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Cleftlands Finally Overthrows Cleveland Municipal Government

An organized protest against the shutting down of LTV steel - which may have just been a combined publicity stunt and attempt to get free sheet metal- took a turn for the bizarre last week when camped out Cleftlanders laid siege to Washington. The turn out for the 'siege on Washington' protest was much more than initially anticipated. Nefarious advertising may be to blame. More than one fighter was heard to remark, "Protest? I thought this was a melee practice!"

Whatever the cause of the gathering, Federal officials were sufficiently motivated to offer up the city of Cleveland to placate the crowd. Rumor has it President Shrub came to this decision shortly after a ballista was mis-fired and sprayed tourists for several feet all around the reflecting pool. (Other sources claim it was after secret service men had leaked news to the Nasty Dinosaur camp that steak was being served in the White House.

Quoted Donasian di Sucinio, "That is completely false. They told me it was toful!")

The president was not the only one impressed with the might of Cleftlands. Said one pundit, "Special interest groups aren't normally able to mobilize so well. It's almost as if all of these people have set up tent cities at the drop of a hat before. I mean... they have hot tubs out there!"

**Well, it's about
time someone
did.
- Mayor Campbell**

after the third day of free melees on the White House lawn that Presidential representatives delivered news that since 'no one is using it anyway' the city of Cleveland would be given over to SCA governance as long as 'you weirdos just go away.'

Cleftlands seneschal Nial of Bork was

Fighters Taken Aback as Cleftlands re-named Barony of the LeftHands

It should come as no surprise that, with so much of the barony's resources devoted now to the governance of Cleveland, the number of active fighters still keeping up with SCA paperwork has diminished.

Therefore, Sir Will, after intimidating those left, has passed a referendum prohibiting right-handed combatants from competing.

Conrad Shwartzwulf and Rudiger von Stuttgart were suddenly and miraculously ambidextrous.

"I'm happy with the change," said Edward Smackenburye, "Maybe Matthew will start coming to practices again now!"

Not all were thrilled, however, as rib-cage injuries in other midrealm groups have risen and the woefully

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rumored to protest this wording, and demand that it be put in calligraphy, preferably uncial.

Jane Campbell was made a court baroness almost immediately for being an exceptionally good sport about stepping aside and easing the transition to a feudal government in Cleveland. As she said, "It really isn't much of a change, when you think about it."

Already the schools have benefitted from Marsailli's induction as head of the school board. In addition to authorizing the Viking Raid fund to provide revenue for facilities improvement, her appointment of Ser Nick as head of physical education has resulted in cheers from parents and students alike as city-wide boffer tournaments are keeping at-risk kids off the streets. Aurore de Vie has been splitting her time between revitalizing thrift store legislation and protecting young minds by stepping in as head of Drama studies before Shlomo could.

Clariel du Vent Argent, taking her position as head of the Metroparks quite seriously, has ordered 'all those sissy bars and safety rails' removed from Squires Castle- much to the joy of the aesthetically minded populace. She has also worked out, with Marsailli, a plan to provide more organically-grown broccoli for school lunches.

Timothy Woodhall, as Cuyahoga County Engineer, has announced an exciting urban revival project tentatively named East Side Castle, which should generate a lot of revenue for the city in tourism, while at the same time clearing acres of derelict factories from our city's near east side.

Plans to build a trebuchet large enough to lob beer kegs at Pittsburgh's Three Rivers Stadium have been neither confirmed nor denied, but Cleveland Browns players have been looking awfully happy lately.

Captain Conrad Shwartzwulf has gained himself yet another title as Chief of Police. He faces the job with utmost sobriety. "We aren't here to have fun. hee hee."

The introduction of a right-of-combat system has already greatly reduced the number of civil cases on the dockets.

While the archery guild has greatly enjoyed their new practice range in the Convention Center and Laurelen has been unreachable for comment moving his secret lab to a more auspicious location (rumor has it the top of the terminal tower will be remodeled to look more like that room in the original Frankenstein movie until Castle Cleftlands is completed), the transition from medieval organization to city leadership hasn't been easy for everyone. The Cleftlands legal team, led by Sir Ephraim and Lord Vincent Furnier, have had many sleepless nights sorting out the legal repercussions of Cleveland's new status as a medieval 'free city'.

"This makes killing Theo look easy," an exasperated Ephraim exclaimed, then refrained from further comment.

So, What's Inside Bronwen Elvina's Closets?

A disgruntled populace released documents detailing items, most of which were no doubt planted, found in the Closets of a certain prominent fashion reporter.

Said a spokesman, "Oh, we know it wasn't all her doing, that fashion report, but since we didn't have names of the Scurrilous Scribes, we had to pick on SOMEBODY."

Representatives of the Cleftview were unavailable for comment. They were still hiding in a bunker, according to their answering machine, following the deluge of Cleftlanders upset over their casting in recent productions.



Blatantly Planted Items:

WWF Videos

Burlap and Sackcloth

A copy of "How To Win Friends and Influence People"

Broadcloth T-Tunics



Top Ten How-To Books We're Not Likely To See

10. *Knowing Your Colors* by Karl Von Kohn (Co ed. Matthew de Beaumont)
9. *Assertiveness is For Meanies* by Alex
8. *Dating Short Men* by Alda
7. *Dressing to Minimize Your Bust* by any SCAdian gal.
6. *Getting In Touch With Your Feminine Side* by Conrad
5. *How to Get Out of Washing Dishes* by Callum
4. *How to Fence* by Theodric
3. *Real Men Don't Care What They Look Like* by Pietro
2. *Be Rude and Get Away With It* by Ephraim
1. *How to Act Demure* by Snowden

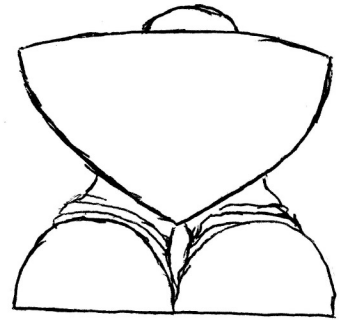
Top Ten Headlines in the Cleftlands Tabloids

10. Brewer's Guild Creates Life
9. Laurelen Hiding Lembas Addiction
8. Fighter Bites Armor
7. Goat Born Without A Beer! (Alternate: Goat Born With Sense of Tact!)
6. I Joined A Duct Tape Cult
5. Head of Satan Appears in Sweaty Gambeson Stain
(We knew something was up when he wouldn't take a blow from Sir Karl!)
4. Elvis Ate My Documentation
3. The End Was Near! (Predictions that the World, in fact, Ended in 1600 AD)

2. Man With Two Heads Granted Double Peerage

1. Aliens Sighted At Heralds Point- Nebuly a UFO Conspiracy!

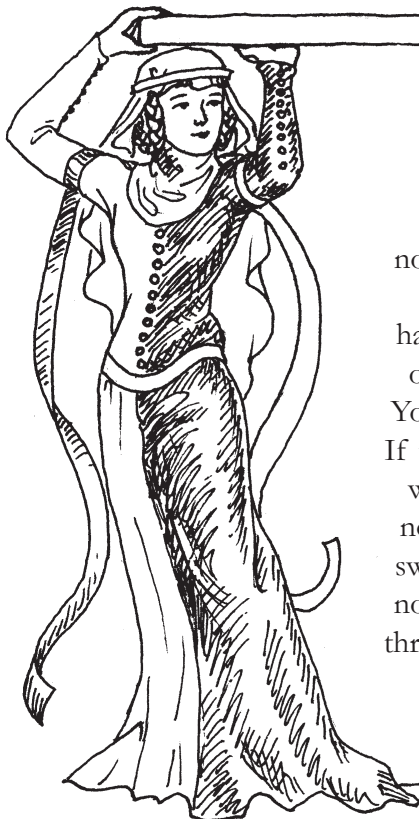
What do you mean, he's only 5'7"



How new fighters see knights

Don't You Wish YOU were made like Rubbermaid? (TM)

Popular manufacturer to release commercial armor line in response to SCA popularity. Safety, silliness to abound (and rebound).



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