

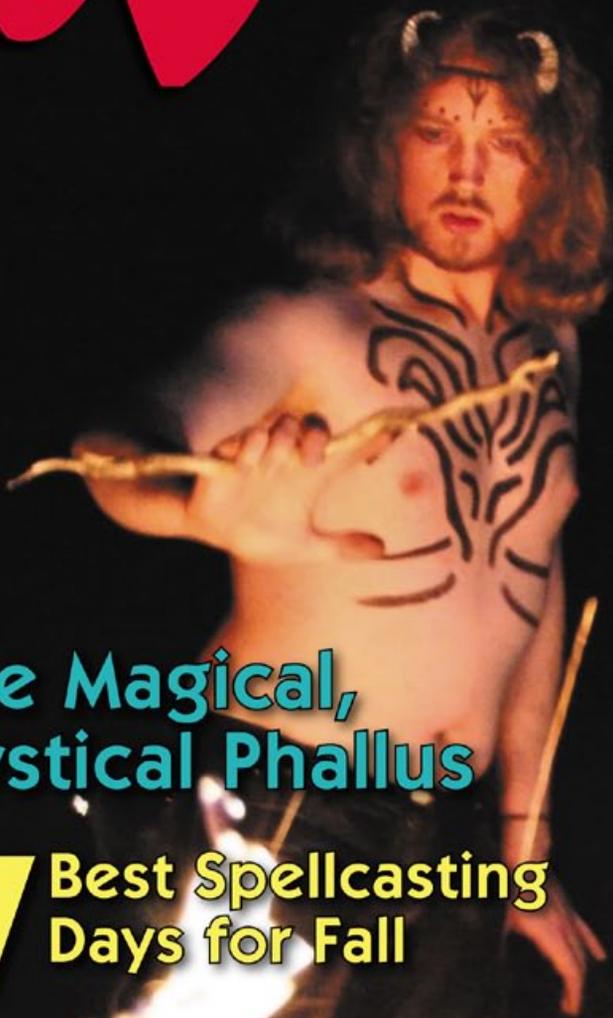
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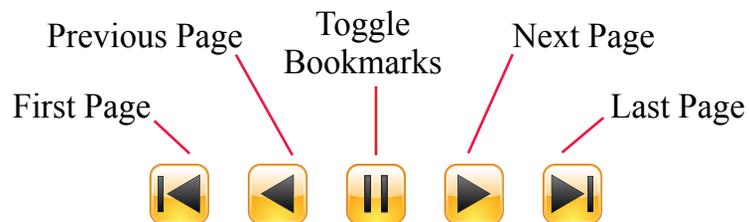


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Two years ago, on the weekend when I went through the Mankind Project's New Warrior Training Adventure, I was asked why I was there. I answered without hesitation, "Because I try to do so much that I end up doing everything half-assed." That's been with me ever since, and it's my personal touchstone. It seems appropriate right now.

This issue, #13 of *newWitch*, is my last as Managing Editor. There are a lot of reasons behind that decision, and most of them don't really matter here. What's important for me is that I have other things I want, other things I need to do now, and rather than try to do more than I can I'm going to do what I want to do. I've loved this magazine. I still love it. And part of loving something you build is that sometimes you have to know when to kick it out of the nest and see who picks it up, or how to trust the process when you get kicked out of the nest. When it comes down to it, my life has had four sides: my family, my personal clergy work, Pagan Pride, and *newWitch*. Ask any geometry geek: three sided figures are more stable in the long run, and it's been made very clear to me that the Goddess and the God as I see them don't want me to bail on Pagan Pride. The fact is, I don't want to, either. So I'm leaving *newWitch*, both for myself and for its sake. I don't have the passion or the energy anymore.

Thankfully, someone else does. I would like to offer my personal congratulations, blessing, and condolences to Kenaz Filan, who will take over as Managing Editor beginning with issue #14. Kenaz has written for us before (under a previous *nom de plume* as Kevin Filan) and has passion and energy for this work.

What will I be doing? Hmmmm. Well, first off, watch your favorite bookstore's shelves; I'm working on my first book, which should be available as soon as I finish the darn thing. (It's called *Faces Of Men* and it's a book on gods and men's issues from a Pagan viewpoint.) I have a couple of other book projects I'm working

on. Pagan Pride will continue to grow, and will probably benefit from having my full-time attention now that I'm good and settled here in the Lone Star State. I will continue my personal work with the Mankind Project www.mkp.org/, an organization that I am fully convinced saved my life. One of these days I might even priest me a coven again. And Kenaz wants me to write for y'all some, and I may just do that once the book is off and away.

It's always been my practice to send a couple of quotes with my editorial. (Sometimes they even saw print.) So here's the last one, in the words of Douglas Adams:

As it is I went to lie in a field, along with my Hitch Hiker's Guide to Europe, and when the stars came out it occurred to me that if only someone would write a Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy as well, then I for one would be off like a shot. Having had this thought I promptly fell asleep and forgot about it for six years.

Douglas Adams is dead now, he died in 2001 at the age of 49. I'm 38, and admittedly have a few health problems. (If we pick our own parents in the Summerlands, why did I pick two overweight arthritics?) I don't want to "forget about it for six years." There are things I want to get done now, things I have passion about — ranging from my children to my books to my work with men. My passions are different now from that day some five years ago when Anne called me and pitched this crazy idea.

So, I bless you all and leave you all. May you find your passions and ride them to their conclusions. May you remember that the witch is the one who changes — changes the self, changes the world. And may you, in the end, have fun with it, because sometimes all we have is our ability to laugh and whistle past the graveyard of our own fears. Tag, K. You're it. ©

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