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March! Spring 2001 has arrived. We have passed through the difficult Winter 00-01 and are ready to work and play and roam and grow! This issue of Roarshock Page is dedicated to Brynna Rose Wilson on the occasion of her 18th birthday. To my eldest child with love from her very proud father.

ON THE BIRTH OF A DAUGHTER

I went outside and walked a couple of blocks through Walnut Creek, my hometown.

My daughter's hometown.

The rain had let up some at four in the morning, stopped at that time, but the sky in the east was torn by sheets of lightning.

Oh! Now I can breathe a deep sigh of relief, as the little tyke is about an hour old and **she** is beautiful.

Nicole cried and yelled and claimed it couldn't be done, but she did it.

I was there at 2:13 am and saw the little girl come into the world.

She cried once or twice.

She's a pretty little girl, dark hair and blue eyes, and daddy's nose. Ha! Ha!

I am just relieved that everything is everything, and that we've made it past March 23, 1983.

The last day before I met my child.

Welcome to the world dear little girl

from your weird though well-meaning dad.

I love you.

(Brenna was born on a night in early spring during a lightning storm)

Walnut Creek, CA, March 24, 1983

San Francisco, November 19, 1987

"HERE, DAD, THIS IS FOR YOUR WORK"

Muddy green water.

Another view of the City from The Embarcadero.

Warm afternoon sunlight.

Old quiet wharfs, despite the constant noise of hurrying cars.

Seagulls flap by overhead, pigeons nest amid the pilings,

other birds I can't identify float by and flap about.

I'm relaxing here, not bustling like those cars, or all those people over yonder in the Financial District canyons.

I have some time to look about and feel the sun's warmth.

This is a beautiful city - a beautiful city - something that does not exist at this point in human history.

I have hope that it will.

Even so, I'd rather live amongst the redwoods. Brenna gave me this piece of paper, she said, "Here, Dad, this is for your work."

And so it is.

I watch her grow, even as I continue to grow, to write, to live.

When she was born I thought I could no longer afford to write poems.

Now I know better.

I can't afford not to write them.

Not if I'm to continue to grow.

To be a better father and a better man.

I must show this City, or wherever I am, the way it is, and the way I feel about it.

The warm afternoon sunlight, the sounds of birds and cars, the docks, these rippling green waters of the bay.

MARCH ALMANAC

- 3/1 1961 The US Peace Corps was established by President John. F. Kennedy.
- 3/2 1847 FIRST QUARTER MOON
Alexander Graham Bell, telephone inventor, born in Edinburgh, Scotland.
- 3/4 1830 Former President John Quincy Adams returned to Congress as a representative from Massachusetts. He went on to serve eight consecutive terms.
- 3/5 1946 The "Iron Curtain" speech was delivered by Winston Churchill at Westminster College in Fulton, MO.
- 3/6 1836 Fort Alamo fell to Mexican troops led by General Santa Anna.
1926 Alan Greenspan was born.
- 3/9 FULL SAP MOON
1934 Yuri Gagarin, the first man in space, was born in Gzhatsk, USSR.
1958 Alan K. Lipton was born.
- 3/10 1862 The first issue of U.S. government paper money occurred as \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills began circulation.
- 3/14 1879 Albert Einstein born in Ulm, Germany.
1900 Congress ratified the Gold Standard Act.
1983 Taylor Hanson was born.
- 3/15 IDES OF MARCH
1940 Phil Lesh was born.
- 3/16 LAST QUARTER MOON
- 3/17 SAINT PATRICK'S DAY
1938 John O. Wilson born in San Francisco.
1948 Bruce Henderson was born.
- 3/20 VERNAL EQUINOX
- 3/21 1685 Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Germany.
- 3/22 1962 Barbatus the Elder (Neal Attinson) born.
- 3/23 1981 First meeting of Neo-Pagan Society of Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill, CA.
- 3/24 NEW MOON
1874 Harry Houdini was born in Hungary.
1983 Brynna Rose Wilson was born in Walnut Creek, CA.
- 3/30 1853 Vincent Van Gogh born in Holland.
1981 Assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan.
- 3/31 1732 Franz Joseph Haydn born in Austria.

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D. A. Wilson's chapbook, *First Hours of a Rainy Day and Other Poems*, is now available for \$10.00.

THE FOUNDING OF A NEO-PAGAN SOCIETY

The Chief Druid hopes to cultivate awareness of other times and to express and pursue the more bizarre aspects of living, by cultural awareness and pagan activities/symbology. "We Neo-Pagans hope to educate the students of DVC in traditional and modern applications of pagan ideas, and their relation to what's going on at DVC on campus. There are a lot of people at DVC who agree with our goals." The Chief Druid, Dave Wilson, told this reporter. "The Spring of 1981 is the time for a Neo-Pagan Society to emerge at DVC. We don't want to impose our beliefs on other human beings, unlike certain other organizations." The Chief Druid said he hoped to encourage DVC students to do research on mythology. He is rumored to hold rituals for the invocation of trolls during the full moon. The Heirophant of Mysteries and of the Void is in charge of publicity, a follower of Aleister Crowley, he believes in the Law of Thelema. "We want to follow all the iddy biddy rules as a club on the DVC campus." The Heirophant of Mysteries and the Void, Dan Nettell, said. "We don't preach. We want to offer a free exchange of ideas. I'd like to exchange my Crowley knowledge with someone who knows Tibetan Yoga. One of the Sacred Tenets of our Organization is that all Knowledge is gained only so that we may pass it on, and anyone found keeping his Knowledge to himself will be Cast from the Order! Magick is for all men." Where are the Neo-Pagans going? "You got me, ask them." said Faculty Advisor Norman Steiglemeyer. "I'm a droll advisor." Why does DVC need a Neo-Pagan Society? Norman Steiglemeyer said: "To counter-act an overemphasis on technological advances, i.e. hydrogen bombs, and to get in touch with the well-springs of cosmic nature. You can't avoid a void."

-- Adapted from Lee Insetto's interview with Neo-Pagan Founders, Pleasant Hill, CA, March 1981

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