

# THE NEWS-REVIEW

## Gaius Baltar is a Cylon!

*By Playa Palacios*



*Gaius Baltar in Galactica's Brig*

*Picture by James McManus*

We've been betrayed! The man we trusted to lead us is a frakking Cylon! It's hard to believe, but in an ironic twist of fate, the former President's real identity as a Cylon agent was uncovered by his own invention. A decision must now be made on what to do with; I say throw the frakker out the nearest airlock!

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## Yet more elections loom!

*By Sekou Hamilton*

What the hell is wrong with our Government and their inability to keep an elected head in office for more than five minutes? First we had Laura Roslin before the Dictator Admiral Cain took over, after she was assassinated we had Gaius Baltar who turned out to be a Cylon! And now we have a spiritual leader and some say religious zealot in charge, then we hear that yet more elections have been called, who the frak will be chosen next? I for one have lost all faith in our so-called democracy. Five Presidents in as many years is clearly a sign that we are failing as a society and more radical measures need to be taken.

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# An interview with our new President

*By Playa Palacios*

We all know Athena but from now on you'll have to address her as Madame President. When Gaius Baltar was discovered to be a Cylon, the fleet's spiritual leader also became its President. We talked with her aboard *Colonial One*.

What qualities do you possess that make you an effective leader?

"The Lords of Kobol guided me to their home planet and the temple of Athena, showing me the way to Earth, I am not swayed by riches or power and have only the interests of my people to look after."

Why did you choose Henry Boyd as your Vice President?

"Henry has a brilliant legal and strategic mind, he offers wise council on important matters and is as honest as our journey to Earth is long."

After recent events many people have lost faith in the Government, what can you say to reassure them?

"In the past we have been governed by people who sought vengeance above survival and vanity before sanity, under my leadership we will work as one towards a consistent goal - the survival of the human race on Earth under peaceful skies."

Given the discovery of the new planet should we settle there or continue the search for Earth?

"Each and every member of the human race has a destiny laid out before them by the Lords of Kobol who have chosen to reveal my destiny and it lies in finding Earth. It's up to each man and woman to look into their hearts and decide if they should follow or hide on a cold, desolate planet living in constant fear of the Cylons."

Shouldn't you finish out the rest of Baltar's Presidential term rather than hold more elections?

"The Presidency was thrust upon me and it would be unfair to the people to have this influence the outcome of every future decision I need to make."

What will become of the Cylon detector?

"I will seek council from the best minds in the fleet as the only person capable of running the test was Gaius Baltar."

Should Gaius Baltar be executed?

"This is a question of morality which will have to be discussed with the Admiral. Would you slay a dog because it can kill your new born child or instead tie it up outside to warn you of approaching lions?"

What will happen to the crew and passengers of the *Corona*?

"We were only able to test one of them and I am of the opinion they were used as bait in the Cylon trap that cost us so many lives. Without the ability to perform the test I will be pressing for the rest of them to be returned to the general population to aid us in whatever way they can."

Thank you for your time Madame President and good luck.



*The President on Colonial One*

*Picture by James McManus*

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# Is the Black Market a necessary evil?

*By John Sowell*

Mr. Copernicus is a mysterious man who values his privacy, is well spoken and charismatic, a natural born salesman you might say, but lurking beneath the surface is a keen intellect combined with a fierce determination. The News-Review interviewed him for our investigation into the Black Market:

What is the Black Market?

"It is simply a way of sourcing items that are otherwise hard to find. Black has sinister connotations so I like to think of it as more grey. It's the same as if you make a deal with a friend to exchange goods or services, something I think we have all done."

Are you its head?

"I make money from buying and selling commodities that people either don't or do want, this operation is not run by one large company so it does not have a "head" as such but rather a number of entrepreneurs, of which I am one."

Are you a criminal?

"I have been falsely accused in the past. People become jealous or see you as a threat but this goes for most people that end up being successful in what they do. I'm always fair in my dealings and operate within the law."

Should the Black Market be allowed to continue?

"Good luck trying to stop it! If you make buying and selling a crime then everyone who deals in second hand goods is a crook. Where would that leave fetes and jumble sales? We would all become criminals overnight and you will force it further underground where it will be run by real criminals."

Who is Phelan and what part does he play in the Black Market?

"As a professional businessman I never discuss my potential competitors. It is no secret to say that Phelan is more in the line of supplying services that people need whereas I deal mainly in commodities. Our paths therefore seldom cross."

Have you ever killed anyone?

"I have only ever been forced to act in self-defense. That also includes a number of Cylons recently when I found myself part of the group that saved the *Galactica*."

What are your thoughts on the new President and Vice president?

"I find it best to avoid politics, I have come across more liars, cheats and self profiteers than in my own line of work. I have worked closely with both the new President and Vice president and have no concerns."

Should we settle on the new planet and, if so, will the Black Market continue there?

"If it will help the Human race survive then I say yes. Everyone being killed by the Cylons will be very bad for business. As I said before people will always want to buy and sell goods and services, I will however, try and ensure that it is run fairly by being involved in some small way."

Thank you for your time Mr. Copernicus.



*A rare photo of Phelan, is he the real boss of the Black Market?*

*Picture from undisclosed source*

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# Another election and here's the hopefuls

*By Sekou Hamilton*

It seems not a day passes without an election of some sort. After the shock discovery of Gaius Baltar as a Cylon his spiritual advisor and then Vice President was forced to take over and we hear that she's called yet another election! So we present the candidates and their views:



**Romo Lampkin** is the lawyer who famously prosecuted Mr. Copernicus and had him put away for five years. He's tough in the courtroom and possesses an almost encyclopedic knowledge of colonial law. His views:

"We've all been through a lot recently and it's obvious to me that both the fleet and Government need stability, I can provide that through a common sense approach, removing bureaucracy and instilling strong leadership. I've represented people from all walks of life during my career so I understand the needs and wants of the fleet."



**Laura Roslin** needs no introduction; she's a formidable presence and has a proven track record as President. She told us:

"First I want to apologize for being away for so long, Admiral Cain's dictatorship was a bitter pill to swallow and I was powerless to end her tyranny while languishing in prison. I promise a bright future for all of us with a reinvigorated government committed to the fleet's well being and our continued journey to Earth. With my experience you will all be in capable hands."



**Marko Julian** is the foreman aboard the manufacturing ship *Mekata* where he has gained a loyal following with his outspoken anti-government comments. He says

"We need to sweep away the dead wood and start again with a fresh canvas. It's obvious to me that this current administration is flawed. A religious fanatic taking advice from a Doctor, no wonder we're in so much trouble! We need to find a place to live and Earth is just a fantasy to maintain morale. We have an opportunity to settle on the newly discovered planet hidden away from the Cylons. It will be hard at first but I know we can do things right this time and build a society and eventually a civilization on this new world."



**Sarabeth Naxos** is a religious scholar aboard the *Gemenon Traveller* and considers herself the voice of the people. Sarabeth has been a regular sight in the fleet where she does her best to console and advise those in need of guidance. She says:

"As human beings we need to turn to a guiding light in times of trouble. I am fortunate to have been given that gift by the Gods. Unlike Athena, I will give the people choice rather than a blind, uncompromising quest for Earth. The Gods will guide us, but let us embrace their love rather than be blinded by it. The current planet seems unsuitable for our needs so let us continue our journey together, civilian and military with one goal – a place to call home. "

We wish them all the best in the coming election, until the next one that is!

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# Could the new planet be a new beginning?

*By Sekou Hamilton*

What to make of the newly discovered planet? That's the question on everyone's minds. Extensive surveys carried out by the military have determined that only 20% of the surface can support human life and even then it's a cold, harsh environment hardly ideal for settlement, but it's a fact we may need to come to terms with sooner rather than later. The fleet has been through so much recently what with the assassination of Admiral Cain and the bloody coup that followed plus the discovery that Gaius Baltar is a Cylon.

We all need to pause, draw a deep breath and lick our wounds. We need time to heal before events tear us apart. The nebula will effectively mask us from the Cylons and the planet itself can support human life indefinitely so we should stay here for a time at least before continuing our search for Earth.

What of those voices in the fleet that speak of permanent settlement? I say let them stay if they want to but remember our goal is Earth so if they remain behind they will be on their own. Perhaps a vote should be taken, but I for one would find living out the rest of my life on this miserable planet intolerable so let us hope that more sensible minds prevail.



*The recently discovered planet*

*Picture capture by Raptor cam*

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"A Day aboard *Galactica*", the story of the hardships the brave men and women of the famous Battlestar must endure every day to protect the fleet



We interview *Galactica's* Chief Engineer: Tartarus Nyx

## Also



What's it like on the new planet? The News-Review sends our top journalist Playa Palacios to find out!



How to we go about detecting Cylons and what scientific problems need to be addressed?

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