company my son decame familiar with decause of their 81 The Making of a Fresco Showing the Building of a City, also be read as an attitude of love in the face of hate. meant to imply that envy is a motivation factor could while wearing his DGK 'I 🗢 Haters!' hat. The statemen 80 Artist's son inadvertently making a Jesus hand signal 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.

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

Gutta, was shot four times by a rival gang member in

as screensaver. 18 year old Jonathan Hurtado, aka J.

of the year. announced he'd be leaving the music business at the end 74 DJ Quik headlined the 'West Coast Fest' 3/21/13 and Carrying the Cross, 1446, Biagio d'Antonio 75 Saint Veronica ('true icon') seen in a detail from Christ 72 Photo of Bobby and the artist's son taken in her studio.

being the projected hit. 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 52 Found image of childbirth showing the entire head of 67 Shawn Mortensen, several of whose iconic portraits of

66 Ad for Dirty Chetto Kids, or DGK, a clothing 65 L'Origine du Monde (The Origin of the World), 1866

62 DJ Quik, nee David Blake (b. 1970) (photo credit

60 1992 Portrait of Dr. Dre (née Andre Young, b. 1965) by

book Where Did I Come From? written by Peter

58 Portrait of Bobby by the artist, 2012. The likeness to

55 Portrait of Frances Stark by Shawn Mortensen, 1994.

shot and killed at age 15 directly in front of the artist's

The speech also can come across as an infomercial for

neant to garner support for the nation's war on drugs.

presenting a dag of crack cocaine as a prop in a speech

(former director of the C.I.A.) appeared on television

53 On September 5, 1989 president George H. W. Bush

the iniant emerging from the mother s vagina.

54 Snapshot of Bobby with lil Mikey, aka Ghost, who was

uis inexpensive form of cocaine

59 Illustration by Arthur Robins taken from the 1977

Magdalena [57] is purely coincidental.

Mayle, 'The facts of life without any nonsense and with

Shawn Mortensen

for a popular annual music festival. 2Pac-deceased Document showing technique used to 'resurrect' 2Pac sobby his first job as an errand boy at age 15. El Lazarillo de Tormes is the name of a Spanish picaoullet like a job. Founder and director Father 'G gave 49 The motto of Homeboy Industries is 'Nothing stops a 64 El Lazarillo de Tormes, 1808-1812 by Francisco Goya. 63 Christ Giving His Blessing, Hans Memling 1478 48 Bobby assisting in the artist's studio.

both the Nicuaraguan Contras and the CIA, best known 56 The Murder of Christ by Wilhelm Reich, 1953.

64] See [45] or who has no understanding of them. one who is nostile or indifferent to culture and the arts, posted on the free online dating site OK Cupid. Philistine warrior Goliath. Today, 'philistine' means 61 Image taken from a blog poking fun at a guy who or The bible tells of the shepherd David slaying the giant

45 Cupia Making His Arch, c. 1555-1555, Parmigianino the doctor performs her routine gynecological exam. nission for USC medical students to be present while 44 Form signed by patient, Frances Stark, declining per-

51 Edith Clifford, 'Champion Sword Swallower'

since '96—performed Tive' onstage in the form of a

45 Three ostensible gangbangers being arrested by а per, re-named himself after the legendary figure. Ross, a former correctional facilities officer-turned-rap- 57 Magdalena, by Cheorghe Tattarescu, 19th c. or his role in the evolution of cocaine into crack. Rick

> 2 Ricky Ross was a drug kingpin with connections to correge stadium. sparking controversy about having their name on a corporations gave money to the University of Florida 41 GEO GROUP, one of the largest for-profit prison

World', lived 1886-1942 40 Edith Clifford, 'Champion Sword Swallower of the

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petier harden up and stop acting like a til soft cake and Redemption. Massachusets: Beacon Press, 2012. since infancy is Beanie): 'beans, you a n***a now so you What Gangs Taught Me About Violence, Drugs, Love, reproduced for the cover of jorda leads sumper in: 38 Message from Bobby to the artist (whose nickname 13 Sketch of Bobby made by a student during a live modeling 25 Mi Madre de los Angeles by Fabian Debora, 2009 Bobby and his childhood friend Mr. Martin.

Back while modeling for her drawing class at USC with 24 A Crip fights a Blood on a Los Angeles street. 37 Frances Stark reads Flannery O'Conner's Parker's viemoriai Coliseum. overlooking The LA County Jail, aka Twin Towers. 'Traveler' at USC's home stadium, the Los Angeles spray-painting on cardboard in my studio parking lot is Tommy Trojan scene here atop his horse named 36 Photo of Bobby, my son, and his two best friends

holes to be used in a collage.

autobiography of Dick Gregory.

founding member of N.W.N.) pictured reading the

55 Father Gregory Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries

Angeles-based artist, DJ Quik, released by Mad Science

featuring Skerrit Bwoy with the artist Frances Stark

30 Poster for 2011 performance Put a Song in your Thing

'head' or the mainstream. E.g. the Kardashians (head)

scribes a distribution model in contradistinction to the

31, 2009 (Photo: Mark Blower). The 'Long Tail' de-

Institute of Contemporary Arts, London, on January

Caravaggio (Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna)

an acronym for 'The Hate U Give Little Infants Fucks

Mortensen in 1993. Tupac's tattoo, 'THUG LIFE', is

27 Iconic portrait of Tupac Shakur taken by Shawn

Mozart's Magic flute.

28 David with the Head of Goliath, 1597-98, Amerighi

54 Shawn Mortensen's 1994 portrait of Ice Cube (a

31 The Book of David is the 8th studio album by Los

in Los Angeles, talking with a homie.

52 Matisse and his Model, by Brassaï, 1930

Photo by Nadya Wasylko

25 The mascot of the University of Southern California picaro (young rogue), strapped to a tree being beaten nous with foolish idealism) encounters young Andres, (1605), in which the titular protagonist (now synony-The Grunwald Collection, The Hammer Museum 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

ine seven icons will be hidden, by Bihzad 11 A glass Pyrex measuring cup is a well-known tool used 21 Building of Castle Khawarnaq, wherein the

artist, poster designed with Stuart Bailey. about what can't possibly be done. Organized by the of his grandmother's house in East Los Angeles, across spould be done, unhindered by administrative worries Dehotograph of the artist's son taken by Bobby in front to de, and do; an opportunity to ireely imagine what torum to seriously consider what we want our schools while extracting great riches. They were responsible for YO A symposium offering artists, students and educators a

ners in the company that sells Beats by Dre headphones

did you do that!?' and he answers 'Lady, I'm a snake.'

side of the road. She brings it home, nurses it back to

Conquistadors. Photo by DeWayne Stark.

for Serrano Middle School whose team was The

a pet. Once recovered he bites her and she cries out 'Why

health, grows quite fond of the snake and treats him like

dized the Americas with hopes of winning souls for God York studio, 1960. Photo: Alexander Liberman. Conquistadors ('conquerors') were soldiers who colo-June/July. 2013: p. 51. Caption: Martin in her New 19 From: Schiff, Karen L. 'Slow Reveal.' Art in America. killed in the Roman Coliseum. 8 Illustration showing Christians being tortured and

Innovation.' lovine and Young (aka Dr. Dre) are part-Young Academy for Arts, Technology and Business of million gift to create 'The Jimmy lovine and Andre nedicai marijuana ciinic. Bobby, in the studio, ready for a job interview at a 18 Page from USC's magazine announcing the \$70

TO PARENTS*. Inside the bag is contraband (purloined which is written her son's name with a note to *TALK 29 Mark Leckey in the Long Tail, a performance at the moment in childbirth when the head first appears. 17 Evidence presented to the artist by a camp counselor An augmented found drawing depicting 'crowning,' the

> home trips' allowed during an 18 month stay in a boy's 16 Parable: An old lady discovers a snake mangled on the I Bobby, age 15, posing with an AK-47 on one of his 2 Photo taken by Lil Mikey, aka Ghost (now deceased)

5 Saint Mary Magdalene by Gregor Erhart, c. 1515-20.

+ From The Book of Genesis Illustrated by R. Crumb, 2009.

ession in Prof. Stark's intermediate drawing class at USC.

the victim of exploitation, Andres is still no angel.

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ouce the knight is out of sight. Like all poor boys in the

gob his beating, and he complies, only to start up again

by his master. Quixote exhorts the master to be fair and

in process of turning cocaine into crack

rom General Hospital and USC Medical Center.

the near extermination of the native population.

nis nome in Los Angeles.

26 Still from Ingmar Bergman's film adaptation of Photo of Bobby taken by the artist in El Sereno, near 15 Frances, age 13, practicing for cheerleading tryouts etuq' gnale definition of Spanish slang 'puta

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 Mortensen, 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 fareward 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 sangs sampled here are: <u>Catch-22</u>, from his 2005 album Trauma, and Fire and Brimstone, from his 2011 album The Book of David. Twice omstage 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 quotes attributed to Father G are taken from Father Gregary Boyle's book, Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion, published by Free Press, a division of Simon & Schuster. Boyle, a Jesuit, is the founder of Hameboy Industries—an organization that serves high-risk, farmerly gang-involved men and women with a continuum of free services and programs, and operates seven social enterprises that serve as job-training sites. He is affectionately and ironically—referred to as Father G ('G' being slang for 'Gangster').

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

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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Paying Attention Is Free

boys and girls, pimps, **_** players and 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 nca-

en to

pable of joying 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 hopes dollars!!! Valerie Solanas. The SCUM Manifesto

CHECK OUT MONEY & PUSSY MAKE THE WORLD 'ROUND GO (THAT'S RIGHT) THAT'S IT'S BEEN SINCE THE BEGINNING

he tyranny of success often can't be bothered with complexity. The tote board matters little when held up alongside [R.I.P.]'s intricate, tragic struggle to figure out who he was in the world... Suc-

that are the wrong size for this world.' The strategy and figure out what it is. stance of Jesus was consis-Andy Warhol tent in that it was always out of step with the world. Jesus defied all the categories

erhaps if we can break Jesus out of religion, upon which the world insistfree him from creeds, ed: good-evil, success-faildoctrines and dogmas, we ure, pure-impure. Surely, He can once again hear his inviwas an equal-opportunity tation to enter the God ex-'pisser-off-er' in this regard. perience known in the fullness of life. That is the Jesus I seek. ou have to listen to He neither was

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The Book of David nor is a mira few times to hear everything that's going on. There's a lot of nuances in did not this album. Check it out on walk on vinyl. There's a lot of movement with the wow and heal the flutter. But I don't know if sick, or people are really into that raise the anymore, you know, like art de a d. for art's sake? They don't Rath-TIME. get it. Like I say, my talents er, in are being wasted on hip-hop his radright now. There are other ical huplaces where I can be more prominent. DJ Quik

ome company recently was interested in his life or felt his powbuying my 'aura.' They didn't want my prodcess and failure ultimately uct. They kept saying, 'we gospel writers assert, can have little to do with living want your aura.' I never fig- also be in you and in me. the gospel. [...] The Ameri- ured out what they wanted. John Shelby Spong, Jesus for can poet Jack Gilbert writes, But they were willing to pay the Non-Religious

'The pregnant heart is driv- a lot for it. So then I thought that if somebody was willing to pay that much

'aesthete' is defined its resulting understandwas my faith. Mother F tion

ceiving for you t a certain point I opted to climb inside self heartened by Mother \ and try to grasp a Teresa's take: 'We are not ERS. useful understanding of the called to be successful but misogyny that I had been faithful.' This distinction ME

ahead of time.

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should try to

was continually struggling you from being faithful. **—** simply as 'one who to answer precisely why I keeps you from truly seeperceives'. Perception and allowed so many appropri- ing whoever's sitting in ateness boundaries to be front of you. ing, or meaning -making, is crossed. The recurring ra- Father G. the most basic, immediate tionale was that my son was and FREE activity ev- fundamentally an aesthete erybody has the ca- by nature (like myself) and, well. I never went around saying it but there was no give us good ones... You somehow, from society's definition of failure. This

> comfort with inverting cat- the new purity code. And Jebad? Setback or progress? the gospel. Great stock these days [...] Father G is placed in evidence-based outcomes. People, funders in particular, want to know if what you do 'works.' Are you, in the end, successful? Naturally, I find my-

iterally speaking, an side me and consequently I Salivating for success keeps f our primary goal is results, we will choose only

I to work with those who

denying that I believed on stand with the belligerent. some level that an aesthete the surly, and the badly be-(and/or potential artist) is haved, until bad behavior is some kind of supra-mor- recognized for the language being... in the beyond it is: the vocabulary of the good and evil sense, exempt, deeply wounded and of those whose burdens are more than they can bear. [...] Jesus jostled irreparably with the purity code of the shot callers of His day. He recognized wenty years of this that it was precisely this code work has taught me that kept folks from kinship. that God has greater Maybe success has become egories than I do. What is sus shows us that the desire success and what is failure? for purity (nine times out of What is good and what is ten) is, in fact, the enemy of

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