



The Gatekeeper

Barony of Winter's Gate

Calendar

Oct. 19 -- Samhein (Eskalya)

Oct. 26 -- Michaelmass

Oct. 26-27 -- Samhein Memorial, Tourney & Revel (Selviergard)

Nov. 9 -- Collegium Occidentalis (West)

Nov. 16-17 -- St. Boniface Collegium

Nov. 30 -- Yule (Selviergard)

Dec. 7 -- Yule (Eskalya)

Dec. 21 -- Yule

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Dec. 28 -- St. Stephen's Day Revel (Pavlok Gorod)

Jan. 3-4 -- 12th Night (West)

Jan. 18-19 -- Midwinter Coronet (Oertha/Eskalya)

Feb. 15 -- Heart's Revel

Feb. 25-Mar. 3 -- Estrella War (Atenveldt)

April 16 -- Fool's Revel (Margery)

Mar. 7-9 -- West Coast Culinary Symposium (West)

Mar. 21-23 -- March Crown (West)

May 2--4 -- Beltane (West)
May 24-25 -- Spring Captaincy
June 14 -- Games Day & Hunt (Cemper)
June 20-22 -- June Crown (West)
July 4-7 -- West-An Tir War (West)
July 19-21 -- Midsummer Coronet (Oertha)
July 25-Aug 8 -- Pennsic War (East)
Aug. 2 & 9 -- Tanana Valley Fair Demos
Aug. 30-31 -- Harvest Captaincy
Oct. 18 -- Michaelmass Feast (Margery)
Nov. 15-16 -- St. Boniface Collegium
Dec. 20 -- Yule
June 17-27, 2016 -- 50 Year Celebration (Midrealm, Danville IN)

The baronial event dates listed above, after Jan. 1, are still tentative and subject to change before approval from central Kingdom. Also please be aware that it is possible that Midsummer Coronet will take place in Pavlok Gorod (Kodiak). So if you plan to attend, start saving your vacation time and money, and making travel plans: the only way to get there is by ferry (the 'best' way) or plane.

Fight practices have moved indoors. They are Sunday afternoons from 1-4 pm at University Park School on University Avenue. Go in the back entrance by the dumpsters; the gym is directly to the left. All are welcome to attend fighter practices. If you're a noncombatant, you can cheer the fighters on or work on projects. Bring your own chairs if you have them, and a project to work on.

All other activities (A&S activities, guild meetings, scribal sessions, etc.) are subject to change and will be posted to the baronial email list. The above calendar includes events throughout the principality, as well as important kingdom events and wars. Those events without a listed location and in bold are local.

If you're interested in the workings of the barony, come to the monthly business meetings! They are now held at fighter practice. Keep an eye on the elist, or contact the seneschal for the exact date. (If you attend you might win an event fee waiver!)

From the Prince and Princess:

Unto Our wonderful populace, We Send Greetings

Her Highness returned safely from Our Barony of Winter's Gate through the vast miles of Our Principality. She greatly enjoyed Her time in Our northern lands. We are yet again o'erwhelmed by the warm-hearted hospitality and generosity demonstrated by Our populace and in particular the hospitality of Our amazing Baron and Baroness of Winter's Gate.

Her Highness is particularly proud that Lord Sevastian, the captain of Her escort not only fought in both the heavy and rapier tourneys, but claimed victory in the rapier tourney to become Winter's Gate's Commander. Congratulations to Lord Barak the Hunter for his victory in the heavy tourney to become Captain of the Militia.

Yours in Service to Oertha and The West,
Nathan and Lilla, Prince and Princess of Oertha

From the Herald's

Greetings!

Anyone interested in developing and submitting a name or device, please contact me, "The Clip-Art Baron" for ideas and art.

--Khevron Oktavii Tikhikovich Vorotnikov

From the Webminister

Greetings!

I've recently updated the site and would also like new photos to display on a member and events photos page. Recent events or ancient, it's all good.

Further, I'd like to take portraits of people at Michaelmass. Check with me whenever you're 'ready' for a photo.

--Khevron Oktavii Tikhikovich Vorotnikov

From the Chronicler:

I am always looking for short articles (A&S projects, history, adventures in period cooking, etc.) and stories of people and events to include in the newsletter. Especially stories! We are losing our history of past events, and current events become past events all too soon. I encourage you to make a contribution to the newsletter from time to time. Send them to me offlist.

Most who receive newsletter are members of the barony and its outlying groups, honorary citizens, members now in exile, and friends of the barony. Others receive this because you are our neighbors, including the territorial barons and baronesses, seneschals and chroniclers (and their kingdom counterparts). If sent to you in error, please let me know.

The Gatekeeper now goes out only electronically. If you do not wish to receive it, please email me at morgana@gci.net and you will be removed. If you do not wish to receive the newsletter as an attachment in the future, please also let me know.

Copy for nonlocal events is usually picked up from other newsletters and elist postings. Unless otherwise noted, local event reports were written by the chronicler and corrections and complaints should be addressed thereto. The chronicler welcomes words from any baronial officers, and guildmasters or mistresses, as well as reports of events and activities, as her mind holds only so many details and memories.

--Morgana yr Oerfa

Upcoming Events:

Samhein: Medieval Zombie Apocalypse

Barony of Eskalya

October 19

Come join us as we fight off the medieval Zombie Apocalypse! Lots of ghoulish delights and events throughout the day!

Heavy and Rapier Tourneys -- in keeping with the theme of Zombies, it shall be One Man (or Woman) vs All, with all being our Zombies! Our Zombies are restricted to single swords on their knees.

A Ghoulish Delights Contest -- creepy, spooky, or just plain scary treats to eat. It can be a sweet treat or a main dish. Doesn't matter -- just make it creepacular!

A Undead Costume Contest -- dress the part of the undead Medieval People to make the atmosphere more Apocalyptic!

And last but not least -- a Spooky Scavenger Hunt for the kiddies! Candy at each stop!

Feast as a potluck, arranged by persona: Viking -- meats or main dishes, Western European -- side dish (starches, pasta, etc.), Moorish/Eastern European -- veggies/salad, Other personae -- desserts. If undecided, you may bring a dish of your choosing.

Event Schedule

10:00 -- The Veil Opens (site opens)

Noon -- Opening Court (do not miss court as there will be very important storylines for this event at the end!)

1:00 -- Traditional/heavy armor inspection

1:30 -- The fight for our lives begins!

2:00 -- Conclusion of the storyline: we either survive or we all perish.

2:15 -- Face Painting for the children and those who perished in the struggle against the undead. If you fall in battle, we encourage you to paint your face white and celebrate the rest of the evening as the honored dead.

2:30 -- Traditional/heavy Prize Tourney

3:00 -- Children's Arts and Science workshop making scary Viking Face Masks.

3:30 -- Fencing Prize Tourney

4:30-6:00 -- Feast (if you haven't already dressed as a medieval zombie, now would be the time to put on your costume).

5:30 -- Judging of the Ghoulish Delights & Undead Costume Contest.

7:00 -- Closing Court

8:00 -- The Veil Closes...

Site is Highland Tech High, 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage, 99504. Site opens 10 am and starts closing down around 8 pm. Event fees: members \$10 (non-member surcharge \$5), ages 12 and under are free.

For more information contact the autocrats Gregor and 'Bella Hawke (Michael & Melissa Snyder), 929-0617 or 717-5904, hawkes-leatherworks@hotmail.com.

Michaelmass

Barony of Winter's Gate

October 26

For Michaelmass Feast this year, we will be visiting the splendor of Imperial Japan. Sensei Saionji no Hana, from central kingdom, has graciously consented to be our guest of honor and teach a couple of classes.

The first class will be offered Friday evening, Oct. 25. This class will be on Japanese Fashion, including hair and make-up and is open to all. There is no fee associated with this class; you don't need to attend the event to take the class, but we will miss you. It

will be held from 6-8 pm at the home of Griffin and Margery, 4523 Stanford Drive (University West area). Call for 456-2492 for directions.

The second class will be on Saturday during the event, starting at noon. This class will be Fabric Painting. Materials will be provided.

At the request of our fencers, who wish to play with our guest, there will be a rapier practice/class at 2 pm.

Dinner: This event will have Feast Tickets for those who wish to partake of our Japanese-themed feast. There are 35 tickets available, and will go to the first 35 people who RSVP to Margery (motherchaos@gci.net, 456-2492) by Friday, Oct 18. You do not have to pay until Michaelmass, but you must RSVP if you wish to eat dinner!

We ask that all those feasting, please bring at least five small bowls to help in the serving of food. For those wishing to eat in proper Japanese style, we ask that you bring pillows for your seating at the tables that have been lowered. If you have any questions regarding the feast specifically, please contact the Head Cook, Baroness Ellisif, at ellisif3@yahoo.com, 488-3986.

There will be a bardic/revel after the event at the home of Griffin and Margery (4523 Stanford). This will be both a wake for those who have gone before (mostly recently Mistress Alicianne who started in our barony), as well as a chance to share in the warmth of song and friendship as head into Samhein and winter.

Event fees are \$5 for members (\$10 for non-members), \$3 for 17 and under. Feast tickets cost \$10 for all ages 17 and up, \$8 for ages 8-16, and \$5 for ages 7 and under. Feast family cap is \$35. RSVP by Oct. 18 for feast is required. Checks should be made out to "SCA Inc - Winter's Gate."

Site is the Walden Estates Community Center, 1109 Hampstead Ave., Fairbanks 99701. Make your best way to Danby Street, turn onto either Hampstead Avenue or Bainbridge Blvd. The Community Center is located where the two streets meet. Site opens at 11 am and closes at 9 pm.

For more information contact the autocrat Elena verch Rhys (Jessica Duncan), 1114 Coppet St., Fairbanks 99709, 687-4012, jessicaeringrahn@yahoo.com.

From the Head Cook

We all know that Michaelmass is on its way, but what about the star attraction, the *food*? Ah, treats are in store!

First, this year the theme is Japanese. Second, no sushi will be served. Trust me, you don't want period sushi. If you have a strong stomach, please come talk to me and I'll be happy to give a description so you can truly understand why we left it off the menu.

Now, what's the plan?

There will be a wonton, onigiri, and mochi-making party Michaelmass afternoon for whoever wants to join in and learn how to make these yummy treats.

Chopsticks and soup spoons will be provided. If you want a fork, you're on your own.

Please please bring at least 4 small (holding at least a cup) bowls and a dessert-sized plate to the kitchen as soon as you arrive. We will mark them and return them after dinner. You may not be served dinner with your exact dishes, but this way we will have enough bowls for a proper Japanese dinner. They will be cleaned and returned to you at the end of the event.

Which reminds me: I will need *minions!* There is a need for helpers to dish out lots of food into lots of bowls, servers to carry out trays of bowls, and a dishwashing crew for all those bowls after dinner.

Most importantly, if you want dinner food, you *must* contact Margery and let her know. If you do not, by Friday the 18th, you will not get dinner. You needn't pay for it until The Day, but I have to know how much food to get.

The Menu!

Hereby follows the menu and its ingredients. *If you have any allergy or other health issues with any of these, let me know at once. Please.* I will arrange substitutions and alternate versions of anything, but I must know about it in advance. Walking in, on The Day, and telling me you can't eat <whatever> will get you nothing more than a sympathetic shrug. *And remember to let Margery know you want to eat!*

(Some minor changes may be made, depending on ingredient availability and price, and the final menu and ingredient list will be available at constabulary as well.)

First Course

Onigiri (rice balls): rice, salt, some with fillings of pickled plums or bonito flakes, wrapped in nori.

Kyuri no Sunomono (cucumber salad): cucumbers, wakame seaweed, sesame seeds, rice vinegar, soy sauce.

Miso soup: dashi broth (kombu kelp, bonito flakes), miso, tofu bits, sweet potato noodles, carrot, enoki mushroom, possibly daikon radish.

Sake-Ginger-glazed Salmon: salmon, sake, soy sauce, mirin, ginger, garlic, olive oil.

A Special Surprise for the Baron (not to be divulged yet, but if he approves, it will show up at Yule for the rest of us).

Second Course

Tsukemono (pickled turnips & carrots): veggies, salt.

Shika-ni (simmered 'venison' with lotus root): beef, lotus root, dashi, soy sauce, mirin, garlic.

Nikuman (pork buns): wheat flour, flaxseed meal, salt, yeast, sugar. Filling: pork, sake, soy sauce, sesame oil, ginger, garlic, water chestnut, cornstarch. Gluten-free nikuman: brown rice flour, tapioca starch, potato starch, xanthan gum, salt, sugar, yeast. Same filling.

Roasted butternut squash: butternut squash, olive oil.

Wontons: spinach, wheat flour. Gluten-free wontons: substitute sweet rice flour, tapioca starch, millet flour and xanthan gum for the wheat flour. Filling for both: shitake mushroom, regular mushroom, sugar, sesame oil, ginger, carrot, tofu.

Rice, garnished with a sprinkling of black sesame seeds.

Second Course

Green tea.

Fresh fruit (depending on availability).

Mochi (squishy rice cakes): sweet rice flour, potato starch, sugar. Fillings: red bean paste, mango and coconut; chocolate-almond butter (think a non-hazelnut Nutella). Some of the mochi will be rolled flat, sprinkled with cinnamon sugar, and baked as cookies.

Samhein Memorial, Tourney & Revel

Barony of Selviergard

October 26-27

Calling all souls, ghouls, goblins and party-goers! We shall celebrate the thinnest night-veil of the year with a tourney and revel celebrating all souls.

Mid-afternoon tourneys, *where all wounds remain until midnight*, games, contests of skills, bobbing for apples, harvest dancing, costumes, and trick-or-treating for the younger souls. All the makings of a fun harvest celebration.

There is plenty of ground for hearty-partiers to stay overnight, and a yummy breakfast will be provided on Sunday morning. Can you stay awake all night so your soul isn't stolen?

Contests include children's costumes, scary stories (at bardic), and cooking (pumpkin desserts and apple side dishes). Feast: meat generously provided by our hunters; potluck (by modern last name) A-J side dishes, K-R breads/spreads, S-Z veggies.

There will be a Memorial Tent set up for you to commune with those who have gone before us to the halls of our fathers, the Summerlands, or wherever your folks go. It will have seating and a cozy fire, so plan to spend some time there, if you wish. Refreshments will be provided.

Suggestion donation for the event \$3 + one bag of candy or \$5 for ages 12+ (no additional "fee" or NMS). Site is Thompson Hall, 3884 Sluice Box Drive, Houston, AK. Site opens at noon Saturday and closes at noon on Sunday. For more information, contact the autocrat Margarita di Calvi, 244-6543, viscountessmargarita@yahoo.com.

Yule

Barony of Selviergard

November 30

Their Excellencies Fathir and Etain invite all to start the holiday season with them at Selviergard's Yule.

There will be festivities galore, so come and share with us the start of the holiday season with fun, merriment and perhaps some foolery.

There will be 'festive' fighting. Yes, I said 'festive' fighting for both heavy and rapier. The populace is invited to bring 'festive' decorations to don the fighters with for the tournaments. There will be a silent vote for the best decorated fighter. Also featuring the every popular Lord and Lady of Misrule, determined by Rock, Paper, Scissors, as is tradition.

Be prepared for some foolishness and some funny hats! This event's A&S competition will be "Hand Made Yule Decorations." Standard A&S rules apply.

Bring your games! Selviergard loves games. Board games are best as our lands get a little cold during the Yule season. Be prepared to teach your games to others so that all may play!

Feast will be potluck, divided by your persona's last name: A-F meats, G-L side dishes, M-R breads/cheeses, S-Z desserts.

As is Selviergard's tradition, the event fee is by donation.

The site is the Wasilla Boys and Girls Club, 3700 Bogard Rd., Wasilla. Site opens at 11 am and closes at 8 pm.

Directions: From Anchorage/Palmer take the Glenn Highway to the Parks Highway. Go north on the Parks and take the Seward Meridian exit. Turn right on Seward Meridian and go until it stops at Bogard Rd. Turn right and go .2 miles. The Boys and Girls Club is on the right. From Fairbanks take the Parks Highway south to the Seward Meridian exit. Turn left and go under the highway and continue until it stops at Bogard Rd. Then follow above instructions.

For more information contact the autocrat Nemonna Vicana (Bobbie Sampson), 602-680-0186 (no calls after 10 pm please), nemonna.vicana@gmail.com.

Miscellaneous

Their Highnesses' Progress

Greetings to Our great populace,

We are happy to announce that after much deliberation with the powersthatbe (municipal and federal governments), We have planned Our Progress. Some have already been attended, but We are still planning the following.

Her Highness will attend Selviergard Yule Nov. 30 (tentatively with His Highness), and St Stephen's Day Revel in Pavlok Gorod Dec. 28.

We will both attend Midwinter Coronet in Eskalya, Jan 18-19.

Please note that Our travels may be subject to change at whims of the fates. Our lovely Head of Court, Mistress Alienor, may contact your group to see if hospitality is available and to help organize the court during Our stay.

Thank you for your patience while We have petitioned the fates and higher powers to provide for Our passage.

St. Boniface Collegium

November 16 and 17 is the date for the next collegium at the St. Boniface Collegium. Although most people have been involved in planning Michaelmass, this is the first call for instructors. If you have a class you're interested in teaching, please contact Aine Barleg of Mynydd Seren (Rebecca Young), at 812-322-8458, Aine Barleg of Mynydd Seren (Rebecca Young), 812-322-8458, rebecca.young@alumni.iu.edu. Everything from crafts to history and heraldry are welcome. If you are interested in a particular subject, let Aine know so she can find an instructor.

Oertha History Guild

The Oertha History Guild is active and we're collecting any details of past events, and ask members to submit a review, recap, thoughts of one event per year, recent or ancient. The Oertha History Guild is active and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/OerthaHistory/.

Photos posted to the West Kingdom History Pages are encouraged. <http://history.westkingdom.org>.

Everyone should check their information on the Who's Who website as well, and you can add to your SCA resume, including offices (primary or deputy) held and events hosted or cooked for, and other achievements.

--Khevron Oktavii Tikhovich Vorotnikov

Midwinter Coronet A&S Information

To my fellow Artisans of Oertha,

I would happily like to announce that the Arts & Sciences competition for Midwinter Coronet will be Leather Goods. This may be any item made primarily of leather, such as shoes, drinking vessels, pouches, leather boxes/caskets, etc. As always, documentation is highly encouraged.

There will be a table for those interested to display their projects, complete or not.

In addition, a reminder about the Royal Whims. Her Highness would like items decorated with a white rose (White Roses in Any Mode), and His Highness is requesting pieces to protect one in combat (Armor in Any Mode--specifically locally made pieces, with added consideration being given to period designs with documentation). The Whims and Leather Goods could be combined, i.e., a casket decorated with a white rose.

The Barony of Eskalya is sponsoring a Brewing Competition for beers, with bonus points given for documentation. Better get your yeasty minions working.

Yours in Service,

Bránn mac Finnchad, Oertha A&S Minister

Midsummer Coronet Bids

There Highnesses and I, in consultation with the Kingdom Seneschal, request that bids for Midsummer Coronet 2014 be submitted by November 1.

This new early deadline will hopefully allow additional time to plan and prepare for potential travel to outlying areas, therefore increasing the range and number of bids to choose from.

Should your group wish to submit a bid, but finds this deadline to be a hardship, or if you would like more information about the required items needed to submit a coronet bid, please contact me. Otherwise, please send your completed bids to Their Highnesses at royals@oertha.westkingdom.org, the Principality Exchequer at exchequer@oertha.westkingdom.org, and me at seneschal@oertha.westkingdom.org.

Thanks you very much,

Baroness Ellisif

Seneschale, Principality of Oertha

In Memoriam

Good kindred,

With a heavy heart I share the news of one who has gone before us. Today (September 8), Alicianne de Montfort of Sprucewood completed her final journey to the halls of our fathers.

A Pelican and Viscountess, Alicianne twice reigned in Oertha, and remained a vibrant force in the Barony of Selveirgard, which she helped to found. An early female fighter, Alicianne remembered fondly the Lioness Tournament at Pennsic, as well as many other bouts over 30+ years in the Society. Service was Alicianne's life, behind the thrones as a herald, teaching and nurturing newcomers, or at many other noble pursuits throughout the Kingdom.

Alicianne will be honored at Selveirgard's Samhein on Oct. 26. For additional information contact me directly.

In Service I remain,
Viscountess Margarita Catherine di Calvi, OP
(mka Gretchen Thompson)
907-244-6543, viscountessmargarita@yahoo.com

Alicianne, a very early member of Winter's Gate, will also be remembered at bardic on Saturday evening after Michaelmass. A Memoriam page has been created on the Kingdom History site: history.westkingdom.org/Memoriam/AlicianneDeMontfort.htm.

A Suggestion from Baron Khevron

I beg your indulgence for a moment.

We've lost yet another long-term member of the SCA recently, which reminded me that I want to pose an idea. Maybe it's not new, but I've never seen discussion on this subject.

How much a part of your life is the SCA? Casual? Large? Everything? I know most of my closest friends are the ones I've met through the SCA, and I'll likely be in the SCA for the remainder of my life. How dedicated are you to this dream?

We've lost and, life being what it is, will lose many of our members to old age and accidents, it's a fact. The SCA will be 50 soon, and much of the SCA membership is aging right along with it. Sadly, accidents happen and we lose people too young. I'm not trying to be morbid, but it's life.

It is my hope that the SCA groups will eventually have permanent sites. Wouldn't it be great to have a permanent Baronial Hall? Just a regular venue or event site we don't have to pay site fees for? Keep supplies and artifacts in? Will the local group(s), in the uncertain future economy, afford nice regalia or loaner gear or even banners or chairs!

The Challenge

In my will (for over a year now) is a gift upon my passing of \$2,000 to the local SCA group's funds. They could use the funds for the Welcome Committee or lower event fees, put it in a trust account emergencies. I won't care! I made a larger promissory to the West Kingdom land fund (KHTI.org) to the tune of \$10,000. I may increase the amounts as other liabilities decrease. Maybe people have been doing these for years and I'm a latecomer!

Buy life insurance if you don't have any! Make a will if you don't have one, and name an executor! Take care of your spouse & children, your parents and the bills, but consider where you play as well. Where your friends are. How you're spending your time. Where your life is invested?

Of course we hope to be there to see our aspirations become reality, but should we pass unexpectedly, tomorrow, next year or 60 years from now, perhaps we can still help make our SCA stronger. If populace members, who feel they are dedicated to the SCA, write into their will a gift, a bequest, the future health of the SCA -- local groups, land funds or society as a whole -- can be improved or sustained.

There will be no registry or list of these bequests. However, if you feel this is a good idea, please comment or make a pledge to encourage others!

Join me and make a legacy! Do it soon!

Baron Khevron, OP, Winter's Gate, Oertha, West

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And now for something entirely different:

Du'ad Bob Review

Never let it be said that Patrick Stewart isn't willing to give his all to a role. Even if it means taking his shirt off on camera. (Or his pants, as he did in the 2003 remake of *The Lion In Winter*.) I mean, the guy is getting old! But he's still willing to show off his stuff to all of us, in the interests of "artistic integrity" or whatever buzzword they use in show biz these days. I mean, here's a great actor, with a strong background in Shakespearean acting, a continuing series of movies of Shakespeare's plays, and a long, long stint as the second most famous starship captain in the world, so you'd think that he might say, "well, no, I'm old enough and respected enough that I don't have to take my shirt off and show off my old man body to all and sundry just because you want me to." Well, you'd be wrong. And right there on screen, off comes the shirt (or the tights; see *The Lion In Winter*, mentioned above), leaving us with nothing to the imagination as he proceeds to roll through his lines like the acting trooper he is. Maybe he's just trying to remind us that we are all mortal, and are all going to be ugly old men (and women) someday, and we might as well get used to looking at it. I don't know. Personally, I feel mortal enough already without being reminded of it by someone who can act circles around me without even trying. But so it is that this month Da'ud Bob reviews for you the 2001 made for TV movie, ***King of Texas***.

"Now wait just a doggone minute!" I hear you say. "Texas? That's neither Roman nor medieval nor Renaissance. Or some pre-technological world." No, you're right, it isn't. But bear with me here, and I will explain it all. Starring Patrick Stewart as John Lear (and there's your first clue!), Marcia Gay Harden as his daughter Susannah Lear Tumlinson, Lauren Holly as another daughter Rebecca Lear Highsmith, Julie Cox as Claudia Lear (okay, three daughters. That's your second clue!), Roy Schneider as Henry Westover, David Alan Grier as Rip, Colm Meaney as Mr. Tumlinson, Patrick Bergin as Mr. Highsmith, Matt Letscher as Emmett Westover, Liam Waite as Thomas Westover, and Steven Bauer as Menchaca, the story is - if you haven't guessed it by now - King Lear, only set in newly-independent Texas. Filmed in Mexico, "self-made ranch tycoon John Lear divides his holdings among his daughters but finds that once they have his property, they reject him."

Good points: It's a cast chock full of good actors, all of whom do creditable work in this piece. Lear's hubris, and his later descent into madness. The plot stays very close to Shakespeare's original story.

Bad points: It's not Shakespeare's words.

Zero breasts. One gallon of blood. 34 dead bodies. Rock fu. Pistol fu. Lariat fu. Mesquite switch fu. Heated poker fu. Musket fu. Cannon fu. Lear rolls. Gratuitous piano. Gratuitous torture. Gratuitous hawks. (Or are they vultures? At a distance it's hard to be certain.) Academy Award nominations to Marcia Gay Harden as Susannah and Lauren Holly as Rebecca for their exchange: "Has he done anything crazy?" "No, but it still early." (Reminding me of my favorite line from *City Slickers*, when Billy Crystal asks Jack Palance's character Curly if he's killed anybody today. "Day ain't over yet."); to Patrick Stewart as John Lear for "Houston always was a long-winded preachin' son of a bitch"; and to David Alan Grier as Rip for pretty much taking over the movie, just as the character of the Fool does in Shakespeare's version, and for his statement to Lear that "I expect you never intended to get so damn old, either." A 52 on the Vomit Meter. Three stars. Da'ud Bob says, "It may be a little in your face about aging, which at my

age is not something I necessarily enjoy having thrown at me like that, but you have to admire an actor who will still literally bare it all for his art. Check it out!"

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