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THE UNICORN

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A PUBLICATION OF the ROWAN TREE

for the unicorns" the fiery dance of your spirit leaves burning memory traces in the heart of the sky ! your golden singing circle rises full a on the wind turning north into darkness you who run wild outside our walls of words & daily life & silence you alone eat the madick seeds that grow to forests through the midnight ceilings ringed with the cay of your passing tlesh into your mouth bears fruit & the strange gifts of endless searching in the deepest caves and highest peaks you know the sacred beats in your blood

and through

the pulse of

your self you send

greater vision.

Dear Peoples,

Lots of letters came in to tell us how much you like our new format. I do, too, and I seem to get better looking all the time! Well,

Unicorns do like compliments.

This letter will be shorter than last-Ive been spending many hours peering over Lady Laureli's shoulder... She's hard at work on the book Ive been wanting for your little friends. (See the notice on page 6). Sure do put on lots of miles sailing from The Kowan Tree in Mpls. to Unicorn Haven, 41 Oakland Rd., So. Windsor, Conn. 06074. Last chance to send in ideas & fun things for the book!

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Borty time again! Bul & Dirk will go to Madison to spend some time with Grele. At last I'll be alone... and have a date all set up with a beautiful lavender mare I met in Orion Last week. Her name is Lielln. And she has the loveliest eyes...

We will be thinking of you on Hallowmas, as we gather sround the cauldron. Maybe this

time I can light the fire instead of those pesky salamanaber!). We will be calling upon our past, in order to better arrange our futures, and will cherish this night as a new beginning - stepping into the new year with wisdom and jou; love and trust... and maybe I'll get some wink & cookies!

See you in your dreams! Lots of Unikisses & Unihugs



Dragouns

Have you ever tried living with dragouns? It isn't an easy task... They can be quite temperamental, moods can change from ecstatic joy to scorching anger in a blink of a dragoun's eyelid. The most important thing to remember when dealing with dragouns, is NEVER interrupt a riddle (that's serious business), and always try to humour them when they play a practical joke. You also have to know when to step aside ... like now.

Kienan has been watching and insists she should be the one to write this article (Kienan is a dragoun). For those that are not accustomed to the riddling talk of dragouns, I will do my best to translate her words into normal human speech.....

Mortals can be useful at times like this, but after all, only dragouns should

Write about dragouns.

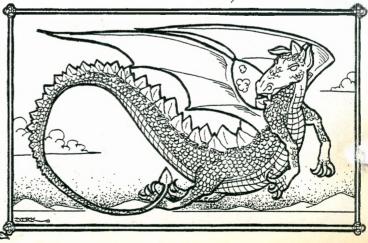
Dragouns can be any size, shape, or colour we desire. We can range from dazzling gold (my daughter Gyldan, for instance), to white and silver (like our innocent Gwyr), to red, green, black with grey and copper highlights (Gyldan's sire, Tyril), and so on.

Our size can vary tremendously at harding, but one Magick enables us to after

ourselves whenever we wish.

Interests are as different among dragours as with mortals. Contrary to popular opinion, one of our interests is not jewel-hoarding!!! Certainly we appreciate the beauty of different gems, but we don't actively seek to form a collection. They just sort of come to us.

(To be concluded next issue)





The Unicorn Provides These Extra Pages to aid communication between Gay and Lesbian Pagans

Sharing Inmy letter I told you I was/am gay & have re cently felt a great need to get in touch with other gay taxans.... We are as Gay Paxans truly a double minority. And that translates into double lonely.... Lynn (Albany) * "Am glad there is now such a thing for Gay Pagans..." Guy (Texas) # "Plenty supergreat your adding that "extra" goody for us Gay Witches. I can hardly wait for my Hallowmas copy...." Sylvia (Calif.) \$ "Thank you..." Jay (Rochester, N.Y.) # "I'm Eaglerly awaiting your publication..." Don (L.A.) I "I hope something can be organized for gay witches ... " Ted (Milw.) # As to your idea of a gay pagan section - a prest idea! The gay group soul can use what gay pagens have to office - both madickally & culturally.... some work still needs to be done in the fagan community itself. Some groups accept gay pagans - as long as they keep their distance ... Michael (Mass.) * We (Gay takens) need to support each other (how "bout our own newsletter?) "Chris (L.A.) *

FORUM A A A

"I, uh, don't understand why there should have to be a gay supplement-adding further work; unnecessary costs to the Work. I realize that if I were gay it would allow me to perceive the problem easier, but I think this would only be adding more problems. Doing this would be creating another category of Pagan - That's the LAST thing we need! There's so many categories; distinguishing factors now-ie's ridiculous. We need to unite! Become whole! Blend the differences into non-existence!" Our friend Karen goes on to talk about gay persecution by the Pagan commun-

ity.... "Notody in the Craft has any business treating a fellow Pagan that way - for any reason?". and offers to write the wrongdoens.



- I. Dearest man of mine, I love you; dearest man of mine, hold metrue; And I'll take you to the stars and kiss, your eyes and our love will be the rainbows of the skies Dearest man of mine, I love you....
- 2 Gentle man phase come away with me; Come with me and we will cross the sea; Where a Lord and Lady rule a kingden fair; Built of earth and fire, water and of air; Decrest man of mine, I love you....
- 3. Parke my Circle, dance, dance with me; Chant my song and dance and we will be; Special to the God and Goddess, Moon and Sun; As we do the work together, both as one; Dearest man of mine, I love you....

This magickal love chant I wrote for Dirk, after having met at the Panfagan Festival. I have been asked to share it, and hope you enjoy it!

* NEWS * * *

Don writes "I'm involved with a Fairy Circle in L.A. which just sponsored a Fairy Gathering in the desert with over 200 in attendance from all over the country." Billed as "A Spiritual Conference for Radical Fairies, and held near Tucson, we have heard wonderful reports from the event!

The Advocate" August 23,1979 published an article titled "Gay Occulture" which deals with Crow-

ley, Lead beater, & Summers. If you haven't seen it, check it out.

R.F.D" is an exciting magazine for gay men. Re. 1, Box 92E, Efland, N.C. 27243. Many currents of Paganism flow through this journal. Our only complaint is its tendency toward separatism. It is a magazine of joy, and is of the gay men who live in the country, refreshing and needed. Send 754 for a sample copy....



Womanspirit Rising - a feminist reader in religion by Carol P. Christ: Judith Plaskow (Harper: Row, N.Y. 10022; 1979) \$5% - consists of 24 essays by 21 women - an anthology of feminist theological weitings from the '70's... At times abstract and academic. I did like the final essay, "Why do women need the Goddess:" - as an acknowledgement of the legitimacy of feminine power as good power...

The Changing of the Gods-by Noomi Goldenburg (Bracon Press, Boston; 1979) \$90 - an importent and exciting book!... explores what lies beyourd the old patriarchal christian religions and examines witchcraft as a possibility—she addrusses the presence of men in the "new" (raftalthough the dianic form of witchcraft recognizes the male principle inthe torm of the Horned God, Consort and son to the Goddess, his position is strondary: only women can being forth new life (I have to say, I think that statement is sexist and rually nareow minded!) She says men need to experience caring for living substance... Other sections of interest: "why witches scare scholars" the 12 tenets of the Graft, female deities, and an excursion into cleeam and fantasy....

REVIEWS FROM PRairie

Chris Sherbak, 588 N. Luceene Blvd. L.A. Calif. 90004 has been a real friend. He will help get word to us of news from that paet of our world. If you have nothing else to do, drop him a note-he was the inspiration for these pages!! Thanks, Chris! &

Prairie Jackson, 3006 beauchamp #2, Houston, Tx. 77009. Im out of the broom closel, ie open about being who I am, and I am very open to communicating, via correspondence, (telepathy!) or meeting a la flesh with other withes a pagans." Prairie is a regular contributor of art & poetry, & she's a terrific Mama to herson Michael Orion!

Well, here it is, the first time the Unicorn has provided these Extra Pages to turther communication. We hope that through this we may provide insight for men & women, to help us grow & to deal with the Craft? Pagan Communities. We like to believe there will be a time when WE want text superected, when we can all just be ourselves. Help us achieve this goal - to do so we need up u to shere news of wents, of books, of your activities. OUR only limitation is space. We personally are not for Separatism, and find all chauvinism deplorable. We welcome all opinions, & hope the pages will reflect the best of all of us, women, men, gay, lesbian, bisexual, whatever... We must have the right to be people-first. Rather than be put down for being gay (we use this teem for both sexes), stand for your rights. OUR Gods ORE not prejudiced. OUR Gods are not bigots. If you meet those attitudes in the Craft & Paganism you can, I. Crawl away & hide; 2. Allow it to continue, and thus perpetrate such negative myths about gay men & women; 3. Separate yourself totally & go into an all-gay environment; 4. React with hostility & origin (the law says you'll get it back, however); or 5. Give of Perfect Love & Perfect Trust & stand for your rights, as a child of the Goddless. These Pages are to help us do that last Summer at Pan-Pagan, Dirk & Paul come together, & bopped around holding hands, whatever. They acted naturally, 4 thus were treated by all as if it was natural and delightful. Let them know us as We are; Let them know us as we are-Brantiful children of the Lord & Lady!!! * nuither are our Goddesus!

A House Blessing for Autumn ... In yes, My Lady, I'll ask for one now. All about me is changing ... Leaves, wind ... the sky takes her bow. Bless this home with love For all to see and absorb. Fill her with all the colours of this season, And let wisdom abide inside her doors Let there be understanding For all the changes she's yet to see. And give those who dwell within her Health & wealth to carery through that which is to be. Let her see the needs of all who enter ... And fill her with magick to turn traves to laughter. Let her behumble in her quest... Hnd eentle when at her best. Make Room for all who can enter with purfect love

F perfect trust
To dwell in comfort and warmth within her.
Let her fire glow strady & strong ... & & Giving strangth and courage to those whose journey has been long.
These things I ask of my gentle Goddess

For this house I call my home.

A Lady Laureli

Notes from an Herbal (cont'd.)

In working with herbs magickally, it is highly important to have an understanding of the planetary energies.

The Moon

he Rules those herbs which are feminine and gentle, of the waters, soothing cool, and domestic in temper. These nerbs affect our inner self, working to keep the subconscious in health. Lunar herbs are often used in conjunction with meditation & trance work, and are sometimes compounded into magickal elixers to aid the subconscious in letting go of a bad habit. The herbs She rules have been used to link the subconscious to memories of knowledge gained in other lives. They are the channel that enables the subconscious to reach into the time-lessness of Nature, to reach with visions

or other senses to learn beyond this life. Because the subconscious is the self-level in which our anxieties manifest, lunar herbs can soothe those fears and carry our souls in the wings of Our Mother. They can open our domestic selves, aiding us to care about our home and our loved ones. Bringing into us the wisdom of our Moon Goddess, ther plants can enrich our lives with increased imagination, intuition, sensitivity? magick. The Moon governs the soiritual body, as she reflects the true light of the Sun. Some of her herbs are adders tongue issmine anise seed

anise seed *
cabbage *
chickweed
cucumbers
cog rose
duckweed *
fleur de lis
nolly

jasmine
| lettuce
| moon work
| pumpkin
| poppies
| Rose, (white)
| stonecrop
| watercress
| wild roses
| water lily
| winter green

The Sixth Law of the Traditional Herbalist

There must never be employed any concoction which would impair, injure, or interfere with anyone or anything, for the creation of harm is not your realm.

Katy was asked what Religion she was at school by a 'Christian' friend. She promptly replied "a Pagan." Needless to say, she had to explain what a Pagan is. Want to hear her definition? In effect, she said "she believes in the Goddess, Horned God, and Unicorns." Katy and Angel have both told me they've decided they want to be fagans... with full understanding that for us to be a fagan is a Witch. Naturally, as a mother, I worry for them. I don't want to tell them they can't be open and proud of what they are... yet, I also realize they must be careful upon whose ears such knowledge falls. Any suggestions on handling the situation?" Please send any responses direct to

Lady Laurelt 41 Oakland Rd. So. Windsor, Conn. 06074

The Unicorn Phenomena (concl.)

Northern Unicorns are rather monagamous creatures and will usually pick a mate and will stay with them "til death - (Yes, Andrius, I know there are exceptions to this too!)

All Unicorns raise their young the same, nursing them for one year after they are hatched. (Hatching takes about two months). Babies are born with hardly a horn, actually a kind of bump. This is really how Unicorn mothers know when to wean the young, when the horn starts to grow and Mom gets stuck with it. (Quite logical, really). Even after weaning they may stay near their mothers for up to four more years.

And last, but not least, contrary to popular belief, each turn of the Unicorn horn denotes five years rather than one. The oldest known living Unicorn is approximately 305 years ad and lives in the Old Forest in England. He is coal black with midnight blue highlights, a five foot long horn and I do not know his name, but understand it translates as "Druid"

Friend?

Thus condudes the article by Tricia Bear.

THE TAROF

For our first column on the Tarot, I'd like to show off the first card in a truly magickal Unicorn Tarot being crafted by the talented Prairie Jackson—D! We only have three cards sofar (the other two will be in future issues) but I'm hoping to see more!

Andrius, by the way, says that this very card is discussed in a book he inhereted from the library of

his great grand-uncle, Greytail Omnihorn. He showed me the book, which I will here quote:

The Magician card in the ancient Tarot of the Unicorns is the card of power manifested on the physical plane (commonly termed the human realm) through activity on the psychic plane. As we can see below (here was pictured a card that looked something like Prairie's - Dirk.) there is depicted a human magician, who symbolizes the physical plane. The circles are the spheres of conciousness. He is in a position

of worshipping the Unicorn, which is of course only appropriate, since the Unicorn is the most perfect creature..." pp. 307, The Unicorn's Book of Life, Sage II Wintergreen, Sacred Horn Publications, 1206 A.T. (Astral Time). I don't think you'll be able to find this book at your library, but if you do, let me know! — Dirk—



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The Unicorn Rambles

Tanya, who lives with an elf. Belintha by name, writes that the book, Stalking the Wild Fendulum is excellent. Irancille reports quite a few Unicorns attended a beautiful metaphysical weekend called "Let there be Light & Love" at Penderson State Park in Ohio. To learn about next year's gathering write "The House of Astrology" 1449 Messenger Court, South Euclid, Ohio, 44122. Janice King of Craeftgemot Witancoweyne said the horseflies are too large in Deerfield Beach—they haven't any Unicorns, only salamanders. Maud Reinerkson,

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(cont.)

author of High School Astrology, is now working on a tarot, "The Living Tarot" I photographic work Marsha wrote of ner two Southern Unicorns the female is smaller than the male, but sturdier of build. The male is actually more finely boned has beown eyes." he also likes her bear & lion... Grace writes to us from "REDNECK Kiviera," (Pensacola) Sincere contacts, both gay & straight, are welcomed by the Fellowship of Pan (K. A. M.)." P.O. Box 58024, Houston, Tx., 77058 Hello to our friend Echo, who we will see in Oct. (thanks for the Evaluation!) A Celtic traditionalist Wiccan group in Khode Island is open to contacts-send your letter unada Ressed to us, inside an envelope so we can forward it ... Joyce Bakker is delighted that you all liked her Tree Kitual." She will be contributing Regularly. Contact her at 18 Park St., Pittsburgh, Pa, 15209 (Send Return postage!) One of our very special people is seeking contacts in Eastern Kentucky. Again, send us the stamped envelope to forward... The Waynesville tagan Temple. 507 So. Main St., Waynesville, No. Cak, 28786, is open to contacts. W13 has sent us beautiful photos of the Bell Witch Village & of their gentle, mycovered temple. We are deeply appreciative!!.... Unicorn Haven has a new Kitten named Love Leesa RECORTS, "I've been graced with 4 (50 tar, anyway!), one of which is a newlyhatched black colt out of my treasured black make. I was so thrilled to have the good fortune of 2 rage black Unicorns to have bred in captivity. "Andrius sends his love to "Haether", the colt, the proud mare Maelawn" & Sire Brianeus......CUR triend Prairie wrote in one of her letters the new word, "Unicornucopia".... Prairie writes "Witches unite! Come out of the broom closets!".... Rus-we passed on your contact to Wiccon Arts, our love to you & Scanara.... Jim writes May Our Lady Guide your Work in HER Light and may She cause The Unicorns to Hour .

ish to their original number in our time Judy said they have a Unicorn corner— Hndrius said he assumes you have hay and cookies.... Hermod put Andreius in touch with Dolores de Falomas, lovely, well-bred Mexican Senorita. She says there are so tew other Unicorns insmall Mexican towns. AndRius wants her to know that he thinks she's beautiful! Do you read the Kunestone," a fine NORSE journal? Write Asatru Free Assembly, 1766 East Ave., Turlock Calif. 95380. We're having a REVIEW in our nextissue, because we like it so much! " a year sub.... Will you DE MEAR SURREY, B.C. NOV. 9, 10, 1179? A BIG weekend at the Mustic Arts, 10202 152nd St., Surrey, B.C. V3R-6N7.... Hello to Tim : Kose, who wrote of their surise meditation in the Great Circle!....Le Cauldron Bleu, cookbook being stirred up by the Courn of Sothistan & the Circle of the Unicorn. Send them Recipes ? stuff to Ellen Cannon, P.O. Box 9513, No. Hollywood, Cal. 91609..... Write the Oaken Moon Pagen Assoc., 242 Brentborough, Sheridan, ORE. 97378. Enclose SASE, & reguest a copy of a fetition. It's to help all Witches, Pagans & Heathers. Enclose a dime or quarter for the cost, too.... Jim Thomas is a poet-triend of ones

Jim Thomas is a poet-friend of ours who writes of the Goddess with deep beauty. Many of you are familiar with his Craft. He is learning the Craft and practising in a cell, and all letters and help would aid Our ladys Son....

In the temple of my heart
Where my dreams the and pray
There will always be a candle
Burning night and day.
And in that candle's glow,
In the light of Love's pure flame,
The choir of my soul
Will softly sing your name.... Diana."

- Jim Thomas #78C414 Pouch 1 Woodbourne, N.Y. 12788

CALENDAR +

October 26-27th Astro-Herbal Healing Seminal

Foul Beyerl will be in Madison, at the Gates of Heaven building (302 E. Gorham) to give a series of there workshops, sponsored by Circle. On Fri. Oct 26th. "The Art of Healing"—how herbal healing is part of the New Age; healing as a career; spiritual approaches to healing; the training & responsibilities of a healer; Discussions of foraccisus.... 7:30 pm

Sat. Oct 27th "Plants is Planets"—the physical is spiritual psychic energies of herbs; using planetary energies to heal; an in-depth look at the planetary correspondences.... 10:00 am Sat. Oct 27th "Diagnosis By Astrology"—the use of a horoscope in holistic medecine; diagnosing with a natal chart; a simple means of casting a diagnostic chart... 2:00pm Call 837-4012 or 257-1988 in Madison for



Lady Phoenix, "Circle of the Unicorn, P.O. Box 45061, Dallas, Texas, 75245, has sent us a plea for help... she is writing a book on the differences within the Craft... which form of the Goddess you worship... your origin, purpose, elc., where show you set your altar, levels of initiation, etc. Phoenix particularly states that solitary practitioners also werte her. She doesn't say how secretive traditions will be handled, so we suggest you write her and ask. "We are all busy. But we can take the time to present our portion of the Wicca traditions in order to present the Path of Perfect Love and Plefect Trust to those who are sucking it...) We hope to pass on more information in the Yule issue. We are unceptain if this book is to be available to the deneral public i/or to be available nationally. Don't hesitate, but write to Phoenix and help her, for there is a lot of potential here.

A Child's Wish Book

This is it? In time for Yule, 1979... A Child's Wish Book will be mailed on DEC. 7th, each copy autographed by our favourite Unicorn. This book is being written and compiled for all children, filled with delights to theill, please, & share with them the marick of love. Each copy will be mailed directly to your favorite child, direct from Andrius. The cost is \$500 per copy, and we quaranter it will bring Yule joys to all in your heart. This book is ideal for ádults to give when you have trouble knowing what the perfect gift is! We are filling the book with Tots of art WORK- things to colour, fogan trayers, poems, tales, all sorts of fun. Mail YOUR ORDERS direct to The Unicorn.

Unicorn City

We received a delightful correspondence from Marty Proctor of Unicorn City, 55 Greenwich Ave., the Unicorner, New York, N. y. 10014. He sent along the current catalogue, which is brim-full of fun Unicorns. He also sent a pocketful of new buttons ("Button-up for winter") "Prepare to meet thy Unicorn," "Unicorn Ferver ... is laughter," "Unicorn ferson," "Protect Unicorns" and many more. He also sent us a felt patch - to patch up all disagreements! Write Marty for his catalogue, and sign it with Unikisses!

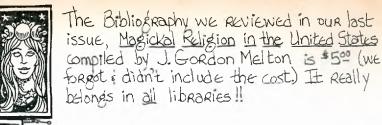
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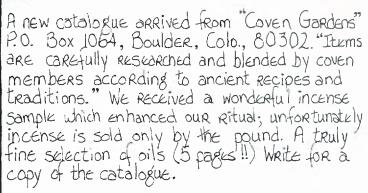
The first issue of "Which Way/Witch Way" has come from Craeftgemot Witancoveyne, Inc., a non-profit Church and School of Witancraeftan; 1640 N.W. 3 Struct, Devefield Beach, Florida, 33441. "WW/WW" will be a monthly publication. Word games, articles, announcements, a column on magickal herbs... A nice addition to the Craft publications!

"Unicorn Gardens" Vol. 1 #6 came to us in the mail from Editor Lady Phoenix. It is a delightful newsletter, but no subsciption intormation was available: Unicorn Circle, P. O. Box 45061, Dallas, Texas, 75245.

The Lunar Calendar Dedicated to the Goddess in her many Quises ... \$795 plus \$125 shipping from the Luna Press", Box 511, Kenmore Station, Boston, Ma. 02215 ... If you want a truly exciting calendar, get this one! This is the guide for those who wish to be in touch with the lunar cycles - when she Rises & sets, when She is new, tull, which zodiacal sign she Rests in ... there is alot of information contained within, poetry & artwork, lore of the 8 testivals; we very highly recommend this calendar; 18x24 & bicautiful, it is easily worth the cost!

The Crystal Well" is back, published four times, vearly (\$80) P.O. Box 3145, Seal Beach, alif., 90740. As it is ever-beautiful, 40 pages Rich with graphics, poetry, Rituals, songs, and articles that are great reading. We rejoice to have this magazine again with us: articles on storm masic, mime, familiars, and news of a contest for all you photographers. May the Lady smile upon the staff, and may the Lord send them strength... we send them our love & best wishes.





A copy of "The Dauids Calendar 1979" came to us from Cahill & Co., 145 Palisade St., Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522. It is very pleasant although a latecomer for us to review. If you are curious about this year's Edition, you'll have to write them direct.



"Circle of Cerridwen" just published its tiest issue. Its purpose, as stated," is to in Wicca.... 2. as a medium for the exchange of Wiccan philosophy and ideals... 3. as a source of educational material... "This issue carried a fine article on the I Ching. "Circle of Cerridwen", 10196-152 Stown. "Circle of Cerridwen", 10196-152 Street, SURREY, B.C., Canada V3R-6N7... (GRUL!)

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"For the unicorns"

The fiery dance

Of your spirit

Leaves burning

Memory traces

In the heart of the sky

Your golden singing

Circle rises full

On the wind

Turning north into darkness

You who run wild

Outside our walls

Of words and daily life and

Silence

You alone eat

The magick seeds

That grow to forests

Through the midnight

Ceilings ringed

With the cry of

Your passing flesh into

Spirit

Your mouth bears fruit and

The strange gifts

Of endless searching

In the deepest caves

And highest peaks

You know the sacred

Beats in your blood

And through your self you send

The pulse of

Greater vision

Prairie Jackson

Dear peoples,

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In between I've been fighting with Paul and Dirk to try and read Drawing Down the Moon by Margo Adler (Viking Press, \$16.95 and worth every silly penny). It's 450 pages, and Paul keeps taking it - he says because he must review it in the next issue - but I think he's just very immersed in it. Poor Dirk has to listen to Paul read quotes and passages, and he's trying to be patient.... Although I'm only about half through the book, it seems it has nothing at all to do with unicorns. How dull. But Margot's pretty!! I figured I'll read it anyway (not even dragons...) because all Pagans and Wiccans I know will be very excited and it is all I'll hear about from the next year. I think it's going to be fun seeing how you all react. If you don't read Drawing down the Moon you'll mess up your whole Karma - this book really is upfront about modern Pagan history.

Party time again!! Paul and Dirk will go to Madison to spend some time with Circle. At last I'll be alone... and have a date all set up with a beautiful lavender mare I met in Orion last week. Her name is Llelln. An she has the loveliest eyes...

We will be thinking of you on Hallowmas, as we gather 'round the cauldron. (Maybe this time I can light the fire instead of those pesky salamanders!). We will be calling upon our past, in order to better arrange our futures, and will cherish this night as a new beginning - stepping into the new year with wisdom and joy; love and trust... and maybe I'll get some wine and cookies!! See you in your dreams!

Lots of unikisses and unihugs Andrius

The Ritual Bath

Bathe by candlelight, using three white candles as your only illumination. Fill the bathtub with water. Take three pinches of consecrated salt and sprinkle it in the water saying:

By Earth I make this water pure, Powers of Land, Forever endure

Take a stick of incense or acenser and make the sign of the Banishing Pentagram over the water saying:

By Air I make this water pure, Make my actions true and sure.

Take a candle in your left hand and sprinkle three drops of oil into the water and your right hand saying:

By fire I make this water pure, grant me the power to help and cure

Now immerse yourself in the water, saying:

O water, clean and pure you are, bring me help from near and far, lead me to the Goddess' Light. Grant me strength and love this night. Make the Sacred Wisdom clear, voice of the Goddess mine to hear. Help me learn the hidden ways, Serving Our Lady through all my days.

So mote it be! Joyce Baker

Dragouns

Have you ever tried living with dragouns? It isn't an easy task.... They can be quite temperamental, moods can change from ecstatic joy to scorching anger in a blink of a dragoun's eyelid. The most important thing to remember when dealing with dragouns, is never interrupt a riddle (That's serious business), and always try to humour them when they play a practical joke. You also have to know when to step aside... like now.

Kienan has been watching and insists she should be the one to write this article (Kienan is a dragoun). For those that are not accustomed to the riddling talk of dragouns, I will do my best to translate her words into normal human speech......

Mortals can be useful at times like this, but after all, only dragouns should write about dragouns. Dragouns can be any size, shape, or colour we desire. We can range from dazeling gold (my daughter Gyldan, for instance), to white and silver (like our innocent Gwyr), to red, green, black with grey and copper highlights (Gyldan's sire, Tyril), and so on.

Our size can vary tremendously at hatching, but our Magick enables us to alter ourselves whenever we wish.

Interests are as different amount dragouns as with mortals. Contrary to popular opinion, one of the interests is not jewel-hoarding!!! Certainly we appreciate the beauty of different gems, but we don't actively seek to form a collection. They just sort of come to us. (to be continued next issue)

A house Blessing for Autumn...

Ah yes, My Lady, I'll ask for one now.

All about me is changing...

Leaves, wind The sky takes her bow.

Bless this home with love

For all to see and absorb.

Fill her with all the colours of this season,

And let wisdom abide inside her doors.

Let there be understanding

For all the changes she's yet to see.

And give those who dwell within her

Health and wealth to carry through that which is to be.

Let her see the needs of all who enter...

And fill her with magick to turn tears to laughter.

Let her be humble in her quest...

And gentle when at her best.

Make room for all who can enter with perfect love and perfect trust

To dwell in comfort and warmth within her,

Let her fire glow steady and strong...

Giving strength and courage to those whose journey has been long.

These things I ask of my gentle Goddess for this house I call my home.

Lady Laureli

Notes from and Herbal (cont'd.)

In working with herbs magickally, it is highly important to have an understanding of the planetary energies.

The moon....

She rules those herbs which are feminine and gentle, of the waters, soothing and cool, and domestic in temper. These herbs affect our inner self, working to keep the subconscious in health. Lunar herbs are often used in conjunction with meditation and trance work, and are sometimes compounded into magickal elixirs to aid the subconscious in letting go of a bad habit. The herbs She rules have been used to link the subconscious to memories of knowledge gained in other lives. They are the channel that enables the subconscious to reach into the timelessness of Nature, to reach with visions or other senses to learn beyond this life. Because the subconscious is the self-level in which our anxieties manifest, lunar herbs can soothe those fears and carry our souls in the wings of our Mother. They can open our domestic selves, aiding us to care about our home and our loved ones. Bringing into us the wisdom of our Moon Goddess, Her plants can enrich our lives with increased imagination, intuition, sensitivity and magick. The Moon governs the true light of the Sun. Some of her herbs are Adder's tongue

Anise seed

Allise seed

Cabbage Chickweed

Cucumbers

Dog rose

Duckweed

Fleur de lis

Ginger

Holly

Iris

Jasmine

Lettuce

Moonwort

Pumpkin

poppies

Rose, (white)

Stonecrop

Watercress

Wild roses

Water lily

Wintergreen

The Sixth Law of a Traditional Herbalist

There must never be employed any concoction which would impair, injure, or interfere with anyone or anything, for the creation of harm is not your realm.

Katy was asked what religion she was at school by a 'Christian' friend. She promptly replied "a Pagan" Needless to say, she had to explain what a Pagan is. Want to hear her definition? In effect, she said "she believes in the Goddess, Horned God, and Unicorns." Katy and Angel have both told me they've decided they want to be Pagans... with full understanding that for us to be a Pagan is a Witch. Naturally, as a mother, I worry for them. I don't want to tell them they can't be open and proud of what they are... yet, I also realize they must be careful upon whose ears such knowledge falls. Any suggestions on handling the situation?"

Please send any responses direct to

Lady Laureli 41 Oakland Rd.

So. Windsor, Conn. 06074

The Unicorn Phenomena (concl.)

Northern Unicorns are rather monogamous creatures and will usually pick a mate and will stay with them 'til death - (Yes, Andrius, I know there are exceptions to this too!)

All Unicorns raise their young the same, nursing them for one year after they are hatched. (Hatching takes about two months). Babies are born with hardly a horn, actually a kind of bump. This is really how Unicorn mothers know when to wean the young, when the horn starts to grow and Mom gets stuck with it. (Quite logical, really). Even after weaning they may stay near their mothers for up to four more years.

And last, but not least, contrary to popular belief, each turn of the Unicorn horn denotes five years rather than one. The oldest known living Unicorn is approximately 305 years old and lives in the Old Forest in England. He is coal black with midnight blue highlights, a five foot long horn and I do not know his name, but understand it translates as "Druid Friend." This concludes the article by Tricia Bear.

The Tarot

For out first column on the Tarot, I'd like to show off the first card in a truly magickal Unicorn Tarot being crafted by the talented Prairie Jackson! We only have three cards so far, (the other two will be in future issues) but I'm hoping to see more!

Andrius, by the way, says that this very card is discussed in a book, he inherited from the library of his great uncle, Greytail Omnihorn. He showed me the book which I will here quote:

"The Magician card in the ancient Tarot of the Unicorns is the card of power manifested on the physical plane (commonly termed the human realm) through activity on the psychic plane. As we can see below (here was pictured a card that looked something like prairies - Dirk.) There is depicted a human magician, who symbolizes the physical plane. The circles are the spheres of consciousness. He is in a position of worshipping the Unicorn, which is of course only appropriate, since the Unicorn is the most perfect creature..." pp. 307, The Unicorn's Book of Life, Sage Ibex Wintergreen, Sacred Horn Publications, 1206 A.T. (Astral Time). I don't think you'll be able to find this book at your library, but if you do, let me know! - Dirk. The Magician - The tarot of the Unicorns - Prairie Jackson

The Unicorn Rambles

Tanya, who lives with an elf. Belintha by name, writes that the book. Stalking the Wild Pendulum is excellent... Francille reports quite a few Unicorns attended a beautiful metaphysical weekend called "Let there be Light and Love" at Penderson State Park in Ohio. To learn about next year's gathering write "The House of Astrology," 1449 Messenger Court, South Euclid, Ohio, 44122.... Janice King of Craeftgemot Witancoveyne said the horseflies are too large in Deerfield Beach they haven't any Unicorns, only salamanders... Maud Reinertson, author of High School Astrology, is now working on a tarot, "The Living Tarot," a photographic work... Marsha wrote of her two Southern Unicorns "The female is smaller than the male, but sturdier of build. The male is actually more finely boned and has brown eyes..." he also likes her bear and lion... Grace writes to us from "Redneck Riviera," (Pensacola).... Sincere contacts, both gay and straight, are welcomed by the "Fellowship of Pan (K.A.M.)," P.O. Box 58024, Houston, Tx., 77058.... Hello to our friend Echo, who we will see in Oct. (thanks for the evaluation!).... A Celtic traditionalist Wiccan group in Rhode Island is open to contacts - send your letter unaddressed to us, inside an envelope so we can forward it.... Joyce Baker is delighted that you all liked her "Tree Ritual." She will be contributing regularly. Contact her at 18 Park St., Pittsburgh, Pa., 15209. (Send return postage!).... One of our very special people is seeking contacts in Eastern Kentucky. Again, send us the stamped envelope to forward.... The Waynesville Pagan Temple, 507 Ao. Main St., Waynesville, No. Car., 28786, is open to contacts. [Star13] Pentagram13 has sent us beautiful photos of the Bell Witch Village and of their gentle, ivy-covered temple. We are deeply appreciative!! Unicorn Haven has a new kitten named "Love" Leesa reports, "I've been graced with 4 (so far anyway!), one of which is a newly-hatched black colt out of my treasured black mare. I was thrilled to have the good fortune of 2 rare black unicorns to have bred in captivity..." Andrius sends his love to "Heathen" the colt, and the proud mare "Maelgwn," and sire "Briareus"..... Our friend Prairie wrote in one of her letters the new word, 'Unicornucopia'.... Prairie writes "Witches unite! Come out of the broom closets!" ... Rus - we passed on your contact to Wiccan Arts; our love to you and Seanara Jim writes "May our Lady guide your work in her light and may She cause the Unicorns to flourish to their original number in our time" Judy said they have a unicorn corner - and Andrius said he assumes you have hay and cookies.... Hermod put Andrius in touch with Dolores de Palomas, lovely, well-bred Mexican Senorita. She says there are so few other unicorns in small Mexican towns. Andrius wants her to know that he thinks she's beautiful! ... Do you read "the Runestone," a fine Norse journal? Write Asatru Free Assembly, 1766 East Ave., Turlock Calif. 95380. We're having a review in our next issue, because we like it so much! \$6.00 a year sub Will you be near Surrey, B.C. Nov. 9, 10, 11th? A big weekend at the Mystic Arts, 10202 152nd St. Surrey, B.C. V3R-6N7 Hello to Tim and Rose, who wrote of their sunrise meditation in the Great Circle! Le Cauldron Bleu, cookbook being stirred up by the Coven of Sothistar and the Circle of the Unicorn. Send them recipes and stuff to Ellen Cannon, P.O. Box 9513, No. Hollywood, Cal. 91609 Write the Oaken Moon Pagan Assoc., 242 Brentborough, Sheridan, Ore. 97378. Enclose SASE and request a copy of a petition. It's to help all Witches, Pagans and Heathens. Enclosed a dime or quarter for the cost, too

Pagan Profile

Jim Thomas is a poet friend of ours who writes of the Goddess with deep beauty. Many of you are familiar with his Craft. He is learning the Craft and practising in a cell, and all letters and help would aid our Lady's son....

"In the temple of my heart
Where my dreams kneel and pray
There will always be a candle
Burning night and day.
And in that candle's glow,
In the light of Love's pure flame,
The choir of my soul
Will softly sing your name ... Diana."

Jim Thomas #78C414 Pouch 1 Woodbourne, N.Y. 12788

Calendar

October 26-27th, Astro-Herbal Healing Seminar
Paul Beyerl will be in Madison, at the Gates of Heaven building (302 E. Gorham) to give a series of three workshops, sponsored by Circle. On

Fri. Oct 26th, "The Art of Healing" - how herbal healing is part of the New Age; healing as a career; spiritual approaches to healing; the training and responsibilities of a healer; Discussions of Paracelsus.... 7:30 pm

Sat. Oct 27th, "Plants and Planets" - the physical and spiritual psychic energies or herbs; using planetary energies to heal; an in-depth look at the planetary correspondences.... 10:00 am

Sat Oct 27th, "Diagnosis by Astrology" - the use of a horoscope in holistic medicine; diagnosing with a natal chart; a simple means of casting a diagnostic chart... 2:00pm

Call 837-4012 or 257-1988 in Madison for information and registration....

Help

Lady Phoenix, "Circle of the Unicorn," P.O. Box 45061, Dallas, Texas, 75245, has sent us a plea for help... She is writing a book on the differences within the Craft... which form of the Goddess you worship... your origin, purpose, etc. where and how you set your altar, levels of initiation, etc. Phoenix particularly states that solitary practitioners also write her. She doesn't say how secretive traditions will be handled, so we suggest you write her and ask. "We are all busy. But we can take the time to present our portion of the Wicca traditions in order to present the Path of Perfect Love and Perfect Trust to those who are seeking it ... We hope to pass on more information in the Yule issue. We are uncertain if this book is to be available to the general

public and/or to be available nationally. Don't hesitate, but write to Phoenix and help her, for there is a lot of potential here.

A Child's Wish Book

This is it! In time for Yule 1979...

A Child's Wish Book will be mailed on Dec. 7th, each copy autographed by our favorite unicorn. This book is being written and compiled for all children, filled with delights to thrill, please, and share with them the magick of love. Each copy will be mailed directly to your favorite child, direct from Andrius. The cost is \$5.00 per copy, and we guarantee it will bring Yule joys to all in your heart. This book is ideal for adults to give when you have trouble knowing what the perfect gift is!! We are filling the book with lots of art work - things to colour; Pagan prayers; poems, tales, all sorts of fun. Mail your orders direct to The Unicorn.

Unicorn City

We received a delightful correspondence from Marty Proctor of Unicorn City, 55 Greenwich Ave., The Unicorner, New York, N.Y. 10014. He sent along the current catalogue, which is brim full of fun Unicorns. He also sent a pocketful of new buttons ("Button up for winter") "Prepare to meet the Unicorn," "Unicorn Ferver ... is laughter," "Unicorn Person." "Protect Unicorns" and many more. He also sent us a felt patch - to patch up all disagreements! Write Marty for his catalogue, and sign it with unikisses!!

Reviews

The first issue of "Which Way Witch Way" has come from Craeftgemot Witancoveune, Inc., a non-profit Church and School of Witancraeftan; 1640 N.W. 3 Street, Deerfield Beach, Florida, 33441. "WW WW" will be a monthly publication. Word games, articles, announcements, a column on magickal herbs... A nice addition to the Craft publications!

"Unicorn Gardens" Vol. 1 #6 came to us in the mail from editor Lady Phoenix. It is a delightful newsletter, but no subscription information was available: Unicorn Circle, P.O. Box 45061, Dallas, Texas, 75245.

The Lunar Calendar

Dedicated to the Goddess in her many guises.... \$7.95 plus \$1.25 shipping from "The Luna Press," Box 511, Kenmore Station, Boston, Ma. 02215... If you want a truly exciting calendar, get this one! This is the guide for those who wish to be in touch with lunar cycles - when she rises and sets, when she is new, full, which zodiacal sign she rests in... there is a lot of information contained within, poetry and artwork, lore of the 8 festivals; we very highly recommend this calendar; 18 x 24 and beautiful, it is easily work the cost!

"The Crystal Well" is back, published four times yearly (\$8.00). P.O. Box 3145, Seal Beach, Calif. 90740. As it is ever beautiful, 40 pages rich with graphics, poetry, rituals, songs, and articles that are great reading. We rejoice to have this magazine again with us: articles on storm magic, mime, familiars, and news of a contest for all you photographers. May the Lady smile upon the staff, and may the Lord send them strength... we send them our love and best wishes.

The bibliography we reviewed in our last issue, Magickal Religion in the United States compiled by J. Gordon Melton is \$5.00 (we forgot and didn't include the cost.) It really belongs in all libraries!!

A new catalogue arrived from "Coven Gardens" P.O. Box 1064, Boulder, Colo., 80302. "Items are carefully researched and blended by coven members according to ancient recipes and traditions." We received a wonderful incense sample which enhanced our ritual; unfortunately incense is sold only by the pound. A truly fine selection of oils (5 pages!!) Write for a copy of the catalogue.

A copy of "The Druids Calendar 1979" came to us from Cahill and Co., 145 Palisade St., Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522. It is very pleasant although a latecomer for us to review. If you are curious about this year's edition, you'll have to write them direct.

"Circle of Cerridwen" just published its first issue. Its purpose, as stated, "is to 1. Provide a link between people interested in Wicca... 2. As a medium for the exchange of Wiccan philosophy and ideals... 3. As a source of educational material..." This issue carried a fine article on the I Ching. "Circle of Cerridwen," 10196 - 152 Street, Surrey, B.C., Canada V3R-6N7... (free!)

The Unicorn

A newsletter dedicated to sharing all the cool news of our Craft and Pagan friends, since Yule, 1977

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Sharing

"In my letter I told you I was/am gay and have recently felt a great need to get in touch with other gay Pagans.... We are, as Gay Pagans truly a double minority, and that translates into double lonely..." Lynn (Albany) "Am glad there is now such a thing for gay Pagans..." Guy (Texas) "Plenty super - great your adding that "extra" good for us gay Witches. I can hardly wait for my Hallowmas copy..." Sylvia (Calif.) "Thank you..." Jay (Rochester, N.Y.) I'm eagerly awaiting your publication..." Don (L.A.) "I hope something can be organized for gay witches..." (Ted (Milw.) "As to your idea of a gay Pagan section - a great idea! The gay group soul can use what gay Pagans have to offer - both magickally and culturally... some work still needs to be done in the Pagan community itself. Some groups accept gay Pagans - as long as they keep their distance..." Michael (Mass.) "We (gay Pagans) need to support each other (how 'bout our own newsletter?)" Chris (L.A.)

Forum

"I, uh, don't understand why there should have to be a 'gay' supplement - adding further work and unnecessary costs to the work! I realize that if I were 'gay' it would allow me to perceive the problem easier, but I think this would only be adding more problems. Doing this would be creating another category of Pagan - That's the last thing we need! There's so many categories and distinguishing factors now - it's ridiculous. We need to unite! Become whole! Blend the differences into non-existence!" Our friend Karen goes on to talk about gay persecution by the Pagan community ... "Nobody in the Craft has any business treating a fellow Pagan that way - for any reason..." and offers to write the wrongdoers.

Music

Dearest man of mine, I love you; dearest man of mine, hold me true; And I'll take you to the stars and kiss your eyes And out love will be the rainbows of the skies Dearest man of mine, I love you....

Gentle man please come away with me; Come with me and we will cross the sea; Where a Lord and Lady rule a kingdom fair; Built of Earth and Fire, Water and of Air; Dearest man of mine, I love you...

Dance my Circle, dance, dance with me; Chant my song and dance and we will be; Special to the God and Goddess, Moon and Sun; As we do the work together, both as one; Dearest man of mine, I love you... Joined together, yes we will be; Hands made fast for all eternity; And we'll ride together to the Summerland; Always bound together; Always hand in hand; Dearest man of mine, I love you... Dearest man of mine, I love you...!

This magickal love chant I wrote for Dirk, after having met at the Pan-Pagan Festival. I have been asked to share it, and hope you enjoy it! -- Paul

News

Don writes "I'm involved with a Fairy Circle in L.A. which just sponsored a Fairy Gathering in the desert with over 200 in attendance from all over the country." Billed as "A Spiritual Conference for Radical Fairies, and held near Tucson, we have heard wonderful reports from the event!!

"The Advocate," August 23, 1979 published an article titled "Gay Occulture," which deals with Crowley, Leadbeater, and Summers. If you haven't seen it, check it out.

"R.F.D. is an exciting magazine for gay men. Rt. 1, Box 92E, Efland, N.C. 27243. Many currents of Paganism flow through this journal. Our only complaint is its tendency toward separatism. It is a magazine of joy, and is of the gay men who live in the country, refreshing and needed. Send 75⊄ for a sample copy...

Womanspirit Rising - A Feminist Reader in Religion by Carol P. Christ and Judith Plaskow (Harper and Row, N.Y. 10022, 1979) \$5.95 - consists of 24 essays by 21 women - an anthology of feminist theological writings from the '70s... At times abstract and academic. I did like the final essay, "Why do women need the Goddess:" - as an acknowledgement of the legitimacy of feminine power as good power ...

The Changing of the Gods by Naomi Goldenberg, (Beacon Press, Boston, 1979 (\$9.95 - an important and exciting book!... explores what lies beyond the old patriarchal Christian religions and examines Witchcraft as a possibility - she addresses the presence of men in the "new" Craft - "although the Dianic form of witchcraft recognizes the male principle in the form of the Horned God, consort and son to the Goddess, his position is secondary: only women can bring forth new life (I have to say, I think that statement is sexist and really narrow minded!) She says men need to experience caring for living substance... other sections of interest: "why witches scare scholars" the 12 tenets of the Craft, female deities, and an excursion into dream and fantasy... Reviews from Prairie

Chris Sherbak, 588 N. Lucerne Blvd. L.A. Calif. 9004 has been a real friend. He will help get word to us of news from that part of our world. If you have nothing else to do, drop him a note he was the inspiration for these pages!! Thanks, Chris!

Prairie Jackson, 3006 Beauchamp #2, Houston, Tx. 77009. "I'm out of the 'broom closet,' i.e. open about being who I am, and I am very open to communicating, via correspondence, (telepathy!) or meeting a la flesh with other witches and Pagans." Prairie is a regular contributor of art and poetry and she's a terrific mama to her son Michael Orion!

Well, here it is, the first time The Unicorn has provided these Extra Pages to further communication. We hope that through this we may provide insight for men and women, to help us grow and to deal with the Craft and Pagan Communities. We like to believe there will be a time when we won't feel separated, when we can all just be ourselves. Help us achieve this goal - to do so we need you to share news of events, of books, of your activities. Our only limitation is space. We personally are not for separatism, and find all chauvinism deplorable. We welcome all opinions, and hope the pages will reflect the best of all of us, women, men, gay, lesbian, bisexual, whatever... We must have the right to be people first. Rather than be put down for being gay (we use this term for both sexes), stand for your rights. Our Gods* are not prejudiced. Our Gods* are not bigots. If you meet those attitudes in the Craft and Paganism you can, 1. Crawl away and hide; 2. Allow it to continue, and thus perpetrate such negative myths about gay men and women; 3. Separate yourself totally and go into an all-gay environment; 4. React with hostility and anger (the law says you'll get it back however); or 5. Give off Perfect Love and Perfect Trust and stand for your rights, as a child of the Goddess. These pages are to help us do that. Last summer at Pan-Pagan, Dirk and Paul came together, and bopped around holding hands, whatever. They acted naturally, and thus were treated by all as if it was natural and delightful. Let them know us as we are; let them know us as we are - Beautiful children of the Lord and Lady!!!

*neither are our Goddesses!

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