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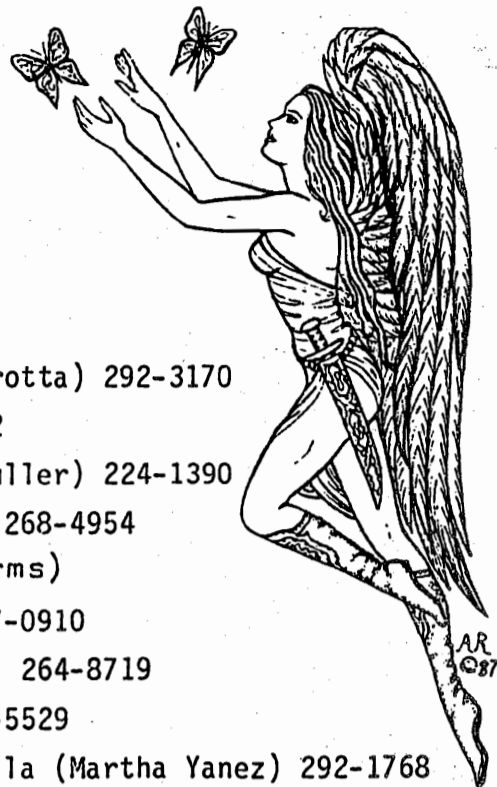
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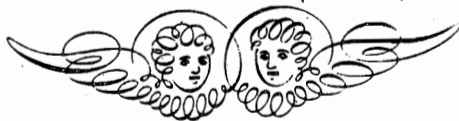
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Please give any calendar dates you would like noted, news or events to Audriana Arena (Audrey Rawlings) @ 251-9180.



It be so cold, yer bones git chilled,  
 If ye gits out of doors,  
 Ye damsels wear yer longest bloomers,  
 And knights yer heavy drawers.

Peggy Rawlings

# MARCH

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2 B.F.P. 5:30 p.m. Quigley Park	3 HAPPY BirthDay: Lisa Schuck	4 Happy BirthDay: Simon Greyarrow	5 EQUES. CHAMP.
6 Kingdom Council	7 Happy BirthDay: Eispeth of Almedan BARONIAL COUNCIL 7pm MEETING	8	9 Happy BirthDay: Eduard B.F.P. B.+S.	10	11	12 Summergate Anniversary Isles Anniversary
13	14	15 Happy BirthDay: David, AND Rudviana	16 B.F.P.	17	18	19 Collegium Caidis
20 APRIL Phoenix Deadline collegium Caidis	21	22	23 B.F.P.	24	25	26
27	28 Happy BirthDay: Sarah	29	30 B.F.P.	31	PLEASE SEND ME Birthdays I may have missed or ones I might not have yet. Our Files still have to be updated for new phone #'s etc. also.	
Happy Belated Birthday wishes To:						
Wulfaed (1-13)						
Sir Lodbrog (1-20)						
Lord Craig (1-21)						
Seryana (1-23)						



## KINGDOM CALENDER

Mar 5---Equestrian championship-----Angels  
 Mar 6---Kingdom Council-----Gyldenholt  
 Mar 12--Summergate Anniversary-----Summergate  
 (Calafia)  
 Mar 12--Isles Anniversary-----Isles  
 Mar 19,20-Collegium Caidis-----Calafia  
 Mar 26--Crown Prints Prize Tourney-----Altavia

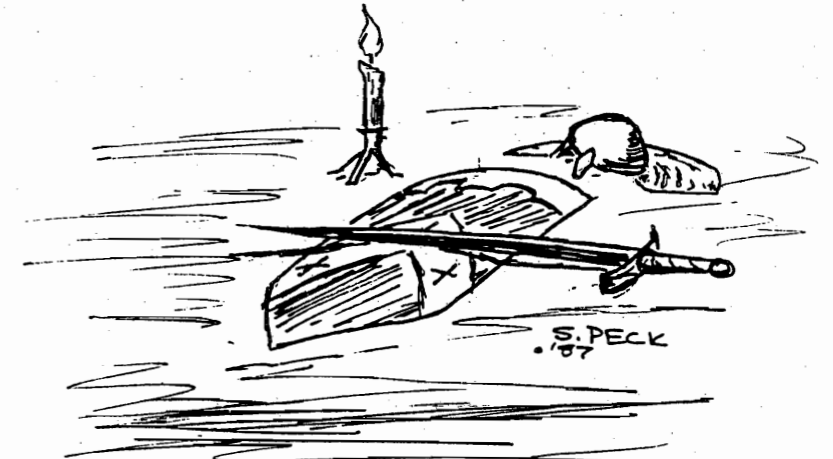
B.F.P.  
 BARONIAL FIGHTER PRACTICE:  
 contact Steve (the Marshal)  
 or Sigurd at PH.264-8719  
 Until otherwise notified- B.F.P. will meet at Quigley Park  
 on the N.E. corner of Fruit and Dakota at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays

B.C.M.  
 BARONIAL COUNCIL MEETING: contact  
 Kendra (Lessie Reed) @264-1702

C.G.  
 CLOTHIERS GUILD-contact-Lady  
 Olwen (Cheryl Mason) @798-1267

A.P.  
 ARCHERY PRACTICE: contact-Ivon  
 (Tom Jeffrey) @264-8719

B.S.  
 BITCH N'STITCH: (Embroiderer's  
 Guild) contact-Mistress Eleanor  
 (Denise Kawasaki) @486-1479



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## The History of Wine

By Lord Mahmud Ali Ben Sinan



Wine was discovered by a woman. King Jemsheed, so runs the story, was fond of grapes and was accustomed to store them in jars so that through the year there should always be grapes for him to eat. On one occasion, however, he found that the grapes were no longer sweet (they had fermented) and, imagining that the liquid in the jar was poisonous, he labelled the jar accordingly. One of the ladies of his harem noticed the label on the jar. Having been distracted by the pain of nervous headaches and, desiring death in preference to this continual pain, she drank some of the "poison." She was overpowered by the wine, fell asleep, and awoke refreshed. With pleasure she returned to the "poison" and finished the jar. She was forced, however, to communicate her secret to the king, upon which a quantity of wine was made; and Jemsheed and all his court drank of the new beverage.

From Sir John Malcolm's "The History of Persia" Jemsheed is Jamshid, one of the culture-heroes of Persian mythology. This story about him is late and undoubtedly "poetic", but in its poetic guise it speaks the truth. This is how wine must have been discovered. And the suggestion that it was discovered by a woman cannot be dismissed as a mere poetic invention, since in the Sumerian Epic of Gilgamesh, one of the oldest poems in the world, there is a close connection between a woman and the making of wine.



# Fact Medieval Fantasy Fiction

**FACT;** "The Chansons de Geste" are the most primitive French poems and writings that aids our knowledge of the age of chivalry and it's concerns. It deals with everything from "The Heroic age of Chivalry" to the "Love of their women" saddly most of these were written well after the age of chivalry ended. On the other hand a biography of William Marshal, written with the help of his squire, was composed as news items to be recited by travelling minstrels on their rounds gives us great insight into what a chivalrous knight thought and went through. "William Marshal, Knight Errant, Baron and Regent of England" Baltimore 1933 by Sidney Painter. "William Marshal" ed. by Paul Meyer, L'histoire de Guillaume le Marechal, comte de Striguil et de Pembroke, Paris 1891-1901.

**FANTASY;** D & D users, try "The Bard's Tale II. The Destiny Knight" For all computers, about \$29.95. It's on the same order but the computer acts as the game master and can be played by one or six. You can use the six already instilled characters or erase and instill your own and then the adventure begins. The animated color monsters are great, over 100 in all. Dozens of new spells, 25 dungeon levels, 6 entire cities and a vast wilderness, more stragety in meless encounters and much much more. Gather some friends for a night or two of fun, gain wealth or save your life while you strive to find your destiny.

D & D users also read the books, "Guardians of the Flame" by Joel Rosenberg. Book 1 is titled "The Sleeping Dragon" Book 2 is "The Sword and the Chain" Book 3 is "The Silver Crown" It is about a college group of D & D fanatics who get together with one of their professors who is the game master, only this meeting he transends them to the other side of the game board and they become their characters, and you'll have to read the books to find out why he did this.

**FICTION(Non);** "Celtic Warriors, 400bc-1600ad" by Tim Newark  
Blandford Press 1986 140 pages.

Chap1--The Golden Age/ Celtic Europe

Chap2--The Battle for Britian/ Celtic Britian against the Anglo Saxons 400-800

Chap3--The Northern Menace/ Ireland & Britian against the Vickings and Normans 800-1200

Chap4--Celtic Counter Attack/ Welsh & Scots against the Edwardian Kings 1200-1450

Chap5--The Final Challenge/ Irish & Scots against the Tudors 1450-1600

This book provides a well written history, along with many photos of castles, swords etc. In the back is an excellent bibliography list of his history sources. Center color illustrations by Angus McBride. All black & white illustrations and photos are from the British, National Wales and Antiquities of Scotland Museums.

Eirinn Conal of the Mystic Kells

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PROFILE

\* FAITH ASDELL - MORGANTHE OF THE SHADOWS \*

Where did you first hear about the SCA? From my brother, many years ago.

Occupation? Housewife, part time Tupperware Lady.

Birthplace? Buffalo, New York

Marital status? Married.

First job? Working at H&R Block.

Last goal accomplished? I lost 50 pounds.

Next goal? Working on the second 50.

Best movie I ever saw was: The Ghost and Mrs. Muir or The Glenn Miller Story.

Books I've been recommending lately: Weight Watcher's Cook Book.

Favorite beverage: Coffee.

Favorite color: Blue.

Favorite hobby: Doing Jig-Saw puzzles.

New Years resolution: Get organized.

Favorite comic strip: Far Side or Mother Goose and Grimm or For Better or Worse

Most valued material possession: My photographs.

Worst habit: Procrastination.

Favorite cities outside California: Las Vegas, Nevada.

Favorite restaurants: Guido's, in Fresno.

Biggest regret: Not having better communication with my daughter.

Best asset: A good sence of humor.

A really great evening for me is: Spending it with good friends.

One thing I can't stand is: Stupidity.

People who knew me in high school thought I was: Very quiet.

Best advise I ever got was: Take time for yourself.

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I'm a sucker for: Large urban shopping malls.

Best show on T.V.: Murder She Wrote.

Favorite vacation spot: Disneyland.

When I'm upset I: Want to eat.

Fovorite music: Big Band.

If I could live anywhere in the world, I would choose: Near the ocean.

I'm always uncomfortable when people ask me about: Myself.

The craziest thing I ever did was: You don't need to know.

The most difficult time in my life was: When my mother died.



Morganthe of the Shadows has lived in the Known World for six years, she recieved her Award of Arms and a Pheonix in A.S. XVIII, a Dolphin in A.S. XIX, a Pheonix Augmented in A.S. XX and a Harp Argent in A.S. XXI. Morganthe has served Nordwache as a Seneschal, Chronicler, Autocrat and Cheif Lady in Waiting to Her Excellency Mistress Eleanor of Almaden, her feeling about the SCA- "ideally it keeps the idea of honor honesty and chivalry alive."



# Treasure Chest Border Incident (War?)

## April 2-3 (Easter Week-end)

### Newsflash Lost Treasure!!

"... A supply caravan from the East, having recently made an unprecedented mid-winter crossing through the mountains to the northeast of the Caidan Barony of Nordwache has reported the loss of a chest of valuable articles. As the caravan neared the end of it's journey, they were ambushed by a small group of bandits. Several pack animals and cargo were stolen. After giving chase for a day and a night, the caravan guards overtook the bandits, slaying them all.

The pack animals and most of the cargo were recovered. However, one large chest of assorted valuable objects has been reported missing. It is believed to be somewhere in the foothills of the northern portion of Nordwache. Baron Joseph has petitioned to King Dietrich, reigning monarch of Caid, to aid in locating the missing treasure. Dietrich is reported to be mustering his forces to join the search.

A general location has been established where the chest is believed to have been lost.

Meanwhile, in the Kingdom of the West, His Majesty, King Jade having heard news of a great treasure being lost close to Western borders, and spurred by a rumored decline in the Kingdom assets, is said to be sending his armies to the region to search for the missing loot. Some believe this is an attempt to bolster the West Kingdom coffers and to put a stop to the vicious rumors.

A high official close to the Caidan crown, who asked not to be identified, has stated that if this incident is not resolved soon it could revive the old Caid/West Wars. Sources in the West were unavailable for comment.

Good gentles, we may soon be at war again!..."

#### SITE

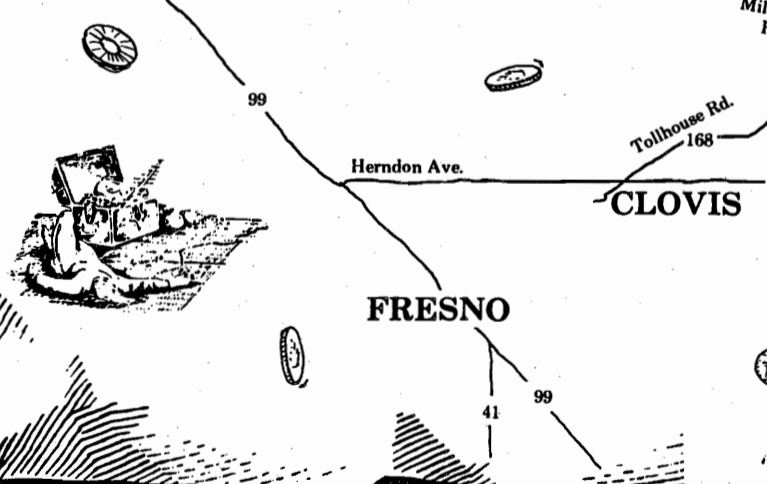
Squaw Leap - Bureau of Land Management Area.  
**SITE FEE**  
 Adults - \$10.00  
 Children (under 12) - \$5.00

#### ABOUT THE SITE

Eight to ten (8-10) square miles of hills, woods, meadows, and river northeast of Fresno, near Auberry. We are expecting good weather again this year, however, the days can be very warm while nights can be very cold. Pack accordingly. The site is *unimproved, primitive*. That means no running water, electricity, etc. Pit toilets are the order of the day. However, we are attempting to acquire a source of water for the week-end, but it is still advised that you bring at least one-half (1/2) of your anticipated usage. Porta-prives will be brought in and temporary bath/shower stalls may be available. Federal law requires that the site be open to the public, therefore a certain amount of parking and trail accessibility must be made available to the mundanes. Site fees will be collected for S.C.A. persons upon entry into the site.

#### HOW TO FIND THE SITE

**FROM THE SOUTH:**  
 North on I-5 to Hwy. 99. North on Hwy 99 to Fresno. Exit at Herndon Ave. See below.  
**FROM THE NORTH:**  
 Take Hwy 99 South to Fresno. Exit at Herndon Ave. See below.  
**FROM THE WEST:**  
 Take Hwy 41 North to Hwy 99. Take Hwy 99 North and exit at Herndon Ave. Take Herndon Ave. East through Clovis to Tollhouse Road (Hwy 168). Herndon Ave. crosses Tollhouse Road on a diagonal at a four-way stop. Left on Tollhouse Road. Take Tollhouse Road to Millerton Road (approximately 12 miles). Turn left, this is a continuation of Hwy 168 *watch for signs!* At fork in road, stay on main road (Hwy 168, becomes Morgan Cyn. Road to Prather. At Prather, turn right on Auberry Road. After approximately one mile, turn left to Auberry. Go through Auberry. At fork in road (gas station in middle of fork), take the *left* road, this is Power House No. 1 Road. After approx. 1/2 miles, turn left onto Smalley Road. This is the entrance to Squaw Leap. The site is at the bottom of the hill. Check in at the gate.



#### AUTOCRAT'S APPEAL

As the purpose of this event centers around the 'Treasure Chest', we must acquire one, as the prize for the winning army shall be the contents of said chest. A suitable chest shall be located by the autocrat. However, the contents is another matter! Therefore, I, Lord Ivon of Darkforest, as autocrat (that's right, I'm the idiot whose wild idea this was in the first place), send out an *urgent* appeal to the good and generous people of Caid and the West (and anyone else who happens to read this) for 'Treasures'. These may be any item which is period and can be packed into the chest. Here is your chance to get rid of those "white elephants" that have been cluttering up the pavilion! A receipt for the value of the item(s) is available upon written request. Please include the value of the item(s) with a S.A.S.E and the request for a receipt when shipping the item(s).

Item(s) may be sent to:  
 Tom Jeffrey  
 c/o P.D.Q.  
 2412 N. Blackstone  
 Fresno, CA 93703

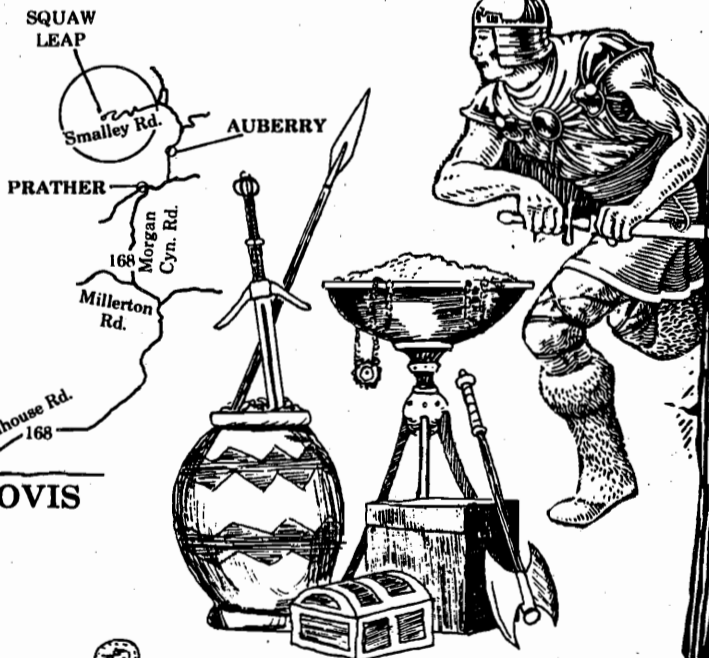
#### ACTIVITIES

Heavy Weapons scenarios (Open Field, Bridge, Castle, all three?...)  
 Light Weapons Scenarios  
 Combat Archery Scenarios  
 Field Archery Competition (I.K.A.C. and/or Royal Rounds)  
 Archery Duels  
 Easter Egg Hunt for the children.  
 Quest for the key to the chest (if enough interest shown).  
 Bardic circles.

For any other information, contact the following autocrats:  
 LORD IVON OF DARKFOREST - Autocrat  
 LADY JOCELYN CHAMBERLAIN - Merchant Coordinator  
 LORD SIGURD STORMRIDER - Archery Coordinator

AT:  
 Wolves' Haven  
 335 N. Van Ness  
 Fresno, CA 93701-1632

The autocrat may be reached by phone during normal business hours (8-5) at (209) 224-5917.



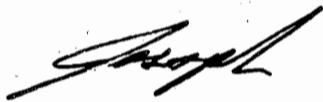
Unto the Populace of Nordwache,

Again I wish to thank all for their participation in our various events.

In addition, I wish to congratulate those who recieved awards at both the Coronation and Twelfth Night. It's good to see our Barony getting recognized for our valuable members. As our area is now more known, I feel that I should give my usual speach again. It takes many skills and talents to have a Barony as fine as ours, but I do know that many people have more they might like to show or give. With this in mind, I again would like to say that if anyone has ideas they would like to share, please feel free to speak with myself or any of my staff. I would always like to be open to finding new ways to improve our Barony.

Finally, I must add that all members of our area that took time to go to the Estrella war deserve a spécial congratulations from myself. It was an honor to fight alongside the Baronys Warlords. In addition, our other members who made themselves known off the field have my thanks as well. I do hope to see all members at our future events so that I may find out their talents as I have those who attended the war.

Yours in the service of Caid,



Lord Joseph, Baron of Nordwache

Silver Oak Rap

by Lord Mahmud Ali ben Sinan

We are the warriors of Mighty Silver Oak  
We are to fighting as fire is to smoke  
Death and destructing is but one of our claims to fame  
And those who oppose us will remember our name  
If you think we're a horde then you've been deceived  
For our attacks are quite crafty and your head we'll cleave  
Our lives may be short in war you see  
But it is us who leads Caid's armies to victory  
So when your forces are outnumbered and there seems no hope  
You just put out a call for the warriors of Silver Oak

A Fragment From Arachnius

O wisp of mist  
Sweep from the field.  
Make mine enemy see me so that,  
Should fear not destroy him,  
He will know that it was I.

