and Redemption. Massachusets: Beacon Press, 2012. What Gangs Taught Me About Violence, Drugs, Love, eproduced for the cover of Jorja Leaps Jumped in: 13 Sketch of Bobby made by a student during a live modeling 🛛 25 Mi Madre de los Angeles by Fabian Debora, 2009

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32 Matisse and his Model, by Brassaï, 1930

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38 Message from Bobby to the artist (whose nickname

Bobby and his childhood friend Mr. Martin.

37 Frances Stark reads Flannery O'Conner's Parker's

36 Photo of Bobby, my son, and his two best friends

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Back while modeling for her drawing class at USC with

overlooking The LA County Jail, aka Twin Towers.

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Photo by Nadya Wasylko featuring Skerrit Bwoy with the artist Frances Stark. 30 Poster for 2011 performance Put a Song in your Thing. .(list) doWudU .ev

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56 The Murder of Christ by Wilhelm Reich, 1953.

55 Portrait of Frances Stark by Shawn Mortensen, 1994.

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79 Bobby and the artist's son in Hollenbeck Park, 2012 78 Portrait of the artist's son by Shawn Mortensen, 2005.

Bitches ain't shit but hos and tricks'. 1992 album The Chronic, in which Snoop Dogg sings 77 Internet meme originating from a song on Dr. Dre's

East Los Angeles in March, 2007. Gutta, was shot four times by a rival gang member in as screensaver. 18 year old Jonathan Hurtado, aka J.

76 Photo of Bobby's best friend, now deceased, appearing was shot and killed in Los Angeles. Shawn Mortensen on March 8, 1997, the day before he

Christopher George Latore Wallace, b. 1972) taken by 75 Portrait of Biggie Smalls, aka Notorious B.I.G. (née of the year.

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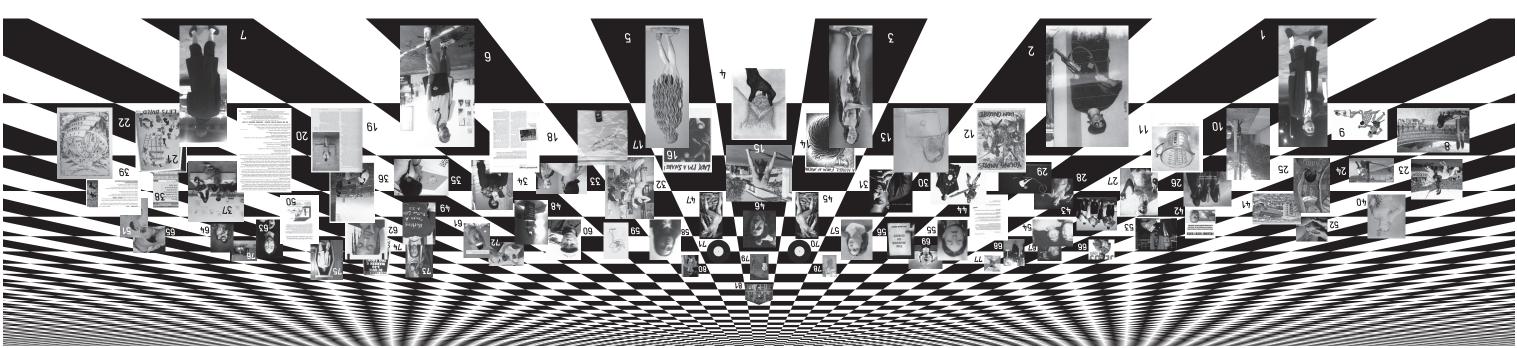
75 Saint Veronica ('true icon') seen in a detail from Christ 72 Photo of Bobby and the artist's son taken in her studio.

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b-side or flipside of vinyl single releases, the A-side 70 The term 'b/w' means 'backed with' and refers to the 69 USC mascot Tommy Trojan in victory pose.

School of Art at USC's commencement ceremony. 68 Professor Frances Stark serving as Marshall for Roski

high school. He took his own life 2009. rap legends appear here, was a friend of the artist since 67 Shawn Mortensen, several of whose iconic portraits of



The iconic partraits of Tupac, Ice Cube, Dr. Dre, and Biggie, as well as partraits of me and my son. were all taken by the artist Shawn Martensen, a friend since high school, who tragically took his own life with a gun in 2009. I'm continually moved by his fearlessness and his romantic idealism embodied in the work. A collection of his photographs, Shawn Mortensen: Out of Mind, was published by Abrams Image in 2007 with a foreword by Glenn O'Brien and an afterward by Richard Prince. My copy bears this inscription: 'For Frances & Arla! Oh My Beanie! We've been friends for 23 years of full on LIFE! Let's look forward to 50 wonderful years!

A note on the music: DJ Quik is a legendary west coast artist out of Compton, California whose music career took off in 1991. The two songs sampled here are: <u>Catch-22</u>, from his 2005 album Trauma, and Fire and Brimstone, from his 2011 album The Book of Darrid. Twice onstage in the last year I've seen him announce that he's retiring at the end of the year. Enormous fan that I am, I hope he changes his mind about that, yet at the same time I eagerly await the results of whatever transformation he may have underway. It doesn't seem possible to stop being an artist.

All augtes attributed to Father G are taken from Father Gregory Boyle's back, Tattaas on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion, published by Free Press, a division of Simon & Schuster. Boyle, a Jesuit, is the founder of Homeboy Industries—an organization that serves high-risk, formerly gang-involved men and warnen with a continuum of free services and programs, and operates serven social enterprises that serve as jab-training sites. He is affectionately and ironically—referred to as Father G ('G' being slang for 'Gangster')

Jonathan Hurtada, 18, described by police as Lating and by medical examiners as black, was shot in a park at 127 South Pecan St. in Bayle Heights, and died at 7:29 p.m. March 2, 2007. Hurtada's attacker, amother Lating youth who walked or bicycled up to him, said, 'Hey, homie, what's up?' then shot him four times. Jonathan, aka J Gutta was the best friend of Babby, aka G Business.

Bobby Jesus's Alma Mater b/w Reading The Book of David and/or Paying Attention is Free, Frances Stark, 2013.

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16 Parable: An old lady discovers a snake mangled on the Conquistadors. Photo by DeWayne Stark. for Serrano Middle School whose team was The

15 Frances, age 13, practicing for cheerleading tryouts

14 From The Book of Genesis Illustrated by R. Crumb, 2009. OSU in Prot. Stark's intermediate drawing class at USC.

the victim of exploitation, Andres is still no angel. panish picaresque itterary tradition, while blatantly once the knight is out of sight. Like all poor boys in the stop his beating, and he complies, only to start up again by his master. Quixote exhorts the master to be fair and noise (young rogue), strapped to a tree being beaten anos with toolish idealism) encounters young Andres. (1605), in which the titular protagonist (now synony-

12 Illustration of a scene in Cervantes' novel Don Quixote 🛛 22 Etching by Anton Lehmden, Colosseum, 1959–61, from 35 Bobby assisting in the artist's studio, cutting out bullet in process of turning cocaine into crack A glass Pyrex measuring cup is a well-known tool used

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- 5 Saint Mary Magdalene by Gregor Erhart, c. 1212-20 rome operating within the juvenile justice system.
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- is home in Los Angeles. Photo of Bobby taken by the artist in El Sereno, near

ou have to listen to The Book of David a few times to hear There's a lot of nuances in kept saving, 'we want your vinyl. There's a lot of movement with the wow and people are really into that somebody was willing to pay anymore, you know, like art that much for my it, I should for art's sake? They don't try to figure out what it is. get it. Like I say, my talents Andy Warhol are being wasted on hiphop right now. There are other places where I can be more prominent. DJ Quik

iterally speaking, an 'aesthete' is defined simply as 'one who perceives'. Perception and its resulting understanding. or meaning-making, is the most basic, immediate and FREE activity everybody has the capacity to derive joy from. I'm talking about aesthetic experience, not consumption or getting a fix from the type of entertainment that tends to want to do the perceiving for you ahead of time. Mother F

ncapable of enjoying the moment, the male needs something to look forward to, and money provides him with an eternal, never-ending goal: Just think what you could do with 80 trillion dollars-Invest it! And in three years time you'd have 300 trillion dollars!!! Valerie Solanas, The SCUM Manifesto

AND WHO GETS RECOGNIZED FOR POURING OUT THE BEER?

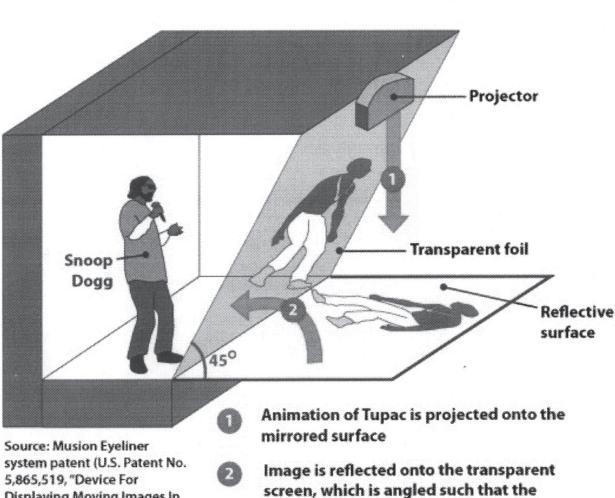
was such a philanthropist I probably gave away \$250,000 to the city of Compton... I got the key to the city of Compton when I was 29 years old. They didn't give me that for my music. That music was violent. They gave me that because of how I was going back into them schools and raising money for them schools. DJ Quik

come company recently was interested in buy-Using my 'aura.' They everything that's going on. didn't want my product. They this album. Check it out on aura.' I never figured out what they wanted. But they were willing to pay a lot for flutter. But I don't know if it. So then I thought that if

Jack Gilbert writes, 'The pregnant heart is driven to hopes that are the wrong size for this of Jesus was consistent in that it was always out of step with the world. Jesus defied all the categories upon which the world insisted: good-evil, success-failure, pure-impure. Surely, He was an equal-opportunity 'pisser-off-er' in this regard. *Father G*

How much did the Tupac hologram cost? The company president speaks.

"We worked with Dr. Dre on this and it was Dre's vision to bring this back to life," said Nick Smith, president of AV Concepts, the San Diego company that created the hologram. "It was his idea from the very beginning and we worked with him and his camp to utilize the technology to make it come to life." Smith said he wasn't allowed to talk about the creative aspects of the production - including how the hologram was able to seemingly perform the set in synch with Snoop and whether all the vocals were 'Pac's – but he did say that his company has the ability to recreate long-dead figures and visually recreate them in the studio. "You can take their likenesses and voice and ... take people that haven't done concerts before or perform music they haven't sung and digitally recreate it," he said.



Displaying Moving Images In The Background Of A Stage"); Musion Systems Ltd.

Graphic by Roxanne Palmer for the International Business Times

he tyranny of success often can't be bothered with complexity. The tricate, tragic struggle to figure out who he was in the world... Success and failure ultimately have little to do with living the *Wilhelm Reich*, The Murder gospel. [...] The American poet of Christ

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adies and gentlemen, boys and girls, ____ pimps, players and world.' The strategy and stance women of the night, welcome to the world of Rhythm-al-ism! Now since this is my intro. I'mma do somethin' a little crazy. Check it out... We gon' show off a little bit. Now watch it, cause these ain't no studio tricks... DJ Quik

cerity and seriousness of this process can go on again and claim. And vet, the truth of again, hopefully forever, in the matter, as Marx sees, is ever more profitable forms. that everything that bour- Marshall Berman, All That is geois society builds, is built Solid Melts Into Air (1982) to be torn down. 'All that is solid'—from the clothes on our backs to the looms and mills that weave them, to the men and women who work the machines, to the houses and neighborhoods the workers live in, to the firms

screen, which is angled such that the audience sees Tupac but not the foil.

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the workers, to the towns and claim to be the 'Party cities and whole regions and of Order' in modern politics even nations that embrace them all—all these are made amounts of money and ener- to be broken tomorrow, verized or dissolved, so they body else that way? building, testify to the sin- next week, and the whole of Christ

erhaps if we can break Jesus out of religion, free him from creeds, doctrines and dogmas, we can once again hear his invitation to enter the God experience known in the fullness of life. That is the Jesus I seek. He neither was nor is a miracle worker. He did not walk on water, heal the sick, or raise the dead. Rather, in his radical humanity, he lived out the meaning of God and caused those who glimpsed his life or felt his power to exclaim, 'God was in Christ,' and thus God, the gospel writers assert, can also be in you and in me. John Shelby Spong, Jesus for the Non-Religious

n his General and Natural History of the Indies (1535), the first account of Spain's foray into the Americas, he tried to describe bouncing, a term not then in the Spanish language: 'These balls jump much more than our hollow balls—by far—because even if they are only let slip from the hand to the ground, they rise much further than they started. and they make a jump, and then another and another, and many more, decreasing in height by itself, like hollow balls, but more so.' Indians made the strange, springy material of the balls, he wrote by combining 'tree roots and herbs and juices and a combination of things.... [A]fter [the mixture] is dried, it becomes rather spongy, not because it has holes or voids like a sponge, but because it becomes lighter, as if it were flabby and rather heavy.' Wait a minute, one wants to say: how could something 'become lighter' yet be 'rather heavy'? Navagero, d'Anghiera, and Oviedo had a right to be confounded: they were encountering a novel form of matter. The balls were made of rubber.

Charles C. Mann, 1493: Uncovering the New World

hrist, therefore, does not in the beginning consider himself as something special. He just can be recycled or replaced Wilhelm Reich, The Murder



