

CHECKMATE

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——A*N*N*I*H*A*L*U*S

"Better than the crap they've been feeding you for years!"

——Raves 'Damn Yer Head' Magazines

Foreword:

"What is this beautiful thing that I hold in my hand?" I hear you ask. Well, it's not your father's newsletter and it's much too wide and flat to be your penis. This new and bold approach to journalism is not only an insult to every tabloid and newspaper ever written (Weekly World News excluded), but it is also a multi-purpose piece of propaganda. This hard-hitting-truth-telling-low-shot-throwing-no-self-respect-having piece of paper you have in your hands is the enlightenment you require to make it through another boring event. Undoubtedly I will go to Hell for this. More than likely, many of you will want to send me there. Until such time I invite you to read on.

What are the many uses of CheckMate?

This newsletter has many uses. You could, if you so felt fit, gain a more open perspective on the world around you by simply taking the time to read this through. As a more plausible and likely alternative, you could wipe your ass with the paper it is printed on. I understand that paper makes good kindling so you could start a fire with it. If you are in need of either a liner for your catbox or something for the bottom of your birdcage then I'm sure this would do a splendid job of both. If you can imagine a new use then by all means feel free to tell me.

Who writes this crap?

The answer to this one is complicated. I will endeavor to explain as best I know how. We all do. Well, actually Tick-Tock does. Reality check: I find ammo for this newsletter by simply showing up to the park and making mental notes of all the pathetic-lame-ass-dope-smoking-shit that I am forced to witness on a regular basis. So, to say that only Tick-Tock writes this is inaccurate because without you, my dedicated readers, I wouldn't have anything to scribble down.

Are you threatening Amtgard, the CK, or any of the fighting companies?

No, however, I am ridiculing you. Smile.¹

Do you have any idea what you're saying?

Honestly, my memory isn't what it used to be. In fact, in a month if you were to quote me for any of this I probably won't remember saying it. If you present proof (i.e. this tabloid) then I will believe you are telling the truth; although I don't really expect anyone to hang on to this garbage for an entire month.

I can't believe you actually signed your name to this...

Yeah, well we all make mistakes on occasion. Enjoy.

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¹ If you, or someone you know, was insulted or their feelings were hurt by this tabloid then please tell them to get counseling.

LEAD STORY

Zodiac is NOT Wolfrum

New study shows evidence that two are not the same

April 28, 1999 A recent study released by the Byzantine University of Tick-Tock (BUTT) has shown evidence that many believe proves that Zodiac is not the famed Sword Knight Baron Count Sir Wolfrum Bloodletter of the Iron Mountains. In fact, the evidence suggests that Zodiac might be some sad attempt at a 'wannabe' persona cloned after that of the Iron Mountains Warlord. "A good deal of time and energy has been spent here in order to discover the truth of this matter," scientist Dr. Argus Lynch said. "We worked tirelessly day in and day out, and sometimes without beer, to piece together this mystery. The last bit of imperative evidence came last week when we obtained hair and clothing samples from the two specimens and were able to compare them." When asked about the substantial differences found Dr. Lynch referred our investigation team to the Chosen Forensics Lab where we met with the facilities manager, M. Asylus Cotta Ph.D.

Dr. Cotta, or Asylus as he prefers to be called, showed us the evidence. "Wofrum's hair is brown with a 60/40 ratio of mousse and hairspray. Apparently this is part of what gives Wolfrum his famed *Perfect Hair*," Asylus said. "Zodiac also has brown hair, but our science team found traces of Vaseline, Rogaine, semen, and hair gel." Explaining further, Asylus informed us that, "despite efforts to decode the DNA sequence of the sample, we were unfortunately unable to ascertain the person responsible for the spunk;

however, we did get clothing samples and our science team has gone to work on one of Zodiac's tunics we believe has a very revealing stain still on it."

A spokesman for the University would only say that test results on the tunic were inconclusive. Nevertheless, our efforts were not in vain. We did interview a reliable source that was six foot-two inches, short black hair, roughly 220 lbs., named Draknar that requested to remain anonymous. He told us that, "We also did blood sampling from the two. We found that Wolfrum's blood is A positive and clean. Zodiac was AB negative and was tainted with the usual: crack, booze, pot, Viagra. etc. We also found a high level of sulfates and low calcium. This is not unusual, of course - not unless you're a 27 year-old primate."

More evidence is still being looked into by the Anthropology, Psychology, and Biology departments. "Information will be made readily available as our groups decode this mystery," a spokesman for the University said. "As of now we feel that we have a very strong case " No further information was made available but we guarantee that as it comes to light, the CheckMate group will be feeding you the facts.

Darkjesters to get Barcode System

Database will be similar to that of Saracen's

The Darkjester Co. announced Tuesday that it would begin implementing its new bar code system. "The old database just couldn't keep up," Zodiac, founder and CEO, said in a public press conference. "We've been bringing in so many new members lately that we're having trouble distinguishing between the 'wanna-bes' and our company that likes to dress in purple."

Each Darkjester will now have a bar code instead of a name. The bar codes, which will consist of a tattoo across the butt, will be given in order of seniority. For instance, Zodiac will be bar code 000-0001 because he was first, and Shanti will be bar code number 000-000-000-000-000-000-000-0008 because she was eighth.

This new system should help keep their company organized and their asses stinging from something other than the regular butt kicking they receive on the field.

Father Thomas Stands Up for Himself!

In a recent incident of what many are calling 'a show of self-respect' it is reported that Father Thomas actually stood up for himself. Repercussions of this event have caused many to question their faith. The Pope himself was quoted as saying, "My faith has been shattered. When I begin to believe that miracles can only be in the name of God, something like this happens."

Those who have recovered from the shock remember a time when Father Thomas was the CK king known as 'Pushover' or 'Noodle Dick' to coin a phrase. Recently, it would seem, we had been incorrect to judge FT as a man with no spine. Instead, Father Thomas should be known as the man with a *weak* spine.

Ethnic Cleansing at Drakenroc continues

In the seventh week of 'Ethnic Cleansing' many are feared dead at Drakenroc. No aid has been supplied to the refugees as they

flee from their home field in fear. The Chosen Holy Warriors of BoB the Unforgiving have begun a crusade of death in the Elysian fields in the North lands of the CK. "The turmoil stems back almost three months when certain denizens opened their pie hole and we decided they needed it shut, even if we had to do it for them," one spokesman for the Chosen said. Mass graves have been dug for many personas incapable of surviving the campaign of horror.

So far there has been no intervention by the Celestial Kingdom Army to stop these crimes against humanity.

Rand Calls it Quits Self-Proclaimed Prophet of the Apocalypse to Retire

When you consider collateral damage, the number lost due to an individual's attitude and actions, and every attempt at making him go away it must be admitted that Rand the Apostate has been by far one of the single most damaging forces in the Celestial Kingdom's history. "Ironic isn't it?" Shanti was quoted as saying, "I stacked an entire BOD, the populace, spread lies, and even had Medryn fake an injury to get rid of him and he wouldn't leave. Who'd have thought he would just retire like this?"

An unrelated story, but funny just the same, is that at the moment of Rand's retirement speech Zodiac proclaimed he could 'get it up again'.

During an emotional speech, Rand spoke of past exploits and explained his reasons for fading into retirement. "Why is that perfectly arrogant, dolphin-hating, Saracen-kicking stick jocks like myself can't score on a job well done? I'll tell you why: Exploiting human suffering has become so empty that I am scarce to find reason to stay."

Some are skeptical of Rand's departure and have voiced concerns that *he* will return. Some have equated Rand's retirement with the binding of Satan in Revelations and that, much like the Devil, Rand himself will only be bound for a thousand years and that *his* return will mark an even darker apocalypse than the one *he* started so many years ago.

Annihalus Application Form

1. When beaten by a better fighter I _____.
 - a. quietly vow to injure that person (i.e. break a knee, ribs, etc.)
 - b. assume they cheated
 - c. feign an injury to discredit them (i.e. broken ribs)
 - d. all of the above

2. I usually keep _____ on hand at events.
 - a. beer, pot, and LSD
 - b. beer, crack, and LSD
 - c. beer, pot, and crack
 - d. beer, pot, crack, and LSD

3. I have slept with (number) of fat chicks.
 - a. 4
 - b. no more than two
 - c. 5 or more
 - d. haven't gotten any

4. One day I hope to be a _____.
 - a. knight
 - b. Darkjester
 - c. foot rest for Swiftwind
 - d. I have no ambition

5. To me Tigers are _____.
 - a. friends
 - b. equals
 - c. lackeys
 - d. service bitches

6. I think those Torch guys are _____.
 - a. really cool
 - b. bullies
 - c. assholes
 - d. snappy dressers

7. My dinner usually consists of _____.
 - a. condiment packages of ketchup
 - b. Macaroni in cheese and tater-tots
 - c. mashed potatoes and tater-tots
 - d. Old Milwaukee

8. The Annihalus symbol is _____.
- a. a sheep with lightning coming out of its ass
 - b. a sheep with lightning coming out of its ass symbolizing sexual preference
 - c. a storm cloud
 - d. it keeps changing when I look at it...man....the colors...
9. My company loyalty is so strong that I would _____.
- a. share my beer
 - b. share my weed
 - c. vote for Zodiac
 - d. vote for Shanti
10. When Imagg walks _____.
- a. I follow
 - b. I quickly throw myself underfoot so he can avoid getting his shoes dirty
 - c. my nose wiggle in him bungle
 - d. Imagg doesn't walk - I carry him on my back wherever he goes

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a speeding ticket?

Yes No

--Answering 'No' may not necessarily bar you from employment.