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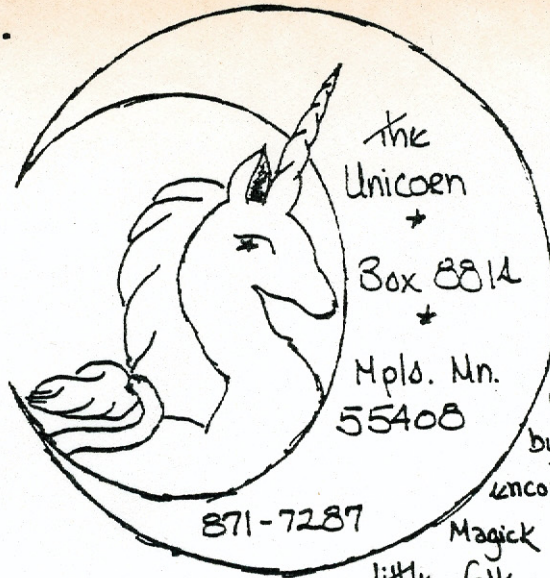
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 Herbs & Astrology as
 they relate to
 healing and to
 spiritual growth...
 Communing with
 others & sharing
 the Universal
 Energies of Atma....



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"Handfasting"

"Place upon my hand the moon's silver;
 Encircle my soul with Love's sign,
 Then promise by stars of forever,
 We'll sip dreams of Eternity's wine..."
 -Jim Thomas

Is anyone able to send Jim an astrological calendar so he can keep track of dates by ☉ (Sun) & ☽ (Moon)? Send it to #780414; Box 51; Comstock; N.Y. 12821. His letters are as beautiful as his poems.... Jim-use the leaves of your dandelions (A.K.A. "Priest's crown" and "blowball") fresh in salads. Pick young, tender leaves in the clear mornings light before the white juices begin to flow, to avoid bitterness. To dream of dandelions is said to indicate change. Ruled by ♃. Expect rain the same day when the fluff blows off... & there's no wind!! the fluff can carry secrets to friends, when you make a wish & blow.....



Coming up - a Children's Book! Andrius wants the best Yule gift ever, so on Dec. 7th he will mail out copies of A Child's Wish Book. Send us all sorts of original materials, please! Acceptability based upon magical fantasy, imagination, ability to delight, to instill love & trust, educational value. All ages should send things - drawings (to

scale), recipes, things to colour, short stories, games, etc. All materials must be at The Unicorn by Halloween. Spread the word - encourage all kids to help share the Magick of Yule with our favourite little folk - like Jason Merlin, who entered the world of Ayeisha & Kaene; blessed in style with the aid of his grandmother, Morgana. Lady Ayeisha of K::A::M - we send you all our love. May Jason dream of Unicorn!



"A Child's Wish"

Light a candle
 Watch it burn,
 Perfect love

Is mine to learn....



As I grow
 So let my mind
 Perfect trust
 Is mine to find!

-blessed be - -Lady Laurdi

Mother of two ♀ daughters, Laurdi will be in Connecticut as you read this issue, and so will be much of the Unicorn's love. Laurdi will be the chief editor of A Child's Wish Book, with the aid of the girls. Send all materials to Lady Laurdi, c/o the Unicorn, unless we have her address in time. (Remember - there will be more room for smaller works)....



Hey Gollum! I understand you're the coolest cat in Bakersfield! Could I get an autographed picture of you to send my favourite cats Pebbles & BamBam? They just moved to

ps:
 Lady Laurdi
 41 Oaklawn Rd.
 So. Windsor,
 Conn. 06074



Connecticut with Laurkli.... thanks! - ★



In the May issue of the Georgian Newsletter appeared a tremendous article by Lady Seshat, who wrote us that she will share the article with those who so wish. Send a S.A.S.E (why not include a quarter for copying costs) to Ellen Cannon, 12018 Saticoy, No. Hollywood, Ca. 91605. If you subscribe to the Georgian Newsletter (if you should!) then write Seshat to thank her for her sensitive, moving wisdom....



"For the song is the sword is the pipes of Pan
Ark birthrights sold to a usurer,
For I am the last lone highwayman
And I the last adventurer...."

this man - Steve Kettive, # 77A4575, Box 51,
Comstock, N.Y. 12821, loves letters, and has
an old Unicorn friend Jao-Bal-Ja (the Golden
One) he can write you about!



The Pagan Grove Press, P.O. Box 4132, Campus
Station, Athens, Ga. 30602, has a new catalogue
of books; new is forthcoming titles. And it's nice
to see the "Sword of Dyrenwyn" being published
When Vol. 2 No. 2 arrived, we were tickled
to see that Rhuddlum is using a similar
printing machine to that of The Unicorn: the
text was hand-lettered, and doing the work
naturally always gives off good energy.
As this issue of the Unicorn goes out, many
beautiful people will be convening at Unicoi
State Park in Georgia for the "Gathering of the
Tribes" is to share Midsummer...



Hey all you poets - the Sword of Dyrenwyn
seeks poetry! (They feature a 'Poet's Corner')



"Pentaptra" published the most beautiful
photos of the eclipse in their Spring issue.

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We thank you for sharing! A letter from
Selene Bonewill said she is Isaac might
head this direction to go to the Pan-Pagan
Festival. "The Story of the Rainbow" in the
Belkone issue was breathtaking!



The Unicorn had a weekly class
meeting to study the Craft as it is - a
multi-faceted gem of wisdom.... If at
all possible, write a letter that we
can read to the class, describing your
tradition is love of the Craft. We have
been blessed in that some have volunteered
their time to share knowledge in person...



A visit to Circle Farm took place in
April - Paul had the pleasures of dreaming
to the laughing songs of Circle's Water
Spirits. He was there to teach a couple
of workshops is to join in the music making.
The classes met in Selene's herb gardens,
where she grows herbs is magic!



If you haven't seen a copy of the Circle
Guide to Wicca is Pagan Resources, your know-
ledge of available Craft material is inadequate.
Passages of the text are so beautifully written,
I read from it at the first meeting of
our Sunday class. More than one was
deeply moved by the sensitivity is beauty of
Selene's text, Dirk's drawings, is Circle's
love. Such a well organized book - you can
see Jim's nice Virgo influence.... \$5.50
pp. Circle, Box 9013, Madison, Wisc.
53715 (We have copies at the Unicorn).
I cannot praise this book enough - it is a
true work of Love!



You MUST seek out and read the article
titled "Planet Antarctica" in the March

1979 issue of Omni magazine. Read it, then WRITE: Pres. Carter, The White House, Wash. D.C. 20500. We beg you to help protect our Blessed Mother the Earth! A letter has been sent to the White House. We requested a statement of our government's position regarding the exploitation of the South Pole. Please write letters - they won't stop abusing the earth unless they know we care, that there are earth religions working in love to save her. Please help!



Also help Doug Johnson, Infant Formula Action Coalition, 1701 University Ave S.E. Mpls. Mn. 55414 in seeing that the Nestlé Corp. does not wreak havoc & death upon this earth. Write Doug for more information.



Rik Johnson, 246 W. Jacinto, Tucson, Ariz. 85705, sent us a handcrafted boline, fashioned with a Unicorn handle. It is beautiful - and a true work of love. Earlier this year Rik sent an oak pentacle with a likeness of Andrius carved upon a ★. Rik's letters are a joy, & we look forward to seeing him at the Pan Pagan Festival. (thanks for the photos)



"I've been solitary a long time, and I feel like the time has come to seek others of my kind. I have been afraid to do that before, partly because of trouble I have had from 'outsiders' who do not understand. But I want to learn & grow, and know other people with Pagan souls & hearts" - Joy (A Gypsy Soul)

The response to our questionnaire has been overwhelming! 94% stated a desire to be able to contact others, to 'come out' from secrecy & to rejoice with their fellow Wiccans & Pagans. As a result the Unicorn will begin a contact column: Name, address & up to 13 words. For contacting



those maintaining forms of secrecy, whose addresses are not published: Write your letter, seal it in an envelope with your return address & the person's name. Mail that to us with postage on the envelope & we will address & forward your letter. We will forward only stamped, sealed mail....



"May Our Lady spill moonlight all over all of you" (E. Kentucky); "May your pipes blow naught but clear notes & sweet melodies" (Karen); "May the Goddess always keep the 'twinkle' in your eye" (Francille); "May the Star of Light shine upon you & yours" (★ 13); "May the Lady of Light give gentle protection to nude sunbathers" (Queen of Swords)....



Marsha says her female unicorns are madly in love with Andrius (her two males are very jealous). Tricia-bear writes that she is thinking of starting a wildlife sanctuary for Unicorns (Boy, do I like wild life - Andrius); Karen H wrote to tell of miniature unicorns in the Colorado Mts; Sushat wrote that she will adopt a little girl unicorn.



Plans are in the making that Jim Alan & Selena Fox will come to Mpls. Oct. 6th to give a concert of Circle Songs, sponsored by the Unicorn & by Sunlight books & good things, 622 W. Lake. Marlene (of Sunlight) brought her gentle smile over for a cup of tea.... Real super lady!



"The 21ST of June it be Our Summer Solstice we Witches celebrate. Burn Incense and Green candle - tried & true. The long hot Summer easily gone thru." (So mote it be!)



That Midsummer incantation was sent us by Sylvia B. who says it really works!!

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"Blessed are those who build a home!
Happy are they, who belong!

We shall all unite
On that silver night -
To sing the Eternal Song..."
Maggie lives in Connecticut, but has been visited by several of the Unicorn. (Liz sends you her love, & we all send you ours!)

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Please help. More than letters. All over the U.S. Wiccans & Pagans will be raising magick & energy July 8-9 for the full moon (2:00pm C.S.T. 9 vii 79). We call upon all of you to send help to the Stones in Texas. For too long Louise & Loy have been suffering the legal persecution in the death of Roxanne Casas. The Stones were trying to celebrate, and 'outsiders' caused them grief. Send Louise & Loy help raise energy and send it to Dimmit, Texas; Send money to the Stone Defense Fund, Arianhu Church of Wicca, P.O. Box 69, Dimmit, Texas 79027.

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Address change: Steven Kefive, #77A4575, is now Pouch 1, Woodbourne, N.Y. 12788. Jim Thomas, poet, wrote to tell us Steve's new address. Can anyone send us a copy of the New Pagan by Hans Holzer for Jim? Or send it directly to him (see page 1)

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Rhiannon has the prettiest white Unicorn, Elwyn; Rainbow sends "Good Medicine to all the Magickal One-horns;" Debbie B. shared news of her Dedication; The Waynesville N.C. Pagan Temple has delighted us with their cards and letters; Hooray! Rhea will be at the Pan-Pagan Festival. What a busy lady she's been!!; Edward S. says reading the Unicorn is a sensual experience (we love it!!)

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□ "May the Goddess kiss your every smile...
And soothe your every care.
And may you walk within her love...
You're such a perfect pair..."
(Another handfasting poem from Jim Thomas!!)

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The Fourth Law of the Traditional Herbalist
"The Wise practitioner will only work good:
The potions, decoctions, infusions... will only be made to restore health and well-being, letting the rewarded being in that creation of good."

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Notes from an Herbal: as regards an Herbal amulet. The following is an incantation, used to invoke blessings upon the leather bag, used to carry the herbs of your Magick:

"I bless thee

Oh pentacle of hide, circle of leather...
A gift of the beasts of the earth,
Symbol of life and the circle through death
and rebirth...

I call down upon thee, Oh amulet to be,
Blessings for your bearer
Blessings for the wearer

(Here meditate upon the purpose of this amulet/talisman, visualizing its protection & magickal energies with full concentration)

Carry these gifts I place inside
Being down blessings from above
Blessed Be thee, gift of hide

All these gifts are gifts of love"

Vol 1 - No. 3 of A Pagan Renaissance (Castle Rising, 1730 Wazek St, Denver, Colo. 80202 \$1.50 a copy) carries a 2 page article on herbal amulets/talismans.

Paul will be presenting a workshop at the Pan-Pagan Festival, also.

The above incantation should be done in a properly prepared circle, and is followed by meditation/incantations. (to be cont'd.)

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The Song of the Unicorn

"I flew to the Misty Mountaintop
And looked through the foggy haze
And saw a shining stream & butterflies
All covered in a shimmering glaze.

The morning dew encompassed all
Flowers were glittering jewels
Emerald trees opened their arms
And rejoiced at the morning cool.

The majestic prince of memories gone by
Raised his noble head -
And spoke of dreams and legends
Then lay down in his grassy bed.
He talked of knights in armor
And of friends he knew in the past
He turned then to the present and sighed
For he knew he was the last.

I saw all this through the mountain mists -
And then went on my way,
I could not linger very long,
For I knew I would have stayed.
Sometimes I think of the morning dew
That sparkled on his shining horn
And wish I had listened for a little longer
To the tales of the Unicorn....."

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"There once was a Unicorn named Andrius
About Astrology he would forever make a fuss
Along came a virgin
Who needed no virgin
She asked, 'What sign are you, you cute cuss?'"

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To the Unicorn

"Monocerous - I do not understand:
△ for air too solid, spurred by Pegasus,
△ Salamander speaks a hot & alien tongue,
▽ too many legs to rock the Seahorse
▽ Completion of the earth's out speaking
What seek ye, that ye still approach us,
The new creation, warily trusting

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Our virgins at least?

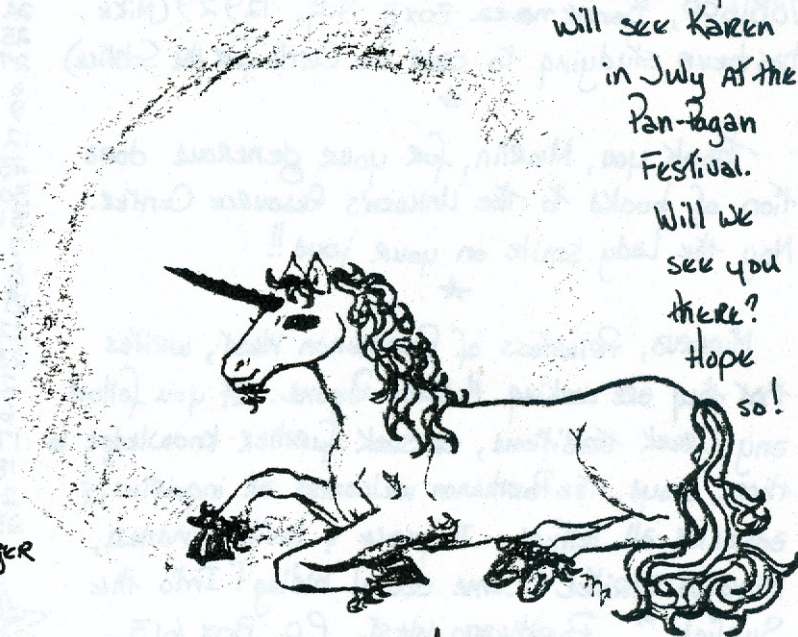
Too late you'll find
Your unused weapon treacherously turned
against you."

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These 3 poems are the most favoured choices in our poetry contest. The scores have been so close, that we ask you, our readers, to help. Please write and tell us your preference; or list them in order. In drawings, this drawing won - Karen Alexander sent this drawing of Andrius, lazy on a

summer's day. We will see Karen in July at the Pan-Pagan Festival.

Will we see you there?
Hope so!



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High School Astrology, A Basic Manual of Occult Science, by Maud Reimertsen; Union Press \$5.95; Order from DeVorss & Co. Box 550, Marina del Rey, Ca. 90291. At last!

As a teacher of astrology, I finally found a book to recommend to beginners. Clear, concise, with beautiful illustrations (also by Maud), this book will help you interpret your own horoscope, and give you a true 'feel' for the arts mystical, as the book also looks at the other arts. Wow - this book is really super - a "5-pentagram Rating!!!" Please encourage your local stores to carry this book - it deserves to be shared!

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Having trouble getting books locally? Write to Doug - he publishes an incredible catalogue of books through the Mystic Arts Book Store; 10202 - 152 St. Surrey, B.C. Canada V3R-6N7. Cost is 75¢, and it is very complete. Friends have written us to say the Mystic Arts gives prompt, courteous service. Phone 584-7684. You should see it!

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Seeking correspondence: David Brickman, 2536 Stanford Dr., York, Pa. 17402

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Seeking correspondence: Michael Johnston, 78B1600, Clinton Correctional Facility, Dannemora Box B N.Y. 12929 (Nikk has been studying to cast the Circle for the Solstice)

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Thank you, Martin, for your generous donation of books to The Unicorn's Resource Center. May the Lady smile on your joys!!

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Minerva, Priestess of Parthenon West, writes that they are seeking Hellenic Pagans. If you follow any Greek traditions, or seek further knowledge in those ways, the Parthenon welcomes all inquiries, & answers all letters. In peace & loving kindness, Minerva writes "Come out of hiding! Into the Sunlight" Parthenon West, P.O. Box 613, Richton Park, Ill. 60471 [Minerva - although the Unicorn is a sacred beast to Hestia, it is found as a sacred animal in most religious mythologies - Andrius says unicorns adore lovely Goddesses!]

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Attention feet of feet! Parthenon West says they will have the Hellenic Races (Torch races) again at the Pan-Pagan Festival.....

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The Unicorn will have available to mail July 7th, Andrius' Coloring Book of Numbers, a book of number-lore, with full 8x10 drawings by Rik (who did Andrius' portrait for the herb book), poems by Jim Thomas, and text



exploring the Mythology, Magic, and lore of Numbers 1-10. This book is meant to stimulate your psychic interest, and will introduce you to the basics of numerology. This book is for fantasy-oriented, imaginative, Pagans, & can be colored with felt-tip or pencils, & is really fun!!! # 300 p.p.

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Praetist of herbal & astrological services available from The Unicorn; send S.A.S.E.

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Summer

- 21 vi 79 ☉ → ☊ Summer Solstice
- 24 vi 79 ● new moon ♀ at the dawn
- 25 vi 79 ☽ → II
- 27 vi 79 ☽ → ♋
- 6 vii 79 ☽ → ☊
- 9 vii 79 ☽ full moon ♀ 2:00 pm CST
- 12 vii 79 Opening of the Pan-Pagan Festival
- 23 vii 79 ● new moon ♀, early evening ☉ → ♋
- 30 vii 79 ♀ → ♋
- 31 vii 79 Celebrate this night!!
- 7 viii 79 ☽ full moon ♀ 9:22 PM CST
- 8 viii 79 ☽ → ☊
- 18 viii 79 Opening of the Renaissance Festival
- 22 viii 79 ● new moon ♀
- 23 viii 79 ☉ → ♋ ♀ → ♋
- 2 ix 79 ♀ → ♋
- 6 ix 79 ☽ full moon ♀ 4:59 am CST
- 17 ix 79 ♀ → II
- 18 ix 79 ♀ → II
- 21 ix 79 ● new moon ♀ (again!)
- 23 ix 79 ☉ → ♋ Autumn Equinox

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Dear Humans,

There has been so much news & activity, that space does not permit us to get it all in. But - sorry about your herb bread recipe! Visitors included the ladies from Aurora, a new covenstead in Winnipeg. Dennis came from Beaver Dam, Wis. to spend Memorial Day weekend, and a special treat was to spend a morning with Morgana of K::A::M & Bethanie, who is a delight. Bethanie taught us a new blessing for food, for which we thank her. We have heard so many glorious things about the gathering in Massachusetts. Andrius, it sounds as though you did a wonder-

ful thing in all that work. I think, if you gather yourselves in 1980, the Unicorn will have to head East... It sounds like too much fun to miss!

The Minnesota Renaissance Festival runs August 18-19, 25-26, Sept. 1-2-3, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23; each day 10:00am - 7:00pm. Paul will be there at the Oak Grove Astrologer. (While Paul's away, this Unicorn will play!!)

Will be getting rid of Paul in July. I'm sending him to the Pan Bagan Festival July 12-15 at Lake Holiday, Indiana. Hey - all you Pretty Fillics - for a good time, call me up.... Can't stand long car rides - Paul's car, Michael, is so small, there's no room at all. Having seen the brochure for the festival, I'm almost tempted to try Amtrack.... lots of knowledge being shared, auras to bump, songs to sing, & bodies to hug....

Karin - keep believing in us! I will help you wish for your stuffed unicorn to come to life! It's magick, you know. Your poem was too late for the contest, but I will put it with things for the Children's Wish Book. Give your Mom a kiss from me. Margot - many of the people you met here in '75 are gone elsewhere. 'Tis quite changed! Happy House Blessings to Sylvia's new house, & a wink to Buttercup... Hello to Ronald of Pocatello, Idaho.... Haven't heard from ♀ lately.... Yay! for Cheri of Beaver, Pa.... Sara - how's your 'zony?...

There certainly is joy in Texas!.... Am anxious to hear more about the Butterfly Goddess Festival.... Hey Marsha - can you tell your females they can come & live with me? I give good backrubs.... Hello Elizabeth Pepper! How'd you like my portrait?..... To *13 of N.C: do you have any pretty Southern Unicorn Belles

who might want to meet a rowdy Yankee? Hello to Paul & Connie.... love, *

Love & Blessed Be's to the Gathering of the Tribes at Unicoi State Park. May your meeting be blessed with the Wisdom & Protection of the Lady! I ask everyone to send them helpful energies, as the House of Ravenwood is undergoing very troublesome times. Send them love....

Hello to all attending Coeden Birth. Wish we could be there with you. It sounds like a glorious time. Please write & tell us news!!

Hello to Pat & the Georgians!

Hello to Carol & Rob - Jim T. wrote us of your heroic work in nursing the baby cockatiel back to health.... Jim writes: "I think they are both beautiful people and I wish you'd tell them so in the Unicorn..."

Vol - thanks so much for the picture of your new magical house!! How is the tape working out? Count this as my answer to your letter - & I promise a better letter next time!! Hello to Chris -

Steve Kellie seeks a recipe for Dandelion Wine, & a source of statutes of the God & Goddess.

Karen - Thanks for your letter - and all the 'goodies' in it. I just 'came out' to my family about my esoteric self. Sure is interesting! Wish they realised how much they had done right, so that I now am a happy Pagan. See you & Gary in Indiana next month.

(Ooops - here we go - now it's 8 pages!!)
Rik (of Tucson) writes of 2,500,000 Martin
Pine Trees for sale, each 3' tall, \$1.00. Does
that perk up any kareth card?

☪☪☪ "Look to the four Winds - strange
things to come during the month of
Gemini....." No - haven't yet gone
skinny-dipping in the river, but expect
to, soon. Perhaps, even, when this page
is done and I take this to the printer.
But, will be at the River for the Sol-
stice, dancing 'round the Summer fire in
a stone circle. (When are you people
gonna get your bodies Northwards?)...

The Pan Pagan Festival will open July
12th at Lake Holiday, Indiana. The
cost is \$15.00 per adult \$7.00 children
5-12; tots free... Lake Holiday is 30
miles south of Gary, with a lake for
swimming (hey - what about us skinny-
dippers???) Lots of music - Jim Alan
& Selena Fox, De-Anna & Lugh will give
a concert of Circle Songs (bring your
songbooks so we can sing along)... Oday
morning Lash Tamaroon will share his
Inner Conscious Music.... Today Paul (of
The Unicorn) will perform Telemann in "The
Magical Fantasy" on his magical flute...
Bring a handful of your home soil for
the opening ritual on Thursday afternoon.

Workshops, rituals, a chance to learn
in true Craft tradition - not from books,
but from those who know.... For a
brochure write Calumet Pagan Temple,
1519 Kenilworth, Calumet City, IL
60409. It's almost too late, so you'll
have to hasten!!

"In the gray storm clouds that sit waiting
over mountains for the lightning's flash -
A vision - a snow-white, winged creature of
spectacular beauty.

A Unicorn, with golden horn flashing light through
the clouds; golden hooves prancing thunder.
The glow from her golden hooves warms the
Mother Earth-giver of all life - & makes her fruitful
again.....

Yet, still she rises higher, till even the golden
warmth and light of her hooves have outdistanced
mortal eyes, and the skies grow darker.

She curves her slender, shining neck into a
crescent moon, as she looks back lovingly, her
jewelled eyes twinkling like a thousand stars,
lighting up the heavens.

Only those who truly believe in her have
seen her in all splendor & glory - and only
these have been touched by the magic of
her horn....."

This poem of a winged Unicorn
comes to us from Ellie.

New subscribers - must complete
this form or a facsimile...

Name _____ You may - may not mention my name
in the Unicorn. I do - do not
Address _____ wish to maintain secrecy. I desire to be
able to contact others - yes no
City, State _____ My tradition is _____
Zip _____ I seek knowledge in _____