



## Intelligencer/Posts



### BEACON THEATER

*Up in the sky, for three days last week, artist Yvette Mattern's monumental light display beamed beautifully from this array on the roof of the Standard Hotel. Requiring no more power than a pair of hair dryers, its seven colored lights were visible up to 35 miles away, enough to reach Far Rockaway (toward which they were pointed) and other parts of the city hardest hit by Sandy. Mattern has been showing the work since 2009; its title, Global Rainbow, After the Storm, only seems to have been chosen for this deployment. JERRY SALTZ*

# THE APPROVAL MATRIX

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

## HIGHBROW

The revelation that the U.S. once considered **shattering the Moon with a nuke** to scare the Soviets.



The Rolling Stones now have a **higher average age than the Supreme Court.**

Sam's piano from *Casablanca* is up for auction, estimated at \$1.2 million.



Scientists went to visit an island off the Australian coast, visible on most nautical charts (and Google Maps), **only to find that it doesn't exist.**



Marvin Miller, freer of baseball players, **didn't make the Hall of Fame** during his lifetime.

The *Times* report revealing that **the city subpoenas the logs of every cell phone reported stolen**—and then keeps the info on file, just, y'know, in case they want it later.

Angus T. Jones's weird *Two and a Half Men* tirade. Yes, it's an awful show, and you ought to skip it—but shouldn't he quit being on the show if that's how he feels?



The Ali Forney Center's annual **"Homeless for the Holidays"** YouTube videos, profiling LGBTQ kids.

Norbert Leo Butz and Katie Holmes play **brother and sister**, superbly, in *Dead Accounts*.



"Neil's Puppet Dreams," Neil Patrick Harris's web series on Nerdist.



Character-actor talent confluence in *The Twenty-Seventh Man*: **Chip Zien faces off with Byron Jennings.**



*The Exonerated's* writers are working on a **medical-marijuana comedy web series**, funded through Kickstarter.

Yvette Mattern's *Global Rainbow* laser artwork, projected skyward from atop the Standard Hotel.



DESPICABLE



Carnival Cruise Lines banned passengers from **wearing drag on a RuPaul-themed cruise.** (And then backed down.)

An NPR affiliate station is **trying to build a newsgathering drone.** (With, we hope, a rich and reassuring baritone.)

Some of the Gilda's Club cancer-support centers are **ditching Gilda Radner's name.**



*Downton Abbey's* Dan Stevens (Matthew Crawley) **might not return to the series ...**



"Only Wanna Dance With You," the **Strokes-assisted song on the new Ke\$ha album.** It's actually good!



That sweet video of **Afghan skateboarder girls in Kabul.**



... But at least the show has **re-upped for a fourth season.**



Congratulations, **Liz and Criss!**



Liz & Dick. **Neither good enough nor campy enough.**



Fixing the South Ferry and Whitehall subway stations **may cost \$600 million.**

Someone gave **Steve-O another TV show**, and it's called *Killer Karaoke*.



Giants tight end Martellus Bennett **caught an idiot fan who fell out of the stands.**

Your in America Bot @YourInAmerica  
It's "you're." Also, we speak English. RT @1stCase2Try Your in America, so your supposed to speak American people.  
Español

Your in America Bot, a Twitter account that flags and mocks illiterate immigrant-shaming.



The University of Colorado designates a dorm for **gun-owning students—and finds not a single person who wants to live there.**

BRILLIANT

## LOWBROW

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