# The Midnight SOUNDING 公公公公STAR公公公公

April, 1988

### Last year's censored gossip revealed! Rated XXX

Free and worth it!

Do aliens use your armor for sex while you sleep?

Jade of Starfall reincarnated as Sharane de Kondrak. Will this editor survive?

Master Adam announces West Kingdom arts and science competition to be moved to Lochac Lloyds of London refuses to insure.



Kingdom of the West arts and sciences entries are seen being prepared for shipment aboard the HMS Golden Poppy bound for Lochac.

FLIEG possessed by Elvis' ghost. Bursts into "You Ain't Nothin' But a Hound Dog" at Court.

Sean Penn to fight for Berengaria at June Crown. "He has a wicked right"

Steingrim undergoes brain transplant at local veterinary clinic. "Baa ... baa" says Steingrim.

Sneezing increases your cod piece size. Kinslayer overwhelmed by cod piece extension orders.

#### W.A.R.P.E. Song

(Weiss Almighty Retched (sic) Publishing Empire) tune: Knights in White Satin, Moody Blues

> Weiss in White Satin, Using the Mac to offend, Gossip he's written, Never meaning to send.

Good taste had always missed, With these eyes before, Just what the truth is, I don't print anymore.

Cuz I publish, Cuz I publish, Oh Uugh! I publish.

#### North by Northwest Collegium

By Berengaria, Grun & Wolf

- How to Get Your Name in Print, by Berengaria de Montfort of Carcassonne
- How to Forget Your Friends by Becoming a Board Member, by Alan of Ockham
- Truly Tasteless Newsletter Writing, by Wolf Federweiss
- · Bardic Singing, by Flieg
- Nitpicking, by Kathe Willig von Mainz
- Tough Bitch, by Siranna of Hawthorne Hall
- Intermediate Bitch, by Rhea Louveciennes
- Manipulation and Muckraking, by Radnor of Gildemar and Maythen of Elfhaven
- How to Make Court Boring, by Paul of Bellatrix
- Sheep Thrills, by King Steingrim of An Tir
- Fighting, by Rhino the Hide
- Armoring, by Miles of Ducttape

All courses will be held at Purgatorio. Contact the instructors for registration and more information.



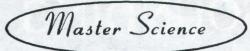
#### **Buy Earngyld Baronial Savings Bonds**

Each dollar you spend will aid in buying brains for our fighters.

\$20 Bond will earn 2 cents per year in interest!

A bargain where fighters are concerned!

You can ask him anything, he's a peer, he's a master, he has an office, he has credit, he has a preference for 12 year old nubile girls, he's...



Dear Master Science.

What do I do about these nasty rust stains on my wife?

Try remove your armor first.

Dear Master Science,

Is sex an art or a science?

If you hit it with a hammer and it breaks...

Dear Master Science,

I slept with the Queen, if I keep it up will I get my Laurel?

No, they don't give Laurels for performing arts. You can, however, get a Pelican for the service.

Dear Master Science,

I entered a contest at October Crown. How did I do?

I don't recall your name. What's your bra size?

Dear Master Science,

How do you properly document to win a cooking contest?

Nobody doesn't like Sarah Lee.

Dear Master Science,

My boyfriend is a Duke. His wife doesn't know about me, but he keeps on giving me arts awards for service. How can I explain this to my friends?

I ain't Dear Abbey. Mistress Grun is in the next pavilion.

Dear Master Science,

I hope this letter gets to you. Is it true the Postal Service is a throwback to the Middle Ages?

It's well known that King Ethelred the Unready chartered the first courier service between Paris and Versailles using European swallows. Eventually they were forsaken for their stronger relative the African swallow who carried coconuts for two weeks, a treacherous six miles to his summer home. This historic tradition is alive and well whenever a letter reaches Oertha.

Dear Master Science,

How does the Kingdom pay for copying of promissaries?

Have you ever heard of the Golden Poppy? I thought not. It is an infamous underworld organization, strongly implicated in illegal distribution of drugs and condoms at Crown tourneys. They cunningly cover their deeds with an arts competition, wherein the salesman-of-the-year gets the prize.



Lucretia

Borgia's Eleven

Principles for

Hostessing a

The manuscript below was found when I stopped at a hot dog stand outside a monastery near Florence, Italy. The monk who sold me the hot dog gave me a rare deal on this historical find. Incidentally, the manuscript is much better than the hot dog it was wrapped around. Boy, was it a dog!

Translator: Wynflaed of Hawskmir

- 1. Do not poison more than one guest at each dinner party. Otherwise, you may see your guest list shrinking too fast, and then you would have no one to poison or entertain.
- 2. Mail invitations with an RSVP. Provide plenty of time for recipients to receive their invitation and to respond. Anticipation is part of the excitement of any dinner party.
- 3. When using drinks to introduce the poison, be sure to serve arsenic with spiced red wine (the almond flavor really enhances the taste) and hemlock with white wine.
- 4. When using food to poison your guest, use your poisons to match the tastes and textures of the food it is to be served in. The wrong poison used with the wrong food can make for a bad taste. Make death a pleasure by leaving a good taste in your guest's mouth.
- 5. Match the method and type of poison used to each individual's tastes and propensities. The extra effort and care will be appreciated.

- 6. Do not serve poisons in such obvious foods as mushrooms, potatoes, and tomatoes. Try to be more subtle by surprising your guests with your creativity. (Note: One exception to this rule is mushroom roulette which is used for those indecisive times when you can not make up your mind as to who to poison. Fate determines who gets the one poisoned mushroom in the dish, thereby, becoming the lucky winner. Do not poison your guest using soup. Not only is it tacky to break the suspense at the beginning of the meal, but the splash made when your special guest croaks face down in the soup may soil the nearby guests clothes. Cleaning or replacing fancy dress can be expensive (even for rick people). Also, your guests may take to wearing less expensive dress to your dinner parties, thereby cheapening your social functions.
- 7. Only use lilies in table decorations. Use of other types of flowers are in poor taste. Proper respect must be paid to your special guest. Remember, death is an important occasion in each persons' life.
- 8. Time the poisoning of your guest so that the demise does not interfere with the planned entertainment. Entertainers tend to get peeved when they are upstaged.
- 9. A guest should never be allowed to place elbows on the table. Otherwise you may not know when the death occurs as he or she may be propped up by their elbows. This can throw off the whole timing of your social function.
- 10. Do not let anyone know who the victim is for an upcoming evening, except certain servants (and then only on the night in question). Otherwise you might corrupt the morals of an innocent bystander by throwing temptation in their way to accept bribes for information. Also, if the victim found out, he or she could miss a good revel.
- 11. This eleventh principle is only to be used IF ALL ELSE FAILS and somehow your victim escapes his or her fate. Serve Raspberry Mocha Cheesecake with strychnine coated raspberries as decoration. No one can resist!



NOW!! You can learn at home. Master those SCA rituals you find bewildering. Be one of the "old-timers", no matter how recently you joined.

#### LEARN!!!!

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- learn the fine art of weighing the merits and qualifications of a candidate against your personal feelings about their sponsor.
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- How to keep cool when the King thinks it would be 'neat' for each peer to swear fealty in Welsh, one at a time.
- Bile-swallowing for the Populace during Court:
- Includes: lip-reading to observe all the jokes whispered to the Crown; mind-reading to <u>understand</u> all the jokes whispered to the Crown; 756 mental exercises to occupy yourself with while each peer

- swears fealty in Welsh, one at a time; and self-hypnosis to help you keep going to courts in the first place.
- "Be a Sage", in just one lesson!
- Actual understanding of a topic is a poor substitute for pomposity and a closed, set mind. You don't have to "know" that you are right, you just have to "feel" it. (Illiteracy is a prerequisite for this course.)
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- Historical Battles for Marshals:
- With just a little encouragement and manipulation, fighters will reenact the Battle of Crecy in the Grand Melee, and no one will ever know but you!
- Unarmed Combat for Assistant Autocrats:
- How to get the knife away from your boss just before he or she reconfigures the seneschal or Crown.

Call or write your nearest seneschal for details (or just send money to The Sounding, trust me).

#### Whine in the Middle Ages

By: Wolf Federweiss

Fine vintages of whine were present well back into the Middle Ages. Man's intoxication with whine reached its highest artistic form among the nobility.

In contrast to the cruder forms of whine enjoyed by the peasantry, the more subtle and outstanding vintages of the nobility are what most historical scholars have concentrated on in recent years. The most highly recommended vintage of historical whines by the great pair of Eleanor of Acquitaine and King Henry II of England.

Eleanor of Acquitaine's favorite whine was "Henry! When are you going to let me out of prison?" While Henry's was "When are you going to stop trying to assassinate me?" and "How come you bore me such awful snot-nosed kids?"

In 1176 Eleanor and Henry won the gold medal in the Parisian Grand Whining Olympics, in the couples category. Their whine entry was recorded as being "robust, with a slightly crisp aftertaste."

Their loving relationship was said to be a major factor in their consistently high quality vintages. The King of France was said to greatly appreciate the whines of English royalty, especially when he was interested in obtaining certain territories.

Great whines were known even as far back as William the Conqueror. William is said to have preferred the whine "But, I don't want to go to England. It's wet there. Nobody likes me there." This whine was felt to be best served with fish.

Italian whines reached their height of refinement during the Renaissance, particularly the Medici whines. The favorite among nobility was "But I don't want to drink that. Poison's not good for my complexion."

It was obvious that the Borgia's raised a great whine when a youthful Lucrecia Borgia spouted "But daddy, I don't like



them. Can't I poison them, pleeeeease?" The quality of Lucrecia's vintages dropped in later years when she began to prefer action whining. Putting poison in the wine itself took away the need for whine.

Whine among the peasantry was usually quite sour and highly acidic. The was commonly remedied by shoving burnt toast into the whine. The properties of both starch and carbon served to reduce acidity and sweeten the whine (as well as preventing the whine from continuing). It is this practice that resulted in the practice of "offering a toast."

Medieval whines is a field that has been greatly neglected by today's historians. However, connoisseurs have begun to draw recognition to these vintages. Make sure to savor such historical flavors. Test the colour and sniff the cork before you stuff it in the whiner's mouth.

Eleanor's Diary, translated by Michele'du Fargle (Paris; University of France, 1935)

History of Whining, by Howard Snoot (New York; Bonker's Publishing, 1984)

Toilet Paper and Tantrums, by Mary Marvy (Chicago; Chicago Psychiatric Institute Press, 1978)

A Nondieter's Guide to Chocolate, by Rebecca Fontenelli (New York; Paradigm Publishing, 1985)

#### Match the Whine to the Whiner

(answers on page 25)

"Yes Your Majesty. No Your Majesty. That's all I ever hear. When's the sex?"

"You can't give him a Laurel, he's an arrogant ass!"

"No one ever pays attention to me, when are they going to give me a Pelican."

"No one ever listens to us heralds, and we are always right."

"Kings are just stick jocks, they don't know anything about art."

"But I like the Golden Poppy, what's wrong with it?"

"But it's not my fault"

"If I don't get my Roseleaf I'll quit!"

"But Radnor always wins whenever there's a free trip to Oertha."

"I've been in for three month's and still don't have an Award of Arms."

Adam Elfchaser

Unidentified "Twinkie"

Rhea Louveciennes

Wolf Federweiss

Kathe Willig von Mainz

Wynflaed of Hawksmir

Flieg

Hirsch von Henford

Paul of Bellatrix

William the Lucky

#### Gateraide: A Period Drink

By: Richard of Seahaven

There have been misguided attempts by some history mavens to discredit the use of Gateraide at SCA events. While I, of course, support their efforts to suppress the use of plastics, artificial lighting, whole blood, and other, violently mundane intrusions into our Dream, the use of Gateraide must be removed from their list of anathema. Their blind, automatic, juggernauting, reflexive, knee-jerk, instinctive, unthinking attack on anything that is useful or convenient have overrun this humble bastion of historical tradition. The similarity in packaging and display of Gateraide to other, unmentionable liquids (colas, sweet chocolate, bottled bubbly-water) is unfortunate, but it doe \*snot necessarily mean that Gateraide is likewise obscene. The stylishly shaped bottle and the clever label are both forms that could have existed. If we postulate a logical extension of the art of the Lombardian Po-valley artisans, we can see a trend toward this design.

It is liquid contents which cause the greatest furor (i.e. the quelling of the famous Midrealm "Riot of the Bud" or the tragic, but necessary, Corporate actions in the Great Cola Conspiracy of Lions' Gate). Unbelievable as it may seem, the make-up of Gateraide is unmistakably comparable to the brackish scum that was called water in 4th century Ravenna. 9th century Jutland, and 12th century Turkistan. One can only wonder at the coincidental composition of this popular drink.

Regardless of coincidence, the similarity must be accepted and revered. Just as leather was also used in period armor, so must the existence of Gateraide be sanctioned. We cannot let our holy fight against the lax and slothful use of convenience blind us to the few simple, permitted pleasures due us.

Gateraide Inc. Company Newsletter, March 1965, "Possible origins of our great and glorious product."

#### **New Books in Print**

Eskalvan Helmsmanship, by Sharane de Kondrak (Brun Hilda Printers; 850 pages; \$.02 worth, paperback). A detailed guide to baronial politics and other revelry.

Confidentiality in the SCA, by Berengaria de Montfort of Carcassone (Grape Vine Information Services; \$2.50, cassette only). Provides practical advise on convincing people that the information really came from someone else.

Newsletters Fit for a King, by Wolf Federweiss (Weiss Almighty Retched (sic) Publishing Empire; 590 pages; \$85, hardcover). Argues that newsletters should only contain event information. That since royalty can only absorb small quantities of information at a time, all newsletters should be written with as few pages and frivolity as possible.

1001 Things to Do With a Dead Chronicler, by Jade of Starfall (Crown List Press; 125 pages; \$85, paperback). Humorous book, I hope!

My Awards Go ..., by Master Hirsch von Henford (O.P. Press; 20 pages; \$3 armigers; \$20 nonarmigers). Written for children under 5 to introduce them to the SCA. This book is also a useful manual for new fighters.

My Science Project, by Master Adam Elfchaser (Rebel Alliance Press; 1,353 pages; \$20, hardcover, \$15, soft cover). Field notes on microrganisms present in Italian women's underwear.

The Page: Earngyld's Gift to the Known World, by Rhea Louveciennes (The Sounding Publishing Empire; 850) pages; \$45, elegantly paperback). Discussed the benevolent gesture made by the Barony in granting its

lesser brothers in the SCA their wealth of

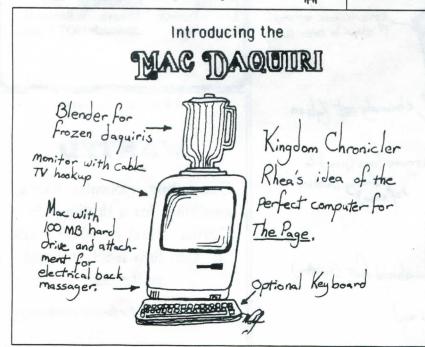
experience and knowledge.

Twinkies in the Current Middle Ages, by Kylson (Undercover Publishing; 3,456 pages; \$25 soft cover w/cream filling). 3,000 illustrations of underage SCA "twinkies." Written in easy to read wording makes this a must for stick jocks on the make.

Hourly Pavilion Rental Space

#### **Oerthan Pavilion Motel**

\$10 per hour Other services available upon request Madam de Cognac **Proprietress** 



#### **Chokolyte Cyvelettes**

A recipe from the Court of King Henry II of England, reputed to be a favoite of Eleanor of Acquitaine. Translated, this recipe reads:

2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour 3/4 cup sugar One 12-oz pkg. (2 cups) 1 measuring teaspoon baking soda

3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar

teaspoon salt

semi-sweet chocolate chips 1 measuring

1 measuring teaspoon vanilla extract 1 cup chopped

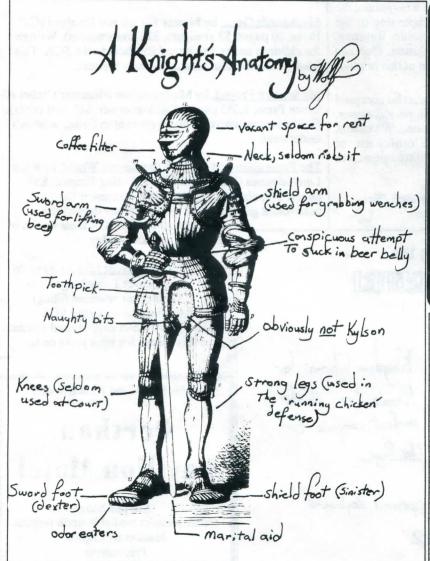
nuts 1 cup butter, softened 2 eggs

Preheat over to 375 F. In small bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt; set aside. In large bowl, combine butter, sugar, brown sugar and vanilla extract; beat until creamy. Beat in eggs. Gradually add flour mixture. Stir in chocolate chips and nuts. Drop by level measuring tablespoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake: at 375 F 9-11 minutes. Makes: about 5 dozen 2 1/4 inch cookies.

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Contact the editor for further information.

# Foot in Mouth

and other editorial comments

I'd like to welcome Warthaven to The Sounding. It will appear monthly

Earngyld's participation in the Sitka Renaissance Fair went very well. The reaction in Sitka was overwhelmingly positive. When we left, a number of people there had committed to forming an SCA chapter. There are two contacts in Sitka: Lance Hayes (recently moved to Sitka from Earngyld), 4014 HPR #B, Sitka, AK 99835 (747-6027); and, Elaine Craddick, 713 SMC Box 678,

day, May 21, 2 p.m. at St. Peters in Sitka (Reception is at 4 p.m.). All SCA members are invited Elaine Craddick and David Patt are planning to have a medieval wedding ceremony on Saturto show up in costume. Contact her if you plan to come. There is a convenient ferry schedule that day which arrives in Sitka at 8 or 9 a.m. on Saturday and leaves around 11 p.m. the same

March Crown was won by Radnor. His lady is Isabeau, who will become queen for her first time. Also at March Crown, Berengaria was named autocrat for 12th Night in 1990.

looking for houses that are on a main drag to hold them. I'm setting the goal for \$300 again (it The Guardian, the baronial pavilion, and the baronial general fund. Start doing your spring cleaning and send your junk to me. If we get enough stuff we may have to hold three garage sales The Sounding garage sales are tentatively schedule to begin in June. I plan to hold two. I am may need to be raised later because of the new postal rates). Money over this mark will go toward (which would be wonderful for Earngyld's coffers).

at events and for dances. I have numerous extra recorders of different sizes that you can boram interested in starting a recorder group so that we may eventually do away with taped music row/buy. If anyone is interested contact me (Wolf),

Fighting Practice has been changed to Saturday at Marlin's house.

# Adam's Noncostume Stag Party

April 23, 5pm at Adam's

Here's your chance to talk about all the things you wouldn't around Earngyld's women folk. Adam is providing food. (Knowning Adam's ribald sense of humor, this ought to be an interesting event)

# 4th of July Planning Meeting

April 17, 6:30pm at Katya's

Katya is constructing a steam-breathing dragon. Come and offer your suggestions and help. Our participation in 4th of July will consist of parade march/float, fighting/dance demo's at Sandy Beach, and parties.

# Post Coronation Cathering

May 4, 7:30pm at Adam's

This gathering is being called to let everyone know what happened, get a first-hand scoop on the gossip down at kingdom and to pig out (Adam is providing the food).

### Arts & Sciences Report for March 1988

By: Patrice of the Misty Fjords

The Old World Mini Revel was held early in the month. An outstanding feast was filed high with all sorts of wondrous goods prepared by Kay of Gray Manor and assisted by Katherine of the Black Eagles. Games and a quest were prepared by Mary of the White Wolfs, Alysaundra and Wynflaed

Fighters that participated were Georg of Glacier's Edge, Martin Thursthammer, Irone of the Blue Star, Patrick and Paul. They did two demonstrations during the (wet) day. Meanwhile, Wolf Federweiss demonstrated calligraphy and Patrice, Lorana, Justin, Iseault and Istri moved about Later in the month, several members traveled to the Renaissance Faire in Sitka. An invitation the hall with the assistance of Elaine of Rainbow's End and Georg of Glacier's Edge. Always a and three tickets had been sent with the request of our presence to attend and demonstrate. the halls in costume. A highlight of the afternoon were the puppets that made slow rounds ab crowd pleaser. The Sounding cover for March was prepared by Georg. Wolf did The Page cover and submitted a cover plate to The Guardian, and Patrice submitted a cover for The Page and prepared invitation and various other items for the Unicorn Feast. As always, The Sounding was edited by Wolf, and The Page by Rhea.

B pavilion under construction by Iseault, new puppets by Elaine and Georg (I understand a unico Projects underway that will hopefully make their appearance in the month of April are the bar is among the new items) and new uneatable break baskets by Katya. Again: if you are aware of any arts and/or sciences that are taking place for SCA related projec please allow me information for my records. Thanks.

### Fabric Dying

As you are no doubt aware, there is a "household chemistry"

are having some trouble getting started in research, specifically for the dying section, here is a list of books and other publications, most of which are presently available in the book stores or competition scheduled for Summer Coronet. The categories are: dyes, paints, inks. In case you ibraries. Most of them make some reference to period/nonperiod use of materials.

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Doubleday & Company, Inc., Garden City, NY 1974. Lust, John, The Herb Book, Bantam Books, 1974.

Miller, Dorothy, Indigo: From Seed to Dye, Indigo Press, 1981.

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Stanway, Sondra, "Basic Mordanting and Dyeing Process: a Workshop", 115 Enos Street, June

Greetings to the Populace of Gertha and the West

From the Autocrats of the Oerthan Midsummer Coronet

Date: July 15-17, 1988

Location:

Courney and Campsite

Chena Riber State Wapside in Jairbanks, AR.

Saturday Cbening Feast, Rebel, & Court

Madger Hall at the Canana Valley State Fairgrounds, Fairbanks

Theme:

The Middle East, Where Crusader meets Saracen (11th to 15th century).

Site fee:

To be announced in a future newsletter. with reservation form.



Midsummer Coronet Autocrats: Master Black Taylor of Lochabert (Brynley T. Dolman), and Lady Guinevie Elise du Chantelois (Judith Chantelois); 4378-R White St., Ft.Wainwright, AK 99703; (907) 356-3084



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#### Earngyld Calendar

#### April

- 17 4th of July Meeting, 6:30pm, at Katya's
- 23 Adam's Noncostume Stag Part (Men Only), 5pm, at Adam's
- 24 Heraldry, 6:30pm, at Katya's

#### May

- 2 Business Meeting, 7:30pm, at Wolf & Rhea's
- 4 Post Coronation Gathering, 7:30pm, at Adam's
- 14 BELTANE, (autocrat: Alysaundra) 4pm, McPhetre's Hall
- 21 Medieval Wedding, 2pm, Sitka

#### June

18 - Viking Solstice (autocrats: Baroness Elaine & Marlin Thursthammer)

#### July

4 - Parade, Demos & Celebration (autocrats: Katya & Georg)

#### August

19-21 - Haines Fair

#### September

24 - Japanese Revel (autocrat: Wynflaed)

#### October

29 - Samhain (autocrats: Georg & Katya)

#### December

3 - YULE

Business Meeting for May 2 will be held at Wolf and Rhea's house at 7:30pm.



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Date
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#### Gossip

I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death my right to blurt it out to everyone.

(Ye Olde Wolf Quote)

I hear that Mistress Katriona in Beast Valley is planning to move to Eskalya in the near future.

I also have heard that Targan, from Winter's Gate, has been squired to Jade.

Literally translated, Hirsch von Henford means "Stag of Chicken Crossing." Berengaria made sure to bring this to my attention.

By the way, Montfort means "loud mountain."

Iseault: "They don't give you a Pelican for disservice."

Wolf: "They gave me a Laurel."

Apparently at a recent Crown Tourney, Grun put a sticker on the inside of Radnor's shield that said "Powered by Pineapple."

When the populace of the Barony of Allyshia was asked at Kingdom court whether their new baron and baroness were acceptable to the, they replied, in unison, "Ya, you betcha."

Filched from a letter from Alan of O kham to Lady Rhea: "Adam says he's not going to have eight girlfriends at once anymore -- too much stress. There was a time whe I would gladly have coped with that kind of stress, but of course we happily married men don't think about such things any more. Ya, you betcha.

Rondel, "Is a baby Duke a dukeling? and do you led it to water, or what?"

Iseault, "It's not long, it's only two inches."

Hirsch submitted these from William the Lucky:

"Heraldry: the art of drawing fine distinctions that aren't there."

Talking about someone wanting ermine spots on their device: "If someone insists on shooting themselves in the foot, the least I can do is correct his aim."

While doing conflict research: "It's so nice to bounce skulls against hearts!"

Rondel, "Somehow I wouldn't be surprised if they had Velvetta in Tudor times... I'd swear some of the stuff I get now dates from then!"

From "Anonymous in Cloondara" (I've deleted the names since the informant didn't provide his/her): "Late on evening at a recent over-nighter, while passing by a pavilion; I overheard: Amid much giggling and laughter -- 'Is it true what they say about all you

Quid Non gentlement?' (the sounds of the russling of bed stuffs and heavy breathing) 'It's true!!' And then a baritone voice, 'Pardon me Ma'am -- but you're sucking on my elbow.'

By the way, Hirsch has a new girlfriend, Gwyndolynn Anne the Obscure. She apparently just moved to the West from Caid. (Yes, Hirsch confirmed this one bit of gossip)

Cheobhain MacLir, "I'm sober, I'm just feeling funny."

Aksana, referring to a device that had ermine spots, a bat, and was counterchanged as well: "Holy counterchanged, batman!"

Discussing animal parts, this comment came from Kevin O'F (although it is sometimes attributed to Eilis O'Boirne, and others): "Segmenti, segmenti est" (Parts is parts)

Seen on a bathroom wall mundanely somewhere: "Beat me, rape me, make me speak Gaelic"

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