

BAKERSFIELD - The Hallows ritual was conducted by Lady Selene and Lord Vulcan. Of course, it turned out well. Tanya & Greg were still having car trouble so they came up on the bus. We're always glad to see them. I pulled a muscle in my back a couple days earlier so I missed the ritual, but I could sit for the party and there was a nice crowd.

Julie & Puck with Judith as maiden conducted the Full Moon. Nice as always.

This is the last issue for this year so time to send in your nominations for the Georgies. We'll print them in January issue, then you vote, and winners will be announced in February. You can send just a postcard for nominations. 1-Best article, 2-Best series, 3-Person or group doing the most for Craft/Paganism in 1981. A simple explanation should accompany # 3 since everyone may not know the reason. Get your nomination in early.

It's so nice to spend your birthday with your Witch family. I had forgot the date until Cinda arrived and placed a package in front of me containing 1 of me favorite beverages, Peppermint Schnapps. I asked, "What is this for?" "Tomorrow." "What's tomorrow?" "The 18 th." "What's that?..oh, my birthday." Then there were nice cards, champagne, a cherry cake with watchtower-color candles, and Erico Jong's WITCHES from Julie. A very pleasant evening!

A very nice Thanksgiving day here. As usual, we had dinner here for any of our people who don't have a family or other plans. So.. Judith (the body) and Julie cleaned up the house, then the three of us had fun preparing dinner...turkey, honey-glazed ham, pumpkin pie etc. We were pleased to have three new Pagans join us.. Sandra, Chokkra, and Robert. A beautiful day with pleasant company.

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CREEPS OF THE MONTH or people we don't want to know
 From U.P.I.

Los Angeles - Police say a driver who struck a pedestrian and dragged him 75 feet down the road underneath his car..stopped to pull the body free, then drove off leaving the dying man on the street.

29-year-old Charles Hadad told police in Roseville, Michigan, he didn't have a job..so he posed as a mourner at a local funeral home...and stole rings from the corpse.

A 14-year-old Calif. girl was murdered by her 16-year-old boyfriend. He bragged about the rape & murder...and took a number of their friends to view the body...but not one bothered to call the police.

San Francisco police say a 13-year-old "Street Child" was beaten, tortured, and raped...then sold for a dollar. She was later rescued by two 17-year-olds with a sawed-off shotgun. Three teenagers and an adult have been arrested...others are being sought.

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HP: POWER BEHIND THE CRONE

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As a youngster, I often thought that it was quite a wonderful thing to get up in front of a bunch of people and deliver a sermon and make everybody feel like they were a part of something great. Although I am not (and really never have been) a member of what is known as mainstream religion, I still admire the ability of priests, ministers, and religious leaders of all kinds to make a small portion of time have such a dynamic effect on the lives of their followers. The rituals performed by these people DO make a difference in the lives of those who participate in them, and it is an enormous task to shoulder such responsibility week in and week out.

Yet, this is just exactly the same responsibility that is taken on every time we write a ritual for ourselves or for our circle. Anyone who wants to can write a ritual. But do we always have the energies we wish to manifest under the proper control? Do we really know enough about the mechanics of this process called ritual to say that we know what we are doing? After having devised many rituals, I suddenly started asking these same questions. The answers were very despueting. There is no way that an article of this length could possibly make anyone into an even passable ritual writer. An extended series of heavy volumes might be able to do it, but I still have my doubts. However, I am reasonably sure I may be able to shed some light on this matter that will aid anyone who is insane enough to learn the subject by the school of hard knocks. Ministerial schools across the nation teach what a ritual is and how to build one in a very short amount of study time. The formula is quite easy and that is what we are going to look at here.

However, before we all roll up our psychic sleeves and wade in to the mess and start making rituals for all the sundry situations that our little heads can think of, let me first caution anyone reading this that this formula is merely a convenient skeleton to flesh out. It does NOT insure a successful ritual and it certainly does not insure that the ritual will get what you want out of it. It will give you a framework upon which you can hang things in order to make a ritual which contains all the proper elements. It is a checklist to insure that you have not forgotten the can opener and mustard, but it makes no claims as to the quality of the feast. Only experience and proper magical training can teach such valuable things. And only the gods can provide the inspiration to make one's rituals correct in all the ways they should be. Let no person who is without the training attempt to use this formula, for it can produce poison as easily as wine.

Enough of that, let's get on with it. As we go thru each point, I would like for you to relate each one to two events that I'm pretty sure we all can remember. I want you to look at the points as you remember them being done by a priest or minister you have seen perform some religious service, one of the Xian or other

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LADY THEA in Bradenton, Florida sez: This Samhain was truly beautiful. Fafner & I began the Sabbat ritual, but everyone in the coven took part in it. We were all proud of Aucra, our youngest (15 years old, in Pagan Way) for learning and carrying out her part in the ritual so well. Jenny from Gainesville was able to join us; it is always a pleasure to have her join us. Lady Cara and part of her coven (Gardnerians) from the east coast were with us, and a group from St. Petersburg....plus others to make our Circle 34 strong.

It seemed like Yule. Lady Cara's group donated to our coven a couple of torches to help replace the ones that were stolen. Our Tara brought some candles & a lantern. Edwyon donated to the coven archives a copy of Erica Jong's WITCHES.

There was dancing - Tara taught us some circle dances, music - solos done with the aid of an autoharp, and a song especially written for Samhain, accompanied with a guitar...also poetry & merry-making.

The next morning Lady Cara's group led a morning Circle which really gave everyone a good start for the day. Thallassa got up at 4 A.M. to make home-made bread for our breakfast. She also made a huge custard. We're lucky to have such a good cook in our group.

Most of all..there was harmony and love between all. Different traditions can come together and harmonize if they really believe in the Laws of the Craft. We respect each others ways & differences, but more than that, we honor the Lord & Lady by coming together as one in Their sight.

Persephone recieved her second degree in November; she is the Coven maiden. Soon she will begin a Pagan Way group for those closest to her area.

We had our first local PR in the paper. The reporter was a Zen Buddhist and very positive about the Craft. I'll let you know later about local opinion and attitude.

We of the Coven of Windstar wish everyone a very happy YULE!

Blessed Be.

Lady Thea

ED. NOTE: She would be happy if anyone can tell her where to find a copy of "To See With Subtle Sight" by Tanya Siri (book on auras).

Those of you who have ordered "The Wiccan Guide To Witches' Ways...we'll get them in the mail to you as soon as the new edition arrives from Australia.

We've mentioned a number of times in the newsletters that the POST OFFICE WILL NOT FORWARD the newsletters. If you have moved, they will throw them in the trash. You must send a new address to us here. If you miss your newsletters, we have to pay first class postage to send a replacement (20 to 40¢ depending on the P.O. clerk) for each issue. If you don't send us the new address, send 25¢ for each issue you want replaced.

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MUSE-INGS FROM THE CRONE
(commentary on HO S 5)

On Ritual

Another of the Great Truths of Magic will be stumbled upon if one works Ritual for any length of Time. I call it Shadowhawks correlary to Murphy's Law. "THESE THINGS NEVER GIVE YOU WHAT THEY PROMISE, ONLY THE OPPERTUNITY TO WORK YOUR BUTT OFF FOR IT!!! There is also another correlary which states "Energy will travel the shortest route available, THE NAMES OF THE TWO SHORTEST PATHS ARE IRONY and BAD JOKE!!!" (In this latter law, I mean that if you think of the most obvious connection, you'll have a good idea of how the working will turn out. The energy of our wills, seems to have a direct link to our sense of humor. I can give an example of this as in IRONY... A friend did an Invocation to NEPTUNE. When he broke the circle all the plumbing in his house burst or otherwise fouled up. He reached for the phone book (which has since been covered with a new title "The Acinet Secret Grimore Of MA BELL") and called a plumber. The man who showed up to fix the pipes, fitted the discription of Neptune exactly. Long flowing beard, blue/green eyes, mighty of stature, and Having Dominion over water. He fixed the leaks, and during the ensuing conversation, gave my friend some needed information. WHICH HE HAD ASKED FOR IN THE INVOCATION.)

As to WORKING YOUR BUTT OFF, that is easilly illustrated by the most common example. The MONEY SPELL. It will NOT make money fall out of the sky, it will bring you job offers up the Yaszoo. HOW-WVWE, if you donot follow through and take one of them, you will not improve your material status. Another good example is THE BANISHING SPELL. Blacksun & I (& some friends) did a spell to banish some people from our space. We were very specific. We didn't want to be around these folk. Twenty minutes later, we were throwing our gear into the car and rushing out of the place. Needless to say, it worked, the other people were not in our space longer. BUT WHO DID THE WORK???

Ritual is a dangerous weapon. It has a KLUTZ factor of 60%, on a scale of 00 to 99. If there is any way for it to short circuit, it will. That is why tried and true rituals are so popular. We know that they worked AS INTENDED BEFORE. However, the actual results are often not written down.

A good piece of advise to occultists is KEEP A LOG OF WHAT YOU DO AND HOW IT TURNS OUT. This will be a very valuable bit of information to you and those you instruct.

Blessed Be.
Shadowhawk.

HP: POWER BENDIN THE CRONE cont.

establishment religions, and I wish for you to think about these points as you have seen them done in your circle. This will put their meaning firmly in your mind and allow me to avoid having to go into long discussions of them. It should be obvious that there are thousands of ways to do each of these points, it just depends on the particular path one wishes to take.

So here are Uncles Blacksun's elements for the whole ritual. ALL rituals contain ALL seven elements and usually in the order in which I will list them.

1. ESTABLISH THE AREA for the ritual to be done within, making sure that it is used as a clear deliniation between the world outside of the ritual and the world OF the ritual.

2. CONSECRATE the area and all the people and props to the purpose of the ritual.

3. CRYSTABLIZE THE VISION of the purpose and eliminate those thing which may detract from it or confuse it.

4. RAISE THE ENERGY needed to accomplish the purpose.

5. FOCUS, DIRECT AND REL ASE THE ENERGY - to accomplish the purpose.

6. "GROUND" THE EXCESS ENERGY - that is, clean up any loose ends and put them back into the proper place.

7. BREAK THE CONNECTIONS and restore all area, people and props to the proper place.

So there it is, all nicely formulated. All you have to do is know HOW to do these things without blowing yourself up! If the formula seems too simple, don't let it fool you. It has worked for more years than are recorded. Remember that the theory of relativity is stated with much greater elegance and contains the key to forces which come close to the forces that can be used thru properly constructed rituals.

Let me end this with another warning. I quote from one of the pages I wrote for students who are seeking to work with us on our circle. It is from one of the last parts of our 26 week study course from the section on symbols and rituals.

"Knowing how to build a rityal does not give us the wisdom of Solomon, just his most potent weapon. Properly constructed rituals used improperly have been known to temporarily or permanently, partially or completley damage or destroy the participants.

"Like an extremely potent drug, ritual can be distastrous in the hands of the unwise."

Next, we will look at the special case of the solitary worker & how a solitary ritual is different from circle rituals.

Until then, Blessed Be
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BASICK MAGICK TEST #1

From Lady Aliesha G. L. O. - Pismo Area

Pick The Best Answer

1. "Ane ye harm none, do wha t ye will" means:
 - A. you can do anything you want without care to others
 - B. you can do anything you want after everyone else does whaÆ they want
 - C. You can do anything you want as long as you avoid causing harm
 - D. You can do anything you want as long as you don't kill
2. What is NOT true of emotions?
 - A. they can be controlled
 - B. they can be created
 - C. other people cause them in us
 - D. you are responsible for your own
3. Desire is:
 - A. a motivating factor
 - B. unhealthy
 - C. selfish
 - D. frustrating
4. "Act As If" is practice for:
 - A. aura reading
 - B. emotion control
 - C. practicing witchcraft
 - D. meditation
5. "Right-Mindedness" means:
 - A. accepting responsibility for yourself
 - B. being right-handed
 - C. not breaking any rules
 - D. not being wrong
6. Blockages can NOT be removed by:
 - A. elimination of the cause
 - B. force of character
 - C. relaxed acceptance
 - D. apathy
7. A Kirlian camera photographs:
 - A. magnetic fields
 - B. auras.
 - C. bone structures
 - D. ley lines

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BEING A WITCH IS... from Lady Phoenix in Dallas...wishing that all professed Wiccans had meant their vows of
Perfect Love and Perfect Trust.

WICCAN WIPEOUTS from Rus of Arcane Crafts

In spite of the progress the Craft has made in recent years, in spite of repeated calls for peace and unity, there continues to exist a great deal of what is known as "bitchcraft." Too often the victim of bitchcraft either loses the argument in a futile attempt to counter insult with sense, or, otherwise, simply keeps quiet for want of a proper reply. As a public service, Rus offers a few well-placed one-liners guaranteed to shut the loudest bitchcrafter tighter than a frozen clam. In the humor profession such retorts are known as "wipeouts." The name explains itself. And so, a few samples. I hope other Wiccans have some to add to this modest selection.

"Aw! Go on! Your grandmother studied with Gavin Frost!"

"If any of my coveners had a face like that, I wouldn't know which end to scourge."

"If your breath matched your brains, you couldn't blow out a candle!"

"Is that an incense-cone, or did your pants fall down?"

"I warn you: you're going to die either at the stake, or from some contagious disease!"

"That all depends on whether I embrace your religion or your wife."

"Of course you are a witch. How do you spell it?"

"You're as much fun as a rosebush in a skylad circle."

"Is that a pentacle you're wearing, or a license tag?"

"There were 13 cakes on the altar before she sat on it. After she got up, there were 14."

"Tell you what: you stand in a two-foot circle, and we'll salute you with three-foot athames."

CRAFT HUMOR:

Father O'Malley: "I don't know if my sermons are boring, or what, but people fall asleep when I preach."

Lady Pengwen: "Lucky you! In my coven they heckle."

"No, I am NOT doing pushups. I'm a Solitary Witch, and this is Great Rite."

The coven didn't want to go completely public, so it left a skeleton crew in the closet.

BEING A WITCH IS....

...checking with the restaurant before taking your familiar out to dinner--some places don't serve spirits.

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BASICK MAGICK TEST #1 cont.

40. the art of controlling the forces of Nature
41. the cycle of the seasons
42. having perception or knowledge of

True or False

43. A warlock is a male witch
44. The mind affects health, and health affects the mind.
45. Body Magick uses candles, spells, and rituals.
46. The name of something has no magical nature.
47. Magick requires a special attitude.
48. There is no difference between black and white magick.
49. A fertility religion recognizes the basic forces of Nature and Creation.
50. The Power is the spiritual counterpart to the Life Force.

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FROM U.P.I.

Designer Bill Glass has a 225 million dollar-a-year empire covering designer fashions, perfumes, candy, etc. BUT...he has refused to put his signature on ...DESIGNER COFFINS.

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Josephine Downing of Massachusetts was learning to drive in a large deserted shopping plaza. She panicked and drove through the front doors of a Sears store...50 thousand dollars damage.

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Skinny-dipping they call it when kids do it. They call it indecent exposure when adults do it. Now there are special tours for nudists. If you're interested, ask your travel agent about trips marked "Clothing Optional."

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Indianapolis has haunted buses. The last 2 weeks of October, black-robed Witches board buses in pairs, sell tickets at a dollar a throw. This gets passengers into the Haunted House run by the Children's Museum Guild. They have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in the past 18 years.

Ticket-buyers get to see The Monster of the Marsh, Frankenstein & his bride, the Abominable Snowman, etc. The haunted house is set up each year in a row of old houses behind the museum. It is so terrifying that the lights are turned up and sound effects turned off when pre-schoolers go through in the mornings.

13 off-duty police are there for each shift to be sure things don't get out of hand.

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A 26-year-old West German woman wrote a letter that got to Mayor Bob Brown of Wichita, Kansas. It was addressed to "Mayor Office, Wichita, Kansas." In it she asked the mayor to help her find an American husband so she can settle in this country.

Blond Regina Leitner says she is slender and sporty, likes music and animals and honest people. Brown gave the letter to a secretary and told her to find somebody. She gave the letter to a bachelor friend who says he was very impressed and plans to write.

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BASICK MAGICK TEST #1 cont.

8. An 'Out-of-the-body's experience refers to:
 A. meditation
 B. spell casting
 C. astral travel
 D. aura seeing
9. An aura is:
 A. your 'vibes'
 B. your spiritual body
 C. a rainbow
 D. an energy field around living things

Matching

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| 10. the time of increase, from New to Full | a. athame |
| 11. a Karmic Law | b. cup |
| 12. the part of the mind that takes care of automatic functions | c. wand |
| 13. a tool associated with fire | d. pentacle |
| 14. a promise of secrecy | e. cord |
| 15. means "Children of the Wheel" | f. pagan |
| 16. all things in harmony | g. Craft |
| 17. of the everyday world | h. witch |
| 18. someone who follows a Nature religion | i. wicce |
| 19. a tool associated with water | j. divination |
| 20. the pure energy which enables all living things to function | k. charge |
| 21. an old term meaning "the wise one" | l. coven |
| 22. a prolonged emotion | m. Life Force |
| 23. a tool associated with earth | n. magick |
| 24. a close-knit group of witches | o. mundane |
| 25. a language of the mind and magick | p. Tuatha de Taran |
| 26. the European Pagan Religion of the Goddess and Horned God | q. superconscious |
| 27. the rational part of the mind | r. conscious |
| 28. to invest with energy | s. subconscious |
| 29. a tool associated with air | t. spell |
| 30. the process by which the forces of Nature are utilized to produce a desired effect | u. symbols |
| 31. the astral substance of the universe | v. Wheel of the Year |
| 32. a person who practices the ways of the Craft | w. waxing moon |
| 33. a tool associated with spirit | x. waning moon |
| 34. fire, water, air, and earth; of which all matter is made | y. essence |
| | z. balance |
| | aa. ethers |
| | bb. Three-Fold Return |
| | cc. elements |
| | dd. mood |
| | ee. state of mind |
| | ff. awareness |
| | gg. Oath of Silence |
| 35. the part of the mind called the 'higher self' | |
| 36. the use of the Art and Science of magick to foretell the future, direct the present, or read the past. | |
| 37. the purest symbolic form of an individual or thing | |
| 38. a prolonged mood | |
| 39. the time of decrease, from Full to New | |

DEMETER of Ye Full Moon Wicca sez: I have enjoyed the last two issues of the newsletter as I always do.

Yes, I can appreciate the problem you ran into with the J.F. at the P.O., etc.

About 3 weeks ago we had a man come to fix our boiler. He saw my astrology books, and began the repair. After he did what he could and gave a commitment to return in a few days with some needed parts, he tried his best to convince me that astrology was the devil's work and I was doomed to hell. On his return visit 2 days later while my husband was home, he prayed for 2 hours that we'd see the error of our ways...only more adamantly as he was in the living room and could see the bookcases loaded with books on Witchcraft, Tarot and the occult in general.

He was a nice man, sincere, but so brain-washed it hurtous to see him replace his own thinking with memorized quotes from the Bible. One thing I will say, we did feel he found his way and was ethical. Besides, he fired the boiler without gyping us.

At the new location of the shop, of course, I've run into a few beauties, too. One man came, stood blocking the entrance with spread arms and loudly, oh loudly began, "I wash this evil place in the blood of Jesus Christ." Inside, it made me laugh to think of all us Witches being accused of blood sacrifices, and here was this holy B.A. washing a commercial enterprize down with a dead man's blood. How come human sacrifice, or godly sacrifice is okay for them??

In reply to a question in the newsletter about how an alcoholic HPs. handles the Circle wine: I had to make a choice between eating before Circle or changing the wine to a non-alcoholic beverage. This can be done...Welch's makes white grape juice that looks and tastes pretty much like white wine, or there are ways to simulate the tastes of wines. Meade is a good old honey-ed wine. By using the white grape juice and honey, a few other herbs and spices you can come up with something that tastes pretty close.

However, in our tradition our wines change with the seasons. I have found the co-operation of my coveners helpful, as they know I am an alcoholic, and they understand the disease. Thus, they do not leave a great deal of wine in the chalice for me to finish. To be on the safe side, I make sure that I have eaten something to coat my stomach, for even a spoonful of wine can trigger off trouble. Hey, I'd like nothing better than relaxing and getting high Circle nights, but the problem is that I'd want to continue the next night too. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. And truly, I get a natural high from a good Circle anyway. Please understand, I don't look down on others who drink. Wine was given to mankind as a joyous gift to relieve weariness and even to allow for an altered state of consciousness. It's a fun thing, and laughter and joy is part of Wicca. Many times I wish I could join in, but, I try hard to accept the fact that chemically, I just can't. Why should I frown or interfere with others who don't have my disease?

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DOG DAYS & OTHER ANIMAL PEOPLE

DEMETER (Ye Full Moon Wicca) sez: Lambchop, our dog, the one we picked up at the animal shelter, is smart as a whip and just a real character. She knows she's very small (just a bit bigger than Merlin) and when someone knocks or comes in, she barks from another room so no one can see how little she is.

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Sergeant Arlon Reed of the Hokes Bluff, Alabama police department has been taking a lot of kidding about his trigger-happy hound dog. With a rifle stuck between the seats near his foot, Reed was using his 4-wheel drive to check his cattle pasture. A rabbit ran across the pasture, the dog saw it, jumped on the rifle, the gun went off, Reed was shot in the foot. Reed says he's now getting offers from other cops to hire the hound as "an assassin dog."

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Everyone knows about "Seeing Eye Dogs" for the blind, but there are also "Hearing Ear Dogs" for the deaf. Dogs that are scheduled to be killed at the shelters are taken and trained for four months. They are then valued at \$2000. DOGS FOR THE DEAF, P.O.B. 86, Jacksonville, Oregon.

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U.P.I. reports that Los Angeles is faced with a growing problem: the coyotes, which used to be shy & elusive, have developed "City Smarts" and now come boldly into the open. Man has taken their territory so now they are trying to survive with man. In the wake of a series of unprecedented attacks on human beings, climaxed by the killing of a little girl in Glendale in August... the county Board of Supervisors passed a law prohibiting the feeding of coyotes by suburban residents, providing fines up to \$250.

Carl Alvarado is the chief trapper and hunter of L.A.'s urbanized coyotes. He says a halt to coyote feeding will help...but that isn't going to save all the pets, especially cats & small dogs, that are eaten by the animals. Alvarado tries to catch the animals in a special trap, with a jaw padded to avoid injury, and have them taken to more remote areas. But he also shoots some of them. His experience taught Alvarado to respect the intelligence of his wily adversary.

He says they know he's a trapper and they stay out of his way. Some people say all he has to do is show up in a neighborhood and the coyotes vanish and never come back. If one gets out of a trap, Alvarado says, it's not only a devil of a job to catch him again, but they seem to be able to show the others in their pack how the traps work. And...he says...they're here to stay. In the trapper's words... "it doesn't make any difference how much trapping and shooting we do. They're cunning and they're smart enough to remain here."

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BEING A WITCH DOG IS....

...learning that a coyote is not just a neighbor's friendly dog.

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THE ANCIENT MANTIC ARTS cont. by HARAGANO in Seattle

- GASTROMANCY Interpreting the images formed by the refraction of light from candles across & through a bulbous glass container.
- GELOSCOPY Reading the future by the analysis of laughter.
- GEOMANCY or GEDCY Omens were taken from the patters created when a handful of earth had been cast on a smooth surface.
- GRAPHOLOGY Reading character from handwriting. Invented in the 17th century.
- GYROMANCY People turning about in a large circle traced on the ground & marked with letters of the alphabet until they become dizzy, interpretations were made according to the letters they stumbled upon.
- HARUSPICY Portents taken from the examination of the entrails of animals.
- HEPATOSCOPY Foretelling the future by liver markings.
- HIPPOMANCY A form of divination based on the study of white horses bred principally for this purpose, of Celtic origin.
- HYDROMANCY Divination by means of water, Omens were taken from the state and appearance of rivers, sacred pools, springs, or fountains etc.
- I CHING The Chinese Book of Change 3 coins or yarrow sticks are thrown when consulting the oracle. Eight fundamental trigrams combine to form sixty-four possible human situations.
- ICHTHYOMANCY or ICHYOMANCY Foretelling the future by the examination of the heads and entrails of fish, practiced mainly in Greece.
- LAMPADOMANCY Omens taken from the flame of a lamp or torch. If it formed on point or three good luck was indicated; two, bad luck; should it bend, sickness; if the light went out suddenly, disaster.
- LITHOMANCY Fortune-telling with jewels, jewel gasing. The ancient Romans believed some contained informed & vocal entities.
- LYCHOMANCY Portents from the flames of three candles, a light weaveing from side to side indicated travel; one flame burning brighter than the other two great success; a radiance at the wick's end, good fortune & prosperity. A curl revealed that enemies were plotting, sparks warned the need for caution, if all three candles burnt unevenly, danger, and any that went out unexpectedly, great misfortune.

WORDON in Detroit sez: I have my two cents to put in on some things I read in the newsletter. I used a few of the points Haragano used in her letter in the August newsletter. It was like throwing a fox into a yard of hens! They started some of the best conversations I've had since I left Boston. I like Lady Allusha's definitions, Shadowhawk's "Language of Flowers", and Haragano's Mantic Arts. I love lists! Wyndel is my favorite contributor.

I just read "The Power Behind The Crone" part one of Blacksun's series. It left me with a real bad taste in my mouth. It read to me like he had an ax to grind against anyone who wanted to go the Alexandrian or Gardnerian way instead of his way. And that part about "robbing one"!!! Blessed Ceres! I hope it was just his bad writing and not what he really meant. Part 2 was better, but it still sounded like he was into justifying himself.

The stuff you print from Australia is great. More! More! From the first half of Lady Phoenix's "Case of the Flying Athame" it seems like a difficulty of her own making. An athame is a knife, after all, or knife-like. I am sure she would not use it as a weapon, but what about the person seated next to her? Last year I was in Germany and found out the hard way. The plane I was on was taken over by terrorists. They brought no weapons on board. Before boarding, they mixed with other passengers and got to know what they were carrying. Our flight was diverted to Spain, then to Libya by 4 terrorists armed with one hand-held mace keyring canister...compliments of a tourist from L.A., two letter openers held to the necks of the airline attendants, and the cotton stuffing from a Zippo lighter and a match.

I would hate to have my athame used that way. I check it, and leave it in the hands of the Goddess. Yes, it is inconvenient...but so were the two days in Spain and four days in Libya. Pat, thanks for doing the newsletter month after month after month.

Blessings,
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TIPS FOR BEGINNERS (or how to make points with the HPs.)
from Jim in Winchester

When you get to cakes and wine in your first ceremony, don't yell "chug-a-lug" and drain the chalice when it gets to you.

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

- ...giving the HPs. a strong chalice to finish..and watching the hair sprout on her chest as she drinks.
- ...getting the good news: they've traced the coven's lineage to its first initiation. Bad news: it was traced to Shirley's Motel, Room 223, Route 111, Central Islip...

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RELIGION IN THE NEWS from U.P.I.

Alice Coltrane...widow of jazz artist John Coltrane...has filed a 7½ million dollar suit against a church that worships the late saxophonist. She charges that the church has invaded her privacy by preaching what it calls "Coltrane Consciousness."

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The Chicago Sun-Times reported in a copyright story that at least 5 Chicago banks with accounts controlled by Cardinal John Cody were served with subpoenas as part of a federal investigation into the possible misuse of church funds. Federal investigators and officials of the banks refused to comment. Cody is head of the nation's largest Roman Catholic Archdiocese.

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While the Smithsonian was displaying Rock 'N' Roll's history.. one Texas preacher has been trying to cut short its future. Dallas Evangelist Alton Garrison finally found a place to smash the 1200 record albums he collected in his campaign to stamp out demon rock.

Garrison says rock music is really a celebration of man's darker side. He originally planned to burn the albums in a bonfire...but officials in Dallas said NO...citing clean air laws. Then Garrison decided to smash the albums on the floor of the high school gym during a religious rally. But NO. Officials said he couldn't destroy things on school property. So..Garrison said he'd carry the records to the parking lot of gospel radio station K-W-J-S...and smash them to pieces.

Jack Rabito, manager of the radio station, said the rally was needed because popular music had fallen into a "deep void of bestiality, sexual debasement and violence."

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Americans revere the Bible. They buy them in enormous quantities, give them to their children on confirmation and have 1 or 2 or more laying about the house. BUT they don't read it. According to the Gallup organization and the Princeton Religion Research Center, "Just about every home has at least 1 Bible, to be sure, but they have been collecting a lot of dust."

According to the researchers, "Only about 12 % of Americans read the Bible daily or more often. One-fourth of teenagers have never read the Bible."

They reported that only one-third of all teens and only half who attend church were able to name the 4 gospels of the new testament and 20 % of those teens who attend church regularly did not know what Easter commemorates.

President Reagan, in his proclamation of Bible Week (Nov. 22-29) said, "I hope Americans will read and study the Bible more thoroughly."

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Evangelist Billy Graham...observing his 63 rd birthday...told The Houston Chronicle he has no plans to slow down or retire. However, he's not as active in this 30-million-dollar organization as he used to be. Daily operations are conducted by the board of directors.

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PUSSY CAT CORNER

DEMETER sez: Tinkerbelle, my daughter's familiar, raised her three beautiful kittens, and they are all off to good Pagan homes ...two light chocolate point Siamese and one blue point.

RUS & RUTHI sez: Our cat coven numbers five now. Queen Morgan LeFay was the first. I've had her since Samhain of '76. After we moved to Long Island, we took in Sunchild and Auset (sisters). For awhile there was Bobcat, a stray with most of his tail missing, who used to come around to eat but never let us touch him. Bobcat disappeared last winter. But then, to take his place, came Snowball, a solid-white tom who must've been abandoned by some uncaring people. He came covered with ticks, and scars from many fights, and wearing a half-decayed flea collar that had grown too tight for his neck. The first thing I did was to cut off the flea collar. Then I chased the ticks off with some rubbing alcohol.

I fed Snowball raw hamburger with crushed vitamin pills every day (in small amounts that his stomach could tolerate). Within two weeks he had his self-esteem back. His coat grew shiny and clean, and the scars disappeared under a new growth of fur. He stays around the garden or the breezeway. Unfortunately, we can't let him into the house because of his habit of spraying.

About two months ago, at a nearby supermarket (in this place "nearby" is anything within 50 miles.) we saw a girl giving away kittens. There was one blue (gray) fluffy fattail with a white nose and mittens. Now that is the kind of a cat Ruthi can never resist! And so, we got Harlequin. It was hard to tell, with all that long fur, but after two days of close examination we discovered that he is a tom. He and Auset (Isis; so named because of "Egyptian" markings around her eyes) are the most affectionate two cats I've ever had. They can't pass a moment without someone to cuddle up to. Sunchild is shy, and Snowball gives a reasonable amount of affection. Morgan LeFay has a nasty temper. She cuddles up only to me...and to people who are allergic to cats.

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A 2½ year old boy died in Cerritos, Cal. recently after being scratched by a cat. Although the scratching happened about 2 weeks earlier, he was still well enough to go trick-or-treating on Halloween. A few days later he was rushed to a hospital with a raging fever, an infection, and flu symptoms. He died of a heart attack an hour later.

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CAT FACTS or Be Familiar with your Familiar from HARAGANO.

Cats have a much lower incidence of congenital problems than any other domestic animal.

A water pistol or "God/Goddess Bottle" lets you discipline your cat without any danger of injuring them.

Most cats have 5 toes on their front feet and 4 toes on their hind feet. If they have more they are called polydactyls.

The big cats like lions & tigers purr only while exhaling. Domestic cats can purr continuously.

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NEXUS Tribute to the Goddess cont.

WATER GODDESS: "I am all goddesses, and all peoples are my people. Remember That each around you is a sister or a brother, and that as each member of one family may be of different minds, they are of but one heart. To symbolize this unity of spirit, we share this ritual of water -- brother to sister, sister to sister, brother to brother--all, children of the Goddess. Water is a symbol of life, and of emotion, therefore representing THE PERFECT LOVE which is given to you, and to which you have vowed your living."

(Water Goddess takes Chalice from Altar, and presents it to the High Priestess.)

(Turning to the East, HPS raises Chalice...)

HPS: "Greetings, Nut, and your sister Goddess of Air. We bid you to bring Water to this Chalice that our minds may communicate with understanding.

(Air Goddess goes to Her quadrant, and returns with small flask, filling the Chalice one-fourth full.)

(HPS turns to the South, raised Chalice...)

"Greetings, Sun Goddess of Arinna, Pele, Graine. We bid you bring Fire of Water to this Chalice that the divine spark within us can be seen and known to others, and that we may see and know that divinity in all we meet."

(Fire Goddess goes to Her quadrant, returns with small flask of water, and adds another one-fourth to the Chalice.)

(HPS turns to the West, raised Chalice...)

"Greetings, Iemanja, Venus, sister goddess of Water. We bid you Bring Water of Water to this Chalice that we may not only love, but accept and understand our love and that given to us, and that the dross and base emotions may not survive in us."

(Water Goddess goes to Her quadrant, returns with small flask of water, and adds one-fourth more to the Chalice.)

(HPS turns to the North, raised Chalice...)

"Greetings, Demeter, Danu, and your sister Goddesses of Earth. We bid you bring to this Chalice Earth of Water, the communication of our minds, our knowledge of the Goddess Within, our love both given and received, and our actions may be fruitful and worthy gifts to you and to those who follow after us."

NEXUS Tribute to the Goddess cont. from last month

(A brief pause)

EARTH GODDESS: (Gives the Charge of the Goddess)

NARRATOR: "Hear ye the words of the Star Goddess. She, in the dust of those feet art the Hosts of Heaven, whose body encircleth the Universe...."

AIR GODDESS: (Gives the Charge of the Goddess)

(The Goddesses begin to dance around the circle, deosil--singing "I circle around". After the third circle, they pass to their Consorts:)

ISIS 'Osiris, I am here!!'

QUAN YIN: "Grasshopper, Come to me!"

BRIGITTE: "Diarmuid, you are needed."

PENDRIM: "Lear, Be with me."

DEMETER: "Demaphoon, join me."

(Consorts wait until all five have been called, and enter the circle at the same time, approaching widdershins. They meet their Goddess, link arms for a moment, making an about face (180') turn, and release the arm contact, and continue the circling. At this time, the priestesses/goddesses are circling widdershins in a circle nearest the still unlit bonfire--the priests/consorts are circling deosil, just outside them, forming a second circle. Still chanting "I circle around", (The priestesses and priests make three such polarized circles. Then, as the Consort approaches, one goddess ahead of his Goddess, she turns, so that by the time he is even with her, she is circling in the same direction, by his side.

They catch hands and continue side by side for a moment, Goddesses on the inside, Priest on the outside...then, still holding hands, the Goddesses allow him to step forward slightly, they hold back, and reach for the hand of the next Priest behind them. They make three circles, joined.

They then drop hands to the connecting couples, spread out, and begin pulling persons from the outer circle in to the dancing circle. When each God/Dess has pulled two people into circle, The High Priest goes to light the bonfire, and the other four Consorts go to bring Linda's wheel chair inside the dancing circle. They rejoin their Goddess, and continue dancing until all are within the central circle.

(HPS ends the circle dance, and pauses a moment before the Water Goddess speaks:)

THE HIGH PRIESTESS

Victorian Flower Language

CONCLUSION

This is the last in the series on Victorian Flower Language. Although I have stated this before, I'd like to review the uses of this language in Magick. The meanings given here are for using bouquets of flowers and have nothing to do with their magical properties in healings, incenses, or talismans.

- JUSTICE.. Coltsfoot, Sweet Scented Tussilage
- KNIGHT ERRANTRY..Helmut Flower, (MONKSHOOD)
- LAMENTATION..Aspontree
- LASTING BEAUTY..Stock
- LASTING PLEASURE..Everlasting Pea
- LEVITY..Larkspur
- LIBERTY..Live oak
- LIFE..Lucern
- LIGHTNESS..Shamrock
- LIGHT HEART..SHamrcok
- LIVE FOR ME..Arbor Vitae
- LOVE..Myrtle, Rose
- FORSAKEN LOVE..Creeping Willow
- RETURNED LOVE..Ambrossia
- LOVE OS DANGEROUS..Carolina Rose
- LUSTER..FAIR MAUD OF FRANCE, CHESTNUT TREE
- LUXURY..CHESTNUT TREE FLOWER
- MAJESTY..Crown Imperial
- MALEVOLENCE..Lobelia
- MARRIAGE..Ivy
- MATURNAL AFFECTION..Cinquefoil
- MATRIMONY..Americian Linden
- POWER..Cress, Golden rod
- PRESCAUTION..THISTLE
- PREDICTION..Prophetic
- Marrigold
- PRETENSION..Spiked Willow
- PRIDE..Amaryllis
- PRIVATION..Indian Pulm
- PROFIT..Privet
- PROSPERITY..Beech Tree
- PURITY..Star of Bethleham
- QUARREL..Broken Corn Straw
- QUICKSIGHTEDNESS..Hawlweed
- REASON..Goats Rue
- RECALL..Silver Leaf Geranium
- RECONCILLIATION..Hgzel
- RELIEF..Christmas Rose
- RELIGIOUS SUPERSTICION..Aloe
- RELIGIOUS ENTHUSIASTM..Schinus
- REMORSE..Bramble
- RESERVE..Maple
- MAY YOU BE HAPPY..Volkamenia
- MEANNESS.. Custcuta
- MELANCHOLY..DEADLEAVES, Dark Gerrainium
- MENTAL BEAUTY..Kennedia, Clematis
- MILDNESS..Mallow
- MISANTHROPHT..Acconite, Fullers Tesale
- MODESTY..Violette (white)
- MORNING..Bundles of reed with their panicles
- MUSIC..Weeping Willow with Rush Stems
- MYREGRETTS FOLLOW YOU BEYOND..Asphodel
- NEATNESS..Broom
- PAINTING..Auricula
- PASSION..White Dittany
- PAITENCE..Ox Eye
- PEACE..Olive
- PERPLECITY..Love in a Mist
- PERSECUTION..Chequered Fritillary
- PERSUASION..SYRIAN Mallow, Althea Fru- tex
- PITY..Pine
- PLEASURE AND PAIN..Dog Rose
- PROVERTY..Evergreen Clematis
- SATIRE..Prickely Pear
- SEPRATION..Carolina Jasmin
- SICKNESS..PARSLEY
- SILLINESS..Zepher Flower
- RECANTATION..Lotus Leaf
- SUNOKUCUTY..Americian Sweetbrier
- SOLITUDE..Heath
- SPLENDOR..Fox Tail Grass
- SYMPATHY..BALM
- TALENT..White Pink
- TASTE..Scarlett Fuschia
- TEMPTATION..Apple

NEXUS Tribute to the Goddess cont.

(Earth Goddess goes to her quadrant, and returns with flask of water filling the Chalice the remaining forth.)

(HPS consecrates the Chalice, and takes it to the East, takes a small sip, hands it to the person just to her right, from due West, saying:)

"Drink Deeply, my brother/sister, of Perfect Love."

(A kiss may be given at this point, if desired)

CIRCLE MEMBER: "In Perfect Trust, may we never thirst, my brother/sister."

(Circle member drinks, then turns to the person on his/her left, repeats the blessing, and passes the Chalice on to them, who, in turn, repeats the blessing and passes it to the next in line. When the circle of water-sharing is complete, the HPS sips again, to complete the circle, and return the remainder to the earth.)

HPS: "We have shared this Water of Perfect Love. As we should in all things, we now return a portion of that which is given to us-- to the Old Ones and our Mother Earth. Blessed Be."

(Cakes and Wine are taken from the Altar. HPS stand facing North, HP with the Chalice, HPS with the cakes. He consecrates the Chalice, she the cakes. They turn to face each other, so that her left side and his right are toward the bonfire. She reaches across to dip fingers into the wine, casting the first drops to the fire. He then takes a cake, shares it and casts a portion to the fire. He then takes the cakes and gives her the Chalice. They turn, together, and approach the circle, offering both. When the Circle is complete, He takes the last sip of wine, she the last cake...the remainder is given to the fire.

(HP/HPS begin "The Old Time Religion"..with Goddess Names. Upon completion of the song, the HPS speaks:)

HPS: "We are all children of the Old Ones, by whatever name we call them. Whether you say merry meet...shalom...God be with you...or blessed be, all these greetings of varying levels of understanding, say, "you are my brothers and my sisters, and I wish you the presence of the Mother-Father within." But, if it should be "Merry Meet, and will be Merry Part...then I bid us all now...Merry Be."

(HPS banishes the pentagrams at the quadrants, dismissing the spirits etc.)

"Thank you for your presence, Ancient Ones. Our rite is finished. Our Circle sinks into the Earth, and has never been, yet will always be...as you are, and as are we, your children

RADIO HOME FEATURES

PURIFYING WATER

Should a storm or flood make your drinking and cooking water questionable, you'll need to purify it. According to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the safest method to purify water is to boil it vigorously for one to three minutes. To improve the taste after it's boiled, pour the boiled water from one clean container to another several times. Another way to purify water is to use any household bleach that contains hypochlorite, a chlorine compound, as its only active ingredient. Bleach solutions with 5.25 percent of sodium hypochlorite are the most common. Add the bleach solution to the water in any clean container in which you can stir or shake the water. Use 2 drops of chlorine to one quart of clear water... 4 drops to cloudy water. After the chlorine is mixed in, let it stand for 30 minutes. If the taste and smell of chlorine is not present, add another dose and let stand for another 15 minutes. The water has to smell and taste of chlorine - that's the sign of safety. If you cannot detect chlorine, the purification has failed - the chlorine solution may have weakened so is no longer effective. You can also purify water with iodine. Three drops of 2 percent tincture of iodine to a quart of clear water will purify it. Add 6 drops to cloudy water. You can also buy purification tablets that release chlorine or iodine. Follow instructions on the package.

Have you hugged a tree today?

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CRAFT HUMOR (?) from Rus of Arcane Crafts

"Blessed Be this circus..."

"Shouldn't that be: 'Blessed Be this CIRCLE?'"

"You don't know this coven, pal..."

Definitions

Witchfinder-General: During the Burning Times, an official who went around sticking a prick into suspected Witches. Not to be confused with some High Priests we know.

BITCHCRAFT: When a High Priestess lets you do anything she pleases.

What did the Kabbalist say to the Witch Doctor?

"Funny, you don't look Ju-Ju-ish!"

Did you hear about the klutzy Wiccan sword-swallower who was hospitalized with athame-ache?

FATHER O'MALLEY: "Seems all they come to church for is to see who's wearing what styles."

LADY PENGWEN: "I don't know about that; in our coven nobody wears anything, but they still stare."

"Why does the High Priestess make a Circle instead of a square?"
 "So you can't get the girls in a corner."

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Victorian Flower Language Cont.

RESIST..Tremella Nesycoc	THOUGHTS..PANSY
REBALLIATE..Scotch Thistle	TIES..Tendrills of climbing plants
REVENGE..Birdsfoot Trefiol	TIMIDITY..Marvel of Parn
REVERIE..Flowering Fern	TIME..WHITE Poplar
REWARD..Bay Wreath	THREACHERY..Bilberry
RIVALRY..Roket	TRUE LOVE..Forget-me-not
RUDENNESS..Clotbur	TRUTH..WHITE Chrysanthemun
RUSTIC ORACLE..Dandelion	UNANIMITY..Phlox
SAFTY..Travelers Joy	UNBELIEF..Judas Tree
WARM FEELINGS..Peppermint	UNION..Whole Straw
WATCHFULLNESS..Dame Violet	USEFULNESS..Meadowsweet
WEAKNESS..Musk Plant	UNFORTUNATE LOVE..Scahious
WELCOME..Americian Starwort	VARITY..China Aster
WIDOWHOOD..SWEET SCABIOUS	VICE..Darnel, Ray Grass
WIN and WEAR ME..Iady's Slipper	VICTORY..Palm
WINTER..Guelder Rose	VIRTUE..Mint
WIT..Meadow Lychnis	VOLUBILITY..Abecedary
WITCHCRAFT..Enchanters Nightshade	VULGAR MINDS..African Marr-
WORTH, WIRTHY..FENNEL, SWEET ALYSSUM	igold
YOUTHFUL INNOCENCE..white Lilac	WAR..YORK AND LANKSHIRE ROSE
YOUTHFUL LOVE..Red Catchfly	
ZEST..Lemon	

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FROM U.P.I.

RIVERSIDE, CAL. - Jimmy Meeks has been arraigned on charges he sacrificed his 5-month-old daughter to rid his house of demons by placing her on the sizzling grill of a floor furnace. Meeks pleaded innocent after insisting during an interview with detectives that his daughter, Alicia, was the devil and that she had earlier gone to heaven before he placed her on the grill. Coroners deputies said the infant died of shock "Due to burns over 40 % of her body."

The 25-year-old janitor surrendered following a standoff with a police SWAT team that lasted several hours. Once inside the home, officers found the girl's body on a couch and a stack of Bibles smoldering on the furnace grill.

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Arley Thomas Jr.'s victory in a Dallas court was sweet and he owes it all to the letter of the law. A typographical error in an indictment which meant to charge Thomas with possessing a derivative of "coca" actually charged him with possessing a derivative of "cocoa."

Judge Hampton said, "I can't send a guy to the pen for possession of chocolate, can I?" Prosecutors wanted to convict Thomas on charges of possession of cocaine, a derivative of the coca leaf.

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LOS ANGELES - Vandals damaged a church in Chatsworth, painting swastikas on the drapes & Ku Klux Klan graffiti on the door. After the attack, The Reverend Bryan Cuthill, pastor of the racially mixed Church of the Nazarene, spent the night in church with his dog, a mixed breed Doberman-Labrador, to prevent further damage. But while he was asleep, someone smashed the windows of his car.

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The Australian Wiccan
From

Catherine and Kent in Australia

Article

New Zealand seems to have come to life, we are receiving quite a lot of enquiries, and a clipping was sent to us stating that Wicca was "nothing to do with satanism" and people seeking the truth should write to us, and even our address appeared. No idea who wrote the N.Z. paper, probably one of our students, there are a couple who intend moving to Oz next year and are seeking to join the Church and a Coven in Sydney.

We have just had state elections and we are both "sizzling", one character who stood for a seat in our parliament is one Fred Nile, this %d%###@!.**&&d% is the director of the organisation known as Festival of Light, a rabid Xtian organisation for the betterment of family life and is always referred to, as the guardian of our morals, you will read more of this next TAW, but in one of his election pamphlets he stated if elected he would rid our schools of WITCHCRAFT AND HOMOSEXUAL KITS!!!! There have been problems of late in state schools because the Gay liberation managed to get a pamphlet into school curriculums, called YOUNG, GAY AND PROUD, it is, we believe very explicit about homosexuality, and even shows diagrams on how to do it. I would not care for my sons to be given this if they were 13 or so, but Rev Nile, yes, he is a minister of the Uniting Church, has a radio show and paper column, puts us in this category, and we know there are no Witchcraft kits, (one man who wrote us, asked what would one consist of? Perhaps a broom and pointed hat?). Anyway, to battle, we only learned of this yesterday, and will commence enquiries as quickly as possible. May the Goddess and her Lord be with us, we feel that if we take him and his crowd on, we will be in bad trouble, he also has a son in the police force!.

Candle Wicks

Dissolve two tablespoons of salt and four tablespoons of borax in to 2 cups of water, seak your string for twelve hours. Lay the string out on a flat surface, pull out straight and dry for at least twenty-four hours. You now have a high quality wicking material.

Winters Magick

(During the long winter reign of the Horned God, there are a few fresh herbs available for enchatments. Therefore it is an ideal time for putting to use the various woods, bark, roots, etc. Acorns- The seed of the mighty Oak, the trees sacred to the God of Thunder. Therefore, used for protection against storms and lightning. It is for this reason that the bobbins on windows, shades, cords are traditionally acorn shaped. Acorns were widely used in jewelery as protection amulets.

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FEATHERY PEOPLE from U.P.I.

Half a dozen grown men have been hiding in the high pastures of the San Joaquin Valley in hopes of firing a cannon to cast a net over the world's ugliest bird.

Mishaps befalling the well-meaning naturalists trying to save the California Condor have a ring of comedy even in their own scientific reports.

One chick was frightened to death, a 100-acre brush fire was set off by the cannon, and a test bird fitted with a locational radio transmitter was eaten by an eagle.

There are only 28 to 30 California Condors left...most in the mountains behind Ventura and Santa Barbara. They date back to the dinosaurs, are of the vulture family, and live on carrion.

The California Fish & Game Commission announced plans to catch 3 condors to put in the San Diego Zoo to mate with the only other condor in captivity.

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Bald Eagles have been gathering at Glacier National Park in Montana to feed on spawning Kokanee Salmon. The birds migrate from Northern Canada to as far south as Nevada.

Riley McClelland, director of Glacier's Bald Eagle Project, says the birds' wide-ranging migration patterns offer some promise but human encroachment seems to be taking its toll on eagle reproduction even in remote Northern Canada.

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At least 400 fish, 30 birds and two snakes are dead or missing following a break-in by vandals at an L.A. pet store. Police arrested Derrck Stearman & Alvin Jones, both 22, on suspicion of burglary and vandalism. Police said 39 of the shop's 57 fish tanks were smashed, covering the floor with glass, water & dying tropical fish. Some of the bird cages were open, and about 30 parrots, parakeets and cockateels had flown away.

Other animals

A new agreement between the navy & the Fund for Animals may finally settle the dispute over killing of wild burros on the China Lake Naval Weapons Center. It allows the Fund For Animals to send cowboys onto the base to round up and capture wild burros any time the navy feels they are endangering operations. The navy will pay the Fund For Animals \$50. for each burro removed from the base.

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L.A. Sheriff's deputies, combing a wrecking yard for a burglar, stumbled upon a freezer packed with frozen animals. Among them, a brown bear, 2 pink flamingos, a deer, 3 raccoons, a badger, a white pekican, 4 zebras & 10 valley quail. Armando Hermosillo told deputies he was storing them until a local taxidermist had a chance to stuff them. The taxidermist, Jose Urcid, was arrested for possession of migratory animals for commercial purposes. Deputies also confiscated a stuffed ring-tail cat, a woodpecker & a kingfisher at Urcid's shop.

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BEING A BIRD IS....

...not looking forward to the holidays if you happen to be a TURKEY!

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DOG DAYS & other animal people

JEANNE of BLUE MOON sent a couple of interesting news clippings. Also just recieved a bright red T-shirt with "BLESSED BE" in black across the front...just one of the Pagan T-shirts they make. 235 Lake Shore Drive, Lake Secor, Mahopac, N.Y. 10541.

Walter Fletcher wrote in the N.Y. Times about Howard & Fern Carlson who came home in Granite Falls, Washington to find a young, injured mongrel. Though there old dog had died just a few weeks earlier and they decided against another dog because of the pain of loss, they decided to take the dog in for a few days because the dog was hurt and the weather cold. That was 5 years ago.

Last Christmas there was a fire in the home. Though King had an open door to the outside, he chewed through a plywood door, raced through the blazing room, and awakened the daughter, Pearl. She awoke the others. Mother and daughter got out through a window, then heard King still barking. They found Howard unconscious on the floor in the smoke-filled room with King barking beside him. They managed to get Howard out the window and all were safe.

King's paws and legs were badly burned, his mouth filled with splinters, and an injury on his back from the plywood door. Mrs. Carlson said, "King was the best Christmas present we ever had."

King has won the Ken-L Ration Dog Hero of the Year Award. King was guest of honor at a dinner sponsored by the Quaker Oats Co. held in Tampa, Florida. He recieved a gold medal, a gold-plated leash and collar and a year's supply of dog food.

Honored dogs have been credited with saving the lives of 297 people and 304 animals since the Ken-L Ration awards began in 1954.

A Labrador retriever was also honored at the dinner for saving a 2-year-old from drowning in Arkansas.

Buddie, a mixed breed of Illinois, was cited for helping an 80-year-old woman who slipped on ice and fell in the driveway. Buddie tried without success to arouse neighbors at 2 other houses, then lay beside the woman until he saw the mailman. Buddie got his attention and the mailman helped the old woman into the house. She was treated for frostbite.

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PUSSY CATS

ELLEN in No. Hollywood sez: All our kitty-friends are doing well. Callisto has been proving what a good witch-cat she is. She's a terrific "sender." She's all black except for a white bib and feet, and white whiskers. You'll be sitting there watching TV or talking or reading, and you suddenly get the feeling you're being watched. Sure enough...she's sitting next to you, very lady-like, with her tail curled around her feet, staring at you, with a look that tells you to pay some attention to her.

Lando chases invisible things all the time, and is busy training Chris & I to understand cat language so we'll know when we've forgotten to fill the water bowl, etc.

Samantha has popped back into our lives. She won't stay inside, but comes back for a meal now & then. She must be getting food somewhere because she's very healthy.

STUFF & THINGS

ELLEN in No. Hollywood sez: Sothistar had a very pleasant Hal-
lows. It was warm enough to have it outside, and we always love to
do that whenever possible. Our ritual, as always, had lovely moments in it...and some laughter,
too. Toward the end of the ritual, we were sitting there, passing
the chalice around toasting our wishes for the new year. We had lit-
tle sheets of paper with the words to a couple of songs we had used
in the ritual, and had placed them on the ground next to us. We
suddenly realized that Desia, Ron's new puppy, was sneaking up and
stealing them, one by one. She'd crawl up and grab a paper, then
run around the yard with it, throwing it up in the air, chase it,
catch it, roll over, etc. Chris saw her coming in his direction and
laid his paper down...sure enough, she reached over and grabbed it,
and ran. We didn't mind--but Ron was worried about all the little
bits of paper all over the yard!

Got the latest Omni and enjoyed Erica Jong's article. Wow! Are we
getting some good PR! And on a national basis, too. Am enclosing an article written from an interview I had with a nice
reporter. We'd met before, several times, and did the interview
over the phone. Everything was almost verbatim from our conversa-
tion. The paper is the LOS ANGELES READER, a weekly paper. I think
he did a lovely job.

Finally got to read OMEGA by Stewart Farrar. Great, as always, al-
though nothing can beat THE TWELVE MAIDENS as far as I am concerned.
The first part of Omega had me ready to go underground, and the
second part, the rebuilding, made it seem almost worth it. There's
a lot of predictions of a world-change in the near future. I think
we Craft folk (and related philosophies) will be in better shape
than most if that comes.

Some time this month we'll be starting a new class, and welcoming
3 new members to Sothistar. All 3 are dear people and will contri-
bute a lot to the group...and hopefully, we will give as much to
them. The rest of the group is doing well.

We are already planning the Second Annual Pacific Circle. We have
a site picked out, very near the one we used this year, but better,
because it is private and can be reserved for us. The campsites are
arranged in a circle, with a central area perfect for ritual, and
gathering together. I'll have flyers ready soon, so anyone who is
interested should write to:

THE PACIFIC CIRCLE, Box 9513, N. Hollywood, Ca. 91609.

As soon as the flyers are ready, I'll send them out. And, if any of
those who attended last year have suggestions, wishes, etc. I'd
love to hear them. I can't find my list of those who attended but
I do want to hear from them. We want to have an even greater time
next summer than we had this summer! This time we won't have any
curiosity seekers, parking problems, etc. The campground will be
ours for that weekend.

Got to run. Take care. Give my best to all.

Ellen

STUFF & THINGS

DEMETER of Ye Full Moon Wicca sez: I'd like to put in my 2¢ about Dianic vs. non-Dianic because I was originally Dianic and loved it. Yet, what I'd like to say governs all the variety of traditions. How easily we seem to forget at times that Wicca is a religion that likes to be used instead of using us. We don't find our Craft requiring us to support big temples, buy the clergy bed & board and yearly cars. No, the Craft in all its variety cries out to each individual "use me to find the Goddess within."

We could go back in history and trace this or that social circumstance that led to such & such tradition. That would have its value, no doubt. But we can't live in the past; we must live today and survive.

I enjoyed Dianic and I used it. I used the rituals, the chants, the thought patterns and the guide lines to establish my relationship to the Goddess within me. It built up confidence, security, and a belief in my own talents & capabilities. I practiced solitary for quite a few years and found that to be very good. My correspondences never stopped and I always learned. It broke the chains of "I can't do this or that because I am only a woman." "Only a woman" does not have the impact today that it had 10 years ago. It took time for me to even see what a second class role I assumed because of my sex. I had allowed it, but the Dianic tradition taught me not to.

After years of sub-conscious male-oriented Judeo-Christian concepts, the recognition of the Female Deity helped to balance me out. I dwelt totally on the Goddess in joy & pride, because I needed to. I "used" Dianic to grow - to break free of socially imposed restrictions on my spirituality. Like most neophytes, I, too, sighed with relief that I'd come "home."

Now, I practice Welsh-Celtic with ease. We recognize The Mother Goddess, The Father, Horned God of Death & Hunting - The Daughter-Maiden and the Son-Warrior. Within myself, I find aspects of them all. I use this tradition to discover more of myself. There are no better traditions or right traditions in Wicca to be imposed on an individual. You find and use what tradition is right for you, and allow the other person to do the same.

I have led Dianic Circles with the women of our coven, and it drew us closer together. It made us glad of our womanness and we rejoiced in each other. We used those Circles to bond us in contentment with ourselves and each other, which in turn eliminated some of the sex-competition that shows up in many mixed-groups.

I recall the hostility I encountered when I was Dianic - it was assumed that I was "gay", but that is no real insult. It was assumed I was "off-balance", but I did not see that as my problem. I had to find the inside of myself and I used the Craft to develop a lot more of that self-security. If people didn't understand me, it was more important for me to understand myself.

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OH, FOR THE GOOD OLD DAYS! from U.P.I.

As Christmas time approaches...some experts have added up the cost of a partridge in a pear tree..turtle doves..French hens... Gold rings...and all the other goodies mentioned in the old Xmas Carol.

The entire array would cost this year's shopper close to \$45,000. The estimate comes from "Everybody's Money"...a publication of the Credit Union National Association. The figure is 3 times higher than the last time the group added up costs 13 years ago. Here is how they figure the tab:

One pear tree...\$14.
 One psrtridge...\$15.
 Two turtle doves..ten bucks
 Three French hens..\$36.
 Four calling birds..\$140.
 Five gold rings..14 karat..\$1,000.
 Six geese a-laying..\$60.
 Seven swans a-swimming...\$1260.

Eight maids a-milking..that would be \$216.32 figuring an 8 hour day at the average farm wage rate of \$3.38 an hour.

Nine ladies dancing...\$6,000. That would pay for a "moderately priced" all-female dance company.

Ten lords a-leaping.. \$1260..the tuition for 10 youngsters at gymnastics school for 16 weeks.

Eleven pipers piping...\$145.20 an hour. Union scale is \$11. an hour plus a 20% differential for the chief piper.

Twelve drummers drumming...\$158.40.

That totals \$10,314.92. But the song, of course, celebrates an excess of generosity...not one pair of turtle doves but 11 and so on. By the 12 th day of Xmas, the bill jumps to \$44,848.40.

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STUFF & THINGS

Penny called from Bradenton, Florida....full of enthusiasm about the results of a newspaper interview...a very positive fill page about the Craft & Coven of Windstar. She talked for a half-hour. What a phone bill she'll have for that.

BEING A WITCH...from Demeter.

..is having a lost sparrow land on your fishing pole 45 miles out at sea, resting for 10 minutes, while the other 25 fishermen on your side of the boat keep saying, "Wow, look at that!"

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"A YULE Tradition"
By HARAGANO in Seattle

Food has always been a part of religious celebration. It commemorates events and ideals important to an individual's spiritual life. I would like to share an old Yule tradition with you. It has been called 'Celebration Bread', 'Resurrection Bread' or simply 'Yule Bread'. It symbolizes the rebirth of the God and the renewal of life itself.

It is a simple celebration. Take your favorite egg bread recipe (egg being the symbol of birth). Prepare the dough as you would usually. Then roll it out into 3 equal lengths. Braid them together and form them into a wreath. The size of the wreath depends on the number of people taking part in the celebration. Once it is formed into a wreath, but before it is baked, symbols of faith are hidden in the dough, or their outline is pressed into the top of the dough. For example; a blue or green marble, an 8 spoked wheel, a 5 pointed star, a sword, a labyrinth, a cup, a coin, a medallion with the Tree of Life attached on it ...etc.

After the Yule Bread is baked, and served with wine everyone searches through their piece. Those who find one of the symbols shares with the others gathered there, the meaning that that symbol has for them. Through this sharing of meanings the promises made to us by the Goddess and the God are recalled and individually renewed.

A VARIATION:

If you are planning a large celebration the use of individual symbols can be replaced with slips of parchment with short blessings written on them. For example; "May the God bring truth to your mind, and peace to your heart". These individual messages can be as non-denominational as the circumstances dictate. The slips of parchment can be inserted before baking or inserted into small holes after the bread has cooled.

Whatever may you and yours celebrate this coming Yule may the Goddess care for you and the God enlighten you!

Blessed Be

BEING A WITCH IS * from Rus - Arcane Crafts

...overhearing one Satyr say to another: "Here comes Dionysus; grab a Nymph and look busy!"

...finding a copy of the Mabinogion in a motel room, and calling it the Gwydion Bible.

WORDS OF WISDOM:

A wife should surely walk five paces behind her husband
...especially when crossing a mine field.

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DEMETER continued

My husband at the time had no interest in the Craft, and most groups here on L.I. would only accept couples. Should I have suspended my solitary Dianics just to wait for a stray male to apply to a coven just to be paired off with me so we could be at a "balanced Circle?" Dianics taught me "The Goddess calls to her altars those she would have to be there", and it didn't matter the number, age, profession or sexual preference of those she called.

Welsh-Celtic teaches much the same, and the Goddess presence in the Circles balance them just fine. I still respect and understand other groups "use" the Craft in their way to want a physically male/female balance. That's what they want and that's what they need. The Craft can "bend" and "shape" itself to the individual as well as group needs.

Healthy, constructive arguments are good if they put you in touch with subconscious, unverbilized needs & concepts. You put black next to white to compare and yet see the individuality of both. There is nothing wrong with extolling the virtue of your particular tradition, and that can be done without condemning another tradition.

"Birds of a feather flock together" and because barn swallows spend their time happily where they are does not make them less important than a group of swans drifting across a lake.

At the same time, to finish off this set of comments, we cannot call ourselves tolerant if we cannot tolerate intolerance in others.

Blessed Be.

Demeter

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REMINDER: Please remember to enclose your name & address each time you write. My memory is limited. It really taxes it sometimes when people write and have only a return address on the envelope. After all, there are a few hundred of you who write...and some not very often.

Newsletter is present \$6. yr. for 12 issues...\$12. foreign.

Make nice Yule gifts, too.

also

Ye Full Moon Wicca, 366 Neighborhood Rd. , Mastic Beach, N.Y. 11951.

Arcane Crafts, POB 383, Mastic Beach, N.Y. 11951.

Blue Moon, 235 Lake Shore Drive, Lake Secor, Mahopac, N.Y. 10541.

I think Ellen still has some novelties for sale, too. Forgot the proper address but I'm sure she'll receive it...Ellen, Box 9513, N. Hollywood, Ca. 91609.

'82 Lunar Calendar, \$11.50 includes shipping. Luna Press, Box 511 Kenmore Station, Boston, Ma. 02215.

And various others. Check back through your newsletters.

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PAST LIVES part 2 from your editor

As we mentioned, there are various methods for remembering past lives. What works best for one person may not work for another at all. Experiment until you find what works best for you. One of the simplest methods is to repeat over and over again in your mind as you are falling to sleep that you will dream of past lives and remember when you awake. Not all dreams will deal with past lives so you have to do a little weeding out.

When you meet that person for the first time that you feel you've always known, or the one that arouses instant dislike for no apparent reason, spend some time meditating on the face of the person. This will often bring flashes of memory.

If there is a place...a house, a city, a state, a country...that you feel particularly attracted to, meditate on that place. It may bring flashes of memory.

Sometimes meditating on a particular time period will bring memories.

If you feel especially attracted to or extremely afraid of a certain type of animal, meditation may bring a memory.

Of course, there is always self-hypnosis. We won't go into detail on that because there are many books available on the subject. Basically it is a method of relaxing yourself both mentally and physically, telling yourself that you are going into a hypnotic sleep and that you will travel back in time.

Regression (hypnosis) by another can also be very useful...but be very careful. Never allow anyone to work on you with hypnosis unless you trust the person completely and know the person has had proper training in BOTH hypnosis and psychology. Remember, it is your mind they are working with so caution is necessary.

With any of these methods don't expect to recall a complete lifetime. Usually, you will just get some one or more important events of that life. If that life seems very important to you, you can spend more time working forward and backward from where you made your starting point. Often, from only one event you can learn all you need to know about that life that affects you in this life.

Be sure to write down the details of each thing you pick up from each session. Soon you should find a pattern to it all...and you may be in for a big surprise.

It is important to avoid fantasy...you are an observer, you don't make things happen. It is much like sitting in a theatre watching a motion picture. In fact, this is another method. Imagine you are in a theatre before the picture starts. You sit staring at the screen as you wait for the picture to begin. You don't make the picture...you just watch the actors...and you are one of them.

Remember, always write down even the smallest details. Sometimes they are the most important.

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FROM U.P.I.

What about kissing and the common cold? Kissing is okay as long as the smoocher or smoochee has a cold caused by a Rhinovirus. So says Dr. Owen Hendley, Professor of Pediatrics & Director of Infectious Diseases at the University of Virginia Medical School Center. Hendley came to this conclusion after putting Rhinovirus into the eyes, nose or mouth of volunteers. It was found one virus particle could cause infection if placed in the eye or nose. But 1,000 particles would not cause an infection in the mouth.

A theory some years back held that a kiss generates so much heat that it kills cold germs. To date, the theory has not been proved or disproved.

Experts asked how goes the search for a vaccine against the common cold said, "There isn't any and probably won't be any."

Treatments vary. The most common plain one is the chicken noodle soup treatment. There's more than the power of suggestion at work here. Dr. Marvin Sackner, Chief of Medicine at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach, found chicken soup cleared mucus from sinuses faster than other hot beverages.

Some folk remedies in the "Old Farmer's Almanac" have an onion twist. The Almanac says, "onions figure in many cold cures from early days in this country. A mixture of onions and butter was placed on the throat and chest. Cooked onions were put in a muslin bag and worn around the neck."

The "Harvard Medical Letter" told of "Mother Nature's Tincture of Time" remedy. If you do nothing, you will get better in a week, but if you treat symptoms vigorously, you will get better in 7 days.

Here are some treatment tips from Dr. Keith Sennert's "How To Be Your Own Doctor Sometimes":

- Avoid excessively cold temperatures and over-fatigue.
- Go to bed if you have a fever. If not, get extra rest.
- Increase liquid. 8 ounces of juice or water every 2 hours.
- Stop smoking.
- Gargle with hot salt solution.
- Use throat lozenges if helpful.
- Use nose drops.
- Use oral nasal decongestant if needed for relief of symptoms.
- Take aspirin, if needed.
- Check temperature three times daily and record.

CALL THE DOCTOR WHEN:

- Temperature goes over 101.
- Throat pain increases.
- White or yellow spots appear on tonsils or throat.
- Having shaking chills and chattering teeth.
- There's shortness of breath or chest pain or earache or sinus pain.
- Coughing produces green or gray sputum during the day.
- If there is no improvement in the cold by the fifth day.

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BEING A WITCH IS.....

..eating garlic to keep colds away...and people, too.

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THE HIGH PRIESTESS

SHADOWHAWK of ELEVENHEARTH

Article on URVA URSI

Urva Ursi or bearberry was used by the American Indians. It was one of the herbs that was smoked in the peace pipe. It was also used to train Shamens and develop psychic sight.

This herb can be used on any lunar phase, as an aid in scrying, and or in diagnosis prior to healings. Its use makes the auras of the smokers more apparent.

Cast an informal circle, and raise a little energy to consecrate the herb and pipe to the purpose. Then fill the bowl with a fine grind of the herb. It should be almost a powder. Take a deep puff and pass the pipe to the right. It should go around FIVE times, no more. (Less is OK if you need less) This will NOT produce any kind of HIGH, and should be used ONLY under ritual circumstances. Auras are more easily seen under dim or colored lighting, so you should use candles or colored low watt bulbs....

The meditation that goes with this exercise is as follows....

Imagine your body flowing into the earth. Let your energy send out roots with which to draw the earth powers into you. Then, fill yourself with the power of the earth mother.

NOW, imagine yourself rimmed and glowing with light. Open your eyes and look at the air just in front of your fingers. You should be able to see your aura. By looking at the air around others you should be able to see theirs, too. Everyone will have a different meaning for the colors and or patterns they see. I have found that a health problem shows as a dark spot, for cancer, a hot spot for infection, and a slowing of movements for birth defects or natural wear and tear, such as a healed injury. Mental problems show up as erratic swift movements around the head, and around the hearth CHAKRA. Younger people have more red in their auras, older people turn sort of purple-gray.

Reading the aura like this makes it easier to direct healing energies to exactly where needed.

After whatever work to be done is complete, allow yourself to merge with the earth again. Allow your energy to flow out. This will "ground" any stray force, and keep you from getting the symptoms of the person you've done the healing for.

Then break and banish as usual. AFTER YOUR BREAK, you will find your body somewhat depleted of trace minerals and salt. Drinking lemonade and eating bread will help. Better is GATORAID, which tastes AWFUL!!! Blessings, Shadowhawk

Sixth Article on Poisonous Houseplants and Poison Prevention
By Lady Selene

This is a must: Every home should have it if you have small children or grandchildren. Ipecac !!

Syrup of Ipecac- Your doctor or poison center may not always recommend that you have the patient vomit, but if they do, you should do it with ipecac. Ipecac is a plant extract that, when swallowed, irritates the stomach and caused vomiting. You should use ipecac because other methods like sticking your finger down the child's throat or giving salt water are not effective and/or are dangerous. Ipecac is not harmful if taken as directed, except of course, that it will make you vomit. However, there are certain types of poisonings where it should not be used so call your doctor before you use it. You can get ipecac at any pharmacy. More next Month!! Blessed Be.

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STUFF & THINGS

LADY FAUNA in Oregon sez: Dean & our neighbor, Clay, cut 3 cords of wood last weekend which now must be chopped & stacked. Puppy is still growing & sends a yip to all your puppies.

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HARAGANO in Seattle sez: here are a couple of definitions from our friends in the Southwest:

ZEN DRUIDISM...The worship of the Oak Tree that is not there.

EXISTENTIAL ZEN DRUIDISM...The right of the non-existent Oak Tree to be anything it damn well feels like.

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FROM U.P.I.

Researchers told The American Heart Association meeting that chemical compounds found in the hearts of people who died while intoxicated may explain why large amounts of alcohol can produce heart disease. Dr. Louis Lange, assistant professor of medicine at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, said he and his colleagues have isolated & identified biochemical compounds that form in the heart when it is exposed to amounts of alcohol typically consumed by social & heavy drinkers.

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Scientists at the University of North Carolina say a single heavy drinking session by a woman early in pregnancy may result in hyperactivity or mental retardation in the baby. They say Fetal Alcohol Syndrome may start as early as the third week after conception, well before most women suspect they are pregnant.

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Didja know???

The slowest moving land animal is the three-toed sloth. It moves at a leisurely ground speed of six to eight feet per minute.

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STUFF & THINGS

GEORGIA in Oklahoma sez: she is very happy. She went to visit Vicky recently and had a handfasting with Rick. All goes well. She closed with: "Think positive and don't go out with an operator. They reverse charges..and you might get pregnant. Ha! Ha!"

ED. NOTE: The patter of little feet around here will be confined to four-legged people.

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JIM in Winchester, Cal. sez: Just recieved Erica Jong's new book, WITCHES. Great art work..a must for the Pagan library.

Have been doing some hiking up in the San Jacinto mountain wilderness...beautiful this time of year..really cool & crisp.

Spent a nice weekend in L.A. over Samhain. Lady Mariah & her family had offered me the hospitality of her home, and I got to attend a Sabbath with the Witches of Long Beach area in their new home. This Georgian thanks them for their courtesy and good Pagan fellowship. Hope they'll be able to visit us sometime in return.

Hope to get up to Bakersfield, but it's difficult fo me to do much travelling in the winter.

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JEANNE of Blue Moon sent an article on games. Six million electronic games unsold last holiday. This year they are counting on big sales of: from Milton Bradley..DARK TOWERS..a \$50. computerized fantasy of warriors and a magic scepter. Mattel has a micro-chip version of DUNGEONS & DRAGONS. Each company planning a sales campaign of about 1 million dollars to convince the public that this is the season of the Witch.

However, John Torrell, pastor of the Christian Life Ministries in Sacramento, has sent out more than 35,000 pamphlets denouncing "Dungeons..." In his view, the game is "Built on Witchcraft, violence and doing in the other players." Adding a computer, he believes, will only intensify the experience, leading to more real-life murders, tortures, and burglaries.

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HARAGANO in Seattle sez: I am enclosing a note to Lady Allusha requesting permission to reproduce & use her list of definitions in a study group I am forming after Yule. I think it is very important to credit creativity and hard work. More often than not, invocations, prayers, poems and articles are used without citing a source. Someone took the time & energy to write an article or poem...it seems rather shabby to use it, and by not citing it, subtly imply it is yours.

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BEING A WITCH IS..... from Demeter

...having other Witches watch your child for a whole week while you're off on vacation, and you know you don't have to worry.

CRAFT HUMOR from Rus of Arcane Crafts

How do you teach a Scots Traditionalist to fly?
Throw a penny up in the air.

THAT'S ALL, FOLKS.

PAT & ALL THE GEORGIANS

STUFF & THINGS

LE ANN in Columbia, Mo. sez: Hope your Samhain went well; my Hallows was pleasantly quiet & uneventful. Things have been fine here. I moved back with my parents. They know of my beliefs and practices and accept what I do.

The area papers carried a couple of interviews on Pagans from St. Louis & Kansas City but nothing concerning local Pagans. These articles were very positive & informative...gave a good image of Pagans. They interviewed a professor here who will be teaching a class I hope to take on magic & the occult. He had a very positive attitude.

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Haragano in Seattle sez: Enclosed is a copy of a note I sent to Martin Wonderly. I wondered about it myself when I first noticed it myself (the Moon & 13 star design) on the back of a BIZ box.

It will be very busy here between now & Jan. 1...trips, gifts to make, the final touches on the house to get it ready for winter. If it snows here, it will be between Mid Dec. and the end of Jan. No one in Seattle knows how to deal with snow..we all go slipping & sliding around like cats on ice skates.

Dear Mr. Wonderly,

Enclosed is a copy of an information sheet sent to me by Proctor & Gamble. The design you sent to the Georgian is their product Trade Mark.

As far as I can determine, neither Mr. Proctor nor Mr. Gamble had any contact with a magical lodge nor were they practicing Masons. Historically, the moon and/or stars were very popular as "design motifs" between 1840 & 1870.

Ed. Note: The info from P & G shows 7 different marks beginning with a cross in 1851, then a star in a circle, and other changes until the present trademark since 1930.

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Catherine & Kent (Australia) sent a clipping from a magazine about about the Australian Crayfish Derby. Foul Feeler, acknowledged as the Al Capone of the Aussie cray racing tooks, took the \$1,000. prize money in the country's richest crustacean stakes at Winton, central-west Queensland. (amusing article)

Catherine & Kent sez: Our little book, THE WICCAN GUIDE TO WITCHES! WAYS, goes into its second edition. Two editions in 1 year has really surprised us! We also completed a new book on Australiana, verses and prose written by Catherine's father, and this is now off to our publisher. Our next book is entitled, "THE KITCHEN WITCH DOWN UNDER" and is a book on all types of cookery, but that won't be completed until some time next year.

If you thought we ruffled a few feathers in last edition of TAW, wait until the next issue! We have had a very abusive letter, from a person who calls herself H.P.S., and it even has a "shot" at our American Brothers & Sisters. I won't tell you about it now, but how I hope some of our U.S. readers will write some open letters in reply when they finally get to read it!

ED. NOTE: The Wiccan Guide To Witches! Ways is available from the Georgian Church for \$10, including postage. The Australian Wiccan newsletter makes a nice gift. Write P.O.BOX 80, Lane Cove, N.S.W., 2066, Australia.

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