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## Druids Mark Quintennial

MAY 5th marks the 5th annual anniversary of the American Reformed\* Irish Druid (or AR\*ID) sect's formation by reformation\* at their outdoor temple in Temple City, California.

The wee Irish-American faith was reborn when a wee band of neo-prehistoric Celts, honorary Irish, and some just plain curious folks met in an old graveyard where founding Druid Tim, satirizing Martin Luther, Scotch-taped his one Thesis\*, or Reform\*, to an ancient holy alder tree on Holy Alder Day, AD 1985.

The quintennial celebration of the wee pagan faith's founding will be on the soccer field at Cal State Dominguez Hills where The Grateful Dead are having a concert.

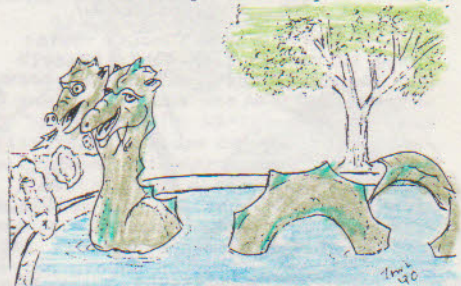
The band is called the Druid Tabernacle Choir by the AR\*ID faithful, satirizing a Utah church's tabernacle choir. Not everybody at The Grateful Dead show will even know that they are at a druidic ceremony, but then not every kid who goes trick-or-treating on Halloween knows that it is a druid holy holiday either.

Ronald Reagan, who is largely responsible for the neo-pagan revival, and return to prehistoric values in America, is not expected at the AR\*ID quintennial.

When then-president Reagan called America a "Christian country" in 1985 it violated the 1st Amendment, offended civil libertarians, and seemed just plain wrong to historic literalists.

After all, one of the 1st American flags has 13 stripes (a lucky number to druids, who invented the "baker's dozen" to get a free donut), and one of the snakes always associated with druids, whose plea "DONT TREAD ON ME" was likely directed at Catholics like Saint Patric.

5th is a cardinal ordinal number to druidic numerologists not just because of the faith's reformation on the 5th day of the 5th month, but also because the faith's reform\* was found floating in a 5th.



THE 2-HEADED SEA-SERPENT, Ronnie and Nancy was 2 of the 2 dozen or so folks at AR\*ID's founding day picnic in Whittier Narrows on 5/5/85, 5 years ago today.

## Issue Number

THE AMERICAN DRUID MONITOR's last issue was #30 but we skipped back to #9 with this issue because we had not used a lot of the numbers between #8 and #30, which confused some folks.

There was one really bizarre issue (even by our standards) labeled #12, 13, 14 and 15 on different pages, put out while our Editor-in-Staff Tim was on a roaring drunk, but we are hoping everybody will forget that 4-in-1.

Then there was the imaginary issue #i, which dealt with the square root of -1 and other imaginary number news.

Our next disorderly issue, if any, will bear some other ordinal number.

**\*No human sacrifices!**



## Quake God Named

THE AMERICAN DRUID MONITOR's contest to name the local earthquake god or goddess has been won by Sam Andreas of the tiny Bay Area bedroom suburb of South Slipslidingaway (formerly North Slipslidingaway).

Jitters, the Earth Quaker, revealed himself as the cause of the Oakland-San Francisco World Series earthquake to Mr. Andreas at breakfast on Earth Day, AD 1990, as the later was having his normal morning meal of oatmeal and hallucinogenic mushrooms.

Jitters, it turns out, is a first cousin on his father's side of Vulcan -- the fire god in another Indo-European pagan religion. He is also a 1st cousin, but on his mother's side, of Pelé, the Hawaiian goddess of volcanoes in another American pagan sect.

(Hawaii is only part of America in a political, not a geographic, sense. Of course neither Hawaii nor coastal California are part of America in a plate tectonic sense.)

Mr. Andreas wins a FREE lifetime subscription to this FREE newspaper, including all back issues except #2, which we are out of, and #12-13-14-15, which we are ashamed of.

On receiving word of his invaluable FREE prize Mr. Andreas said: "I can't imagine what I will do with the imaginary issue, #2!" It dealt with the square root of -1, and other imaginary number news.

Honorable mention in the earthquake cause naming contest went to the other entry from Mr. Ray Butler of the Los Angeles bedroom suburb of Downey (formerly Pico Rivera), whose response to the contest was "This is silly!"

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JITTERS, the Earth Quaker, has been identified as the local, druidic god who causes Sam Andreas' earthquakes.

## Holy Violets!

VIOLETS are a holy flower to plant worshiping druids, and a special one to members of the wee American Reformed\* Irish Druid (or AR\*ID) sect of arid California because of their drought-resistance in this drought-ridden year.

Violets, which also come in assorted shades of blue (and therefore could be called Blues instead), produce profuse flowers and make a fine, water-saving ground cover.

Violets are cleistogamous, meaning they are small, inconspicuous and self-pollinating, somewhat like leprechauns who are the small, inconspicuous and mostly self-pollinating wee folks of Irish-druidic mythology.

American violets make poor house plants, although African Violets are okay inside, but that is a violet story of a different color.

As a modern prehistoric sect, AR\*ID is one of the few American sects with no money-raising show on TV, and also opposes keeping violets on indoor TVs because we are against sects and violets on TV.

rates are so high that nobody in their right mind would pay them, and subject to increase without notice, or even a good reason.

Our editorial offices are in the back of an old truck, and our address is one of the secrets the Reformed\* SODS keeps to itself.

Tim Stephens is Editor-in-Staff.

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