The Approval Matrix: Week of June 6, 2011

Our deliberately oversimplified guide to who falls where on our taste hierarchies.

HIGHBROW

- Supermarket king John Catsimatidis says his daughter’s marriage to former grandson is “America’s version of the British royal wedding.”
- Moys Angeles, Crash poet aims for/profiles through repetition, achieves repetitiveness but not profundity.
- Jonny Greenwood, intense “Duggie” for string trio and orchestra.
- Celebrity photographer Rankin will shoot glossy-style portraits of regular New Yorkers from June 1 through June 10, at the Park Avenue Armory.
- Why has every tennis player and commentator become obsessed with Novak Djokovic’s gluten-free diet?
- Iceland’s official tourism video: Iceland Wants to Be Your Friend.
- Satellite infrared scans locate seventeen underground, undiscovered pyramids in Egypt.
- The Japan-Latin American-Southern Italian melting-pot cuisine at the Dutch.
- Beyoncé credits a YouTube video of Italian artist Lorello Cuccurin with inspiring her elaborate Billboard Awards performance.

DESPICABLE

- The K Bid, quickly going down the tubes with a plot solely based on every character acting in a far-fetchedly misguided manner.
- Despite initial reports, prosecutor Artie McClelland may not be taking a lead role in the JFK case, depriving world of “Artie vs. Dominique” snacks.
- Google’s “pay for things by holding out your cell phone” project.
- A study indicates that vegetables are basically the world’s most efficient method of spreading germs.
- The oddly frustrating fact that we never met Bobbie Flay’s family on his show about cooking for his family.
- The Photosynth app pieces together panoramas from iPhone pics.
- Elvis Costello’s random-set-list Beacon shows, particularly his cover of “Purple Rain.”
- Dirk Nowitzki, the seven-foot tall German sharpshooter who good hot made America root for a team owned by Mark Cuban.

LOWBROW

- “If you can’t stand the heat, get out of the oven,” a Bushwacker implores. Said the other night.
- The severed head of the patron saint of genital disease is being auctioned in Iceland.
- The American Idol runner-up Haley demonstrated refined taste (by all standards), covers Led Zeppelin’s “What Is and What Should Never Be.”
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- Big Freedia, New Orleans’ Fuse crossing dance caller, gets a pole, skinny crowd at the Mercury Lounge into a body-shaking frenzy.

BRILLIANT

- Andrew Sullivan goes into great detail about his wheat-triggered back rash.
- Courtney Love’s discussion of Kurt Cobain’s post-mortem, otherwise excellent Q&A deals with Nevermind.
- Watching Indians Jones in black and white, an approach suggested by Steven Soderbergh (via NY Times “Studio 360”).
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