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The C.I.A.
The Bravery
Rupert Murdoch
Constellations



Del Mar Thoroughbred Club
Where the turf meets the surf

wishing all a
Bountiful Lughnasadh

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Earth News

C.I.A. Spooks Haunt Venice

by Druid Rúin, Monitor Secrets Reporter

Venice Beach – Those nostalgic for those bold, old Cold War intrigues, paranoias and chicaneries will be delighted to learn that the C.I.A. has been clandestinely infiltrating, spying upon and tapping the cell phones of Venice's own American Reformed* Irish Druids (AR*ID) sect. The undercover spooks were uncovered by unemployed snoops who used to work for a now defunct English newspaper.

The wee AR*ID sect is the Earth's tiniest major religion, and the local remnant of the might Roman Catholic Church's fabled, feared and favorite ancient arch-rival – the venerable Druids of Ireland. Venice is to the AR*ID sect much as the 'Holy See' of Vatican City is to the Catholics. The whisp of a grove and beach at the end of Rose is their 'Holy Sea.'

The antipathy dates back to the Holocaust, when Saint Patrick slurred the Druids as 'snakes,' and deceitfully boasted he had driven them all out of Ireland. But, as every Discover, History and Science Channel junkie knows, the Druids really just went underground and started cover organizations such as the Freemasons, the Illuminati and Dan Brown's publishing house.

True, authentic and archaic Druidic rituals are, as they have always been, quite secret (although there are unsecret rituals put on by neo-pagan, **WORLD OF WARCRAFT** and Wicca groups). Ferreting the True secrets out is the goal of those wretched C.I.A. weasels.

The spying cover-up was uncovered by recently unemployed **NEWS OF THE WORLD** operatives over warm beers in a Santa Monica pub that caters to English expatriates. They likely hoped to land a prestigious (but unpaid) position with this newspaper.



Druid Deasghnátha XXVII, the AR*ID Ritual Master, who has been reincarnated 26 times, said "They have been trying to learn our secrets since Patrick was in knee pants."

He also said that the C.I.A. operatives, and anybody else, will be welcome at the AR*ID party and ritual on Saturday Night.

"Those C.I.A. folks" he explained "are just good old Catholic-Irish Alcoholics. They always drink too much to remember what they saw anyway."

Lughnasadh this Weekend

The Druidic Summer holiday of Lughnasadh is this weekend. This ancient get-together has become, in current times, the typical American county fair.

It starts Friday with racing at Del Mar. It just would not be Irish without horse racing. The band 'The Bravery' performs in the afternoon. The Beach Party is all day, and all night, on Saturday at the Rose Grove in Venice. Sunday is the Orange County Fair, with Huey Lewis & the News in the evening. All pagans and their friends are welcome. BYO.

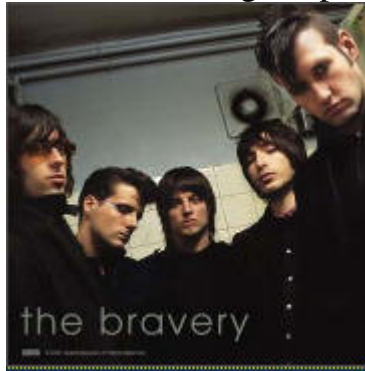
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Lughnasadh

Friday, Aug. 5th

Del Mar Race Track
1st post 11 am

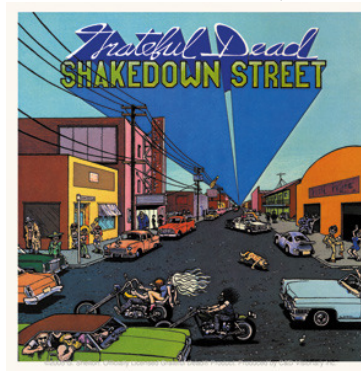
with The Bravery
The Seaside Stage, 4 pm



Saturday, Aug. 6th

Beach Party
Bonfire 8 pm
The Rose Grove, Venice Beach

with the Grateful Dead
(from Aug. 30th, 1978,
at Red Rocks)



Sunday, Aug. 7th

Orange County Fair
Gates open at 10 am

with
Huey Lewis & the News
Pac Amp Lawn, 7 pm



A holiday honoring the Ethilu, mother of the god of many talents

Lugh Long Arm
and his gift of agriculture.



Sea News

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Newspaper News

NEWS OF THE WORLD

by Dath Bhui Tab-Lloyd, the Monitor Newspaper's Newspaper Reporter

London, UK – There is no more **NEWS OF THE WORLD**. The venerable 168-year old newspaper went out of business 3 weeks ago over a scandal involving tapping the cell phones of celebrities and dead people. The scandal has had no effect on respectable newspapers across the Sea, such as **THE IRISH TIMES**, *The CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR*, or the newspaper with the most perplexingly insulting name in the world – *The Seattle Post-Intelligencer* – which quit printing its newspaper a couple of years ago anyway.

We asked Venice Beach's own media mogul – Druid Tim – who reigns over *The AMERICAN DRUID MONITOR* empire – about the scandal. He said he completely understood their eavesdropping on celebrity cell phone conversations. "Here in Venice" he explained "people seem to be on their cell phones all the time. You just can't stroll down Ocean Front Walk without overhearing someone."

After a moment's thought he added "And in Southern California everybody thinks they are a celebrity!"

Tapping the cell phones of dead people did not make journalistic sense however. Druids believe in ghosts, so this newspaper prints interviews with dead people all the time. "Why tap their phones when it is so much easier just to ask them what you want. To be honest it is often easier to get an interview with a dead celebrity than a living one," Druid Tim said, adding "they don't have much else to do."

We asked William Randolph Hearst, the dead publisher of the *San Francisco Examiner*, what he thought of the cell phone scandal and he said "What's a cell phone?" He died in AD 1951.

Also asked was Orson Welles, the dead actor who played Hearst in the classic movie *Citizen Kane*. At first he was a little put out that we had disturbed him as he was at a feast. In the Druidic after-life feasting is one of the standard pastimes, so the rotund ghost has likely been feasting since he died in AD 1985.



Welles said he was considering coming back and doing a movie on Rupert Murdoch, the controversial Australian publisher of the deceased **NEWS OF THE WORLD**. "Maybe I'll call it *Foreigner Able*" he said with a chuckle, as if he thought the 'Cane and Able' thing was funny.

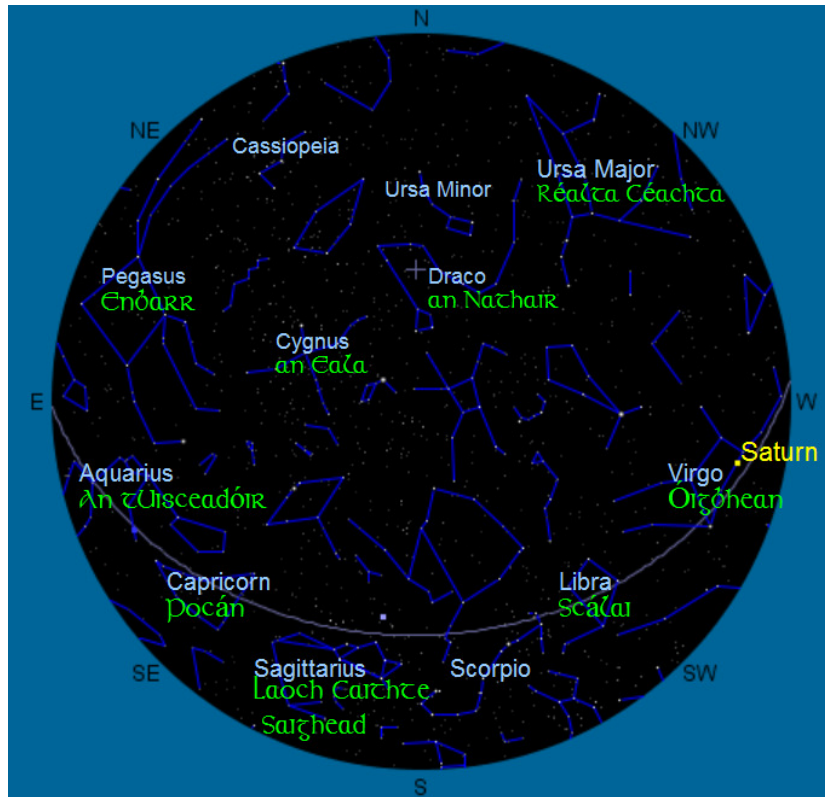
Coming back from the dead is always an option for the ghosts we interview because Druids also believe in reincarnation.

"Actually folding the **NEWS OF THE WORLD** was probably a shrewd business move" Druid Tim observed. "The circulation of most print newspapers has been plummeting for years" he explained.

The AMERICAN DRUID MONITOR, in fact, is one of the few newspapers on Earth whose readership has gotten larger over the years. Two of our readers admit to putting on at least 10 pounds since the '90's, and the 3rd told us he was up 80 as of last Wednesday. "But" he added "I started a diet this morning so it probably will be less by the time you print this."

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Sky News



Tonight's Sky, about 10 pm, is shown above. The constellations' names from Iron Age Ireland are lost in the mists of Time. Most modern Irish names are just borrowed from Latin or English. A few that are interesting, include Virgo, the Virgin, who becomes in Irish the Young Girl; Sagittarius, the Archer, become "The Hero That Throws Arrows"; Pegasus, the flying horse, become Enbarr, the horse that gallops on water; Draco, the Dragon, become the Serpent; and Ursa Major, the Great Bear, becomes the Starry Plough.

In the Morning Sky, in the East, you can see O'Ryan, the Hunter.

Also unknown are ancient Druidic astrological beliefs, if any. However we can predict with absolute certainty that if you were born today, then you are too young to read this.

We are hoping that some long dead druid, who was a master of these arts, will be reincarnated and enlighten us.

Weather

It will be getting darker after Sunset, and lightening up again in the morning, except around the Santa Monica Pier where it is day all night. A wee sliver of a Moon sets an hour after the Sun. Saturn is in the Sky early, and Jupiter late. Mars is the Morning Star.



Stick an acorn in your ear.

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Subscriptions are FREE for the good looking, jockeys and reincarnations. We have been accused of being a parody of **The CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR**, but we think they are a parody of **NEWS OF THE WORLD**, if it had been done with taste, integrity and decency.

Our office is in a canvas bag, our hours are irregular, and our reporters are not allowed to use cell phones.

The true identity of our editors, reporters and go-fors is a secret. You can find us on the web at:

www.AmDruids.org/ADM.htm.

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