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Bay Area Beltane Rites:

As far as purists are concerned, the feast of Beltane starts at sunset May 4th, because the sun hits 16 degrees and 18 minutes of declination at precisely 11:27 am, PDT (Pacific Druid Time) on the morning of May 5th. But most Reformed Druid groups prefer, like other Neopagans, to celebrate the High Days on whatever dates turn out to be most convenient for the majority attending.

The Clanna Brocheta Grove will be celebrating during the afternoon of Saturday May 6th, near the top of Mount Tamalpais in Marin. Services will be in Irish Gaelic, led by Archdruid Robert Larson. The entire Clann will be there from noon to sunset, and the feast is potluck. For details, send your phone number to the Clann's *Ri*, Cody Grundy (see Grove addresses later in this issue) and he'll call you.

Those who live in the San Jose or Palo Alto areas may want to call Archdruid Steve Savitzky to see when his Grove is celebrating (see Grove addresses).

The Mother Grove and the Hazel Nut Grove will be celebrating on Sunday May 7th, in the Berkeley Rose Garden and in Cordonices Park, across the street from each other in northern Berkeley (see map). Members and friends should assemble in the park by the tunnel entrance before 2:00 pm. The Grove will process through the tunnel into the Rose Garden for the main ceremonies. Afterwards, a potluck picnic will be held in Fireplace Area #2 back over in the park. People are encouraged to bring food, drink, poems, music and garlands in their hair. *To get there:* by car, go up to the top of University Avenue, turn left (North) on Oxford and go to Cedar. Turn right (East) on Cedar and go 7 blocks to Euclid. Turn left (North) and go about the same distance to the Garden & Park. By bus, first get to the downtown Berkeley BART station and take the Euclid bus, which stops right at the Park.

Lable Codes:

If your mailing lable has a dollar sign in the corner, that means that you are a paid subscriber. "EX" means an exchange sub. No sign means you should send us some \$\$.

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Mother Grove: Box 9398, Berkeley, CA 94709

Hazel Nut Grove Summer Meetings:

The biweekly Saturday services of the Hazel Nut Grove will be held in the same spot formerly used by the Berkeley Grove, in Strawberry Canyon (see map). Archdruid Stephen McCaully is also planning on holding some Celtic Nights at his home. For details on exact times and dates, contact him.

Mother Grove Summer Meetings:

The biweekly Sunday services of the Mother Grove will be held in Strawberry Canyon as well, usually around 2:00 pm. Regular Bardic meetings are being held as well, probably at the home of Linda von Brasket, Ob. The next two biweekly services will be on May 21st and June 4th. Exact dates for the Bardic meets haven't been settled on yet. Call Archdruid Isaac Bonewits for details.

Tuatha Grove News:

Archdruid Pat O'Neil has moved to a new apartment in the same building, from #1 to #12, so alter your notes accordingly. She says that she's going to be doing at least biweekly services this summer in the San Diego area.

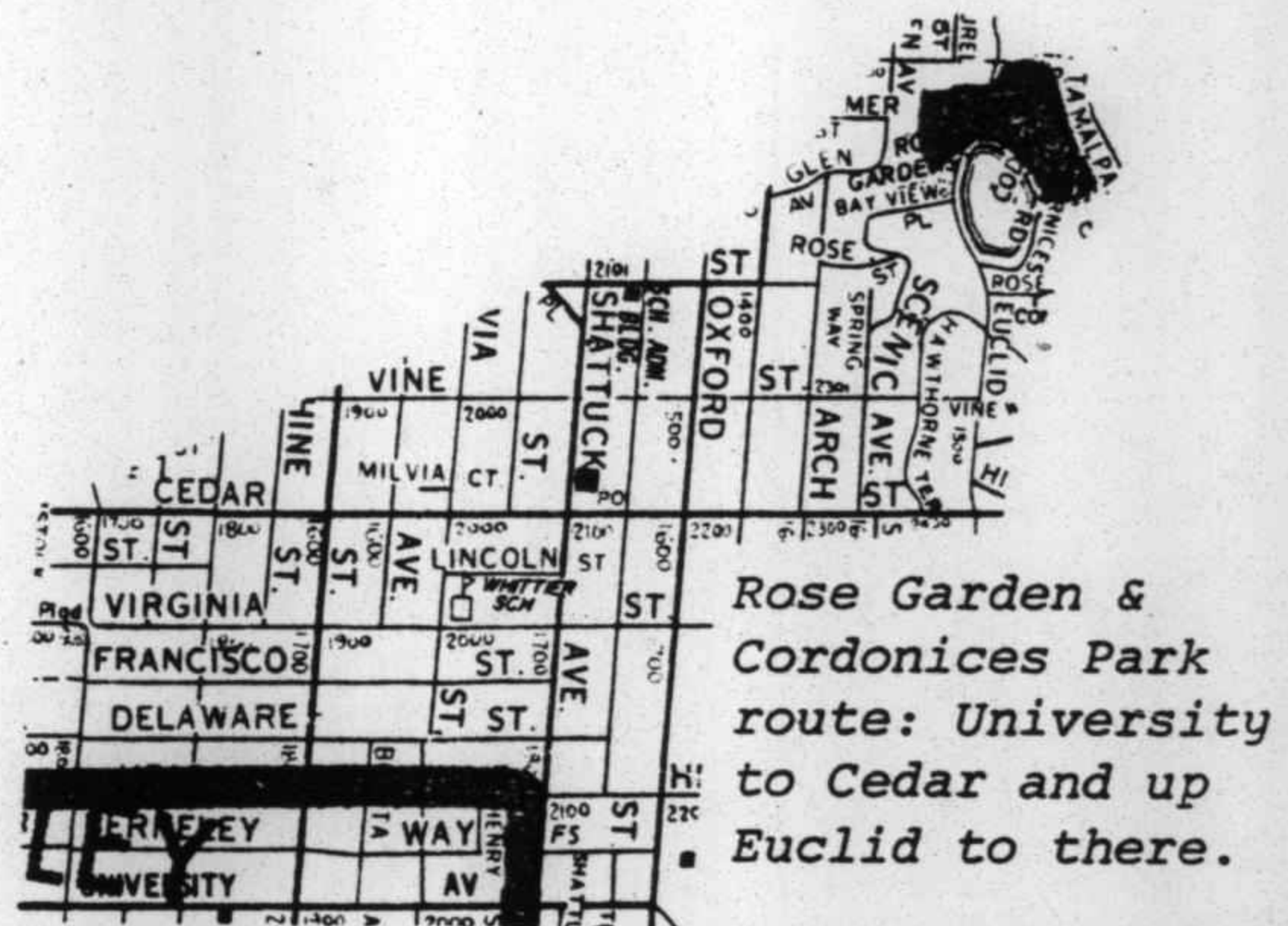
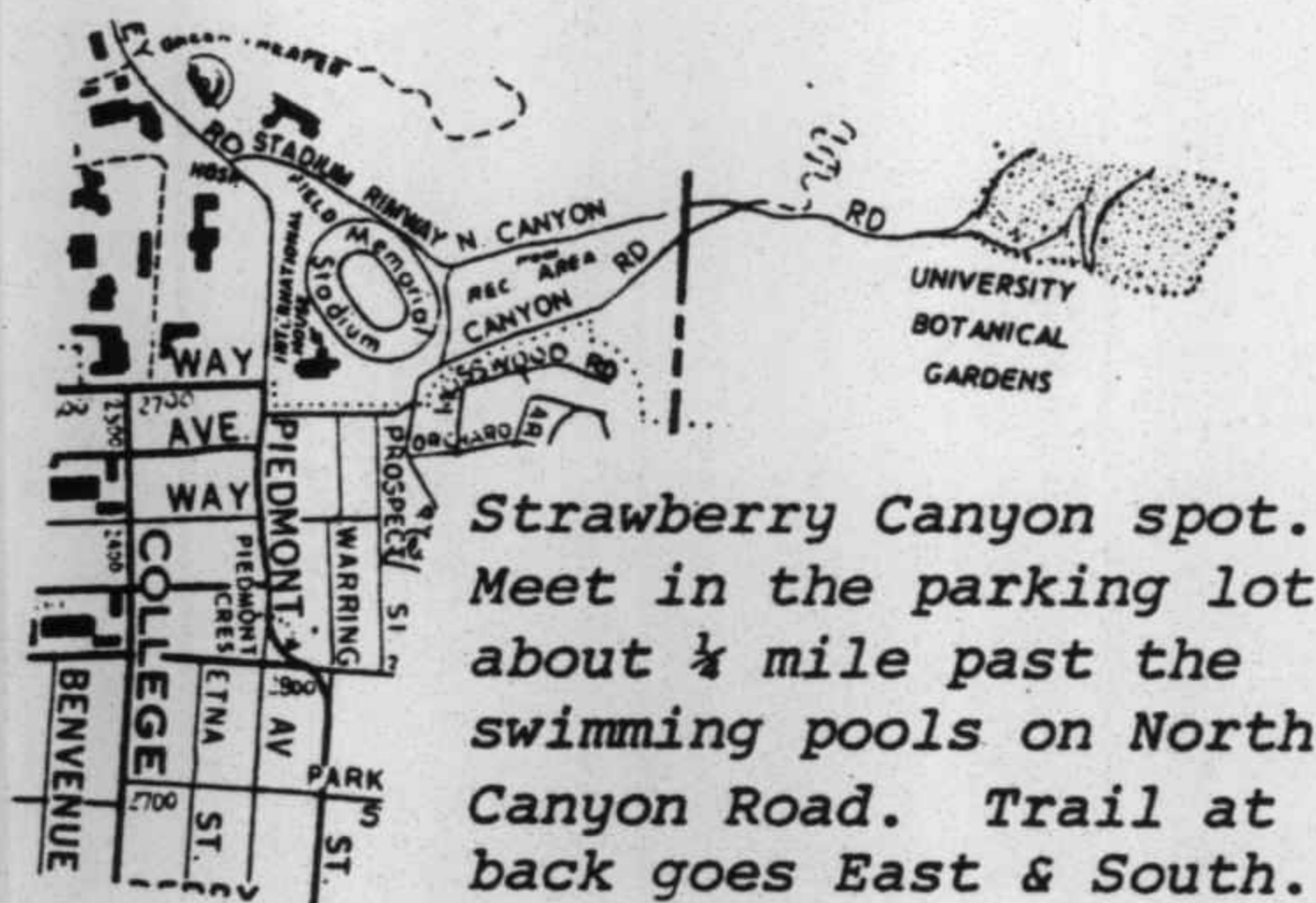
Upcoming articles in THE DRUID CHRONICLER:

We now have some botanical articles being written, as well as a long and detailed piece by Robert Larson on ancient Celtic calendars, another by him on the roles played by the ancient Druids in Irish society, numerous book reviews, some new music, etc. But in order to print such non-news items we have to have more money to pay for the extra paper and postage costs. So if you haven't kicked in two or three bucks to the Publication Fund for a subscription, please do so now.

Organizational Note:

Not only should Groves within the SDNA and HDNA be sending monthly reports of activities (and copies of their Constitutions) to the Mother Grove; but they should also, along with all the other Groves, have their Constitutions on file with and send ordination notices to Archdruidess Sue Olin of Carleton. She is the official chairperson of the entire Council of Dalon ap Landu and should be kept informed.

MAPS:



Pagan Festivals:

The Second Annual (Midwest) Pan-Pagan Festival will be held July 14-16, at Lake Holiday, Indiana. The festival is being sponsored by the Midwest Pagan Council, a network of covens, Pagan temples and other magical groups from Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and elsewhere. A variety of workshops, songfests, ecumenical rites and other activities will be held in the wooded campground. Groups participating include Calumet Pagan Temple, Parthenon West, Epiphanes, Coven of the Sacred Stones, First Church of the Craft of W.I.C.A. and Sanctus Spiritus, Temple of the Pagan Way, Circle and others. Total cost is \$10.00 per person. For details, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the MPC's publicity coordinator: Selena Fox, c/o CIRCLE, Box 9013, Madison, WI 53715, marked "attn MPC festival."

A five day International Pagan Leadership Conference, Seasonal Festival and Workshop Retreat entitled "A Gathering of the Tribes" will be held in the mountains of Northern Georgia on Sunday through Thursday, September 10-14. Many Eastern and Midwest Pagan teachers will be present and there will be numerous activities. The total cost is \$45.00 per person, if registered before August 1st. Send an SASE to: Association of Cymmry Wicca, Box 1514, Smyrna, GA 30081.

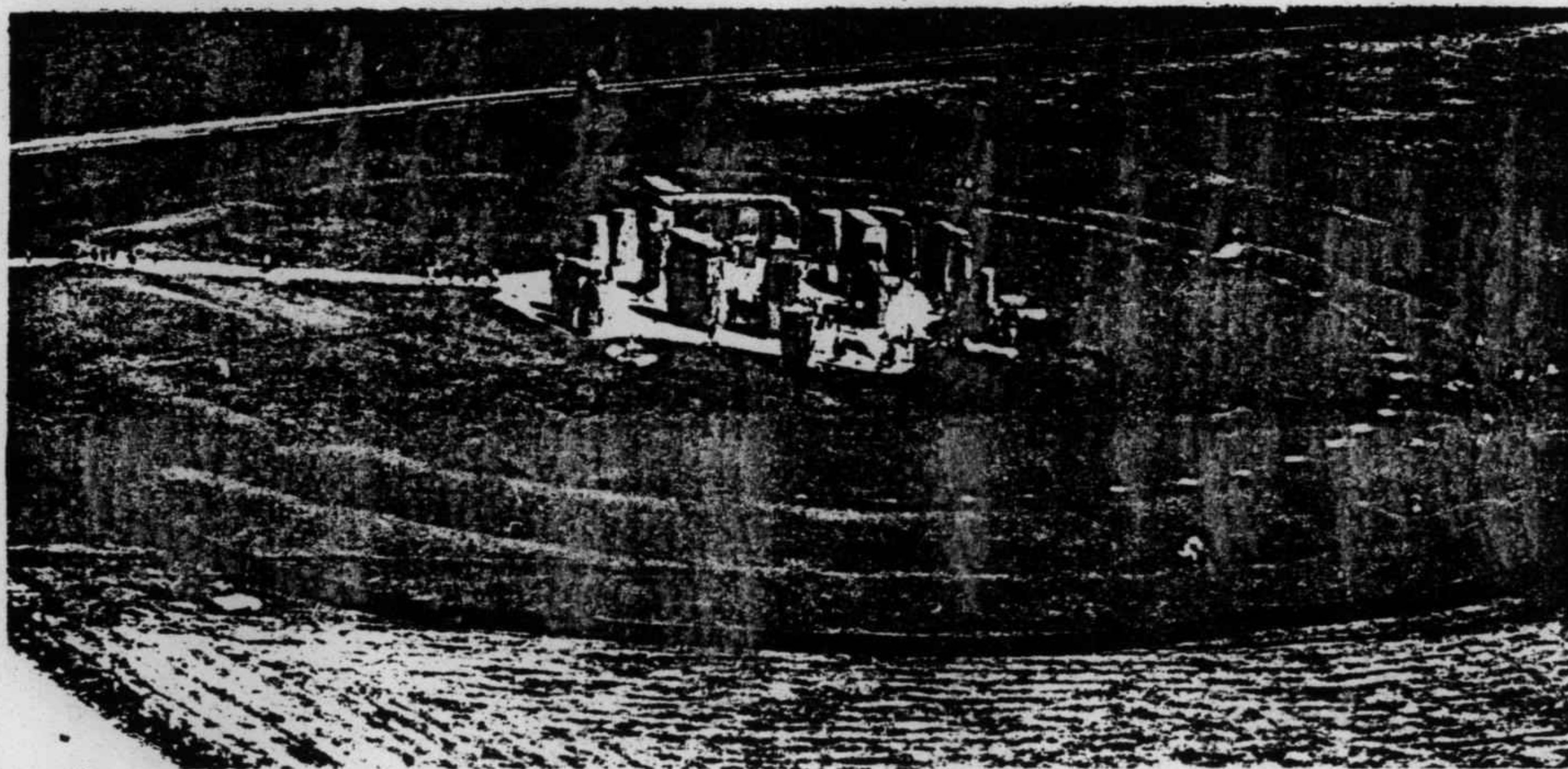
A national Pagan convention is now being planned for September 2-4 in Denver, Colorado (though it may be postponed so as to not conflict with the Worldcon science fiction convention) by the Craftcast Farm people. For details, send an SASE to: Mike Meyers, Box 572, Fort Morgan, CO 80701.

Correction:

Katheryn Hughes is *not* a Druid priestess (yet, anyway), though she is interested in starting a Protogrove of some sort in the Yuma, Arizona area. Your Editor got her mixed up with Sr. Gerre MacInnes in Tucson. But Katheryn's address is: 1329 Ninth Avenue, Yuma, AZ 85364. Write her if you'd like to discuss the meaning of Druidism in your life.

Saving Stonehenge for the Public:

We have recently received a letter from the Save Stonehenge Committee (59 Norfolk House Road, London, SW 16, England) informing us that the British government has erected a permanent rope fence around Stonehenge, at a distance of 225 feet from the center. The reason seems to be to protect the monument from vandalism as well as to restrict the hours of access and to charge money to tourists. Unfortunately, the result is to prevent many religious pilgrims from being able to visit the spot when and how they choose. The fence also violates the conditions under which the monument was given to the British government in 1918 by its previous owners. They made their "gift to the nation" expecting "the public to have free access to each and every part."



The thick black line shows where the new fence is.

The preservation of Stonehenge as an archeological site, ancient monument, modern religious center and lucrative tourist trap, is a problem of extreme complexity and controversy. Thoughtful letters to the Save Stonehenge Committee, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher (House of Commons, Westminster) are quite important; especially if any of us are to be able to hold religious pilgrimages there in the future.

The Active Groves:

The following are all of the Druid Groves that your Editor knows are supposed to be alive and well. There may be others that we haven't heard from.

Mother Grove SDNA, Adr. Isaac Bonewits, Box 9398, Berkeley, CA 94709. Phone: 415-547-6697, 2 pm to 10 pm. Biweekly Sunday meetings and Highdays. Bardic activities and various classes now being organized.

Hazel Nut Grove SDNA/NRDNA, Adr. Stephen McCaully, 6220 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland, CA 94609. Phone: 415-653-1710, 2 pm to 11 pm. Biweekly Saturday meetings and Highdays. Celtic library with 400 books and microfilms. Various classes now being organized.

Tuatha Grove SDNA, Adr. Pat O'Neil, 1808 Third Avenue, Apt #12, San Diego, CA 92101. Biweekly Sunday meetings and Highdays. Norse Druidism and ocean ceremonies.

Acorn Grove SDNA, Adr. Avery Grant, 3540 South Columbus, Minneapolis, MN 55407. Phone: 612-823-1303, 2 pm to 10 pm. Ecumenical rites with local Wiccans.

Los Angeles Protogrove SDNA, Br. Chris Sherbak, 588 North Lucern Blvd, Los Angeles CA 90004. Phone: 213-467-5759, 2 pm to 10 pm.

Arch Grove HDNA, Adr. Vicki Rhodes, 475 Lockwood, Webster Groves, MO 63119. Biweekly Saturday meetings and Highdays. Hasidic Druidism.

Clan na Brocheta Grove ODNA, Adr. Robert Larson, c/o Cody Grundy, Ri Clanna Brocheta, 820 Circle Court, South San Francisco, CA 94080. Biweekly meetings and Highdays. Services in Irish Gaelic. Irish library with 100+ books and photos.

Carleton Grove RDNA, Adr. Sue Olin, Chairperson of the Council of Dalon ap Landu, Carleton College, Northfield, MN 55057. Meets weekly and Highdays during school year.

Southern Shores Grove RDNA/NRDNA, Adr. Steven Savitzky, 343 Leigh Avenue, San Jose, CA 95128. Phone: 408-294-6492, 6 pm to 10 pm only. Meets only for Highdays.

Ann Arbor Grove RDNA, Adr. Richard Shelton, 722 Dewey Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Meets only for Highdays?

Chicago Grove RDNA, Adr. Michael Bradley, 5611 South Blackstone, Chicago, IL 60615. Meets only for Highdays.

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