

Witchcamps Focus on Tolstoy Classic

In response to complaints about last year's Witchcamp rituals not being built around a myth or sacred story, organizers have elected to focus this year's rituals around Tolstoy's *War and Peace*.

"We realize that this may make the rituals a bit longer," conceded teacher Sunshine Moonbeam. "But if they want a story, we'll give them a story."

Camp rituals will recreate the lives of peasants, villagers, soldiers and aristocrats in Czarist Russia. The climactic ritual will cover Napoleon's invasion of Mother Russia, with the cone of power being raised to Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture." Camp kitchen staffs have been alerted to adapt their menus accordingly, and campers should expect a steady fare of stale rye

bread and cheap vodka.

Rumors that the Revolutionary Pagan Workers' Cell was planning its own ritual cycle which would recreate the 1917 Russian revolution could not be confirmed at press time.

RPWV Celebrates Second Anniversary

This issue marks the second anniversary of the Revolutionary Pagan Workers' Vanguard — two years of bringing earth-based dialectical analysis to the Pagan masses. Chairman Gusty Hail marked the anniversary by calling for renewed struggle against crypto-reformist

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Revolutionary Pagan Workers' Classes

Rites of Historical Materialist Passage

Join us for a six-week journey recreating the historical epochs leading up to the present revolutionary juncture. Students will relive primitive accumulation, feudalism, mercantilism, early industrial capitalism, and the disco era. The final session will attempt to overthrow post-industrial finance capitalism. Please read the first six chapters of Karl Marx' "Das Ritual," and be committed to global Pagan revolution. Pre-requisite: Elements of Dialectical Magic or equivalent.

Levitation 101

In this introductory class, we will explore the magical arte of levitation. Participants will learn to ground, unground, deground and reground. We will begin by levitating imaginary objects, moving on to pencils, toaster ovens and small animals. For the final class, students will be expected to levitate themselves. Please bring a cushion, kneepads and a bicycle helmet.

Magical Apathy Weekends

This weekend workshop will focus on working with the forces of nature to nurture political and social apathy. Kick back with Bacchus and Dionysus in the California redwoods as we drink Budweiser and watch reruns of 1950's professional wrestling. Learn basic magical techniques of denial, repression and scapegoating, and discuss how spellcrafting can enhance an already active indifference. Our connection to this magical realm can fuel our struggle to avoid the rest of reality. No fee for this workshop, but please bring Pringles and Cheetos to share.



Reclaiming's new exercise video, "Groovin' with the Goddess," was released to rave reviews last month. Join Artemis, Isis, and Aphrodite as they raise your consciousness and lower your blood pressure. Order your copy now to have buns of steel in time for the Summer Solstice ocean plunge! Photo by RPWV staffer Randy R.

RitualLand Opens to Rave Reviews

Despite the presence of nay-saying protesters, Reclaiming's new RitualLand entertainment center opened in downtown San Francisco on Beltane eve, drawing capacity crowds and rave reviews from the local media.

"We haven't seen this kind of excitement in our town since they opened the Old Navy store with the built-in Starbucks," declared Mayor Willie Brown as he waited in line to ride the "Fool's Journey," a tarot-based amusement ride. "I might have to try the Spiral Tilt-a-Whirl, too," he confided.

But the Mayor was steering clear of "The Descent of Inanna," a thrill-ride which drops riders an incredible five stories in just 2.7 seconds.

For the younger crowd, GoChartres features a game of laser tag with 3-D faeries and space aliens inside the Chartres labyrinth.

And in the Grand Hall of Samhain, video-helmeted visitors can experience the entire Spiral Dance ritual, in 72-track simulcast, in just over three minutes.

Protesters, meanwhile — led by the ever-vigilant Esmeralda RagingWitch — decried the venture as crass commercialism and a betrayal of Reclaiming's Vision of Unity.

"I don't see a single ride concerned with environmental justice," said RagingWitch. "The closest thing to a conscience in the whole operation is the Luna ride."

RagingWitch referred to a thrill ride where customers sit on platforms a hundred feet up a synthetic redwood tree eating granola and trying to talk to reporters on cell phones while being buzzed by helicopters.

Spellbound crowds thronged to see

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Reality-TV Series Features Reclaiming

Auditions are being held for a Reclaiming-based "reality" TV show, to air this Fall on the PAX Network.

The premise — 13 Witches are cast adrift on the Isle of Apples, where they cavort with the Beloved but also rather cantankerous Dead. Each week, at a community ritual, one of the Witches is turned into a toad, until only two remain. Those two will then be contestants on a special edition of Magical Jeopardy for the grand prize: Samhain dinner with the ancestor of their choice at the SpiralDancer Café.

See page D-147, column 7, for complete details!

Reclaiming Launches New Product Line

INSTANT WATERS OF THE WORLD

Each packet contains a tiny sample of mud, sludge, micro-organisms, or toxic waste from dozens of different sources. Just add bottled water, and voila! Waters of the World!

Send \$19.95 for one packet, or just \$999.99 for our "Solstice Special" — enough for an entire ritual or Witchcamp!

"THE SPIRAL DANCE" KARAOKE CD

Yes, finally *you* can sing along with all the hits from the Spiral Dance! Join in on the harmonies, or step out and belt a solo on "Let It Begin Now." Relive all the excitement at your next karaoke party. Comes with free bonus karaoke CD, "The Tree of Life Grounding." Entire package just \$29.99.

All products now available exclusively at your neighborhood Reclaiming store!



RPWV dialectical metaphysicians debate the proper angle by which to bring the maypole into alignment with both the Earth's transmagnetic axis and the historical conjuncture, thereby ensuring the ripening of revolutionary conditions in the coming year. Photo by RPWV staffer Steve Nadel.

Reclaiming Sweatshops Exposed

Coerced labor revealed at annual Witchcamps

IN A STARTLING revelation that sent shockwaves through the Pagan world, the RPWV has uncovered evidence of systematic use of sweatshop labor by Reclaiming.

The break came when sources confirmed that the new Reclaiming banner was manufactured by indentured labor at California Witchcamp.

Under the guise of a “summer intensive,” participants in the weeklong retreat were lured into sewing the elaborate five-sided banner depicting earth, air, fire, water and spirit.

The banner is part of an intricate pyramid scheme. It was shipped to Los Angeles for the protests at the Democratic Convention, where it was used to recruit further Witchcampers, who will be pressed into similar labor at the 2001 Camp.

If successful, the scheme will be exported to other Witchcamps in 2002.

The first evidence of this sordid scandal came to light when it was revealed that California Campers are systematically denied access to meat and brand-name soft drinks. Investigative research soon established that sugar is rationed on a once-per-day basis.

Further reports that the top-selling Reclaiming Chants tapes were also produced by coerced labor could not be confirmed at press time, but the accounting department at Reclaiming was unable to

provide any proof of payment for musical services.

And new evidence began to emerge that Reclaiming Quarterly, the tabloid publication of the group, is produced entirely by volunteers.

“But they like volunteering on the magazine,” protested a spokesperson in what is sure to become the standard

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Taken Water Path too many summers at your usual Witchcamp? It's time for Surf Path at the all-new Maui Witchcamp®, where every teacher is a lifeguard. Or take Spirit & Mystery (S&M) Path, where the scourge is the magical tool of choice!

Movie Review

The Goddessfather

IN THIS Neo-Pagan sequel to the classic mafioso series, Michael Corleone's grandson Dylan goes to MidAtlantic Witchcamp, where he aspects Aphrodite, changes his name to StregaDove, and dedicates his life to healing the bloody rifts among the feuding Sicilian families.

But at the Ancestors Ritual, the young heir to the bitter Corleone legacy communes with the spirit of his great-grandfather, the legendary Don Corleone, who demands that StregaDove take over the entire Witchcamp operation. When Camp organizers balk, StregaDove channels a spell they can't refuse, and

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Surf's Up at Maui Witchcamp®

CONCERNED WITH A drop-off in attendance at several Witchcamps last summer, Reclaiming has taken the wraps off its latest marketing venture: Maui Witchcamp®.

A select group of campers were invited to the trial run on Maui this summer. RPWV's Georgeanne reports:

“The accommodations were first rate. I slept so well in my luxury condo's queen size bed that I was afraid I would oversleep and be late to Path. But then I remembered, Path doesn't start until I get there.

“Another wonderful thing is I never had to listen anyone else all week. After all, it's all about me at Maui camp. As the Camp motto says: ‘Ask not what you can do for your community, ask what your community can do for you!’”

Reclaiming to Wire Isle of Apples

Reclaiming stocks soar in wake of announcement

IN A MAJOR COUP, Reclaiming has obtained the rights to wire the Isle of Apples – home of the beloved ancestors – for the internet.

By next fall, full DSL capabilities are expected, and people attending the annual Spiral Dance are encouraged to bring laptop computers to the ritual. “The new high-speed capabilities should make for much faster connections with the ancestors,” said J. Log-On, chief engineer for Reclaiming’s internet services division.

A Reclaiming-affiliated group in Seattle, Turning Tide, also got the contract for cellular service on the Isle. With the spread of pagers among the beloved dead, the ancestor trance that has often turned the Spiral Dance into an endurance marathon is expected to run much more smoothly.

In response to the announcement,

Labyrinth Scandal Rocks Pagan Party

ALREADY REELING FROM accusations that he has never had sex on Beltane, High Priest Lucifer “Larry” Hieronymus of the People’s Pagan Party (archrivals of the Revolutionary Pagan Workers’ Party) has been caught cheating on a labyrinth walk.

Surreptitious photographs appear to show Hieronymus furtively slipping from the eighth to the seventh circuit of the Chartres-pattern labyrinth inscribed inside party headquarters near Leadmine, West Virginia. If confirmed,

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Reclaiming shares traded on the Neo-Pagan Stock Exchange (NPSE) rose

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Correction

In a recent issue of the RPWV, it was stated that Reclaiming co-founder Sunshine Moonbeam was arrested for masterminding an international drug-and-sex ring. In fact, she was arrested for overdue library books. The RPWV regrets this inadvertant misprint.

Las Vegas Show Features Reclaiming

A NEW LAS VEGAS musical extravaganza stars members of Reclaiming. WitchFest 2001®, which opened in January at the Golden Nugget, includes a topless chorus performing Reclaiming chants, while other members of the ensemble lap-dance their way into the hearts and souls of the audience.

The show consists of five acts, each geared to an “elemental” theme. The Air portion features aerial acrobatic stunts, while the Fire segment involves flame-twirlers and fireworks.

While WitchFest 2001® is expected to be a major drain of energy for Reclaiming, it is compensated by the fact that the new show can replace the Spiral Dance ritual. “We’ll just add a two-hour ancestor trance in the middle, and make people sit on the concrete floor for five hours without any food or drink,” said Mistress of Ceremonials Sunshine Moonbeam. “They’ll never notice the difference.”

Tickets to WitchFest 2001® can be purchased at any Reclaiming ritual.



The earth invocation at WitchFest 2001®, Reclaiming’s new musical show premiering in Las Vegas in January, was an instant hit with audiences tired of the usual secular fare. Photo by RPWV staffer Leona.