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DON'T FORGET THE PAGAN STUDIES CONTEST! The deadline is June 21st, 1986. If you haven't mailed your entry yet, please put it in the mail today so we can start reading in time for the July issue!

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Theban Alphabet Revisited, Part 2 by Rik

Theban does fit our use much better than Futhorc with its lack of the useful J P Z even though it also lacks the confusing Q and X. Theban can benefit from Runic because the latter does have useful letters of Ne Ch Th. Plus Theban does need a numerical system. If we can add these letters to Theban, I feel that we will have a useful code and magickal language. I'll save the script problem for later.

The problem is how do we do this? Do we invent random symbols like ϕ or ψ , or adopt new letters that fit into the alphabet? Also how do we justify this adaption?

Witchcraft, as a nature religion, must obey the laws of nature in order to survive. One of the strongest of nature's laws is that of adaption. Since Theban, despite its origins, is a part of modern Witchcraft, it too, must adapt to survive, and one of these adaptations is to differentiate between the I and J and U V and W.

If we study Theban closely, we discover that each letter is composed of a base and a stem. The base can be single (r) or double (x). If single, it can have a single loop (l) or double loop (m). It can also have a single sharp (y), double sharp (yy), closed loop (g) or reverse closed loop (e). If double, it can be the same loop or sharp on the first and second loop (v) or different on each loop (w).

Stems exist only on a single base and can be straight (j), curved (z), closed curve (b), bottom cross (l), mid cross (t) or (y), single loop (h), double loop (m) or tailed (z). Thus the letter "A" can be referred to as a "single sharp base-curved stem" and the letter X can be called a "double loop base with a double loop base on both sides". Complex isn't it, but that's the way of linguistics.

It is easier to understand if we chart all possible combinations on the next page:

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Uh Oh, egg on wee little faces and apologies to Rik and all of you alphabet aficionados. There is supposed to be a chart here that we will have to wait until next month to print. Stay tuned - it is worth waiting for. (dean)

Theban Alphabet Revisited, Part 2 (cont.) by Rik

A	Ⲁ ⲁ Ⲃ ⲃ	H	Ⲭ ⲭ Ⲯ ⲯ	P	Ⲕ ⲕ Ⲍ ⲍ	Y	Ⲛ
B	Ⲅ ⲅ Ⲇ	I	Ⲱ	Q	Ⲗ ⲗ Ⲙ	Z	ⲛ Ⲝ ⲝ Ⲟ
C	ⲇ Ⲉ ⲉ	K	Ⲳ ⲳ Ⲵ	R	ⲙ Ⲏ		
D	Ⲋ ⲋ	L	Ⲷ ⲷ Ⲹ	S	ⲟ		
E	ⲉ Ⲋ ⲋ Ⲍ	M	ⲱ Ⲳ ⲳ	T	ⲛ Ⲝ		
F	ⲏ Ⲑ ⲑ Ⲓ	N	Ⲵ ⲵ Ⲷ	U	ⲟ Ⲡ		
G	ⲓ Ⲕ	O	ⲷ Ⲹ	X	ⲡ Ⲣ ⲣ Ⲥ		

Many of these appear to be time corruptions of the original letters. Thus if you have a letter in your version such as (ⲛ), you may check the chart to find the original form of that letter.

Second, some letters have been changed slightly to better fit the pattern. By this I have assumed that the "strange" letters of B, L, and V were actually corruptions of earlier letters, possibly miswritten by a Witch who had little artistic ability or too much ritual wine. Thus by examining the chart and the possibilities you may safely assume that the original letters for the following were:

B= Ⲅ	L= Ⲷ	T= ⲛ	V= ⲟ Ⲡ	Z= ⲛ
F= ⲏ	H= Ⲭ	P= Ⲕ	Q= Ⲗ	

There are a number of extra letters that I have added because they are useful and reduce confusion.

Ch as in change Ⲓ

Th as in this or teeth Ⲓ (note this can be hard or soft)

Sh as in shine Ⲓ

Ng as in thing but not in henge ⲛ

J is a modified I Ⲱ

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Theban Alphabet Revisited, Part 2 (cont.) by Rik

U is a modified V *l*

W is a modified V *l or l*

Fourth, I propose a number system in Runic to differentiate it from the Theban. In English you have number 0, number 1 and letter I or l. To avoid possible confusion I propose the following system for numbers:

0		3	4	6	↓	9	<
1	↑	4	∩	7	∩		
2	∩	5	∩	8	∩		

There is no logical reason for this pattern other than 0 and 1 are easy to learn and each following number is a mirror of the former.

There are also a number of spaces on the chart for additional letters or letter combinations such as the Celtic Ae and Ia or the Runic Oa or the Hebrew Ph and Ts.

Thus I offer the following Modern Modified Theban Alphabet for those who want to use it:

A	<i>l</i>	J	<i>∩</i>	S	<i>∩</i>	0	
B	<i>∩</i>	K	<i>∩</i>	Sh	<i>∩</i>	1	↑
C	<i>∩</i>	L	<i>∩</i>	T	<i>∩</i>	2	∩
Ch	<i>∩</i>	M	<i>∩</i>	Th	<i>∩</i>	3	∩
D	<i>∩</i>	N	<i>∩</i>	U	<i>∩</i>	4	∩
E	<i>∩</i>	Ng	<i>∩</i>	V	<i>∩</i>	5	∩
F	<i>∩</i>	O	<i>∩</i>	W	<i>∩</i>	6	∩
G	<i>∩</i>	P	<i>∩</i>	X	<i>∩</i>	7	∩
H	<i>∩</i>	Q	<i>∩</i>	Y	<i>∩</i>	8	∩
I	<i>∩</i>	R	<i>∩</i>	Z	<i>∩</i>	9	<
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From Grove Of The Unicorn.

Finally--an update on happenings in Atlanta. Sorry to be so long in getting this out, but all of us have been so very, very busy. With no urgent news to dispense, and the holidays claiming their share of time and energy, time quickly slipped away! (Then the flu bug struck!)

The furor here has calmed down and we are almost back to "normal" (whatever that is!). The things that have transpired since our last letter have been, for the most part, favorable.

Lady Galadriel appeared on a number of local talk shows during the "Halloween" season, including Sound Off, which covers about forty states. Listener response was encouraging, and, to be honest, a bit surprising, for the majority of calls, both while Lady Galadriel was on the air and after she left (the program continued), were positive. Many may not have agreed with our beliefs, but they stood up for our right to follow them. There were also a number of newspaper articles about the group, and several about individual members of the group. We were pleasantly surprised when media interest continued past Halloween, with a newspaper article on our "resident herbologist" and TV coverage of our Samhain rite. (We follow the astrological, rather than the calendar, dating of Sabbats.) The reporter and cameraman observed the rite, had us "re-stage" parts of it for filming and it was shown later that evening and the next day. Numerous small positive incidents have taken place, such as neighbors of those identified as Wiccans dropping by to offer support. And, most surprisingly of all, we have received only one anti-Wiccan religious tract at our P.O. Box!

We can't deny that there have been a few unpleasant incidents, but they have been so outnumbered by positive ones that we are very encouraged and feel more strongly than ever that we did the right thing in going public with our protests against the desecration of our sacred site.

On that subject, our efforts to deal with the situation through the legal system were both frustrating and rewarding. We received token support from the local police, but they didn't go out of their way to help us identify those who actually desecrated the site. We did take warrants against three of the men who were involved in the second incident,

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From Grove of the Unicorn (cont.)

when we were accosted and threatened by the group of drunken rednecks who were trespassing on our property.

The case was scheduled to be heard in November, but at the last moment was postponed until December. And guess when they scheduled it? Friday, the 13th... We found that rather interesting, and still aren't sure if it was just a "coincidence", or if someone at the courthouse has a sense of humor!

It went well, and most of the spectators (the courtroom was packed) were obviously pulling for our side. However, because of a small legal point which our attorney was not familiar with (even the judge was a bit surprised when the defendant's attorney pulled this one out of the depths), the men were let go with a stern warning and a public injunction was made to the effect that we are guaranteed the freedom of worship without harrassment and that anyone doing so would be subject to prosecution to the full extent of the law. The legal point? Failure to file notice of the posting of the property at the courthouse. A very obscure and unknown law which meant that even though we had posted the property and put chains across the driveway, the posting was not official because we had neglected to file a notice of same with the county authorities...

We feel that even though we "lost", in one respect, as the men were not officially punished, we still "won", for they were punished in other ways. They suffered the indignity of being arrested, spending time in jail, and having the newspapers report these facts. They spent money to make bond, and money on attorneys who were some of the more expensive in the area, which means they were frightened of what the consequences of their acts could be. And the worst punishment of all, they had to spend all that time listening to the wives and mothers berate them for their "evil ways"!

All of the events, from the original desecration through the court case, were reported by the media, and the majority of their reports were very slanted toward our defense. We feel that much was accomplished through bringing our views into the light, for many discovered that "witches" aren't what they thought we were!

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From Grove of the Unicorn (cont.)

We sincerely thank all of you who sent us so much support. We were very aware of the inflow of positive energy, drew on it, and know we couldn't have made it through all of the turmoil without that support. All of us at the Grove of the Unicorn say, "THANK YOU!".

We have debated the subject of pursuing these matters further, through court cases against the police, individuals, etc., but reached the decision that no real purpose would be served. The persons who desecrated our site did so more from ignorance and fear than anything else, and the police were caught in the middle of a situation which they had never come up against before and weren't quite sure how to handle. We will continue our efforts to educate the public as to our beliefs and open practices, and perhaps these efforts will help to avoid such clashes in the future. After all the publicity the case received, we believe others will think twice before acting in the same manner as the people who desecrated our site.

Court cases cost money. After consultation with our attorney, we acknowledged that we do not have the finances to pursue this through the courts to the full extent. The only thing we would gain through further legal action would be a monetary award, which would have to be paid for by the taxpayers. Our right to worship openly and as we please has been recognized and legally documented, which was our basic purpose in the beginning. We will continue to work with and through the media in an effort to help the public understand us and our beliefs a little better.

We have learned many things from our various experiences, one of the most important being that there is unity amongst the Pagan community when there is need. To all our new friends, our thanks and our love.

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Two friends were having dinner together. When it came time for dessert, Perry took the biggest piece of cake. Paul looked surprised and said, "That's not very polite of you. You took the biggest piece."
 "What would you have done?" Perry asked.
 "I would have taken the smaller one," Paul replied.
 "Well," Perry said with a smile, "you have it."

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Have Altar, Will Travel by Puck

(The first of three articles for Witches "on the go".)

Having been in the Craft for a while now and living various places in different degrees of "openness", it struck me, while gazing thoughtfully at my Altar the other day--a makeshift Altar on a borrowed nightstand--how adaptable we Witches have to be in so many aspects of our lives--our lifestyles, ("Gods! company's coming. Hide the Athames and B.O.S.!), our methods ("After 3 years of Circles, he still sets the elements up wrong) & philosophies of worship ("It's 110 degrees in the shade, so we've turned the jacuzzi into our ritual bath!").

If we're lucky, we have our own permanent "Sacred Space", be it a small Altar in the bedroom or, if we're really lucky, a Temple Room. But what about those who, either out of need or necessity, have to travel a lot or due to limited space, can't set up a full Temple? These articles will attempt to offer some creative suggestions for achieving Sacred Space without: A) going crazy in the process, and B) having to move an entire roomful of furniture to the garage (or wherever) whenever a Circle needs to be cast.

"Altar-native" for an "official" Altar can be found almost anywhere around the house--a small table, a sturdy cardboard box, or even a suitcase. (This last one is good when you're either not going to stay where you are for long or don't have any furniture.)

Another idea, if you can't keep an Altar up all the time, (example: you have family or relatives who don't know about your Craft involvement) is to use some of the tools that aren't as "personal", such as the incense burner, candles & statues as decorations in the room you use and hide the others (Wand, Pentacle, B.O.S., Athame, Sword, Staff, etc.) either in a drawer (preferably locked) or closet shelf. I've seen this done very well at several Witches' homes and, if you didn't know about their involvement in the Craft, you couldn't tell at all.

If you can afford the convenience of a permanent Altar but lack the space, set up a small Altar or shrine on a sturdy wall shelf or the shelf of a bookshelf or wall unit, using the other shelves to hold books and supplies. (This is good if you're the type to pick up things here and there and have little or no storage space!)

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Have Altar, Will Travel (cont.) by Puck

As a last resort, there are boxes that fit under the bed, which are large and flat and can serve as an Altar/supply case. I'd recommend that the top be reinforced somehow before use--they've always struck me as being pretty flimsy--but if space is a premium, anything's better than nothing!

As far as Temple alternative, if you live near a large park, seek out a very secluded area and "stake it out" as a Circle site, either by subtly setting it up with a Circle and clearing it out, or just using that spot over and over again. (This worked very well for a study group I had back in Ann Arbor, Mich., at the Ann Arbor Arboretum. Several groups in the area, both positive and negative, used and still use it for rituals!) One word of caution: Most city parks close down for the night, so you will undoubtedly have to sneak in and out. I found that in cases like this, it helps to do several things: 1) Park a block or two away, so any local constabulary can't ticket or impound your car; 2) Wear dark "woody" colors--dark green, gray or blue, rather than black--you'll blend into the foliage better if you have to and 3) Dig small holes for the quarter candles, (remembering to replace your divits when cleaning up!), so less light will show. (It also looks like four votive candles and adds a very special feel and look to a Circle!).

A secluded beach is also an excellent place, particularly if you're lucky enough to find a secluded cove somewhere on the seashore nearby! (Just be careful of the tides--Gods forbid anyone should be swept out to sea!) At the seashore there are also ample materials for tools and supplies--use the seawater for your salt and water--it's already mixed and doesn't really need any exorcism unless you feel so inclined. Also, a piece of driftwood, depending on size, can be utilized as a Wand or Staff, and what better Goddess symbol than a seashell or holed stone fresh out of the sea? If you're low on tools, use incense (may be dried and powdered seaweed or driftwood?) for Air and Fire, the Seawater for Water and Earth. (In some Traditions, they put the water towards the Northwest of the Circle and the incense brazier or cauldron in the Southeast. We put them in the Northeast and Southwest, but, then again, we're Celtic Trad.)

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Have Altar, Will Travel (cont.) by Puck

Even in the mountains, utilize what you find--a stick for a Wand, stone for Earth, branch for a staff, etc. What better mountain symbols than a pine cone and a stone wrapped with flowers for the God and Goddess?

You get the idea---Be Creative!

Now that you realize that you're never bound by where or what your Altar is, my next installment will cover a way to take your complete Altar with you.

Until then--Blessings Be!

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Prom Night and the Baptist Minister by Tarostar

A recent happening has been brought to national attention from a small rural town in the middle section of the country. It seems a hundred years ago, the local town fathers passed a law outlawing dancing on public property in the community. Many in the community feel that old law is outmoded and should be challenged. However, the Baptist ministers apply pressure to the school board calling for the old law to be upheld on the grounds that teenagers dancing will get them pregnant, drinking alcohol and taking dope.

The School Board, being members of the majority Church in the town, go along with the attitudes expressed by their Pastors. Thus we have an indirect State Church for the community. Although a majority of a community may set its own standards, such expressions make one wonder what type of belief system is it that calls its young people moral degenerates if they want dances like normal teenagers in other communities. The religious attitudes of the pastors in that town, influencing the decisions of the ruling bodies, see evil everywhere.

One adult in the community was interviewed and said that holding a person close leads to urges he didn't feel young people should have. Other adults hide behind the old saw that the majority rules and don't rock the boat.

The religion is expressive of a very life denying moral system and shows the murky well of evil thoughts generated by

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Prom Night and the Baptist Minister (cont.) by Tarostar

the low opinion the Church holds of young people in general. They do not present their religion as an inspiring faith, but show it as something which condemns and carps and sees evil. If that is the level of the thought patterns held in mind by the "Elders", unfortunately, that is all they can offer as religion. Anyone of intelligence falls away from it at the first opportunity.

That is why we must stand with the Founding Fathers of the Constitution of the United States and do everything we can to keep any form of Church or religion out of the political field and prevent the sneaky indirect control used by Churches of dominating politicians because they are members of a Church.

When we have a County Commission or School Board whose majority members all belong to one particular Denomination, we get an indirect State Church, as the Politicians and Officials will not display backbone enough to stand up to their Pastors and Church Elders. Rev. Jesse Jackson, as far as I can tell, did not resign from the Ministry of the Baptist Church in order to run for public office. What would he have done if elected? Would it be right for an ordained minister to become President of the United States?

President Carter was a Baptist Sunday school teacher. That was bad enough and the United States became the Wimp of the Western World because of it. Pope John Paul II calls for Priests and Nuns to resign religious office if they are determined to be politicians. He is right.

I urge all Witches/Pagans to get involved in politics and register and vote to make their influence heard by becoming an active part of the established community. The Craft has rejected involvement too long, so sneaky indirect religious domination is allowed to perpetuate itself keeping the oppressive Judaeo-Christian system in control. That must change.

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Recently, a rock 'n' roll star's car went out of control and smashed into a dozen other cars before it could be stopped. Fortunately, it happened in his own garage.

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Faerie Evocations by Charles Arnold

To the God:

Hail Gwyn, King of Faerie, bringer of light
 I, _____, Your wife, Your daughter, Your priestess
 call forth Your name and through that power ask that you make
 Yourself present so that we may see You,
 feel You, know You and worship You
 in a way that You will find fitting.
 I offer food, I offer drink, I offer myself.
 All these gifts I offer as is due and fitting and proper.
 Come and blessed be.

To the Goddess:

Hail Rhiannon, Queen of love and bringer of life
 I kneel before You and pay You homage.
 I, _____, Your husband, Your son, Your priest
 call forth Your name and through that power
 ask that You make Yourself present so that we may see You
 feel You, know You and worship You
 in a way that You will find fitting
 I offer dance, I offer song, I offer myself.
 All these gifts I offer as is due and fitting and proper.
 Come and blessed be.

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I took a piece of plastic clay
 And idly fashioned it one day,
 And as my fingers pressed it, still
 It bent and yielded to my will.

I came again, when days were passed,
 The bit of clay was hard at last,
 The form I gave it, still it bore,
 But I could change that form no more.

Then I took a piece of living clay
 And gently formed it, day by day
 And molded with my power and art,
 A young child's soft and yielding heart.

I came again when years were gone.
 It was a man I looked upon.
 He still that early impress bore,
 And I could change it, nevermore. --Author Unknown

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Be-Aware by MoonRaven

Beware of the things you ask,
There is evil in many a good task,
Be sure of the forces you send,
Lest an enemy made of a friend,
Love can be turned into hate,
By an unknown twist of your fate,
As intentions so good,
Can be misunderstood,
You may get what you ask indeed!

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Awakening by Ogaea

There is a sensation of shadow,
deep misty green shadows,
arcading to incomprehensible towering heights;
and more shadows, rising, cloying,
ascending.

There is the sensation of energy,
electrically hot air, almost
colorfully substantial.

There is the sensation of power, of
urgency, of
surgency,
reaching

Bitterness is like long
insistent
narrow roads
angry dirt roads
muddy
and treacherous
and lined with dead trees.

Rage is like an ultimate
inclemency,
without mercy.

The fury is infernal,
blinding, as terrible
as the face of the god.

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Awakening (cont.) by Ogaea

There is a sensation of exhaustion
 or orgasmic
 relaxation
 a vulnerable weakness, a
 passive mood
 of no
 resistance.

There is a sensation of
 strength,
 of subtle omnipotence,
 a secret influence
 infallably dynamic
 and
 enduring.

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From Thor

Merry Meet! How many times in reply to our protests, have we received the response "Nuclear power is safe" and "how can you say that, when we all know that nuclear power is the energy of the future?" And, how often have the quote/unquote "experts" said that "in reality", "a disaster could never happen because nuclear energy is safe". Even in the face of Three Mile Island, they hung in to their story... because LUCKILY, the clock hadn't run out and a meltdown occurred though we know how very close it was.

Well, we now can say that history has proven us right (isn't it painful though, to be right sometimes?). Fact: Nuclear power IS NOT SAFE. Fact: Nuclear power is NOT CLEAN. Fact: If the world persists with escalation of the use of nuclear power, THERE WON'T BE ANY FUTURE.

Chernobyl isn't necessarily in a place so far distant from us (just look at the charts on the fallout to see this). Chernobyl is a symbolic place, sort of like Oz only the antithesis of a place magickal. It could be any number of locations around our country or, indeed, around Mother Earth. It could be (and probably is) in your back yard, dear reader, as indeed it is in mine, Connecticut, on Long Island and in nearby upstate New York.

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From Thor (cont.)

Fellow Pagans and Sisters and Brother of Wicca. It has been our destiny so often in history to help restore natural order to a world gone wild. Two times which will come to all our minds was the destruction of the Spanish Armada which was heading for the invasion and rape of Britain and again much later when we literally "turned the tide" on the arch madman Adolf Hitler and his plans for world domination. I think there will be very little (if any) disagreement when I say that the time has again arrived when we must band together and stop the forces of destruction; only THIS time, it shall be our destiny to turn back an Armada of thought and the plans of our ELECTED leaders for continuance and amplification of the use of this dangerous power.

I truly believe that the time is now ripe for us, as the benders and shapers, to be the phalanx of a mighty national cry of protest and outrage. A cry so loud and so broad that our leaders will have no alternative BUT to listen. We spoke out against the immorality of the war in Southeast Asia. Now we must speak out against genocide wherein WE shall be included as victims. We, as Witches, may initially see more clearly the threat and why this must be done but I believe that a majority (not a SILENT majority either) of the rest of society will stand by our side on this issue. Certainly, it would behoove all of us, Covener and Solitary alike, to raise the Cone or the Power to fight off this menace. Lammas and Equinox approach in but a couple of short months. How profound, when we know that there are now places upon Gaia faced with NO HARVESTS for many years to come and, certainly no thanksgivings.

Sisters and Brothers, this time please do not leave the noise making to Thor. I pass to each of you my Magickal Hammer that you might wield it along with me and thereby help strike down this menace.

For the sake of the future, may our voices be heard and may our Magic work.

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Eight-year-old boy: "Bet I kin give ya a head start and still win in any race."

Six-year-old boy after a moment's hesitation: "Okay, we'll slide down the bannister."

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From The Doctor

Hi, Folks, Happy Beltane! Had a very fine May Day rite at Corona Heights Park in San Francisco with about forty members and friends of NROOGD (New Reformed Order of the Golden Dawn). The day started out to be pretty dismal, and rain had been forecast for several days. But by ritual time most of the clouds had gone and we could enjoy the great view of the City from the hilltop without worrying about who brought an umbrella.

For all you players and supporters of the Falwell Game, some good news...WE WON! Ol' Jer' has had to shut down his toll-free number and switch to a regular one because his Old-Time Gospel Hour television show had been getting upwards of 50,000 "harassing" calls a month. More than that, he's also had to lay off about 225 of his ministry's employees because of the financial crisis caused by his spending \$14 million dollars (of other people's money) on his Liberty University in Virginia.

So there's one for our side. But before we start the back-slapping, let's remember that this was just one skirmish. On the other hand, there's the report that 7-Eleven stores have been forced to stop selling Playboy and Penthouse magazines due to pressure from a Falwell-sponsored boycott. While many of us may not find this too terrible a loss, the principle established is ominous in the extreme. It should serve as a reminder to be constantly on the lookout for renewed attempts to infringe on our own rights and freedoms in the name of "morality".

Well, in a couple of weeks I'll be off to Japan again for an all-too-brief vacation. I spent two years there as an English teacher and have a priceless video tape of a Japanese shaman in action, if anyone is interested in seeing it. This trip I'll be exploring the old capital of Nara, and making arrangements for an extremely pleasant (and permanent) liason while I'm there. I'll tell you all about it when I get back.

For those of you interested in the American Indian tradition, may I recommend Indian Medicine Power by Brad Steiger (1984, Para Research, Inc., 85 Eastern Avenue, Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930, \$12.95). It's probably the most informative and readable work that Brad has done so far, with a great deal of practical and useful information on Indian techniques as well as philosophy.

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The Lay of Rosalind by Tarostar

There was a Witch, most wondrous fair
 With colored ribbons to bedeck her hair.
 It flowed and billowed in the playful wind,
 As all Nature adored blond Rosalind.

Lightly upon the shore in Spring
 The Elements listed to hear Rosalind sing.
 The harp she stroked was of Welsh fashion made
 And upon it songs of the Old Ones played.

She sang of Castles of might and renown
 And of times when never there was a frown.
 Of brave Lords and fair Ladies from times gone past,
 And of runes and riddles and prophecy forecast.

Maid Rosalind of the enchanted Lyre
 Could stir up passion, or quench love's fire.
 Her Voice could trance and lull to sleep, or embolden and
 inspire, or cause to weep.

None now sing of such things gone by.
 None play the harp out under the sky.
 Another Rosalind there could never again be,
 For her singing caused fair Lyonesse to sink under the sea.

There by the shore in the waves and the gale
 You may perchance hear a plaintive wail,
 A voice from under the vasty deep
 From Lyonesse in its watery keep.

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You can neither see, smell, feel or hear a calorie yet it has caused even stalwart males to back away from the festive board. It all started with a French chemist named Antoine Lavoisier who had the misfortune to get himself guillotined in 1794. His experiments led to the development of a standard measurement for a unit of heat: calorie, the quantity of heat necessary to raise the temperature of one gram of water one degree centigrade. Since heat is a form of energy, it was only a matter of time until biochemists got into the act with nutritionists following hot on their heels. Simply stated, calories represent the energy-giving components of food. If you eat more than is necessary for your energy requirements, your body may prudently store away the excess as fat--unused calories.

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From Mandel

Greetings Georgians: Wot a nice surprize to receive the GNL today. It must have slipped by the POSTMASTER since I neglected to write and give you a change of address.

Yup, daughter Jovanna and I moved again nearer to the beach (about one mile away) and nearer to work. We love Dania-- it's like a forgotten little town in South Broward, right in the middle of North Miami and Ft. Lauderdale. Wot a pleasure to drive home from work and see a genuine fox cross the road in front of you. We also have seen many raccoons as well as some beautiful exotic wild birds. We have a large area of undeveloped land surrounding our house, and it's wonderful to smell, feel and enjoy the blessings of THE GREAT ONE. What is really interesting is that we seem to be able to communicate with the little folks busy tending our gardens and wild areas. Never been one to get in with the faeries living in the tenaments of New York, but they abound out here in great number and once they make themselves known to you they seem to almost pester (with love) for attention. At first I thought it was an illusion and that I wasn't seeing things right, but they are persistent and will not be ignored. They do perform magic, not like in fairy tales, but rather they fill one's heart with gladness and good feelings--and that is the strongest magic of them all. The more plants I bring in the happier they are, therefore the happier I am, and it's contagious. We have also inspired a large amount of frogs who come to visit, and several times while watering a hanging plant they have attached themselves to me. Little lizards hop around in great numbers also-- hopefully getting the sand fleas that abound in this area. We love them. (The animals and not the fleas).

Florida is good to us. My health has been much better since the move about one and a half years ago from NYC. It took a little while before I was able to establish my business--freelance accounting/bookkeeping--and once I got it off the ground here I was offered a position as a Controller from a company. It took a bit of deciding, but I gave up my business and accepted the positon. Still undecided at this point (3 months later) if I made the right choice. But Florida has many opportunities for people with skills and a desire to work hard. However, one sometimes gets lost with the beautiful weather and a strong desire to go to the beach all the time.

Blessed Bees, Trees, etc.

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From TOTEK

TEMPLE OF THE ELDER GODS has awarded Letters of Appreciation to Mathew Bell, Susan Boos, Loren Davidson, Michael Dern, Candy Jourdan, James Mantonya, Sandy Wahe and Michael Ward for their unselfish service on behalf of the City of Los Angeles Central Library the night of May 2nd, 1986.

Their untiring efforts aided immeasurably in salvaging countless priceless and often irreplaceable volumes which had been damaged in the tragic fire.

Actions such as theirs reflect the true Pagan spirit of involvement, the prime duty of the Wise. They have provided an excellent example for other Pagans to follow.

These Pagans can be justifiably proud that their actions have brought great credit upon themselves, the Temple of the Elder Gods, and the entire Pagan Community.

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Mother Earth's Workers

Mother Earth's Workers, a community service volunteer network, was founded by Temple of the Elder Gods on May 6th, 1986.

This organization is composed of people from many different Pagan traditions in Southern California. The purpose is to provide skilled and unskilled volunteers to help during such emergencies as the Los Angeles Central Library fire, floods and other natural disasters, and helping in conservation efforts.

Volunteers are needed to do everything from light telephone work to such heavy work as filling sandbags to divert flood waters.

Within three days of its founding, Mother Earth's Workers boasted 25 volunteers.

If you live in the Southern California area and would like to become a Mother Earth's Workers volunteer, please send your legal name, address, and telephone number to: Mother Earth's Workers, c/o TOTEK, P.O. Box 4172, Sunland, CA 91040-4172.

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Pagan/Wiccan Songfest/pot-luck/swapmeet/camping Weekend

The Grove of the Unicorn, Atlanta, GEORGIA is sponsoring a PAGAN/WICCAN SONGFEST/POT-LUCK/SWAPMEET/CAMPING WEEKEND, August 9 & 10, 19986. No workshops or rituals are planned--just music, singing, eating, trading, lots of good fun, and getting to know each other. THERE IS NO FEE FOR THE WEEKEND. But you must bring all supplies you will need for yourself--musical instruments, voice, (if you don't play or sing, just bring yourself and enjoy what others do!), food, tent, goods to trade or sell, and lots of positive energies! Write for more information, reservations and directions. Space is limited, so we need to know if you're coming! (Sorry, send SASE or letter will not be answered.) Grove of the Unicorn, P.O. Box 13384, Atlanta, GA 30324.

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It has been said that there are six kinds of peace and that a person who is given all of these will never want for anything else--neither for health nor wealth, for love, for happiness, for beauty. The six kinds of peace are: the peace that comes from goodwill among nations; the peace that comes when neighbors help each other; the peace that a person draws from nature; the peace that exists within the family; peace between a person and their god; and, above all, the peace one finds within oneself.

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From Puck

Hi there, Georgians! Just a short note (with a longer article series enclosed).

We missed you at COG Beltane! We had about 75 people there, and good time was had by all! The handfasting of Scarecrow and Lady Morven Forest was really beautiful, especially once the bride paid the bridegrooms' bride-price to ransom him! (We kidnapped Scarecrow and tied him to a tree just before the handfasting... well, we never gave the guy a Bachelors' Party, so....)

The ritual itself went very well. We must've had 70 people (at least!) dancing around the Maypole, which really got interesting! Just before we started dancing, the wind picked up, sending all sorts of waves of energy--it was beautiful! I made the crack "Can we cook, or can't we?"

Later on, we had a Bardic Circle, which was also a lot of fun. I finally got to hear a rhythm accompaniment to "Never Again The Burning," which really sounded great!

Well, I have to fly--my broom's double-parked! Hope to see you all at the Mountain Meet next month or whenever...Blessed Be!

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After talking with a pupil about a problem, an elementary school principal kindly instructed the child to return to his classroom. The boy rose to leave, then turned and asked, "Sir, will you walk with me?"

Adults are no different from the child in that respect. People want us to walk with them. They want you and me to walk with them in their joys, in their sorrows, in their frustrations and in their tribulations. Sometimes they want our presence more than our presents--our touch more than our talk. Sometimes they want our calm assurance more than our candid advice--our encouragement more than our sage pronouncements. Sometimes they want us to be their friend, one who "comes in when the whole world goes out."

The world is full of individuals who hunger for our understanding, love, appreciation and companionship--someone just to walk with them. --William Arthur Ward

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From Tarostar

I fully agree with the observations by BD about how "Pagans" seem to present themselves at gatherings.

I see pictures of Pagan Meetings with ladies, back to camera, and a Moon as wide as Texas. A real live Venus of Willendorf.

I do not understand how persons can claim to be into the Occult aspects of the Craft, yet cloud the mind with drugs so they can't communicate even with this world, let alone an Astral or Etheric one.

The Craft must present a more substantial image than what it has in the past. If one wants respect and serious consideration from the mainstream, one has to reflect it. Unfortunately, many Witches/Pagans do not, or even try to even take themselves seriously, let alone the Old Religion.

Those who have voices heard in the Craft ought to speak out on some things where Witches/Pagans appear foolish and unadult. It must be shown that the "Do Your Own Thing" just to shock and appear strange is not doing the Old Religion any credit.

At Skyclad gatherings, usually those who should keep covered up don't. Those who are aesthetically acceptable, according to general standards, may be skyclad, but portly gentlemen and heavy ladies ought to wear robes. The Ancients did things that way. It is not being a prig or a prude to ask for a little pride and self discipline as thinking/sentient beings from Witches/Pagans.

The Craft does suffer from what BD refers to as Drop Outs from Society. They do not give the best image of the Old Religion to the Stranger and allow the Stranger to perpetuate animosity to Paganism. Witches of substance and social acceptability is not too much to ask. The Drop Outs gather to the Craft because of the tolerant attitudes in the Faith, and contribute next to nothing. I, for one, would not enter a Magic Circle with a druggie. Such are much too open to the forces of the dark Astral. There would be no way to work Magics or Spellcraft or even Sabbat with those types.

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From Tarostar (cont.)

Just because the Craft is tolerant does not mean the Craft does not have standards or right and wrong and acceptable social behavior. Orchestrated Chaos seems to be the norm at many gatherings of persons saying they worship the Lord and Lady of the Cosmos, which stands for Order and stability. Perhaps many will feel this is just a voice crying in the wilderness, as the saying goes, but I do feel those who have been active Witches all their lives need to speak up when the younger generation gets silly. Freaks, Fats and Fems are told not to apply in the personal columns of Newsprint. So they show up in the Craft. Of course there is room for them, but let us all give a little consideration as to how our actions, words and deeds affect the whole and not be so self-centered as to feel we can be as radical as we like and to Hell with all and everyone else.

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Star Gazer by Lady Fauna

June 16th, 17th, 18th--Good days for travel, romance, creativity. Burn blue and pink candles.

19th--Good for fishing, creativity, baking. Not good for travel.

20th--Watch your pocketbook! If you are trying to put it together today and it keeps falling apart, wait until tomorrow.

21st--Solstice, Full Moon. Travel, romance, new clothes, harvest crops and herbs. Good day to begin weaning from the outdated. Changes of residence. Walking. Publicity. Purple and blue candles. Plums.

22nd--Earthquake danger.

23rd--Earthquake danger continues--possibly off the coast of Mexico. Possible disturbance in Port Said. Watch money matters. Continue meditations on weaning. Peculiar people.

25th--Strange things from Sweden? Stake plants, cut grass and do weeding. Continue meditations on weaning.

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Star Gazer (cont.) by Lady Fauna

27th --Activities concerning imagination, intuition, arts, reasoning, family, literature could be discouraging. Sea green candles.

29th--Business sales, changes of occupation, harvest crops and herbs, travel, be careful near water, love troubles, headaches. Red candles.

July 1st--Plant root crops, paint fences, harvest crops and herbs, favorable for marriage, intuition, Irish studies. Green candles.

4th--Doctors and dentists are favored today. Businesses do well, particularly those involved in retail. Cut grass. Harvest crops and herbs. Changes, travel. Interesting news in London and San Francisco. Yellow candles.

6th--New Moon. Plant above-ground crops. Hairstyling favored. Creativity. Baking. Cut grass. Pruning. Parties. Changes. Intuition. Obstacles. Visits with mother. Antiques. Pale blue and silver candles.

8th--Mental abilities, letters, business highlighted.

9th--Earthquake danger in Southern California. Travel delays. Marital troubles. Fights at sporting events. Studies in Ancient Phoenicia favored. News from Rome and Philadelphia. Gold, orange, and red candles.

10th--Cheerful folks. Good day to pick up the house, indulge in the arts, attend public functions, business.

11th--Clothes shopping, harvest crops or herbs, intuition, learning, travel, changes, literature, messages from Virginia, Boston, Paris, Los Angeles, Brazil, Crete, Turkey.

14th--Plant above-ground crops, travel and romance favored, hairstyling, clothes shopping, baking, creativity, partnerships, painting, arts. Blue and pink candles.

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Didja Know where the word "dinosaur" comes from? "Dinosaur" is derived from the Greek and means "terrible lizard." Although some of them were the largest animals that ever walked the earth, the earlier and more primitive ones were small.

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Revelation by Stan

"Joe, it's six o'clock in the morning." Joe, What can I do for you?"

"Oh, I just got back from four o'clock mass and I thought I'd drop in and you could tell me something about Wicca.

"Joe, it's six o'clock in the morning."

"I know, I know, don't your people ever go to a four o'clock religious service?"

"Joe, they might stay up 'til then but I really doubt very many of them, if any, get up to go to a four o'clock in the morning gathering. Anyway, you're here, have a cup of coffee and I'll tell you about this far-out group. They wear robes, often black robes, even in the summertime."

"How strange."

"Yes, isn't it? They chant, often in an archaic tongue."

"Disgusting."

"They utter incantations."

"Nauseous."

"Oh, yes, and they charge inanimate objects with power."

"Unbelievable."

"But it's true, Joe... They burn candles, often for two weeks at a time."

"Pure superstition."

"And incense, too, Joe, great clouds of it, especially if someone dies."

"Absolutely barbaric."

"They started with a human sacrifice, you know."

"Now that is too much."

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Revelation (cont.) by Stan

"Oh, yes, they worship a Goddess they call Our Lady."

"There is only one God."

"Oh, but they do. Not only that, they calculate holidays by the use of the moon and astrology. One of their holidays is actually named after a Pagan Goddess."

"How gross."

"They have rites of initiation--you know, where the Power is passed on to the Priest."

"Positively revolting."

"In some of their rites, they act out psychodramas."

"Can I believe such a thing?"

"You better believe it, Joe. You know, many of them wear little talismans, actually symbols of an ancient execution method."

"Can this be true, now? You're not putting me on?"

"Oh, no, it's true all right."

"Well, all I've got to say is I sure don't want any part of Wicca. Why I never heard anything so gruesome in all my life."

"But, Joe, I hadn't started to tell you about Wicca yet. I was talking about the Catholic Church."

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A salesman had been trying to sell a particularly tough prospect and was getting nowhere. Each time he left the prospect's office, he commented, "I wish I had ten like you."

At the end of the fruitless encounter, the unyielding prospect's curiosity got the better of him and he inquired, "Why do you always say 'I wish I had ten like you'?"

The salesman replied honestly, "I have one hundred like you. I wish I had just ten."

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A sly and crafty rogue is Time
He steals our youth and laughter
And pauses not in thought or care
For aught that's coming after.

What shall we ask of coming years?
Let's hope for lasting gladness--
Days so filled with glorious cheer
There'll be no room for sadness.

And so we bid you be of cheer,
Come storms or sunny weather;
The clouds but mark the Rainbow's path
Of sunshine, bright as ever.

Though days be filled with pain
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Here in Katmandu by Donald Justice (from the 2nd edition of The Norton Introduction to Literature)

We have climbed the mountain
There's nothing more to do.
It is terrible to come down
To the valley
Where, amidst many flowers,
One thinks of snow,

As, formerly, amidst snow,
Climbing the mountain,
One thought of flowers,
Tremulous, ruddy with dew,
In the valley,
One caught their scent coming down.

It is difficult to adjust, once down,
To the absence of snow.
Clear days, from the valley,
One looks up at the mountain.
What else is there to do?
Prayerwheels, flowers!

Let the flowers
Fade, the prayerwheels run down.
What have these to do
With us who have stood atop the snow
Atop the mountain,
Flags seen from the valley?

It might be possible to live in the valley,
To bury oneself among flowers,
If one could forget the mountain,
How, setting out before dawn,
Blinded with snow,
One knew what to do.

Meanwhile it is not easy here in Katmandu,
Especially when to the valley
That wind which means snow
Elsewhere, but here means flowers,
Comes down,
As soon it must, from the mountain.

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The educated believe only half of what they see, hear or
read. The intelligent know which half.

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Prayerwheels, flowers!

Let the flowers

Fade, the prayerwheels run down.

What have these to do

From Rik

A couple of the covens in Tucson, Phoenix, and, we hope, Adobe will be incorporating soon. The papers are being passed around to iron out the bugs so hopefully by Lammas we will be legal.

The coven has three married couples, possibly four, interested so we may triple our size soon.

Also, I received only two issues of the Vigil and nothing else. Has anyone else had similar results?

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From Hans Holzer

I enjoy the GNL each time and am sure Pat must be enjoying it, too, from his high perch!

It occurred to me, reading the expressions of so many differing groups and even approaches to Paganism, that it might be wise to suggest an international umbrella organization into which ALL groups could fit without giving up individual style, yet seeing things similarly on basic approaches and especially in the way they should present themselves to the outside world.

Such an umbrella organization with a minimal membership fee and called something like "The World Pagan Council" would be able to respond with more credibility to attacks, misrepresentation, and also, to some extent, serve as a self-policing body.

Naturally, all groups calling themselves Pagan would have to be asked to join and partisanships of the past would have to be avoided.

Give this some thought.

Ed note (jeannie): I have. I think tremendous strides have been made in the past ten years in setting up networks and maintaining the channels which so many have worked so hard to open. The challenge to my generation, I suppose, is to see that we don't overorganize but go on to do other things. What I am saying is, I think the networking you are suggesting is already there--you are part of the reason it is there. Now that the channels are set up, it's time to do something, more things, constructive with them.

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From Mathew

Please accept my apologies for the delay in getting this letter off to you. Work has taken me away from home a great deal during the past several months and this has made it difficult to properly keep up with correspondence and other important matters. Now that I've returned to a more settled situation, however, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank you for reprinting the cover letter that I mailed out with copies of the Penthouse article. As more Pagans are made aware of the situation, the greater the outcry will (hopefully) become and the sooner we can obtain a satisfactory apology and clarification from Penthouse.

The consideration you showed in withholding my address and phone number when you reprinted my cover letter and in offering to forward mail to me as you did was greatly appreciated. I didn't include instructions in this regard because, quite simply, it never occurred to me to do so. I do try to keep my phone number reasonably private, but my address may be given freely to any sincere Paganfolk who request it.

I hope that this letter finds you all happy, healthy, and prosperous, and that you had a wonderful Beltaine celebration. May the Lady and Lord always watch over you and guide you on paths of beauty and wisdom.

p.s. I would be very interested in hearing from anyone who contacted Penthouse and received a reply. As of their June issue, they still have not published a correction of any sort, nor have they printed any responses to the article. More letters and calls are needed! To those who have already written, thank you. (Write to Mathew at 212 1/2 E. Eucalyptus ST, Ojai, CA 93023.)

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From Lady Melusine

We are a little dry around the edges here in Georgia but I put out a few large basins of water for the birds, turtles, possums, and all. But all is growing, perhaps a little slower. I know Nature will compensate (I hope gently).

Ed note (jeannie): Thanks for the incense. It's nice stuff. What is it?

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A Step on the Path by Ceridwyn

I step lightly now.
 I am easily bruised.
 My spirit is stronger
 But is somewhere else.
 A door has closed--shut.
 There are things going on behind it.
 I know not what.
 I wait...
 A crack appears,
 and with it a soft breeze...
 strange and different,
 a light of a new color
 a hope that touches something
 that has not yet been formed.
 So
 I step lightly now.

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From Temple Stardust

Stardust Salamander is published and distributed quarterly by Temple Stardust before each of the Greater Sabbats. The subscription rate is \$7.50 a year. All subscription monies are applied to our printing costs. In keeping with our networking design, we do need contributions, not money, but articles, artwork, cartoons (in black ink), Pagan progress news events, and letters to the editor. Feedback is welcomed. All contributions will receive a credited by-line to the author. So with your submittal, please state how you wish your by-line to appear. Hoping to hear from you soon. Until then, may the Goddess shine Her loving light upon you. Write Temple Stardust, POB 341383, Memphis, TN 38184.

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"Is your mother home?" the salesman asked a small boy sitting on the steps in front of a house.
 "Yeah, she's home," the boy said, scooting over to let him past.
 The salesman plied the doorbell, got no response, knocked once, then again. Still no one came to the door.
 Turning to the boy, the fellow said, "I thought you said your mother was home."
 The kid replied, "She is, but this isn't where I live."

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From Elksinger

A couple of years ago, the Elksinger's Perfected Tarot came on the market, followed shortly thereafter by Elksinger's Perfected Tarot--the book. These two children of my inner being were the culmination of twenty-two years of meditation, reflection, research and work. It is gratifying to me that they have been very well received. Indeed, they are even available in several places overseas.

Elksinger's Tarot has many uses. Of course, they can be used for divination, but they can be used for meditation and reflection as well. The latter may be even more important. The book gives over a hundred meditations; teaches divination; uncovers the mysteries of Tarot symbolism, as well as its number, signs and planet correspondences.

Furthermore, Elksinger's book offers a complete translation of the Emerald Tablet as well as its correlation to the Major Arcana. Neither a more complete translation nor this correlation are found in any other book.

Since Elksinger's Tarot and book are especially pertinent to people in the "metaphysical world," they are being made available to established magical and metaphysical groups at 1/3 off the regular retail price provided a minimum of three items are ordered.

Prices are:

Elksinger's Perfected Tarot regularly \$15 each, 3 for \$30.

Elksinger's Tarot Book regularly \$15 each, 3 for \$30.

Any combination of cards and books totaling 3 or more \$10 each.

Add \$2 for handling on any size order. Make checks payable to Children of the Water, 2005 Delwood CT, Austin, TX 78723.

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From Children of the Earth

Hephaestus finished school, found work, and we're moving! Would you please announce in your newsletter that Children of the Earth has a new address? POB 116, Berkeley Springs, WV 25441-0116. The subscription rate is still the same--\$5/4 issues.

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Tenth Annual Pan Pagan Festival from the Midwest Pagan Council

Greetings! The Midwest Pagan Council, an association of Pagan groups in the Midwestern area, invites you to attend our Tenth Annual Pan Pagan Festival. Join us August 7th through 10th as we share knowledge, celebrate Life and attune ourselves to the Lord and Lady through communion with Nature and each other.

Theme--Focused awareness towards a common goal will bring our communion into manifestation. With this in mind, we set a theme each year. Our theme this year is: "We've Come A Long Way, Lady... Ten years Young and Still Growing." We're proud that our festival has survived the trials and tribulations of the last ten years and of the many new friends we've come to know and love, and of the sharing with all who attended and will continue to attend.

Site--The festival will be held near Valparaiso, Indiana just south of U.S. 30 in a 'primitive area.' The facilities include swimming, fishing, water slide, country store, secluded trails for hiking, limited electric/water hookups on site, restaurants, plus the usual camping accommodations. There will not be any picnic tables available for individual campers, so bring your own tables or use Mother Nature's lap.

For more info, write: Midwest Pagan Council, POB 313, Matteson, IL 60443-0313.

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A retired business executive was once asked the secret of his success. He replied that it could be summed up in three words--"and then some."

"I discovered at an early age," he declared, "that most of the difference between average people and top people could be explained in three words. The top people did what was expected of them--and then some."

"They were thoughtful of others; they were considerate and kind--and then some. They met their obligations and responsibilities fairly and squarely--and then some. They were good friends and helpful neighbors--and then some. They could be counted on in an emergency--and then some."

We are thankful for people like that, for they make the world more livable, for their spirit of service is summed up in three little words, "and then some."

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Shamanic Weekend Workshop

Temple of the Elder Gods presents a Shamanic Weekend Workshop, August 15, 16, and 17 in the beautiful wooded mountains of the Angeles National Forest. Topics include Shamanistic techniques in ancient and modern cultures, accumulating power in the Middleworld, attaining the Shamanic state of consciousness, visiting the Lowerworld and Upperworld, Shamanic use of Drum, Rattle and Dance, acquiring and using Power Animals and Helping Spirits, use of shamanic psychic healing techniques. Special Events include an opening pipe ceremony August 15th at 9 pm, Medicine Wheel ceremony August 16th 2 pm, abbreviated vision quest for those who desire it in the daytime Saturday, closing pipe ceremony August 17th at noon. For more information, contact TOTEK Shamanic Workshop, POB 4172, Sunland, CA 91040-4172.

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Merrymeet

The Covenant of the Goddess, a national federation of covens, is sponsoring a national festival at the time of its annual Grand Council--and you are invited! Join us for four days of ritual, workshops, fun and frolic at Circle Pines Center in south-central Michigan. Come share our dance and lift the chalice as we make magick together in celebration of our diversity and harmony. We'll romp through the woods and sing in the sauna. We'll gather under the trees to share our secret dreams. In hidden meadows we'll meet and laugh and love. We'll drink the sunlight and chant to the stars, and (perhaps) worship the fertilizing rain. We'll trade talismans and addresses and verses to "Old Time Religion." Friday, August 29th to Monday, September 1, 1986. For more information, write: Merrymeet, % Amber K, BOX 176, Blue Mounds, WI 53517

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Book Reviews and Endnotes

We received a nice note from Heidi at Phoenix Publishing Company, POB 10, Custer, WA 98240, introducing Earth Magic: A Dianic Book of Shadows by Marion Weinstein (\$7.95, leatherette cover, 101 pp). She says, "This edition is more than twice the size of the old one; more than half the material is new." I checked our library for "the old one"

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