

BAKERSFIELD - The Sabbat here was great. Martha & Luke conducted the Pagan Way ritual and it went quite well. Bobbie & I did the Craft ritual. Although the party didn't start 'til evening, and the last ritual was at midnight, some of the people had been here since morning, and we all had a good time. We were pleased that Prof. Schiffman, who teaches the class on Magic, Witchcraft, & Religion at Bakersfield College was here as an observer.

So. Council of C.O.G. - I guess no news is good news. We haven't heard yet how the play & party for S.B.A. coven # 1 turned out.

C.O.C. - Deborah recommends in that newsletter...the album "The Book Of Invasions" by the Horslips. Pagan Music on Amherst records.

LONG BEACH AREA - Kasie attended the Sabbat here and brought along Mimi and others. We'll hope they'll all join us soon again. We had another nice letter from Peggy Ellen and hope she'll visit us soon.

L.A. AREA - Georgia & Jay planned a Sabbat down their way. No report on that yet. Owen was up here for an early visit but left to attend the L.A. Sabbat. Lee & Shirley also got here. We just don't get to see enough of them. We are also happy to say Walt arrived. Don't really know where to list him anymore since he's about halfway between here and L.A.

S.F. BAY AREA - Joan and her gremlin had the flu but they were in good shape for the Sabbat. Robert also got here. Pixie recently had her 21st birthday (Happy Birthday, Pixie), and she was initiated at the Sabbat. Cathy busy looking for a job, a car, a new apartment...and then will get the group going there. Had a nice letter from Chuck but he didn't make it down here.

IDAHO - Geanie reports the study group doing great. They really sound like a nice lot of Pagans and we hope they get to visit soon.

NEW YORK AREA - Hans Holzer has been in Hollywood for TV interviews and more filming of his Witchcraft documentary. Also gave lectures in Santa Barbara, Hollywood, and Long Beach. Too bad we didn't have dates and locations in time for the last newsletter. Hans is just back from Europe where he has been filming a UFO documentary. He plans to be here on the coast in December and promises to do his best to join us for The Festival Of Lights.

Anita reports her tomatoes were so great they're all gone. She says she does her gardening in a bathing suit...but she sent no photos. Damn! Anita would appreciate any help in getting her house sold so she can move out here. Got a good ritual for that?

BALTIMORE - All goes well with K.A.M. Morgana and Ayeisha each have 2 groups of Pagans in addition to the covens. Also expect to add 2 feminist covens next year. The Pethesda coven with Antigone is about ready to go on its own. Morgana recently lectured on the cat in history & religion at The Maryland Feline Society. Morgana has lost her supplier for good Kyphi incense and would like to find another. Do you know of one...or a good formula for making it? She also sent some lovely belly dance photos but they were too dark to copy and she didn't give an OK to use them. Anyone in the vicinity, please paddle her!

Des Moines - Finally had a letter from Sefa. Also a nice article on her Coven Of The Mirror (complete with photos) which appeared in the Des Moines Tribune. Sefa says Revival will be out soon. Let's hope so!

SAN BERNARDINO AREA - We've had some very nice letters from Marion. She's thinking of a change to a different branch of the Craft. Maybe she can visit us soon.

SEATTLE-TACOMA AREA - JEANNIE is happy that Dean is back from Panama. Now other things will be overheated besides pots & pans. Donna finally arrived from Guam. John came down from Alaska for a visit but couldn't stay for the Sabbat.

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BOOKS - Herbie finally found the book we mentioned we were looking for a couple of months ago. THE WITCHES by Jay Williams...Random House in hardback and also available (if you can find it) in paperback. A historical novel of the Craft in Scotland during the time of King James. Thanks, Herbie. Stef sent us a beautiful book...The Celts by Georges Dottin published by Editions Minerva. History and photos. Thanks, Stef...a welcome addition to our library.

HERBS - Merle Sez... Plants & Astrology...because each astrological sign governs a particular part or function of the body, a plant used as medicine for some part of the body could be linked to the sign ruling that part. For example: the planet Jupiter rules the blood functions, so a plant known as a blood purifier could very well be assigned to Jupiter. In the medical practices of the late middle ages, doctors actually based prescriptions on lists of such plant astrological sign correspondences. Through a very complicated system, they used not only those plant medicines that related to certain affected parts of the body, but also those which were ruled by favorable signs of the sick person's horoscope.

✓ STUFF & THINGS - Sorry I'm a bit late answering some of the mail. Have been unusually busy, and also had the flu for about a week during which I felt like doing nothing. Don't forget: I try to get the newsletter out by the first of the month as nearly as possible...so anything you want included should be here before the end of the month. Also..be sure to say what is and is not for publication. Also..if you send photos, be sure to say whether or not they can be used in the newsletter just in case we have space for them.

Second meeting of the new psychic club Sixth Sense was held last night. It appears so far that it may grow into something worthwhile.

Herbie is expecting the navy to ship him to Texas in the near future. We'll miss him.

Paula, has been in this country only about 2 months. Her home is Paris (France, that is, not Texas). Very psychic, and a welcome addition to our people. We hope she never goes home.

Barbara in Denver is scheduled to be here about the time you receive this...really, this time. If she doesn't make it this time, we may send a monster to eat Denver.

SEATTLE-TACOMA (again) - Sabrina had a good time at the circus. Stef has a new snake, Zenobia, (don't know if there's a connection) for belly dancing. Don't know if the snake can belly dance yet.

Stef says she's into A Separate Reality. No, not smoking it, it's a class she's taking. Then she said something about wading the streams in hipboots with Native Americans while looking for salmon or Fisheries Biologists, while reading legal documents on fishing rights. I wonder if there's room for more in that class ??? As you know, Jeannie is in Stef's belly dancing class, and says that now that Dean is home from Panama, he gets to tag along to the classes. Lucky guy!!! Stef, I'll bet you could make a fortune by charging dirty old men admission to watch the class in action.

MORE STUFF & THINGS - Just received a copy of Magical And Mystical Sites - Europe & the British Isles by Elizabeth Pepper & John Wilcock of the Witches' Almanac...Published by Harper & Row...\$10.95 You won't want to miss this one.

That's all, Folks!

Love and Blessed Be.

Stef