Rites of Winter
By Celeste Newborough

It shouldn’t surprise us that many cultures choose to celebrate their major holiday in mid-winter. As Mother Nature makes her annual retreat, and the life cycle curves down into the abyss of cold and darkness, human society comes it its own.

We want to gather together for sustenance and warmth, and we’re especially aware of our interdependence of the spirit of cooperation and its products, like the domestication of fire, without which human survival through winter would be a difficult task.

The Rite of Winter can be as traditional as Chasukah and Christmas or as ancient as the Winter Solstice.

As we approach the end of the solar year, the nights grow long and we experience separation from the sun. This is the time to seak back the warmth of the body, heart and spirit—a time to heal our wounds and bury grudges, to pause and to store energy, to concentrate on the fire within.

Additionally, this is a time to seek out our families and friends, to turn to family and friends and to create, even with new and fleeting associations, a sense of reintegration within the Human Family. Invite your friends over; especially those who live alone. Ask freely for what you want and need. Change is always on the horizon, you may find someone (though probably not the same) who’s willing and able to give it.

RECURRING NOTIFS
The many stories about winter yield three major themes.

First, winter is seen in its primal essence, the withdrawal of life, sometimes interpreted as the desertion or wrath of the leaders of such diverse groups as the Haight-Ashtbury Democratic Club, Eureka Valley Merchants, Feminist Lesbians and gay men deserve a voice on the POLICE COMMISSION.

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Thursday

The Manhattan Transfer... Tonya & tomorrow... 9 pm at Masonic Auditorium. SF, 8-53-94.70. Focus on Nicaragua at a cultural education event sponsored by the People's Organization for Solidarity with the Nicaraguan Revolution. In this film, music, speakers, 8 pm at the Church Theatre. SF, 947-7131. Monday's Women's lunch at 7:30 at the Great American Music Hall. $6. SF, 863-7133.

Gay News* Views. Dist. 5 Super Harry Britt discusses his book, "Gay News* Views". Harry Britt, Guest Host. And thanks for your support. It's been a great year. Happy New Year to all!

Friday


Community Christmas—chrissy fundraiser with Ruth Hastings, Gloria Stockton, Bill White & friends to benefit the Coalition for Homeless Women, at the 700 Folsom, SF. 947-7131. Christmas Eve performance of "Circus a la Mode: final show. See 12/7 listing for details. Christmas Eve performance of "Just As I Am". MMC's weekly radio broadcast of the Bay Area Lesbian/Gay community. 1100KXK (South Parking Lot) 10am, for the 4-mile run. No registration required.

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