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EXCLUSIVE: Forgive Me Father for I Have Sinned: Judas Caught Kissing Jesus!

by Terry Hines

32 A.D. - Our holy father was spotted turning the other cheek yesterday – for Judas to plant another sloppy kiss on him! Lately, rumors of Jesus' sexuality have been multiplying like five loaves of bread and two fish and have been the talk of the multitude. Jesus doesn't talk about his love life, only answering surface level questions, but I'm not God's son and cannot walk on water so I dove into finding the truth of Jesus' love for his neighbors.

Some might be skeptical about Jesus' sexual leanings, given that his upcoming book contains a few lines that may imply opposition to homosexuality.

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The Under-Appreciated Plagues

by Daniel Betancourt

10. The Pale Plague, 904-936 – Infecting overbore more than 80% of Europe, the sadly hereditary Pale Plague turned its victims sickeningly pasty and caused them to pretend to like classical music.

9. The Plague of Locust, 1818 – South Carolina farmer Max Davidson was just minding his own business when

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World's Largest Porn Collection Burns Down



by Walker King

391 A.D. - Tragedy struck Egypt yesterday when the Library of Alexandria, the world's largest depository of pornographic materials, was burned to the ground by Roman Emperor Lucius Aurelianus.

The library, founded by noted pornography enthusiast Ptolemy II, held the majority of the world's erotic material for 500 years before its tragic destruction.

"The entire field of pornography is hurt by this loss," said head librarian Kontar Rah. "The destruction of these historically vital and highly arousing works will set the field of erotica back hundreds of years."

Among the pieces lost in the great fire includes the text of Aristotle's Erotica,

the complete slash fictions of Sappho, and all but a few of Emperor Augustus' 3,000 pornographic doodles, many of which were self-portraits.

"I remember how much fun I used to have going down to the stacks to read Sophocles' deleted scenes from *Antigone*, in which Antigone convinces Ismene to join her conspiracy against Creon with tender, passionate love, the kind only two women can share," said Rah. "So hot," he added.

While Alexandrian officials were worried about Emperor Aurelianus' ambitions toward the pornographic materials stored in the library, none could have anticipated his true intentions.

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War of Polish Aggression Commences

by Walker King

lin, Adolph Hitler gave a powerful address today to the German people: they must stay united if they ever hope to triumph in the War of Polish Aggression.

es stormed across our borders with their horse-mounted cavalry, brandishing sabers, who would have ever thought that the Wehrmacht would be able to repel them?" said Hitler. "While we have had success thus far, the Reich must maintain its courage if we ever hope to capture Leningrad and make sure the Fatherland is forever safe from the Poles."

also launched a surprise attack from across 1939 A.D. - Speaking from his home in Ber- the Ardennes forest of Belgium, forcing Germany to capture Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Brussels, Antwerp and all of Luxembourg. But things started looking up for Hitler when German forces took Calais and "Germans, when the fearsome Polish forc- Dunkirk, and also Paris, against significant Polish resistance.

> "Once we manage to drive the Polish invaders out of New York, Moscow, Rio de Janeiro, Addis Abbaba, and Hong Kong," added Hitler, "The thousand-year Reich will finally be safe from their unchecked aggression."

At press time, Hitler had just announced a campaign of bombing in retaliation for Polish attacks based in London.

German hopes looked dim when Poland War on Drugs Considered After Diplomatic Talks

Break Down

by Alexander Dunlap

1971 A.D. - After weeks of bilateral negotiations regarding quitting rights, rates of metabolism, and access to key neurotransmitters, Sarah Rodriguez, United States Ambassador to Drugs, announced last night that "there is little hope of reaching an agreement with Drugs regarding several key issues in our ongoing dispute." Sources report that President Nixon has asked his advisers to prepare a plan for war in the event that diplomatic negotiations continue to stagnate.

The news came shortly after a hostage incident in which Drugs detained several American tourists. An attempt by the U.S. government to extricate them failed after the hostages refused to get on the helicopter. "We like Drugs!" exclaimed hostage Jules Bernstein, 39, as he and his compatriots violently clung to their captors. (Bernstein's visa, which curiously lacked an expiration date, indicated that he had been visiting Drugs for recreational purposes before his detainment and subsequent brainwashing.) U.S. authorities decried the subsequent propaganda footage, widely disseminated by the Drugs government, of the American hostages making grandiose, clearly coerced statements extolling the virtues of

Drugs. "These heinous abuses perpetuated by Drugs cannot be allowed to continue," declared Ambassador Rodriguez.

Members of Congress were divided regarding the advisability of war. Representative Evangeline Unger (D-Calif.) released a statement supporting economic sanctions against Drugs in lieu of military action. "Frankly, Drugs needs us," said Unger at a press conference. "Without the 14.8 billion dollars in annual aid provided by the U.S. government, and the additional hundreds of billions of dollars in private investment, Drugs's economy would just collapse. Just reduce this drip by a little bit, and they'll give us whatever we want." Unger's view was supported by a recently-declassified report indicating that vehicle traffic in Drugs has reached "critical levels of congestion" and that costly infrastructure improvements are needed to support the nation's export

Other leaders were less optimistic about the probable success of peaceful solutions. When asked for his position on sanctions and continued talks, Senator Jim Perkins (R-Ill.) said, "No," declining to comment further. University of Chicago political sci-

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this massive locust just flew right into his kitchen and almost stung him! Wait, do locusts sting?

- 8. The Plague Plague, 1391 One morning, everyone in the town of Agde, France woke up to find dozens of strange monuments scattered throughout the village, each bearing a commemorative plaque bearing a date from some time in the future. The last, purportedly from the late 23rd century, marks "where the Glorious Droid Army destroyed the last of the Meat Men."
- 7. The Plague of Infidelity, 1964 Infecting insurance salesman William Cayuso for months before he confessed to his wife, this plague forced an innocent man to cheat on his wife with his secretary, their neighbor Veronica, and numerous prostitutes.
- 6. The Bad Dancing Plague, 1519 -Spreading throughout the Holy Roman Empire, this plague caused its victims to dance in the streets for hours at a time, yet not a single one displayed anything resembling rhythm.
- 5. The Plague of Idiocracy, 2006 Somehow transmitted by watching the film of the same name, this debilitating disease made its victims completely insufferable as they insisted that society was going downhill, and that humanity would never again produce people as smart as them.
- 4. The Plague of Jenny, 1992-present God, she's such a bitch.
- 3. The Plague of Morning People, 1636 - Primarily contracted by roommates and coworkers, this plague caused its victims to wake up at seven a.m., bright, chipper, and above all loud. Sadly, a cure was never developed, as most victims had to be put down by violent bludgeoning with whatever was at hand.

Liebniz Throws Apple at Newton

by Matthew Goldenberg

of Europe is in uproar this week after hearing that Gottfried Leibniz threw an apple at Isaac Newton last Tuesday. The incident reportedly started when Leibniz confronted Newton about the similarity of their theories of calculus.

Newton was lounging in his estate in rural England when Leibniz, having sailed from Germany, accosted him and began to call him a plagiarizer. Newton denied the accusation, claiming to have been naturally inspired. The conflict escalated until Leibniz reached into his pocket, took out an apple, and threw it at Newton while shouting, "Get inspiration from this,

Leibniz stormed off Newton's property before police could arrive. Sources say he has boarded a return ship to Germany.

schweinhund!"

Newton has been somewhat dumbfounded since the incident but appears to be in good health. He was not injured by the apple.

When asked for comment Newton replied, "The apple just bounced off my head and fell to the ground. It's quite incredible really. Why did the apple choose

1665 A.D. - The scientific community to fall downward? It could have chosen any direction to bounce. Gottfried didn't even throw the apple downward; it went to the ground of its own accord. Curious."

> He proceeded to pick up the apple and drop it to the ground. Each time the apple fell, the country's leading scientist smiled and had a dazed look about him.

At press time, Newton had eaten the

- 2. The Plague of Man, 200,000 BCpresent – See, from the Earth's perspective, people are the real disease. Just think about it. Think about it and repack this bowl.
- 1. The Plague of Self-Reflection, 470 BC-1948 - This horrifying disease

caused the infected to question their real purpose in life, how best to treat other people, and whether anything they did had real meaning. Thankfully, it was cured through the invention and popularization of the television.

POLITICS

SPORTS

President Skintaker-9000 promises an era of lower taxes, welfare reform and less skin

by Noah Lemelson

2116 A.D. - Following a landslide reelection victory over opponent Xylox Phnltük, President Skintaker-9000 took to the podium this week for his second inaugural address. "When I first took office four Earth-years ago, crime was rampant in the Eastern District, Soma use was skyrocketing, and the American people had an unacceptable excess of skin. Now, four years later, crime, drug use and skin-having have hit an all-time low. As I promised during my campaign, for these next four years, I shall focus on freeing the middle class from the interconnected burdens of excessive taxes, mismanaged government and their epidermis."

The artificial sun gleaming off his plutnamium shell, President Skintaker-9000 went on to slam critics of his policies. "Many on the other side of

the aisle have questioned my motives in reducing taxes and skin. They make

ridiculous claims: that I have been influenced by corporate interests, or that I use the skin of children to power fusion reactors. I want to take this time to look these people in the eyes or antennae and say, I have never, ever, let corporate lobbyists affect even one of my decisions in office!"

Many wonder if this aggressive political demeanor will

one of most divided Congresses of

this century. Skintaker-9000 no doubt hopes to enact real political change

> on the wave of popular support, but some predict that in this political environment, Skintaker-9000 is more likely to become a lame space president. duck Analysts attribute Skintaker-9000's surprising electoral success to his ability to connect with the Xlanoid demographic, who overwhelmingly support Skintaker's views on

prove successful in what appears to be family values, traditional marriage and



Muslim Atheist Communist Fascist Runs for Student Council

by Mary Vansuch

1974 A.D. HONOLULU, HAWAII — A young atheist Muslim Communist Fascist is running for Honolulu Junior High Student Council. An anonymous evewitness told The Dealer, "He wasn't even born in America. How can he be expected to connect with us on the super important issues, like that we want tater tots and not French fries, or that recess needs to be longer? And don't even get me started about his unpatriotic views on physical education." Other equally anonymous eyewitnesses nodded in agreement.

Meanwhile, his opponent, young Johnny McCain, is "a full-blooded native since the Irish Potato Famine who is definitely not questioning his faith in mainstream Protestant Christianity or the dangers of the Gym Teacher Agenda for America's Young Hearts and Minds", according to non-anonymous eyewitnesses. Johnny McCain is

tots, mandatory two-hour recess, and the abolition of atheist Muslim Communist fascist doctrine from the Honolulu Public Schools curriculum. "It's obvious what the atheist Muslim Communist fascist agenda has done to this school system. Running a mile every Monday? Gym shorts that cling tightly to your manparts? No tater tots except on Wednesdays? It's unnatural, I tell you," Johnny's silky-smooth prepubescent voice explained to The Dealer.

The young atheist Muslim Communist fascist, whose name *The Dealer* feels would be sacrilegious to write in print, is unofficially running on the Satanist platform, also known by its slogan, "Make love, not war."

Some believe that accusing a twelveyear-old atheist Muslim Communist fascist of wanting to promote Satanism using the highly coveted position of seventh-grade student council repre-

running on the platform of free tater sentative may not be entirely accurate, but due to of limited publishing space, we cannot address their concernsplease fax The Dealer if you wish to read their arguments.

> Meanwhile, what we can tell you is that this heathen believes that physical education can be tolerated by the general population in small doses, that recess need only be mandated at one hour instead of two, and that the addition of waffle fries is a higher priority than the expansion of tater tots for the sake of "true equality". He is also reportedly opposed to bullying, calling the United States' national pastime "cruel" and "outdated."

> The student body knows better than to let this un-American atheist Muslim Communist fascist take that away from America. Nevertheless, The Dealer will refrain from telling you who to vote for to maintain journalistic integrity. You be the decider. Just don't make the wrong choice.

Student Grapples With Difficult Plato

by Chris Deakin

BREAKING, 340 B.C - Sources inside the Academy of Athens report that student Leon Petropoulos is currently wrestling with Plato. Petropoulos has reportedly spent all day and all night over in the grip of the famous teacher and philosopher, but has yet to pin him down.

Petropoulos thought his goals were reasonable. "I just wanted to get

through a good chunk of Plato before class tomorrow," Petropoulos said, once again failing to grasp Plato in time to avoid a reasoned and purposeful eye gouge. "I didn't think he'd be this tough to read."

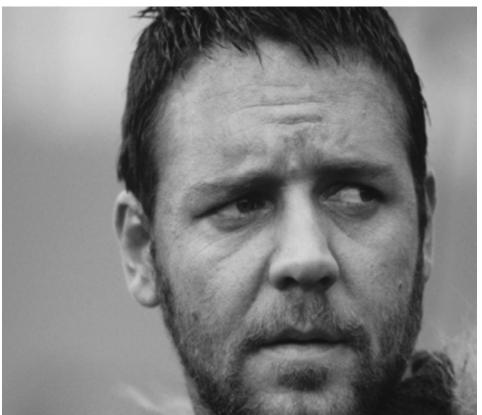
Petropoulos is a second year in the Academy, and this is his first attempt at getting through Plato. Eyewitnesses describe Petropoulos rubbing his forehead in consternation, gritting his teeth, and submitting to Plato's challenging half-nelson. "Most of Plato I can manage, it's just a few specific parts that I've been tripping over, like

the elbows and hands."

At press time, Plato had yet to yield any easy answers, instead yielding a healthy mix of Athenian body oil and sweat. "I appreciate the need for students to challenge their teachers. I think it is in grappling with the most difficult authors that young philosophers grow the strongest and the lithest."

As of press time, Petropoulos was on the cusp of getting a hold of Plato when he was told he'd spent long enough with the Greek and would now need to grapple with Aristotle.

Gladiators Herald End of Net Neutrality



by James Ekstrom

100 B.C. - A decision passed in the Roman Senate has declared the end of the age of "net neutrality" in gladiatorial combat. The decision to implement "net aggression" is favored by some as an opportunity for gladiators to contribute innovations to the game, but purist fans as well as some other gladiators are skeptical of the wisdom of this decision, fearing that unfettered usage of nets in the games may have consequences beyond what the Senate has anticipated.

The particulars of net neutrality are sometimes hard to follow for those who are not regular attendees of the games. According to old regulations, gladiators were not allowed to use nets in ways that may give advantage or disadvantage in combat. They could instead

be used only for neutral actions, such as adding flair to the gladiator's outfit, or holding a mid-fight snack. The policy had always been opposed by Reitari, known to fans as "the guys with the nets and tridents." A spokesmen for the Reitari praised the change in regulations, and has already announced plans for innovative uses of the nets under the newly deregulated atmosphere.

"We believe there is a great potential to throw our nets onto other gladiators, thereby slowing them down and making it harder for them to move. While there is not a full consensus as to whether this particular innovation will be a better use of the net than its traditional employment as a portable hiding spot, we are excited to test out some new things."

Union officials representing the Secutor, the class of gladiator often paired with Reitari, have announced their group's unambiguous outrage with at with the decision, and plan to appeal to the Senate for a reinstatement of previous policies. Union head Augustus Antonius announced at a Press conference that he and his co-gladiators had little interest in so-called "innovations" that would undermine the fundamental integrity of an age-old institution and uproot the moral underpinnings of the classic game.

At press time, Augustus had suffered a fatal trident wound while trapped under a net.

CULTURE

RELIGION

God Finally Finishes Book

by Gus Schiff

1200 B.C - Humanity has eagerly awaited God's book, 50 Shades of Yahweh, since it was announced nearly 3000 years ago. But the world might not want to get its hopes up yet, as sources tell us the book has gone through major changes during the trimillennial incubation period. One of the biggest changes, according to editor Moses, is the name. "Yeah," explains Moses. "He wasn't feeling the original title. It's just called Book now." Asked about other changes in Book, Moses said the original draft "just didn't convey the right message ... Honestly, He set out to write a self-help book. Fashion and diet tips—that kind of stuff."

The change has garnered criticism from local tribes, especially from women of post-childbearing age. These women, aged 25 and older, say they want "something to do in their old age." Questioned about the complaints, Moses claimed to be unaware of God's plans. "He's joked about adding in some stories between the tips. Well, I think he's joking. What kind of name is Cain, anyway? Is his older brother named Novo or something?" joked Moses nervously. "Oh, wait, that won't make any sense for a few thousand years."

God has confirmed that there are indeed stories in *Book*. "I just hope the main message isn't lost with the stories," tells God. The main message, of course, being peace and love among all His creations. God has noted that elements may be lost in translation. "*Book* is written in schizophrenic visions and translated into Hebrew. There's naturally going to be some screwups." *Book* looks to be a story for the ages – find our review in the next issue.



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entist John Mearsheimer declared that negotiations with Drugs had "absolutely gone to pot," and that war was inevitable. Governor Lynette Huckleberry (R-Ind.), whose state lies very close to Drugs, demanded that the federal government "act against Drugs with extreme prejudice to reduce the threat it poses to the State of Indiana."

Yesterday, the Nixon Administration-claimed that "no option is off the table," but sources close to the president indicated that Nixon had initiated efforts to weed out members of the government with ties to Drugs in preparation for a coming military conflict. The administration refused to confirm or deny rumors that the entire staff of the CIA had been fired.

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centurions gained entrance to the library yesterday afternoon under the pretext of a group reading of Plutarch's Parallel Thighs, whereupon they began lighting stacks of papyrus on fire and destroying tablets.

"There can be no question that the library perpetuated the most amoral behavior in its collection of obscene materials, and thus it was my duty to Rome to burn down that house of licentiousness," said Emperor Aurelianus in a statement. "There is only one ethical mode of intercourse, and that is between 30 to 40 well-oiled, consenting adults."

While most librarians, faced with the ashes of their life's work, could only express dumb astonishment, Rah was more optimistic.

"We will build another pornographic library, and if that one burns down, another one." He said. "Wherever there are people, there will be a need for explicit depictions of copulation. This is what it means to be human."

Joan of Arc Burned at Steak 'n Shake

off shakes. After the execution was

by Evan Bernstein

1431 A.D. - And so it was that yesterday, the 30th of May, in the year of our Lord 1431, that the girl Joan of Arc was burned at the Steak 'n Shake for heresy in the first degree. She was convicted a week prior at the Royal Food Court of England. The execution occurred

promptly at the moment the Sun reached the highest point in the sky, when the clouds parted so that the Lord could see and smile on the people who carried out His will. The public burning drew a crowd of over one hundred men, although it was unclear how many were in attendance specifically to spectate the execution and how many were present simply to obtain their daily Bacon 'n Cheese Double. Before the fire was lit, Joan assured her supporters that at the stake, her faith was not Shaken.

Just as the wait after the food has been ordered, but before it arrives, the execution lasted only minutes but probably felt like hours. French fries were served, ironically, to waiting customers. The spectacle was accompanied by music and dancing, as well as half-

completed, the Royal Coroner told *Le Dealer Shady* that the burning was very well done, although medium rare. The reactions to the execution were not all positive, however, as many people had a beef with the legal system. Some be-

lieved that the trial was unfair because her lawyer was very unskillet. Supporters of the decision, on the other hand, maintained that she was given the best represenbacon. As of press time, Joan of Arc's ashes are scheduled to be thrown into an unmarked gravy.



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But what else do you say about a longhaired man who lives and travels with twelve other men and has never been seen wearing pants? What does Jesus know about family values? His hippie parents chose for him to be born in a manger, instead of his mother almost dying delivering him in a dirt-floored inn room. Jesus claims to be a carpenter, which is a perfect cover story because God's son has been working plenty of wood. The Holy Spirit lives in all of us, but not like Jesus lives in Judas.

For being omniscient, Jesus is so behind on the trends! Having sex with men is totally ancient Greece! The

popular relationship trends today are to have multiple wives and the occasional daughter sacrifice. If you ask me, Jesus'

relationship with Judas is only headed one way, with Judas getting Jesus nailed on some stiff, stiff wood.

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ARTS

Royal Academy of Arts Vienna Lowers Admissions Standards

by Isaac Krone

1947 A.D. - For nearly two hundred fifty years, since our founding in 1698, it has been our goal to provide the greatest art education in the world to the most promising artists Europe has to offer. As an institution we consider the artistic achievements of our alumni to be our own, which is why we have throughout our history been highly selective with our admissions.

Recent affairs have called into question the prudence of our admissions policies, which have had disagreeable consequences for the Academy and its prospective students, reaching beyond

our halls in unintended ways. The Academy of Fine Arts, Vienna wishes to recognize that art exists in the soul of every man, and that art should be allowed to flourish regardless of anyone's unfitness for painting. It has come to light that those who were denied admittance into our academy, in isolated cases, left art behind entirely, an act we cannot condone. Rarely, those exartists turned to the world of politics, a change which the international artistic community has frowned upon.

The Academy of Fine Arts Vienna assures past, present, and prospective students that it is in no way politically or ideologically aligned with any rejected prospective student or students. Recent adjustments in employment policies made by rejected applicants also did not reflect the will of the academy. We

pride ourselves on being inclusive of all artists, regardless of ethnicity, religion, ideology, and, henceforth, skill.

To prevent further incident, the Academy is revising its policy on admissions to better serve those who seek an education in the fine arts. Developments in both the artistic and world communities are reshaping the way we think about art, the extent to which one needs a steady hand or eye for color in order to produce art, and the consequences of rejection. The Academy now wishes to admit students based not entirely on their artistic ability but on their desire to become an artist, lack of otherwise marketable skills, and their ability to possibly harm society if denied. This is undoubtedly the best course for the Academy to take if it is to avoid fuehrer conflicts of interest.

President Shot; Lincoln, Theatre Dead

by Maximilian Rochester, Theatre Critic

April 15, 1865 A.D. - Americans across our great union are mourning today for the loss of a strong and noble leader who has carried us through these dark times of civil war. Many will undoubtedly also shed a tear for the death of a great art form that was the American theatre. A manhunt is underway for the coward who has wounded our proud nation and also, I hope, for the conspirators in an equally devastating attack on the art of the stage play. Although speculation runs rampant as to the whereabouts of the former, to find the latter I would direct you to none other than the stage of Ford's Theatre tonight at half past eight o'clock in the evening.

Our American Cousin, like the presidential assassin, is still running, and must be stopped. Both have toppled once-proud institutions, the American comedy and the American presidency respectively.

After being shot, the President was taken to the Peterson boarding house, where he died early this morning. Yet, in a sense, Honest Abe was the lucky one, for he died only once. American theatre, however, is slowly being killed night after night by the bumbling cast of *Our American Cousin*, portraying larger-than-life buffoons as they try and eke out a laugh from an audience of half-wits and fools who wouldn't know a stellar production if it shot them in the back of the head.

If you ask me, actor Edward Sothern is the real villain of last night's events, and should be imprisoned and charged with the cold-blooded murder of what was once high art. When we allow jesters and harlequins to invade the arena of the stage, we concede all that defines the medium and subject ourselves to artistic slavery, a slavery for which there can be no Emancipation Proclamation.

As the blood and brains of our former leader lie on the floor of Ford's Theatre, so too do the entrails of the dramatic arts. As the remains of our freely elected president are laid to rest, so much cannot be said for the corpse of the theatrical production that has been left in the cold by the writer and director of this unholy abomination. Consider this, fellow citizens, a call to arms to rise up and retaliate against the forc-

es that have caused us such grief this day. We cannot let these men, though we once considered them our brothers, carry on this way of life. It is cruel, inhumane, and threatens our very sensibilities. Lovers of theatre, unite!

