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WE ALWAYS WELCOME SUBMISSIONS-- typed double-spaced if possible, but we're not real picky. SUBMISSIONS CANNOT BE RETURNED, but will be acknowledged if you send an SASE. If the submission is for the Pagan Studies Contest, please plainly mark it as such. Otherwise, we reserve the right to publish submissions in the annual, the monthly, or not at all.

Please plainly mark any personal correspondence you do not want published.

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The New Witchhunt by Merlin the Enchanter

Applause... applause... applause!

Host: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen I'm Chuck Bearass and this is "The New Witchhunt"! Johnny, introduce our players for tonight.

Announcer: Right Chuck. I'm your announcer, Johnny Oldsun, and tonight's players are...

direct from Saint Rob Peter To Pay Paul's Catholic Church, Father John Mother.

From the Monastery of the Holy Order of Ignore The World and It'll Go Away the Reverend Mother Joan Father.

From the Don't Think About Me, I Just Gave You Birth Synagogue, Rabbi Who-sa Beggin...

and last but not least, from the First Church of What's Happening Now, the Reverend Billy Bob Bobber!

Audience: Yeah! Father Mother, Father Mother! Go for it Reverend Billy Bob!

Chuck: Okay, now before we start tonight's game, Johnny, please inform our audience here and at home about the rules of the game and what tonight's winner will receive.

Johnny: The rules of "The New Witchhunt" are very simple. Somewhere in this large, old house on Griffith Street, we have hidden several Witches. The first contestant to find a Witch, bring that Witch down on the stage, and burn them at the stake provided wins our game!

And, our winner tonight will receive a one-week, all-expenses-paid trip to the Vatican, air transportation provided by Vat-Air, the next best thing to having your wings! They will also receive a personally-autographed, 8 x 10, color, glossy photograph of Jesus Christ and a year's supply of Brother John's Holy Water... Brother John's, good for what ails you and ails what's good for you!

Chuck: All right, contestants, on your marks, get set, go!

And they're off, there goes Father Mother up the stairs and into the bedroom. Reverend Billy Bob seems to have stopped in the living room where he has found some loose change in the couch, and Rabbi Beggin is heading for the kitchen...

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Witchhunt (cont.) by Merlin the Enchanter

WAIT! Father Mother seems to have found someone hiding in the bedroom closet! He has her bundled in the curtains and is on his way down the stairs... now he has her tied to the stake, and yes, YES, he has the fire lit and she's burning. Father Mother is our WINNER!

Johnny: Oh, I'm sorry Chuck, but we have to disqualify Father Mother. That was not one of our hidden Witches he found in the closet and burned. Instant replay shows that it was, in reality, Mother Father who Father Mother has burned.

Chuck: Oh, that's too bad, but don't worry about it, Father Mother. From what we hear, she was just an old Mother, Father!

Father Mother: But WHAT was she doing in that closet?

Voice From Audience: She was reading my latest book, How to Become a New Age Witch in 159 Damn Near Impossible Steps.

Chuck: And who are YOU?

Fellow from audience coming up on stage: Why, I am Hans Holzer, world famous writer, expert, and authority.

Father Mother: I've heard of you, you claim to be a WITCH!

Audience: GET HIM!

Hans Holzer: Now just wait a cotton pickin' minute, I am NOT a Witch! Look, here is my Minister's Card, my Shriner's Card, my Mason's Jar Card, my TV Evangelist's Card, my Ann Forfreedom For Everyone BUT Men Card, my Diane Stein's Men Suck Card with the phone numbers of those who do it especially well on the back, my St. John the Baptist Dance Club Card... (now two blocks away) my OFFICIAL WITCH CARD! I am, too, a Wtich, na na na na, you can't catch ME!

(But, fear not, Gotham, for Father Mother is, in reality, none other than POPEMAN! (Chorus: da da da da Popeman! da da da da Popeman! da da da da....") And, as the evil Witch-writer Hans Holzer races toward the rising moon, Popeman roars after him in the sleek Popemobile, its .50 caliber wing-tip machine guns raining death and destruction

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Witchhunt (cont.) by Merlin the Enchanter

upon all who would oppose truth, justice and bingo on Thursday nights. GOD BLESS YOU, POPEMAN!

Now back to our game. As Rabbi Beggin snoops around the kitchen, he hears sounds coming from the freezer.

Voice from inside the freezer: Good grief, not NOW Yvonne!

Rabbi Beggin swings open the freezer door, revealing a man and woman huddling inside.

Rabbi Beggin: Who are you and what are you doing in this freezer?

Voice from audience: What they were doing is obvious, and who they are are GAVIN AND YVONNE FROST of the School of Wicca. WITCHES! GET 'EM!!!!

Gavin: Now wait just a minute, Rabbi. What does it say on the door of this freezer?

Rabbi: It says "This is a FROST FREE freezer"!

Gavin: All right. If this is a FROST FREE freezer, then we can't be Gavin and Yvonne FROST, can we?

Reverend Billy Bob: Boy's got a point, Rabbi.

Rabbi: So, tell me, Mr. Freezer Man, who is this that says you are this frosty person?

Chap from audience taking two steps back: Oh, no, Gavin...

Gavin: Why, that's Horrible Herman Slater. He owns the Magickal Childe. He is a Witch, GET HIM!!!!

As Horrible Herman runs headlong down the street, a strange-looking fellow walks up to the audience standing in the street in front of the old house that serves as the set for the game show. He wanders up to an interesting-looking group of people and asks: I say, chaps, mind telling me what is going on here?

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Witchhunt (cont.) by Merlin the Enchanter

As audience members observe this odd-looking fellow, a terrible rumor begins to filter through their assembled masses.

Audience: Wait, look, he's wearing a coonskin hat. Look at his meerschaum pipe in the shape of a nude woman. How sexist! And he must be wearing ten pounds of turquoise and silver jewelry! Great Gods, can it be? Oh NO, IT IS!!! It's that sexist, male chauvinist pig, the horrible hunter himself. IT'S MERLIN THE ENCHANTER! G-E-T H-I-M!!!!

Merlin the Enchanter (now in a dead run): Herman, Herman, wait for me, Herman...

And so, tonight's show ends with Horrible Herman Slater and Merlin the Enchanter being chased through the streets by Rabbi Beggin, Reverend Billy Bob Bobber, Chuck Bearass, our audience, the members of Witches for Animals and Screw All Other Life Forms, the Hunt the Hunters Hunt Club, the members of Poor Folk are Holier Than Thou, the women's libbers' fife and drum corps, three french hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.

Announcer: And so, this is Johnny Oldsun saying, tune in next week, same time, same station, for another exciting episode of "THE NEW WITCHHUNT"! And be sure to stay tuned for tonight's episode of everyone's favorite adventure series, "Jehovah Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Wallet". And don't forget to tune in tomorrow night at this time for "Evangelistbusters", when we'll hear a young prostitute say, "Gosh, Reverend Jimmy, you've been SLIMED!"

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Didja know... ?

... butterflies and moths belong to the order Lepidoptera. Do you know how many species of Lepidoptera have been discovered?

Scientists say as many as 100,000 butterflies and moths have been named, and that many thousands of others are believed to exist, particularly in the tropics, but have not yet been named. They're found in abundance on all continents except Antarctica.

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From Fags to Witches by Dr. Leo Louis Martello

In the June '89 GNL, Runaristi seemed to call me to task for defending Lady Sabrina when Merlin denounced her because a teenage boy bought her courses and then misrepresented the Craft, holding her to blame. When I wrote what I did, it was on the information I had at hand and concerned ONLY this one issue. My saying Lady S. "would not only be vindicated, but blessed by the Goddess" was not a moral blank check, and did not concern any other issues, known and unknown. Even if she was Lady Shiteater and had defamed me, I still would have taken the stand I did then.

My question to Runaristi is: When Lady Sabrina made all those ugly defamatory statements about Lady Genevieve (Joyce Siegrist), Ann Forfreedom, and White Light Pentacles' owners, and myself, what did YOU say or do? Just sit in silence? Let it pass? Even now, what you wrote is NOT under your own name (as is my reply) but a Craft one. Would you be willing to send me a signed letter in your own name stating all the things you did? The Witches Anti-Defamation League is primarily concerned with defending the Craft against bigoted cowans but it is NOT limited to that. If you want to see more than a change of my then opinion about Lady S., you have to do your part, since seemingly you have firsthand experience and I cannot act without PROOF. The ball is yours.

I don't know who Runaristi is but I can easily find out. What I want to know is: Will she (he?) be willing to back up these statements, naming time and places, and, if possible, witnesses? In the past, I've gotten letters from people saying how outraged they were over attacks made on me at public lectures but when I asked them, "What did you do?" I never heard from them again. I hope this is not a repeat of the same thing. As to my "feelings" about Lady S., at the time I wrote in her defense, I didn't have any. I didn't know her. As I've pointed out so many times, I am issue oriented, not concerned with personality disputes. As to any "change" in my "feelings", I've been accumulating a great deal of data from all over, from many sources, and there are certain things that, if finally proved, could result in Federal charges and a loss of any legal status. One example: Using the mails to send obnoxious, anonymous, harassing letters or cards across state lines. Comparison of past typewritten and handwritten letters (forensic graphology) can easily prove if from the same hand or machine.

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From Fags (cont.) by Dr. Leo Martello

I hope that I'm not being used to "get back" at Lady S. when Runaristi, from what she wrote, is in so much better a position. If everything said about Lady S. is true, there is still something much worse: Those who DO NOTHING ABOUT IT. "Letting Leo do it" does not absolve one's own moral responsibility. In the past, I've seen so many moral amoebas and gutless guppies, those who hide behind Craft names to attack others, whose statements, even when true, lack moral conviction because they themselves mask their true identities, refuse to "get involved" unless safely behind an alias, and don't realize that they are either a part of the problem or part of the solution.

I've been called worse than a "funky little fag". That made me laugh, in spite of its sexism. In 1969 three national movements began in this country: Women's Liberation, Gay Liberation, and Witches Liberation. I was involved in all three. In a 1969 issue of Time Magazine, there's a photo of me in front of the United Nations, holding a big sign, "Keep the Government Out of Our Bedrooms". I was the inspiration for Arthur Evans' book, Witchcraft and the Gay Counterculture (see page 170 under "Acknowledgements" in which Evans wrote, "Leo Martello, friend and witch, who first suggested to me in 1970 that there was a link between witchcraft and the history of feminism.") The early Craft magazine, The Waxing Moon, had a statement in 1970 that "the craft has no need for women's liberation". Indeed! And many of the "Craft leaders" in 1970 were anti-gay, notably Ray Buckland, who later changed his views in an article in the Earth Religion News. Being "gay" or "straight" says absolutely nothing about the moral character of a person, merely the sexual orientation. I know for a fact that one of Lady S's "best friends" (who knows for how long?) is not only gay but has been involved in illegal harassment of Lady Genevieve, tape recorded on her telephone machine. Since she is also Occult Advisor to the Cranston, RI Police Department, they told her what to do.

Let's look at some of the people Runaristi claims Lady S. has defamed: Joyce Siegrist, Lady Genevieve, HPs of Rosegate, Our Lady of the Roses Wiccan Church, publisher Rosegate Journal--you have to be living in Siberia not to have seen all the media attention she got in virtually every major newspaper in the country when she won tax-exempt status from the state of Rhode Island, after being refused, backed by the

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American Civil Liberties Union. Write-ups on the front page of most RI newspapers, many TV and radio shows, including Canada, England, Australia, Germany, etc. Appearances on a new TV game show. "Third Degree". Boston's TV-4 "Evening Magazine", Newsweek. too many to mention. And, of course, she's Director of New England Witches Anti-Defamation League.

Ann Forfreedom, Director California WADL: hardly a week passes that she doesn't get a letter published in one of the SF Bay area newspapers defending the Craft.

Merlin the Enchanter is now Director of the Indiana WADL.

I have never permitted any racist or sexist statements in my presence. Rosegate knows this very well when, the same evening in which Runaristi says Lady S. was "viciously mocking Lady Genevieve behind her back" she was accompanied by the same gay friend suspected of harassing her on the telephone. Some Rosegate members, in their anger and disgust, made seemingly anti-gay remarks. Under the circumstances, understandable, but not justified. They should have been anti- that person. When another friend called this to my attention, I immediately questioned all involved. The true facts were discovered and the situation resolved.

The alternative to my saying, "Lady Sabrina will be vindicated and blessed by the Goddess" is that she would be damned by the Goddess. The former may or may not be true but the latter is NOT true. We all damn ourselves. If Lady S. is guilty of the Runaristi charges, she has already damned herself. If Runaristi wants to back up her statements in a court of law, the owners of White Light Pentacles can sue Lady S. for all she's worth for saying "they sell drugs". If I could prove someone said that about me, you can be damn sure that I'd sue them and put them out of business. As I've said before, it's up to Runaristi to put up or shut up.

Ed. note: There was also a letter from Lady Sabrina which I was, more or less, happy to see. I wish she had written us a lot earlier but that wish is fairly pointless. Other correspondence from her has neither been of a personal nature nor did it address the issues raised by some of our readers. Unfortunately, I have misplaced her letter, but will be happy

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to print such should she send another copy or another letter. I have no idea who Runaristi is. I don't know Lady Sabrina, either. Publishing Runaristi's letter was done without malice toward Lady Sabrina on the part of the GNL or GC (see disclaimer on page one or the continuation thereof), as was publication of Merlin's letter, as was publication of Dr. Martello's letter, and to think otherwise is to assume we operate at cross purposes to a basic tenet of our belief system. When a letter comes in like this, we publish it and refutations thereof, mainly to allow a "clearing of the air". It is hoped that our readers are intelligent enough to discriminate that such letters represent opinion, usually only one, and the letters are published in that light.

Please try to remember that there are some questionable elements out there who try to associate themselves with Witchcraft as we know it. We count on our readers to send us information and their opinions. If we refuse to publish anything, negative or otherwise, about anyone or anything because it might get us sued, who will know? Who will have information on which to base their decisions? I think it's better to just go ahead and get such opinion out in the open, deal with it, and get on to more productive things. We don't make judgement calls here (at least not in the GNL, maybe in the confines of the living room over coffee between me and the Philosophy Editor which is certainly no one else's business) unless we have first-hand facts or other solid information which, in this case, we do not. All we have is hearsay which we have published for the sake of letting people clear their own names or letting others do the clearing who do have first-hand knowledge or contributory information. To do otherwise is either to deprive readers of information or to allow a misunderstanding to grow (which, in my experience, they do, on an exponential basis).

So far, to me, this case is beginning to sound like one giant personality conflict. This ain't the place for it. Here's how you can resolve a personality conflict. First, you can go your own way and just leave it alone. If you feel that you must do something, contact the offending party personally. (You know if it gets published here, it will get back to them--isn't that what you're hoping?--and common courtesy, even in the COWAN realm, would indicate at least sending a copy to them so they have a chance to refute in a timely manner. This should be the case, even if you are

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presenting the information for the "public good".) This does not appear to have happened in Runaristi's case which, in my opinion, says something of the source. Giving Runaristi the benefit of the doubt, it could have been sent here without a copy to Lady Sabrina and Dr. Martello because Runaristi had no other method of contacting them. If Runaristi's accusations are true, it's plain that at least one reader would like some additional FACTS and supporting evidence from Runaristi. Please don't send it to me unless you have already sent a copy to the people in question or it will go to File Thirteen. (Write Dr. Martello at 153 W 80th ST Suite 1B, NY, NY 10024.)

I will be happy to publish a letter from Lady Sabrina or anyone else mentioned in Runaristi's letter refuting the statements by Runaristi or otherwise providing comment. My suggestion is that Runaristi contact Lady Sabrina directly, or vice versa, work it out, and let us know what happens. Love and trust, folks, remember?

Now, for you folks who have so kindly pointed out that this could subject us to lawsuit, we are aware that anyone can do this at any time regardless of the plausibility of their plea. All it takes is one hungry lawyer and one person with a monkey on their back. But what GOOD would it do? Lawsuits are an expensive affair (we've checked--in a different but similar setting three years ago, and I doubt it's gotten cheaper). It is time consuming. Even with a judgment in your favor, it would be years before you would even begin to recover your costs (we haven't received enough contributions this year to cover the phone bill). It might take us a while but we would set up under another organization (which you couldn't touch) and start all over again. Our readers are notoriously patient about hearing from us and a lot of them would do everything possible to help a revival, if we decided it was worth the heartache. And any such legal action would sure do wonders for PR with the cowan world, que no? On the other hand, you can invest a nominal amount of time in refuting the letter and giving our readers your side of the story, expend your energies on something more positive, either for yourself or others, find many more pursuits more worthy of your funds (if nothing else, one hell of a party), and certainly things aren't so great for Pagans in this

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country and world that we can afford to spend one more iota of our energies FIGHTING EACH OTHER.

Frankly, such in-fighting has caused me to retreat from being a "public" Pagan to a significant degree. How in the name of tarnation are we to present our religion as a positive philosophy if we continue to browbeat each other while blatantly disregarding the same philosophy we are trying to preserve? I continue to maintain that, if anything will bring the downfall of neo-paganism, it will be in-fighting and the resultant actions and reactions. There is absolutely nothing any body or movement can do which is so ultimately destructive of our belief system than the damage we do to ourselves. NOTHING. Think not? What happened to the Puritans?

Okay, off the soapbox. I regret I didn't qualify Runaristi's letter more carefully when published. It's unsubstantiated at this point and should be regarded as such with the burden of proof squarely in Runaristi's corner. I regret the loss of Lady Sabrina's letter and we hope to have something from her soon, if that's her choice.

Certainly, we've all got better things to do. So let's get this cleared up as rapidly as possible and get on with those things.

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The altar cloth of one eon is the doormat of the next. --Mark Twain

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I shall make electricity so cheap that only the rich can afford to burn candles. --Thomas Edison

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An ethical man is a Christian holding four aces. --Mark Twain

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The causes of events are ever more interesting than the events themselves. --Cicero

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Back Issues

All back issues are \$1 each. Issues prior to October 1985 did not carry a table of contents. First come, first served. Some back issues are mailed at our regular mailing, some-- particularly the older issues--are mailed first class. (Parentheses are inventory codes.) Please order by month and year. Only the prior year's back issues will be available after December 21st, so order now!

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September (H14) - October (H11) - November (H12)

1985--January (G13) - February (G10) - March (G11) -
May (G10) - August (G16)

November (F5) Amendment 705 from the Congressional Record:
Poinsettias; Celtic Bibliography; Halfmoon's Passage; Uranus;
For the Birds; Tarot and Psychic Fluidity; From Brandy; For
Solitaries Only; From Isis Moonshadow; From Dana; From Judy;
From Shadowhawk; From COLOR; From Tarostar; From Belinda.

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December (F7) Byte of the RAMpire; Of Death and the Tarot; Physics of Magick Part II, Appendix A; Your Marriage Service; Pluto; Words and Other Useless Things (like deeds) or Reclaiming the Present; Gentle Breeze of Mariah: From Steve; From Jae; From Moonchild; From Rik; From Rayna, Traci, and Logan; From COTOR; From Shadowhawk; From Albion; From Grove of the Unicorn.

1986

January (D10) By a 13 Be Blessed; Power Behind the Crone: DOS; Extremist Christians are Aiding Child Molesters; The Solitary Tradition; Neptune; Thunderings from Thor; Who is Lurline Jennings and Who Cares Anyway?; Religion in the News; From Lady Mariah; From Moon Web; Open Letter to Tarostar; From Rhea; From Albion and Bonnie; Index of 1985 Issues; Review of Stormclouds.

February (D17) Earth; From the Doctor; A New Friend; Why Be a Witch?; On Correcting Others; Kaboom!; Poem of the Elements; The Wych Cross Circle; Song of an Unwilling Scapegoat; From Puck; From Joseph B. Wilson; From Mariah; From A New Witch in California; From Rowan; Additional References for the Modern Celtophile; News from StarMist; Tree People News.

March (D11) Notes from The Doctor; Ye Olde Herb Doctor; At the Sound of the Tone; More from Miss Manners; Will the Real Witch Please Stand Up?; Kore; Ways of the Witchling; When the Hounds of Spring; From Moonrider; From Ted; From Spirit Within News; Pagans Cry for Help; From Mathew; A Delicate Plant You Can Neglect; Scourge of the Ages; Return of the Star Gazer; Prevent Germ Farming in a Crock; Life from Clay?; Plants Rid Homes of Pollutants.

April (D6) Ideals?; Cone of Power; Frankly, My Dear, I Don't Give a Damn; Beltane; The Truth About Hansel and Gretel; Calls to the Guardians of the Quarters and Levels; Calls to the Guardians of the Quarters, Force of Nature; Come Down, O Maid; From The Oaken Door; From Stan; From Neul; From Lady Mariah; book rev. The Witches' Qabala; At the Sound of the Tone; String, Thread, and A Yarn; From BD; Herb Cabbage; From Catherine and Kent; From Thor; From The Doctor.

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May (D13) Five Symbols on the Wheel; Tarot and the Self; Ladybugs; News from Long Beach; Erichtho of the Corpses; Celtic Evocations; Untitled Poem; The World is Too Much With Us; Theban Alphabet Revisited; Thoughts on the Magickal Process; The Lady; Sangraal; Satanism Among Teens; From Sylvia; book rev., Christianizing the Roman Empire; From the Pallas Society; From Belinda; From Nile; From Tarostar; From Dionysus; From Sue; Aquarian Aid.

June (D9) Theban Alphabet Revisited, Part II; From Grove of the Unicorn; Have Altar, Will Travel; From Night and the Baptist Minister; Faerie Evocations; Be-Aware; Awakening; From Thor; From The Doctor; The Lay of Rosalind; From Mandel; From TOTEK; Mother Earth's Workers; From Puck; From Tarostar; Revelation; Three Symbols for the First Step; Here in Katmandu; From Rik; From Hans Holzer; From Mathew; From Lady Melusine; A Step on the Path; From Temple Stardust; From Elksinger; From Children of the Earth.

July (D10) Theban Alphabet Revisited, Part III; Winds of Mariah; The Preacher and the Seven Eleven; From Stan; Upward Spiral; Four Years in the Life of the Horse Poop Coven; Untitled poems; From Robyn; From Albion and Bonnie; From Timothy; From Sylvia; From Bon; From Isis Moonshadow; From Rowan; O What Have They Done to the Gods?

September (E2) A Tale for Witchlets Near Bedtime; The Logical Sequence; Have Altar, Will Travel Part III; Attack of the Ku Klutz Koven; Who Called Me A Witch?; I Am A Cowboy in the Boat of Ra; When All is Said and Done, Witches Like a Little Fun; The Esbat; Spiral; Untitled poem; To the Lady; Stealers; From Bonnie; From Albion; From Lathina; From Isis Moonshadow; From The Doctor; From Anubis-Amen-Ra; Foreign Flags; Blooms for December and February.

October (E16) An Untitled Story; Some Basic Craft Etiquette; You Can Do Something About The Witches of Eastwick; Moon Lore: The Werewolf Legends and the Moon; Rite of Hagiel; A Therapist's View of the Skyclad Controversy; Confessions of a Yuppie Witch; The Memory Pattern; Maiden Love; Circle Casting Chant; Untitled poem; Visions of Cybele; Prayer for Rest; Untitled poem; Open Wounds; Sights Unseen by Most; Limericks; Untitled poem; Stone of the People; Sausage-Cheese Casserole; From Valerie Voigt; From Amber K.

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November (F9) Winds of Mariah; Moon Lore; Wierd but Wonderful; Why Witches. Why Pagans?; The Mill of the Gods; Storing Canned Food Safely; Alcoholism; Untitled poem; Dog-Eared Page; Avalon; Song; Sweeping Chant; Broccoli/Tuna Roll-ups; From Catherine and Kent; From Rowan; From Stan; From Albion; From Tarostar; From Lady Dematar; book reviews.

December (F2) (H19) A Winter Solstice That Was; Why Plant a Tree; What Goes Around; Wierd but Wonderful; The Witch and Mixed Marriages; Untitled poems; The Prey Gets You; Ancient Teaching; Steadily; From Barbas; From Ogaea and Canyondancer; From Thor; From Tarostar; From Rik; Dear Mr. & Mrs. Georgian; Dear Mr. & Mrs. Tewsberry; I'll Sing You Nine Oh; Platituding the Madman; book reviews.

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January (A18) Spooky Spooks; A Witch is the Poor Man's Psychiatrist; Tiny Tree Needs Great Outdoors; Letter to the Teacher; Prince Patrick and the Young Magician; Plants and Moon Lore; Index of '86 Issues.

February (H10) Visions of Valkyries; Synthetic Out and Tallow In?; Witch Lore and Those Old Turkeys; Reflections on Candlemas; From Blacksun; Witchcraft or Wishcrap?; The Wicca Path as a Descendant of the Ancient Hermetic Initiation; The Autarchic Creed; Modern Times and the Oral Tradition; The Conjunction; A Walk Through the Year; Untitled; Somewhere Inbetween; Maypole Song; Untitled poem; From Ogaea; From Puck; From The Doctor; From Steve; From Barbas; From Circle; More From Ogaea; Correction to December '86 Issue; book reviews.

March (H18) Gods Help the Unwary; Pollution and the Vegetable Garden; From Shareem; Mousie; The Seeds of Destruction; From Morganna; The Importance of Fiction; Proliferation of Pollution and the Promised Land; Moon Lore; Marriages and the Craft; Untitled poem; In the Dark; Fire Song; Notes from The Doctor; From Cerridwyn; Quiet Moment; For Your Information; book reviews.

April (H9) Spring Bulb Planting Time; The Witch and the Minor; Freddie; Definitions; Proliferation of Pollution and the Promised Land; From Llewellyn; Midgard Musings: Mead and Myth; Beltane; Beltane; Raising the Circle; From Shareem; From Blacksun; From Steve; From Gerina; From Merlin; book reviews.

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May (H7) Tarot and Spellcasting; Dissertation on the Letter "I"; Three Faces of Rice; The Applicant; From Ogaea; The Truth About Men and Dragons; The Witch and Mixed Marriages; From Llewellyn Publications; Retreat; Fresh Faith; Blackberry Leaves; From Tarostar; From Ogaea; From Rik; From Blacksun; From The Waxing Moon; From Ima Non.

June (H5) (C17) Consultations with the Tarot; Getting Ready for the Harvest; Untitled story; Picnics Hazardous to Your Health; From Llewellyn; Report from the Half Astral; Meditation for New Moon of Cancer; From Ogaea; From Catherine and Kent; From RCP; From Asherah Darkstorm; From Lady Mariah; From Tarostar; From Isis Moonshadow; From Scout; book reviews.

July (C13) From the Boob Tube; High Magick and Such; Wicca and the Library; The Tome; From USDA; A Witch on Handfasting; From A New Witch in California; In Defense of Concrete and Junk Food; From Ogaea and Canyondancer; From Lady Morganna and Aaron; From Stripes; From Rowan Moonstone; From Isis Moonshadow; Injured Trees: Structuring the Craft; Judas Priest; Tomatoes; book reviews.

August (C5) I like spiders and snakes and...; book reviews; Erratum; From Blacksun; Letter for Big Mountain; From Knighthawk; Adventures South of the Border, Part I; Survey; From Llewellyn; The Witch and the Modern World; Helpful Hint; The Dispute; Trees from Cuttings; Mireesa and the Troll; From Jaelle; From Kaber; Post-Lammas Thoughts on the Northwest Mystery Tradition.

September (C18) We're Witches and We Believe...; Land's End; From Ogaea; From Math; untitled poem; Moving the Covenstead; rev. Witches of Eastwick; Could Popeye Be Wrong?; Adventures South of the Border, Part II; Autumn; Heresy, You Say?; From Lizard; From the MER Activist; Pagan Studies: A Walk Through the College Catalog; Buying Spuds; Frog Poem; Closet Eaters; Annual Publications Listing; book reviews.

October (C20) Tarostar Utters Heresy Again; Adventures South of the Border, Part III; book reviews; From Ogaea; From Rik; Arousal; From Math; Whispers and Bellows; The Transformative Tradition in Wicca; Moon Lore; How to get yours designated; Crystal Gateway; From Taleisin; WLPA Alert; Rebuttal to Blacksun's letter regarding green buttons.

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November (C5) How Peace Came to the Barnyard; From Malcolm Brenner; Statement of Disownment; Adventures South of the Border, Part IV; Confusion in High Places; The Purification of Tigellinus; Report from the Half-Astral; Alarums; From Tarostar; The Varlocks Vocabulary: a lighthearted look at Witchcraft; book reviews.

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March (A27) Prince Patrick and the Dragon's Egg; Don't Born-Again's Wonder Why They're So Unlovable?; Things That Go Bump in the Closet; Curtain Call; The bees at this time of year; Beltane; The Personal Bookshelf; Making Contacts; From Pap; From Tarostar; From Ogaea; More from Ogaea; From Rhian and Havwk; book reviews.

April (E25) Pagans to Blame for Widespread Success of Xtianity; Neophyte Ethics; Recovery; Summer Solstice; Bright Fire; MSG and Friends; Mike Warnke Ministries and The Witches; From Windsong; From Lady Morganna and Aaron; From Math; From ASA; Things That Go Bump in the Closet; From Mark; From Barbara; From Ceridwyn; From Hans Holzer; From Jim in Winchester; From Elizabeth E; From Sylvia; From Ogaea; From Joe L; From RCP; book reviews.

May (A27) Patness; Footfalls; Sound Familiar?; Who's Got Answers?; Get the Feminism Out of Astrology; Strange Bedfellows; A City Dying of Spiritual AIDS?; An Alpha Bet; Arcane Aid; An Update from Our Lady of the Perpetual Coffee Pot; Circle Sanctuary Wins a Victory; From Merlin the Enchanter; An Update from WLP: Miscellaneous Notes on Come From the Shadows; From Math; From Ann Forfreedom; book reviews.

June (E19) Patness; Learning Tarot; Que Sera; Earth is the Holy Land; If Society's Standards are Low, Can the Craft be Otherwise?; From Lady Ivy; Editorial; Things That Go Bump in the Closet; Ambition; Reply to Neophyte Ethics; From Georgia; From Catherine and Kent; From Merlin the Enchanter; From Chrystalynne; book reviews.

July (A23) Patness; From Lady Ivy; Tarostar the Misognist?; Magickal RPG's; A Lammas Day Celebration; Telling the Tale; An Update from Our Lady of the Perpetual Coffee Pot; Pap's Rap; From Merlin the Enchanter; Scout Tells All; From

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Naunette and Nimrod; Open Letter from Dr. Leo Louis Martello; book reviews.

August (J11) Patness; The Smart Alec; Results of the Questionnaire on Coven Membership; Let's Get the BS Out of the Craft; book reviews; Revolution? Evolution?; Living in the Mystery Mist; From Charles Arnold; Autumn Equinox; Hymn #1; The Whispering Mist; From Merlin the Enchanter.

September (J4) Patness; The Plight of the Pagan Policeman, Part II; Change the Craft?; Evolution; book reviews; Relocation Again?; From Rowan; Fate; Annual Publications Listing.

October (J1) Patness; Hoopla to Pick on Jews; Where is Our Devotion?; From Merlin the Enchanter; On Bestiality, Durg Abuse, and Separatist Dianics; From Enchantments, Inc.; Martello Amazed; From Lady Mariah; From Barbas.

November (J37) Patness; The Adventure of Draco the Dragon; The Extraterrestrials and Good Old Terra Firma; From Merlin the Enchanter; From Circle of Trianon; From Rik; The Queen of Heaven; Warming Bones; The Goddess Coin; A Quick Note from OLPCP; book reviews.

December (J31) Patness; Tarostar's Views on How the Craft is Organized; From Julie; From Joe; From Barbara; From Ogaea; Our Ancestors; Logical?; The Drought Cover-up; Pagan/Non-Pagan Families; Mushroom Extract May Help Block Spread of AIDS; From Tracy; book reviews.

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January (J1) Tarostar Concurs with Merlin; Notably Quotable; From Tracy; Index of 1988 Issues; Winner of 1988 Ring of Truth Award; From Rik; Freelance Blackmail; How to Raise the Perfect Rose.

March (J27) From Knighthawk; From TAWN; From Alex G; From Lady Mariah; From Elizabeth; Author Complains of Death Threats; A Method for Teaching Tarot; The Politically Incorrect Behavior Opposition Resolution; book reviews.

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April (J11) From Circle of Trianon; Beltaine; From Lizard; Amazon Indians Protest Brazil Dam Project; Endangered Species Decision Criticized; Earth Medicine Song; Spicing; Court Widens Scope of Religious Liberty; book reviews.

May (J18) Witches Against Animal Abuse; Religious Leaders Win One Against US Snooping; LEM Survey Project; From Moonraven; Lady of the Moon; From Knighthawk.

June (J16) Ginseng Information from Lloyd Herbals; When; A Coven Cauldron Rite to Make a Magical Elixir; Jesus Must Be Black; From Andrew; From Robert; From Reed; From Runaristi.

July () Thoughts on the Sabbats: Autumnal Equinox; Homemade Henges Part III: Magickal Use; From Reed.

August () Thoughts on the Sabbats: Hallowmas; Earth-Base Projex; From Chief Medicine Bear; From Reed.

September () From Reed; Book Review: Ravaged by the New Age; From Stormraven; From Merlin the Enchanter; Annual Periodicals Listing; Response to Moonraven; book reviews.

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Bulletin Board

Reyna: Thanks for your letter and CONGRATULATIONS!!!! Yes, you are right, you are one now.... Will forward your back issues in the near future (if you haven't received them already) and info on your other request. Your letter really lifted my spirits; I needed that....

If your articles are IBM-PC compatible (5.25 disks) and preferably in WordPerfect (4.2 or 5.0), just send a copy on disk if it's easier. We are in the process of conversion to a new computer and I'm hoping to "be there" by the 1/90 issue, certainly for the next Annual.

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Kendall: Your sub should have started with the 8/89 issue. There was a long hiatus between the time I updated the mailing list and actual mailing of the 8/89 issue. My apologies for any confusion this may have caused you.

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WLPA: There is a typo in the zip code on your flyer "The Lab is a Terrible Place to Live...".

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Books

Health Research, POB 70, Mokelumne Hill, CA 95245. Send long SASE for current catalog.

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From Llewellyn

The Magic in Stones by Pattalee Glass-Koentop. \$9.95 paperback 239 pp. Appendices, Index, Bibliography. Finding, reading, and using runestones.

1990 Astrological Calendar. A wealth of astrological information to hang on the wall. \$7.95.

1990 Moon Sign Book and Gardening Almanac. \$3.95 paperback 428 pp. Another wealth of information at bargain basement prices.

Zodiac Art 1990 Calendar \$8.95. For those of you familiar with the artwork of Johfra Boschart, you will be as delighted to receive this calendar as we were. I wish the hole for hanging had been punched a little higher so the borders of the lovely illustrations weren't ruined.

1990 Sun Sign Book \$3.95 paperback 323 pp. Another weath of information at bargain basement prices.

1990 Daily Planetary Guide and Astrologer's Datebook. \$6.95. My favorite of Llewellyn's astrological annuals. It goes on the "Personal Bookshelf" the day it arrives and goes to archives the first of the following year. I use it to note important events--personal and otherwise--(which is easily done as the week-at-a-glance format has space for notations; aspects and special astrological events are typeset) and thus make tabulation of corresponding astrological data a snap. In Eastern and Pacific times. Spiral bound to take the

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beating that most things do that end up on the edge of my bookshelf.

Tea Leaf Reading by William W. Hewitt. \$3.95. Illustrated glossary of meanings plus introduction to the art. Bring on the oolong and have a ball--or perhaps a tea party?

Magical Aromatherapy by Scott Cunningham. \$3.95 paperback. Appendices, glossary, bibliography, index. Everything you need to know to sniff your way to higher awareness.

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From Citadel Press, Carol Publishing Group, 600 Madison AV, NY, New York 10022. The Magick of Candle Burning by Gerina Dunwich. \$6.95 paperback. Index, Resource List. Chapters include Candle Crafting, Consecration, Symbolism of Candle Colors, Candle Magick for Healing, Sabbat Candle Rituals, Candle Magick, Magick for Hearth and Home, Voudoun Candle Magick, Candle Omens and Superstitions.

Book review: Candlelight Spells: The Modern Witch's Book of Spellcasting, Feasting and Natural Healing by Gerina Duniwch. \$6.95 paperback from Citadel (address above). Reviewed by Gerry Nova. This book contains a unique collection of Pagan recipes for Sabbat feasts, esbats and Handfasting, as well as instructions for making incense, potpourri, aphrodisiacs and homemade witch soap. Sections of the book include candle crafting, the making of powerful amulets and talismans, and a brief history of the Old Religion. For those interested in herbalism, there is an informative and useful chapter on old-fashioned herbal remedies for nearly every kind of ailment, a glossary of terms used in herbalism, a list of poisonous plants to avoid, and the names and addresses of many mail order herb dealers who specialize in hard-to-find herbs for both medicinal and magickal use. There is a very interesting chapter on spellcasting which contains an assortment of spells ranging from simple folk magick to medieval witchcraft to ceremonial magick. Students of the occult arts will appreciate the wealth of information found in the "Lexicon of Witchcraft" chapter which is basically a dictionary of both common and uncommon occult words from A to Z. Ms. Dunwich, a self-dedicated Witch from Salem, Massachusetts, presents Witchcraft (Wicca) in a positive light and points out the common misconceptions associated

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with the Craft. Her book is an indispensable guide to Wicca (especially for the novice Witch) and is a definite must for all who are into the ways of the Old Religion.

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Book review: Witchcraft, Satanism, and Ritual Crime: Who's Who and What's What. Compiled and edited by Otter Zell. Available from Green Egg, POB 1542, Ukiah, CA 95482. \$2/copy postpaid. (Reviewed by Valerie Voight, National Coordinator, Pagan/Occult/Witchcraft Special Interest Group of Mensa). The purpose of this booklet is to provide comprehensive, basic information to law enforcement officers and other researchers into the topic of ritual crime. It includes an overview of the current hysteria, including some of the valid concerns which sparked it; a history of Satanism; a discussion of the major distinctions between Pagan practices and Satanic ones; the "Principles of Wiccan Belief" as adopted by the Council of American Witches in '74; an article, "Common Themes of Neo-Pagan Religious Orientation", abstracted from the meetings of the ecumenical Council of Themis in '70; a glossary of terms; the Earth Religion Anti-Abuse Resolution with a list of signatories and their addressees; a list of Pagan therapists volunteering services to adult survivors of ritual abuse; a statement by American's leading police investigator of ritualistic crime; statements from Professor Robert Ellwood of USC School of Religion, Dr. Gordon Melton, Director of the Institute for the Study of American Religion, and abuse survivor Joan Christianson; the Cult Danger Evaluation Frame by Isaac Bonewits; a list of resources, consultants, and references; and a page of symbols and their meanings.

As you can see, the booklet is jam packed with useful information for law enforcement, media, and other researchers. What's more, the information is solid stuff--no fillers! Unfortunately, the publishers were strapped for time and space, and so there are a few oversimplifications which I hope will be corrected in future editions. Including:

Some legitimate traditions of Wicca use the horned pentagram, with or without a circle around it, to symbolize the Great Horned God (see, for example, the cover of Gwydion's first album, Songs of the Old Religion--like most Old Fairy

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initiates, Gwydion is wearing the horned pentagram). There are even Wiccans who use the horned pentagram with the goat's head;

Many Wiccans also recognize Baphomet as a form of the God, or even as a symbol for the Star Goddess/Ain Soph/etc. In the latter case, he is usually seen as a God of the transcendence of both psychic boundaries and artificial distinctions. It is most unfortunate that Satanists use his name also;

I have never seen Wiccans make any distinction between the two versions of the Sign of the Horns as shown on the back cover of the manual. Also, I was taught to use the vertical Sign of the Horns to bless and the horizontal Sign of the Horns (butting motion) to ward off harm.

These items are important to mention; otherwise an officer could get an inaccurate impression of some Wiccan groups.

While Pan and Dionysos are not, and never have been, evil in the usual abstract sense, they do indeed have their shadowy aspects (not in the sense of being half of a light/shadow duality/but in the sense of being mysterious and awesome, and sometimes fearsome, forces of nature). It was Pan who gave his name to the word "panic". Dionysos, unlike various of the Gods with whom he has been confused or syncretized (e.g., Liber, Bacchos, Bromios, Sabazios, and similar "party-going" gods) was only incidentally the god of wine. His actual domain is the radical alteration of consciousness (including madness), and thus all consciousness-changing substances are sacred to him. Wine happened to be what the Greeks had handy but, in fact, the God does not need substances. In light of this, and in light of the dangers inherent in some of his substances (especially alcohol), I believe he must be considered a shadowy deity. The best standard work on Dionysos is Dionysos, Myth and Cult by Walter F. Otto. The Oxford Classical Dictionary gives overviews of both Pan and Dionysos;

The editors have painted brujos and brujas with an overly wide brush. Some may have incorporated elements of Satanism, but the ones I am aware of have not;

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Not all practitioners of magic consider demons to be projects of the human mind;

"Devil" is usually traced to the Greek, not to the Sanskrit (devi);

As many people around the world will assure you, the Evil Eye need not be cast intentionally. Like other psychic actions, it can be unconscious. This is one reason why members of some magical traditions perform routine house (and personal) purification and/or protective rituals as a precautionary measure;

Different traditions have different uses for the word fetch;

It should be made clear that there are many different systems of color correspondences, and that the one in the glossary is not universally used (for example, black is often used for binding, purification, banishing, alchemical work, or to represent the Star Goddess or other transcendent Deities, among other uses);

The loa of Voudoun, like the orishas of Santeria, are sometimes fed animal sacrifices. (Orisha should be in the glossary.);

Some practitioners use the terms "pentagram" and "pentacle" interchangeably. Perhaps the most common usage of those two terms assumes that the pentagram is the abstract symbolic glyph and that the pentacle is a pentagram in three-dimensional form (a disk, a pendant, etc.). Anthropologist (and SIG member) Robert Blew made this observation in the course of his fieldwork;

The hermetic parts of the Qabalah (i.e., the non-Hebrew sections) did not originate in the medieval period but were composed over a period of several hundred years, beginning immediately after Alexander the Great's conquest of Egypt. The Corpus Hermeticum (as the Hermetic parts of the Qabalah are also called) was written by many different writers, mostly of Alexandrian Greco-Egyptian cultural background;

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The definition of "thurgy" given here is close to what many practitioners call (symbolic) "internal alchemy". They would define "theurgy" as magic that focuses on invocation or prayer:

"Warlock" may come from the hypothetical (unattested) Old English "waer-loga", "Oath-breaker", or it may come from the (fully-attested) Old Norse "vard-lokkur", "caller of spirits". (Thanks to Niklas for pointing this out.);

"Wicce" in Anglo-Saxon means "a sorceress". Scholarly English sources usually trace "Witch/wicce" to a Proto-Indo-European word root "weik-", meaning to bend or turn or do magic/religion. Remember, however, that Old English derives in part from Old Danish and all the standard German and Scandinavian scholarly sources trace the Old Danish word "vekka" (sorceress) to the Old Norse word "vitka" (sorceress), and the word "vitka" to the Proto-Indo-European root "wid-" (to see, perceive, know, be wise). (Thanks to Niklas for pointing out the Norse-related material.);

There are at least four different Pagan traditions that call themselves "Fairy" ("Faerie", etc.). One, the Radical Fairies, is not strictly Wiccan and is made up exclusively of gay men. The other three are Wiccan with no special preference given to any particular gender or sexual orientation;

A Working, as the word is commonly used, is usually thaumaturgical but may be theurgical or alchemical;

Last and certainly least, Paul and I should have given Editor Otter Zell clearer information. I'm the National Coordinator of POWSIG, and Paul is the Deputy National Coordinator.

This must seem like an awful lot of criticism; in fact, most of it is just little picky stuff. The booklet, as a whole, is an amazingly information-packed document, and I recommend it to any researcher. Overall, the booklet is excellent and obviously took a prodigious amount of work.

Now law enforcement agencies need not make do with the (mostly) dreck that they have had to rely on until now. Buy a copy and give it to your local Chief of Police, and offer to discuss the information with officers on the force.

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Better yet, buy forty or a hundred copies (quantity discounts available) and send them to the police and sheriff's departments of your own and adjacent townships and counties. Send copies to your friends or tell them about the booklet so that they can do the same. The booklet is a not-for-profit community service project, so feel free to send extra money with your order.

And while you're about it, don't forget to thank Otter and Morning Glory for the tremendous service they have done for the Pagan community.

(ed. note to Valerie): Thanks for this and the rest of the BIG packet of info you sent us. It was good to hear from you again.)

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Update on the Annual

Articles to be included are "To Charge the Witch's Showstone" by Tarostar, the entire "Patness" series printed to date plus more Patness, an "advertisement" from Stan, "Scout Has His Say", poetry from Our Lady of the Wild Things, "The Winds of Change by Rik, English Runes by Merlin the Enchanter, and other goodies you haven't sent us yet. Got something you want to live forever?

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Events

Herbal Gathering, Wildcrafting, and Plant Identification, 10 am to 4 pm. Contact: Earth Emporium, 2335 Alpine BL, Alpine, CA 92001. Also, Women's Herbal Workshop, \$30 (includes samples, etc.).

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On December 31, 1989, at the turn into the last decade of this century, The Earth Concert could trigger one of the most

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far-reaching and wonderful responses to the environmental crisis that humanity has ever seen. Inspired by the very Web of Life which is now threatened by manmade pollution and destruction, The Earth Concert is currently being organized by a global, decentralized network of people. "Gaia", the main character of the "Immortal Child" movie presented at the beginning of this twelve-hour concert to be aired simultaneously all over the Earth and translated into ten languages, will introduce most of us to the idea that Earth itself is alive. Gaia, the name given by the ancient Greeks to the Earth goddess, is also widely used today to refer to the collective intelligence pervading the planet and guiding us, through 4.5 billion years of evolution, to the recognition of our unity and to our interdependence with all life forms on Earth. This concert and this movie will catalyze a major positive change in our collective behavior on this planet. We need to involve as many people and groups as possible in the preparations leading to The Earth Concert. For more information, write: Global Awareness In Action (GAIA), Anse St-Jean, Quebec, Canada, G0V 1J0. Please enclose three Canadian stamps or three international reply coupons.

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Odyssey is proud to unveil a new series of tours aimed at satisfying individuals who have more than a cursory interest in the magical, mystical and occult powers in our world. The first tour in this series will be conducted in March, 1990. This ten-day itinerary emphasizes powerful areas in England's western counties. Davida Moonson, renowned practitioner of the Craft, is scheduled to direct the tour, and the highlight of the tour will be the celebration of the Spring Equinox. March 16-24, 1990. Prices start at \$1199 per person. Contact Odyssey at (800) 752-3664 or (713) 932-7362.

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Contests

Sixth Annual Pagan Studies Contest

Look for details of the Sixth Annual Pagan Studies Contest in the January 1990 issue of the monthly.

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Contests (cont.)Ring of Truth

In addition to the Pagan Studies Scholarship/stipend contest, we sponsor a Ring of Truth award. The rules for the Ring of Truth award are as follows: When the 1989 Annual is published, send in your vote for the article of any classification which left you saying, yeah, or maybe even feeling misty-eyed. To cast your ballot, send your check or money order for \$1 to the GNL along with your nomination for the Ring of Truth award winner on the form located in the back of the annual, or a separate piece of paper. If you like, you may designate \$1 of your Annual subscription fee towards the contest prize. You may vote as often as you wish; however, only your first vote will be applicable to your Annual subscription. The winner will be the author of the piece with the greatest number of votes, and in some sense, all of us. Pick your nominees from the 1989 Annual or any issue of the monthly after October 1988. The winner will be announced in the July 1990 monthly, so votes must be cast no later than June 21, 1990.

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We try to mail the monthly GNL around the 15th of each month. Deadline for time-dated items (such as event announcements) is the last day of the month before the month before the month the event is to take place. For example, if your gathering is June 1st, we need the announcement by April 30th (or earlier) so it will appear in the May issue.

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Getting in touch. By far, the best way to ensure a hasty reply is to send a SASE. Phone calls normally don't get answered, so please write a letter and send a SASE so we can track your request better and save the phone for MESSAGES ONLY. Those letters which cannot be answered in the newsletter get round-filed if there is no SASE enclosed. If you want us to forward, be sure to include postage sufficient for the material to be forwarded.

If you see something you like, let us know. It's the only "payment" our writers get!

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And... a brief update on the monthly. It's December third as I put this issue to bed. Lots of good stuff coming up in the November issue which, I hope, will be on its way to you soon!

THAT'S ALL FOR THIS MONTH...

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dean: philosophy editor
jeannie: editor in chief
Marc: chief publication assistant

... the Georgians, and all the other fine folks that make this publication possible and worthwhile.

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