

BAKERSFIELD - A really fun Sabbat. Leslie & Les conducted the Pagan Way ritual. Gail & Walt did the Craft ritual. Earlier in the day Joan was initiated. We had the pool filled, but hadn't quite finished cleaning it, and it was a little too cool for swimming anyway. Everyone here busy making things for our booth at the Cal State College Fair on May 21. It was a bit crowded in the kitchen recently when Bobbie had everyone trying to make candles at the same time. Not so crowded but we got dirty hands from Shirley's session on palmistry.

SO. COUNCIL OF C.O.G. - Where are you? Is no news good news?

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA - Kathy & Terry got here. Joan made it down for her initiation. Michael has been up there for a few weeks but got here for the Sabbat.

LOS ANGELES AREA - Finally recieved a letter from Georgia & Jay. Jay off again for the east...maybe this will be the last time. They will do biorhythm charts for 1978 for \$10. Need a letter with mailing address and birthdate. We were happy to see Lee & Walt get up here for the Sabbat. Walt moves so often we're never sure where to list him. Gwen called to say all goes well with both herself and Annie.

HAWAII - Joey has arrived there. Reports beautiful scenery....and girls. We expect him to visit Adele.

HESPERIA, Cal. - Marion has straightened out her real estate problems, but has suffered a loss from a theft of last year...but there is a possibility of getting it back. We'll work toward that. Marion got to visit Georgia & Jay, and they spent the next day visiting her. She still hopes to visit Bakersfield someday. Marion says she buys her seeds from an Herb House, Box 5, Hammond, Indiana 46325/

FLORIDA - Donna & Tony hoping to make a move to California but may be delayed. We'll look forward to meeting them.

YOSEMITE - We were glad John got here for the Sabbat. Too bad Dierdre couldn't get off from work, Dierdre was sick for awhile but is OK now and is happily anticipating a visit from her mother & brother from Texas.

NEW MEXICO - A letter from Susan, Star Of Enchantment Church. Some of you may have heard of the court battle over the Brasher boy. Anyway Susan says he got to stay with his parents.

SEATTLE-TACOMA AREA - Stef & her mother put on a presentation on E.S.P atc. at the Star Trek Convention..in Seattle. Stef is taking up folk dancing, and finding much Pagan related material. Stef is also planning another gathering at "America's Stonehenge" (see the new Witches' Almanac) but no date announced yet.

LAKWOOD, CAL. - Peggy Ellen had a pleasant visit with her brother from England. He brought her bits of soil from Stonehenge, Rollright Stones, and other magikal places. She says one can still see Stonehenge from behind a fence, but only researchers can visit the stones...with permission. Peggy Ellen also reports that hundreds of people showed up for an Aquarian Festival in England in March. She also says her herbs and trees are growing beautifully after so much rain.

DES MOINES - Finally recieved a letter from Sefa. She had premature twins that didn't make it. Wish she had allowed us to publish the pregnant photo. Can you imagine a sexy chick attached to a blimp? Sefa had a pleasant visit from Selena & Jim of Circle. Also reports Fauna had her 2nd birthday. Also reports a new house and a new dog...which likes to drink the ritual wine and eat the watchtowers. Sefa says there are so many people now that they had to split into two covens plus the training groups. Joe is now making hand-carved Indian flutes, and Sefa is doing Craft embroidery...but no more details on that.

MEETINGS - Astara, 800 W. Arrow Hwy., Upland, Cal. 91786...planning an Egyptian Festival & Dance...\$2. donation. Also contests & auction of Egyptian treasures... May 26...7:30 P.M.

Susan B. Anthony Coven # 1....Aeron, the Elf Queen's Daughters live in concert... Sat., June 17...8 to midnight at the Santa Monica Bay "Women's Club...1210 4th St. Santa Monica. Donation...\$3.

Pan*Pagan Festival...July 14-16 at Lake Holiday, Indiana. \$10. per person for the camp-out event. Workshops on magick, Craft, healing, dance, Etc. Also Selena & Jim concerts of music. For a brochure-invitation, send S.A.S.E. to Selena, c/o Circle, Box 9013, Madison, Wi. 53715. Attn: MPC Festival.

BOOKS - Lost Goddesses Of Early Greece by Charlene Spretnak. \$4.95 plus postage & handling (\$5.70 or \$6.44 overseas). Women In Distribution, P.O.B. 8858, Washington, D.C. 20003.

We recieved our edition of the Witches' Almanac...and sad news. It will be the last edition. Wonder if there is some way to talk them into continuing???? Some good news: A collection of material from earlier editions is available in book form.. "Witches All" \$4.95 plus 50¢ postage....Grosset & Dunlap, Inc...Box 857, Madison Square P.O. , N.Y., N.Y. 10010.

Jeffrey B. Russell, author of "Witchcraft In The Middle Ages" , and "The Devil " Cornell University Press...1972 & 1977...is now writing a complete history of Witchcraft under contract to Thames & Hudson..London. The book should be available about the end of next year. If you have material you feel will be of interest to him, you might write: Jeffrey B. Russell, Dean Of Graduate Studies, California State University, 4525 Dartmouth Drive, Sacramento, Cal. 95841.

STUFF & THINGS - We recently had a pleasant visit from Tony (Streggha branch) who was headed for Salt Lake and then Pennsylvania when he left. He plans to stay put in Pa. We had some correspondence with Tony several years ago, and it was a pleasure to get to meet him.

We do get disgusted with the "New, improved computerized operation of Pickwick". It now takes about 4 times as long to get a book...if you get it. We called many times asking about the Witches' Almanac. Always they said it hadN~~o~~t come in yet. Then they said they had sold out. Typical for Pickwick. It seems their "efficiency expert" has been more of an "efficiency moron". The first time he arrived there a couple of years ago, not even the people who worked there could find anything after he left.

We have been having problems lately with properly addressed mail being returned as "unable to deliver" for one reason or another. If you have this problem, write ~~or~~ telegraph your congressman. That is the only way to get the postal "abortion" straightened out. Those dishonest politicians do want your vote! If you raise enough hell... they'll do something!

FROM DONNA: "Tragedy Of Terror".."Coming Of Error"
 ...Puritans ashore!...breed dogma in a new frontier....from the "in" laws...raise Pure Breds...Blue-blooded Bloodhounds to flush the "sinful"....Scarlet....bound and drowned...burned by the Salem of JeruSALEM....tortured....maimed...sign your name....dogma be praised... confesss....conform....spread the word of Damnation....make all ashamed... afraid....plant the seed of "sin" in the mind...in the name of God... strictly adhere or be aborted....perform the rites or lose the right to belong....evicted....convicted....condemned...excommunicated...in the name of Benevolence.

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HERBS - MERLE SEZ-- He wishes to apologize but he was too busy with a new grand-daughter to write a column this month...he sez! But knowing Merle, I'd say he was probably too busy chasing "sweet young things".

So...we'll give you a couple of notes...

ALFALFA ...contains every known vitamin.

PARSLEY ...source of vitamin A, iron, and potassium.

STRAWBERRIES....make a tea for eczema.

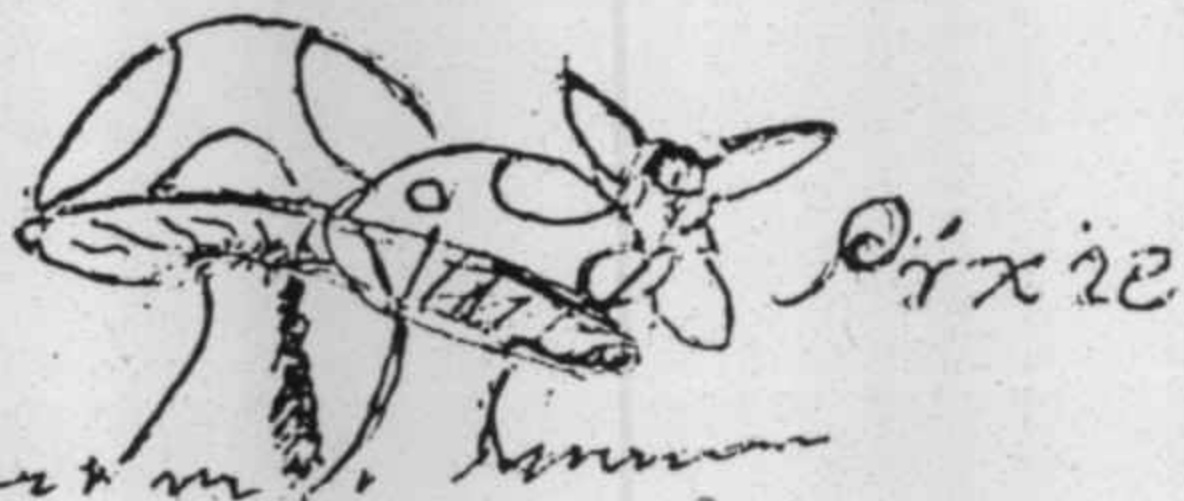
GARLIC....will get rid of warts...and all your friends...if you take it every day.

THYME...good for fever and headaches.

RICE...tastes good but has little food value. Eat it only for pleasure.

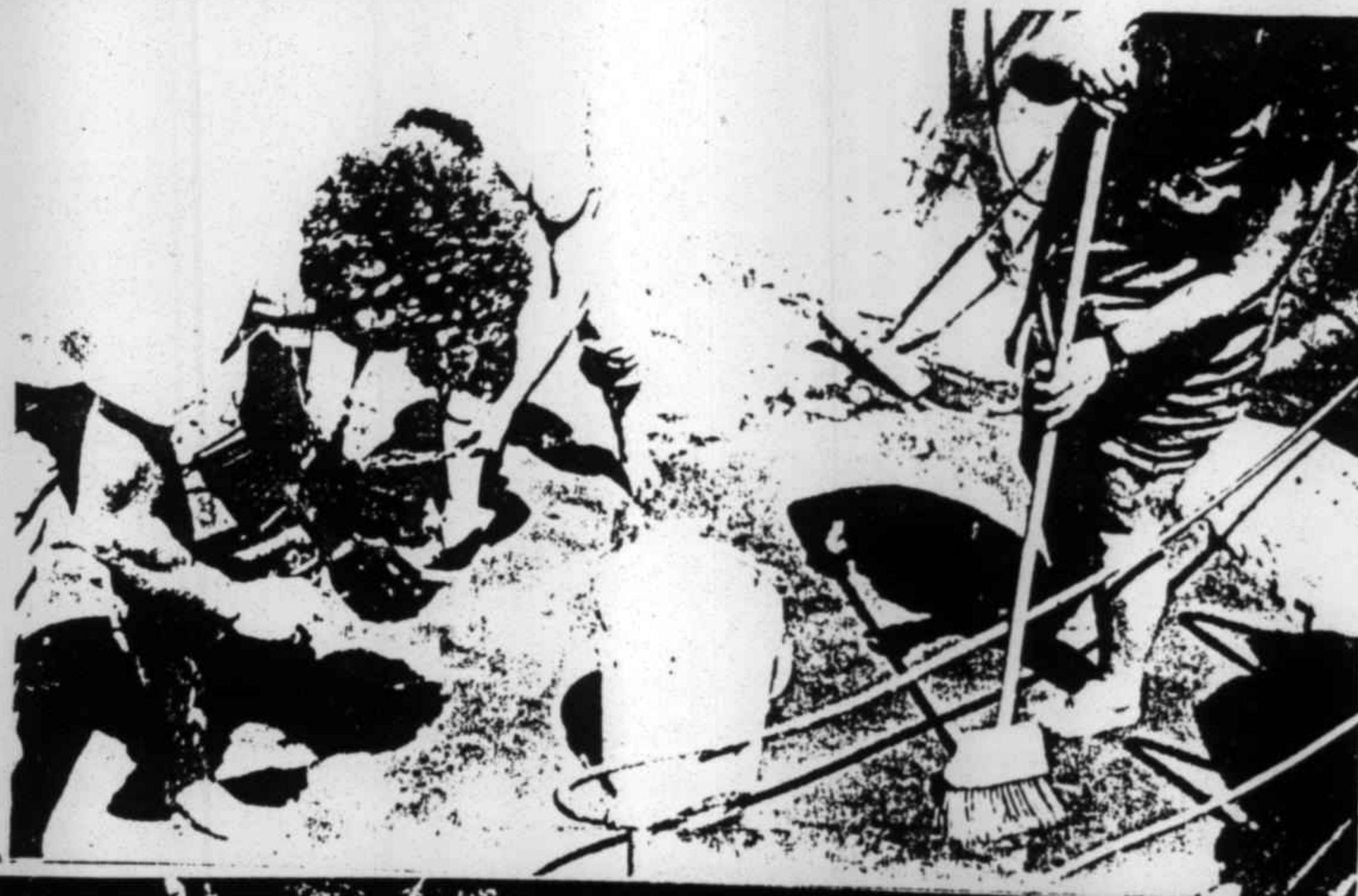
DANDELIONS...tastes lousy unless mixed with salad vegetables. Use leaves & flowers for salts & vitamin A.

We hope this will keep you healthy until Merle slows down from...whatever he's doing.. long enough to write a column.



ABOVE: a drawing by a PIXIE.

AT RIGHT: Bobbie, Martha & Luke busy cleaning the pool and catching the mosquito fish, Chlorene will kill them if they are not removed for the summer.



That's all, folks!

Love and Blessed Be.

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P.S. WRITE! DAMMIT!