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On Nov 26, 4:14 am, paradisel...@xxxxxxxxx (Poetic Justice) wrote:

Inger E wrote:

An interesting article in the discussion re.
the cave found in Rome area:
<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,22813219-12377,00.html>

[IMO] The Italian Culture Ministry has been telling whoopers every year for 3 yrs now for the Worldwide press coverage.

[IIRC]

First it was "King's Palace discovered in Roman Forum", this so-called new discovery was drummed-up like a major find.

The Regia (Royal Palace) & area was traditionally believed to be the palace of Rome's 2nd King Numa (715-673BC).

Whether true or not, a 7C noble Etruscan house was excavated in that location years ago.

And the 'REX' (king) cup/bowl dating to I believe ~625BC was also found there (iffy but still).

Also I *believe* the 'Domus Publica' remains followed the same lines as this *newly* discovered Palace (just built-over over the centuries).

Next it was "Newly discovered tombs predate Romulus' founding of Rome" (753BC).

Again a major drummed-up discovery and the PR hype was Romulus' people weren't the first to settle here which would change the founding of Rome's history.

These tombs were found in the 'Forum of Caesar' and I recall dated to the ~12C.

But they knew that in the Roman Forum Museum there are cremation urns and funerary artifacts dating to the 10C found in the Roman Forum. And this was just one small excavated area in the Forum.

And on the Palatine Hill human artifacts from the Middle Palaeolithic

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Age right up to a permanent settlement in the 13C BC have been found.

I wonder if they were really looking for this nymphaeum listed below?
Do they use something like GPR beforehand? This would show a large hollow structure underground?

Or was this just a lucky shot where they drilled?

'Early and Imperial Rome: Or, Promenade Lectures on the Archaeology' by Hodder Michael Westropp – 1884

<http://tinyurl.com/37jlyz>

"Aldovrandi, who lived in the middle of the sixteenth century,, tells us that a nymphaeum, ornamented with marine shells, was discovered at the foot of that part of the Palatine near the church of S. Anastasia in his day. This was probably the Lupercal".

They know this nymphaeum is in the wrong place to be the Lupercal. And the photos and that 16C account only show and mention sea shells and nothing to tie it in with a She-Wolf, the twins or anything to do with that myth?

This map shows the location of this nymphaeum (in the center, a blue circle).

If you draw a line left to right thru the blue circle.

Starting from the right; You have the Circus Maximus, modern street, the Church, the grassy slope/base of the Hill, the nymphaeum.

On the left; The line cuts thru the bottom side of the Temple of Apollo which is above the line.

Below the line; is the House of Augustus and to the left of that the House of Livia.

Now in the lower left corner of that map in that blank space is where the Temple of Victory was.

And where Dionysius of Halicarnassus wrote that the Lupercal was in front of at the base of the Hill.

[Map]www.beniculturali.it/immagini/ImgPalatino/Planimetria4.zip

This photo shows where they drilled the hole on the Hill's slope. Those huge stone blocks are either the foundation for the Temple of Apollo or a retaining wall? The temple is actually set back a little farther.
www.beniculturali.it/sala/DettaglioImmagine/20112007_1.asp

I really wish it was the Lupercal they found but that just seems to be very wishful thinking:).

But did Nero really build his Palace that far over and oddly to the base of the Palatine? Regards, Walter

..And Paradise Was Lost...like teardrops in the rain...

shell mosaics ? are there any Pasific Ocean material present ?

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