader know that the author may possibly have some idea of which he or she speaks, and I think that an example of this would, for instance, be if a journal published a treatise on recent developments in ophthalmology, it would have more authority if the byline was Joseph Doaks, M.D., rather than Joseph Doaks. I honestly don't see anything wrong with this practice, nor do I find it to be pompous, self-inflating, or any other negatively oriented terminology.

I think what you sense, as I do also, is not so much an objection to the use of such titles by those who have earned graduate degrees and then use them professionally; but there is a tendency to view with suspicion those who claim to be something which they aren't. Why do they do it?

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My observation has been that those who tack onto their names all manner of puffery in the realm of occult, Craft, or academic "titles" probably have some fear that were their teachings or thoughts presented as coming from "only" Lady Such-and-such, or Mr. Ms., Mrs. or "just" a High Priestess or High Priest, the material might well be less than fully impressive or might be totally rejected. The addition of the fancy titles then fortifies the potential clout of the would-be expert with the hope that whatever is being presented will be most impressive to the listener. The general public is, indeed, most impressed by fancy sounding titles--royalty has known it for centuries, so has freemasonry, the various magickal lodges hand them out freely, and religious bodies absolutely revel in them ("The Honorable and Most Right Reverend Doctor Horatio Zilch," etc.) So it's an old story and it is not without its real ability to transform even the biggest horse's ass into someone who comes across as having definite knowledge, power, authority, etc. But what's in a name; are we looking for form or substance? Those who function within the neo-Pagan movement learn after awhile where they look for substance rather than form. With such persons as neo-Pagans, who are taught to think for themselves and like to question the things they are shown and taught, fancy titles are meaningless, often humorous if not totally pathetic. Certainly, Aleister Crowley knew the humor in all the impressive titles he created for himself, and then had a festival of fun in watching those who took him seriously fall all over themselves on his behalf.

For the most part, of those who fall back onto the crutch of fancy titles feel they need the ego boost in order to hide behind their own insecurity. On that level I'm quite willing to go along with it, even humor such people. It costs me nothing to offer them whatever aid and comfort I can to bolster their efforts at self-therapy. If my calling someone "Doctor" makes their entire day, it's the very least I can do for humanity.

On another level, it's quite a different story. Out of the three persons known to me who have offered "witchcraft classes" by mail to the general public for money at the present time and over recent years, no less than two of them are supposedly "doctors." Just such an ad which runs in both the National Enquirer and The Star, promising to "reveal witchcraft secrets," brings those who respond information on a mail order course offered by a person holding a self-issued "doctorate" in addition to a long string of high falootin' mystical mumbo-jumbo (apparent) "Craft" titles--in fact, more of them than you could shake an athame at. Those unsophisticated persons who respond to such ads are eventually misled, ripped off, taught no "secrets" or anything of real value which relates to Wicca--their time is wasted, and their money is piddled away on the lessons as well as various "witchcraft artifacts" which the instructor sells as necessary to the course. The end result is a group of naive people running around waving their mail order initiations in the air and showing up at parties telling everybody that they're "real witches." They don't know what they're doing or talking about, but they actually believe that they're "real witches--"

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"Dr. Mysterio, The Arch High Wombat of The Ancient and Noble Witchcraft Tradition of the Quick Buck" has sold them a book and issued them all of the necessary credentials to certify that they are "real witches." Well, some have said that the public has spent so long in screwing over the Craft that it serves the public right for being fleeced by the Craft.

Of course, this isn't the Wicca in action--it's perhaps one single individual acting for a selfish and cruel purpose against naive and quite possibly true seekers who might otherwise have eventually contacted an actual coven for teachings of substance and then develop into sincere students and coven members, perhaps even leaders to carry the Wicca into the future had they not been ambushed at "the pass" and short circuited in their efforts. On that level, I must react with annoyance, for it is the way the seedling is shaped and bent which dictates how the tree will grow--and certainly these twigs are ones which seldom end up growing in the grove of The Lady.

Blessed Be,

Phoenix, High Priest,

Long Island Gardnerian Coven

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DOGA DAYS & OTEHR ANIMAL PEOPLE from U.P.I.

An Indiana lawmaker wants to take stray cats & dogs off the streets & put them on welfare. State Senator Dennis Nearby said he would ask the Indiana Legislature to create a special fund for stray dogs & cats. The bill would put a 1¢ per pound tax on dog & cat food sold in the state. He estimates the 2 million dollars produced by such a tax would "Go a long way to assist county governments in the care & maintenance" of strays. Under the bill's provisions, the money could not be used to pay for putting animals to death at county pounds.

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A judge in Sacramento sentenced a 19-year-old to 6 months in jail for killing a puppy. Andrews pleaded guilty to a charge of violating a law designed to prevent bull, bear or cockfighting.. a law making it illegal to willfully, unlawfully and maliciously kill an animal. The 3-month-old German Shepherd killed by Andrews suffered a crushed skull & broken facial bones. Court records say "The defendant expressed little or no remorse for his actions." The puppy was killed after Andrews argued with others about who owned the dog. Witnesses say he picked up the puppy and slammed it to the driveway. A summary of the incident said Andrews kicked the puppy after slamming it to the ground.

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In Sacramento, Rebecca Barber says a lot of people are curious about the pet she has for sale...but nobody seems to want a three-legged dog. She says she has a new baby and can't keep the pet, so she placed an ad to sell the Crocker Spaniel-Poodle mix. She says she took phone calls every 15 minutes, some from people wanting to donate money for the dog, whose rear right leg has been amputated. The owner says.. "People keep calling, but when it comes to going the extra step...keeping her...nobody wants her."

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## STUFF &amp; THINGS

Catherine & Kent in Australia recently recieved a POSTCARD of a rattlesnake. On the message side, a Witch(?) in northern California wrote that she had just killed a rattlesnake, had ripped out the still beating heart, and ate it to become sister to the snake.

Catherine & Kent say: You will be surprised to have another letter so soon, but after the strange mail recieved here this week, I felt compelled to send a copy of a certain postcard to you for your comment.

The enclosed photocopy of the postcard speaks for itself. We are not overly fond of snakes, indeed, in my younger days, I was almost bitten on two occasions by highly poisonous snakes, and had very lucky escapes. It makes me wary of them, but I could not seek one out and deliberately kill it for any reason. We like the idea of "live and let live", when possible.

This postcard did not come to us in an envelope as you can clearly see, and has caused us great embarrassment. We live in a suburb where, as she would well know, most folk seem to know each other, at least by sight, especially when one has lived here for over ten years as we have.

The local post office staff are fully aware of our Wiccan beliefs, and seem to have become used to us, but for category "B" postage rate, the law states we have to give the Postmaster a copy of each issue of TAW. We have been told by those in the know, that these copies are usually read by most of the staff.

It has taken so many years to have gained just acceptance, but since this card was recieved, we are having problems...like sly "hisses" when we pass by! And this to happen just as the Church has been announced, and we are about to "take on" a member of parliament! Apart from the fact that we think the actions this woman describes are "sick", they are neither Wiccan nor Pagan..they have undertones of Voodoo. Seems ghastly to us that to become "sister" to any creature, one has to kill it, and cannibalistic to eat a still beating heart as described.

We know she has nothing to do with the Georgian Church or your coven, but are so horrified at this action that we felt you should see the card for yourself. We sincerely hope you will concur with our thoughts on this matter and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Love and Blessed Be,

Catherine & Kent

ED. NOTE: Yes, I certainly agree with you. To send such a card thru the open mail to ANYONE would seem to indicate that the person is either vicious or stupid. I'm certain most people would not care to receive such a card even in the largest of cities. And to send such garbage to a known Witch is certainly not improving Craft image. We all know that primitives in the jungles held beliefs about killing and eating parts of the victim, including humans. But for a supposedly civilized, supposedly intelligent person to perform such an act is clearly barbaric and very sick. I would recommend a padded cell...or at least a good psychiatrist.

A Article By Karen in Colorad

November - Earth

Earth is the element of secrecy, wisdom, possessions, creation, perseverance, birth, and death. It is considered passive. The direction and quarter of the Circle that corresponds to Earth is the North, the place of endings. The season is Winter and the foundation of magick corresponding to Earth is Secrecy. Hidden beneath the earth are many treasures - jewels, minerals, oil - which must be sought out with forethought and labor. So it is with the magickal secrets that the element Earth hides; only through dedication and patience can these secrets be brought to light.

The tool of Earth is the Pentacle, which is used both for drawing in and for projection. The Pentacle is also used for defence as a shield, The Cords are also of Earth and are used to bind.

The Sabbat which corresponds to Earth is Beltane, the festival of growth and fertility. Beltane falls in the fixed earth sign of Taurus, which is the sign associated with sensuality, acquisition, resources, and practicality.

The Archangel of Earth is Uriel (pronounced Ah-ree-el), also called the Lord of Awe, who presides over protection, and strength. He is visualized in robes of olive and russet, bearing a Pentacle.

Gnomes are attributed to Earth and are seen as very small human form - your basic elf. Their king is Gheb (also known as Geb or G Gob, as in goblin). Earth elementals are the most mischevious and love a good practical joke. They prefer the forest, the crags, the heaths, and the caverns in which to live, although with the human population cutting down on gnomes' habitats, the more sociable enjoy being around sensitive and sympathetic human beings. and will share living quarters. They correspond to the bone structure of the human body. Gnomes love jewels, gold, interesting rocks, moss, and plants (living) of all kinds. Their favorite scents are resins & woodland smells such as patchouli and vertivert.

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THE agriculture dept...addressing groeing animal welfare concerns...has announced a 380-thousand-dollar research project to study whether confinement farming practices are stressful to poultry, veal calves and swine. Terry Kinney, acting administrator of the dept.'s ag. research service, says.."if stress is found as a result of the experiments, then attempts will be made to alleviate the stress through housing and management procedures." He says stress on animals can lead to weight loss, reduction in growth rate and susceptibility to disease. He says the research may be able to help farmers with animal management.

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BEING A WITCH IS... from Lady Phoenix in Dallas

...willing the drunk driver ahead of you to pull safely off the road before creating an accident..& having him do it.

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## NEW WICCAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTON

Artical by Haragano

Dear Editor

I wish to take issue with Blacksun's article in the Sept. newsletter. I feel many of his comments and comparisons are heavily slanted in favor of home-grown traditions. I wish to give an opposing view and to rebut some of the statements which I feel were misleading.

The article is generally correct in saying that any 'tradition' is composed of "...customs, rules, methods, viewpoints and rituals established by actual practice by a person or group of people over a period of time." His full statement seems to imply that since both home-grown and established traditions may contain some of the same parts, that they are in essence the same. It may appear from the outside that the trappings of many established traditions can be accumulated from books and other sources, but an established is more than well-choreographed rituals and the tools of art more than appropriate stageprops. For example the British tradition, it has many different Rites that have grown out of its central belief system. The variety of the British tradition reflects the contemporary needs of the individual covens involved. Each rite holds true to certain precepts and is indentifiable as a part of the heritage of the British tradition.

The magical energy and power that emanate from this shared core of belief is enhanced each time a ritual is performed. When we stand in our magic circle we do not stand alone. There is a bigger circle shared by every rite that stems orininally from the same source. All who have performed that ritual before us are with us. The sacred energy is shared and added to through the continuity of emotion and worship that stretches back for far more than one person's lifetime. This chain of power is unbroken, for those who initiated us were themselves initiated in a similar circle. I feel it is not fair to say all this is the same as picking a ritual from here and another one from there.

Some established traditions are more complete than are others. But, many are currently making a concerted effort to seek out their many branches and to recapture the original material-list during the times of persecution and through mistranscription. These efforts will take years of comparison and scholarship. Each piece of material brough to light must be extensively corroborated before it can be accepted as authentic. Even the established traditions that have lost so much during the burning times stem from the same source. And at each Esbat and Sabbath they share in the greater circle that is set.

I do not see the similarity between the Golden Dawn, a magical lodge, and established traditions involved in the practice of the Old Religion. Only me modern Xian cults (and a few 'occult' lodges that are designed to make someone rich at the expense of its followers) follow, in such quick sucession, the developmental cour:

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Artical by Haragano cont.

outlined in the article. No established tradition, whether it is familial or not, is struck in stone, but neither is it operated at the whim of one individual or a small group. Most established traditions began with the concept of Diety, usually brought to one or more of the people involved through some form of revelation. Most of these revelations happened in pre-historic times and are passed down via stories and legends in an oral tradition kept within the rite. Next came a statement of belief or theology, usually in the form of prayers. In some British traditions "The Blessing Prayer" is this statement of belief. A loose organization came next to insure that the holy days would be properly observed and that the wisdom of the past generations would be passed on. Rituals, which are the tried and true physical and verbal formulas of a tradition, were an outgrowth of this stage of development. The craft laws (The Ordains) came much later. They were not an arbitrary set of "Thou Shalt Nots", but a hard-learned set of lessons, costing lives in the thousands.

It is a misconception, I believe, to think that it is much easier to be given a ritual rather than to have to make it up oneself. There is a history of meaning inherent in most rituals performed by established traditions, and many methods of operation are there because they tested out as the best way of doing it. Established traditions are not as arbitrary or as easy as they appear from the outside. This is a path not mastered by everyone, but this path does lend itself to the initiated who desire a lifetime of study, service and growth. There is as much spiritual challenge and hard work in joining an established tradition as there is in constructing a tradition of one's own.

I feel that the second to the last paragraph in the article is offensive. It seems to imply that "... if done with dedication..." it is permissible to "...rob one (a tradition) from somebody...". We hear stories each month of pseudo-crafters who have 'robbed' from some tradition enough to cloak their goings on in a semblance of propriety. Too much misery and dissention in the craft has been caused by people who broke their oath of secrecy and spun out from their meager knowledge a system solely to line their pockets and exercise power over others. It is NOT acceptable to rob a tradition from anybody, no matter how well it fits into one's personal dedication to one's highest ideals. There has never been a born-again xian or dedicated Satanist who did not see their most unacceptable acts as a demonstration of their dedication to their highest ideals.

Starting your own tradition, joining an established tradition and robbing one from somebody do not all end in "...the same: self knowledge and the blessing of the Gods"! The first two choices may end well, but not the last.

Blacksun has formed his own tradition, I have chosen to follow the path of an established tradition. I respect Blacksun's right to choose his own course, and I would not try to dissuade him from following it. But to imply that it does not matter what one chooses because it is all the same, is in my opinion misleading to those who are still seeking a path to follow.

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RELIGION from U.P.I.

The National Federation of Decency says TV continues violent & sexy programs; a boycott of advertisers is the only way to clean it up.

The head of the 75,000 member federation, Reverend Donald Wildmon, said the boycott would begin soon. He refused to name the advertisers. An earlier boycott was called off when Ad firms & TV execs agreed to clean up programs.

The United Methodist minister says they saw the cancellation as a weakness..and went back to their old ways.

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A Bible-quoting fundamentalist who refuses to get a social security card for his daughter is entitled to air his claims in court...says a U.S. Appeals Court in San Francisco. The court ordered the case of Robert Calligan back to trial court to determine the sincerity of his religious beliefs..and to find a remedy. Calligan says it's against his beliefs to assign a number to the girl. He continues with Biblical quotes: he says numbers are the "mark of the beast"...sign of the Anti-Christ who threatens to control the world.

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Didja know...God is alive and well and living in Fresno? A writer and one-time broadcaster..the former Terrill Williams...became God whena Fresno judge signed an official decree of name change.

It wasn't easy. Lawyers refused to handle the case...and he quit work because he says his superiors were uncomfortable about the name change.

He says he's not being disrespectful..quote..."I'm praising the Lord by taking his name."

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"THE MORAL MAJORITY IS NEITHER," reads the bumper sticker that criticizes Jerry Falwell's Fundamentalist group. United Methodist Bishop James Armstrong, one of the nation's most prominent protestant leaders and likely new president of the National Council of Churches, says "The bumper sticker is right." In a letter being circulated among 15-hundred United Methodist ministers in Indiana, the area he heads, Armstrong supports the bumper sticker and denounces Falwell.

JERRY FALWELL, called a "religious freedom" rally the other day to protest the pad-locking of a church in Louisville, Nebraska. The church was pad-locked by the Cass County Sheriff...acting under the order of Judge Raymond Case. The judge ordered the church pad-locked because a school in the church's basement was operating in violation of state education requirements. Falwell says it is the first time to his knowledge that a church in the U.S. had been closed by the government.

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A former member of the shroud of Turin research project says the material believed by some to be the burial shroud of Jesus ia a hoax. Walter McCrone says he found no evidence of blood on the fabric...and he says the images on the cloth were painted.

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## STUFF &amp; THINGS

GODDESS RISING CONFERENCE, March 26-28, 1982 in Sacramento. Erica Jong, who wrote the book WITCHES (see last newsletter) will be present to talk about her vision of Witches. For info write: Goddess Rising, POB 19241, Sacramento, Cal. 95819.

KATHIE in Sacramento area sez: Sorry I've taken so long to answer. I've been in the hospital, but I'm feeling much better now. I've been working on my lessons and coming along just fine.

GREG & TANYA (L.A. AREA) sez: Tanya & I regretted missing the last meet. We spent the night halfway between here & there in a small motel, thanks to problems with the clutch on our car. It goes without saying that we were extremely frustrated. I hope this can be avoided in the future. When we came home we joined AAA. I'm pleased to report some measure of success with my exercises. Along with this I notice that, although hot weather has hindered me most of my life from doing what I wanted, of late its effects on me have diminished. By concentrating, I have found I can banish the heat and, even in high temperatures, be comfortable. Yanya's fine, practicing her new dulcimer and all Gung-Ho to become a free-lance photographer with a camera outfit she bought.

ED. NOTE: we hope you make it for Hallows. By the time this is mailed, we'll know. If you have car problems, use your brooms.

LADY FAUNA in Oregon sez: Tramp just keeps getting bigger and bigger. Notes from a broad: When the sun comes up in the morning and about an hour before it sets at night, it gets behind the trees, plants and tomatoes and shows all the fine hairs on them. It creates a golden aura around the plants and fruit--really, really beautiful. I've also noticed that the bean blossoms cling to the beans long after the beans start to develop. I wonder how come? We picked blackberries one day last month and canned 9 pints of jam and froze 2 gallons of the fruit. The gentleman we were picking with ran into a r-r-r-rattlesnake, so if anyone around there goes after the luscious fruit, tell them to be careful and dress properly. It also doesn't hurt to go with someone else lest one is unfortunate enough to meet with a problem.

Our landlord has a six-year-old granddaughter who is living with him. Her wisdom from the front yard: "Did you see it?" "see what?" "The fairy." "no." "There's one right there. See? It's all white. There's lots of fairies around here. I see them all the time." A real charmer, and thank goodness no one is trying to discourage her yet.

LOVE and BLESSED BE.

ED NOTE: Ask your little friend to send some of the fairies down here to play with the pups..if they're not already here. Quite often I've seen Sirius chasing something around the house in a playful manner but I still haven't been able to see it. Maybe they're harder to see as you get older. Sirius is only two.

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## PUSSY CAT CORNER from Rus, Arcane Crafts

One of our cats, Sunchild, had a miscarriage. We had just brought home a little blue-&-white longhair named Harlequin. Sunchild adopted him. Sunchild & Harlequin know one word of English.. "mi-i-ilk!" They drink about 2 gallons a week. Our cat-coven numbers 5 now: Queen Morgan LeFay, Sunchild, Auset, Snowball, and Harlequin.

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Peddler is the Laudermilk's large, black Tom Cat. Peddler jumped into the trunk of a neighbor's car in Massachusetts. The man made a sales trip to Pennsylvania. 10 days later the Laudermilk's heard about a cat jumping out of a man's trunk. Liz L. called police, the Animal Rescue League..without success..then told the story to the Scranton Times. 77-year-old Aggie Hughes called to say she had found a cat. Liz drove 350 miles to Scranton and found..it was Peddler.

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Bakersfield S.P.C.A. puts out a newsletter. Last issue asked for newspapers & aluminum cans to help raise money...netted \$37.50. County officers impounded 1 bull, 1 goat, 1 goose, 2 ducks, 8 chickens & 12 pigs. Cruelty charges have been filed against the owner. Volunteers take animals from the shelter to area rest homes to let the people have a visit with the animals. Now they're taking slide photos to take with a talk package to schools and service clubs. Keep your dog in your yard or on a leash. Remember, a license means instant I.D. if your animal is lost.

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## STUFF &amp; THINGS

Newsletter subscription donation is now \$6. yr....\$12. foreign for 12 issues a year. Mail should start getting replies now. I'll now dictate on cassette. Lady Fauna, church secretary, has offered to type and send replies.

THE WICCAN GUIDE TO WITCHES WAYS...from Church Of The Old Religion in Australia...has sold out down there. Also doing well in England and Japan. New edition will be enlarged. The Georgian will be the distributor for the U.S. This can be a beginning Book of Shadows for the neophyte. \$10. includes postage. Send to the Georgian Church and be sure to say what it is for.

Our postage rate goes up Nov. 1..but we'll mail a couple days early this time. Saves a little bit.

Sorry we couldn't get everything in this time but we're already over our 35 pages. Most things aren't dated so a little delay is really no problem

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NOT as the old fossils!

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

PUSSY CAT CORNER

One of our cats, Snowball, had a mysterious... home a little while ago... Snowball adopted him... Snowball & Hayleouin know one word at a time... They think about 2 letters a week... Our cat-covers number 2 now: Susan Norman Baker, Snowball, Susan, Snowball, and Hayleouin.

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