

#### **Artist Statement**

#### **Drake Fontana**

#### **Graphic Design**

Effective brand communication in today's marketplace is a complex and massive undertaking. With shifting demographics and media platforms the consumer is both more in tune and out of touch with producing brands. The ability to understand this complex cultural landscape of our planet is more important than ever.

Through the study of history and design I have attained the skills necessary to effectively comprehend and decipher the complex cultural interactions of our time. This unique mix of visual communication skills and cultural understanding allows me as a designer to make the personal bond between consumer and brand stronger, clearer, more efficient, and longer lasting. A tailored suit always fits better than the mass produced.

Design is only as good as the story behind it. I used to think good design was something you learned from a textbook. Do things line up? Is there good use of color and space? All of the formal artistic requirements. But a brand, a good design, not only captures the attention of an audience, whom doesn't want to listen or be influenced, it lingers in the mind, the subconscious. And for those who care to ask, care to listen, there is a story in the details that embodies the spirit of the entity it represents.

The message isn't just simply that 'we are here' and 'this is what we do/offer.' The story is 'this is who we are', 'this is the way we can make your life better.' We want to share ourselves with you, and if you're listening, we hope you like what you hear and come share with us some of you; money, time, or otherwise. It's a true connection between sender and receiver. Something that is personal and genuine. Something that is built on trust, and clarity that generates loyalty.

A good story teaches you lessons on life; shows you different perspectives of the world. Whether you agree or disagree is of no confidence, as long as you understand. People don't want to be influenced, but to be influenced is to not have the confidence to say no. A good story doesn't involuntarily impose influence on the audience. In the same way, good design allows for an audience to feel comfortable enough to listen. And once their minds and ears are open hopefully the story is meaningful enough and influential enough to garner a positive reaction of acceptance.

Like a good movie or book, good design is a window, an acceptable vehicle to carry a message or lesson to an audience. There are millions of books, movies, designs, and advertisements, but only the good once make an audience want to delve into the details for more. Or come to your destination in the case of advertising.

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#### <u>Media</u>

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#### Key to Lines

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#### Heart

-1-	Vena Cava
-2-	Aorta
-3-	Pulmonary A.
-4-	Pulmonary V.

#### Skull

E&W External Jugular
E&W Internal Jugular
Facial Veins
Common Carotid
E&W External Carotid
E&W Internal Carotid
E&W Vertebral A.
Basilar A.
E&W Posterior Auricula
Brachiocephalic Trunk
Brachiocephalic V.

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#### Foregut

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23	Celiac Trunk
24	E Gastric A.
25	W Gastric A.
26	Hepatic A.
27	E Inferior Phrenic
-28-	W Inferior Phrenic
-29-	Hepatic V.

#### Midgut

-30-	Renal V.
- 31	Renal A.
32	Superior Mesenteric A.
- 33	Inferior Mesenteric A.

#### Groin

- 34 -	Rectal A.
35	E&W Gonadal A.
-36-	E&W Gonadal V.
37	E&W Common Iliac V.
- 38	E&W Common Iliac A.
39	E&W Interior Iliac V.
40	E&W Interior Iliac A.

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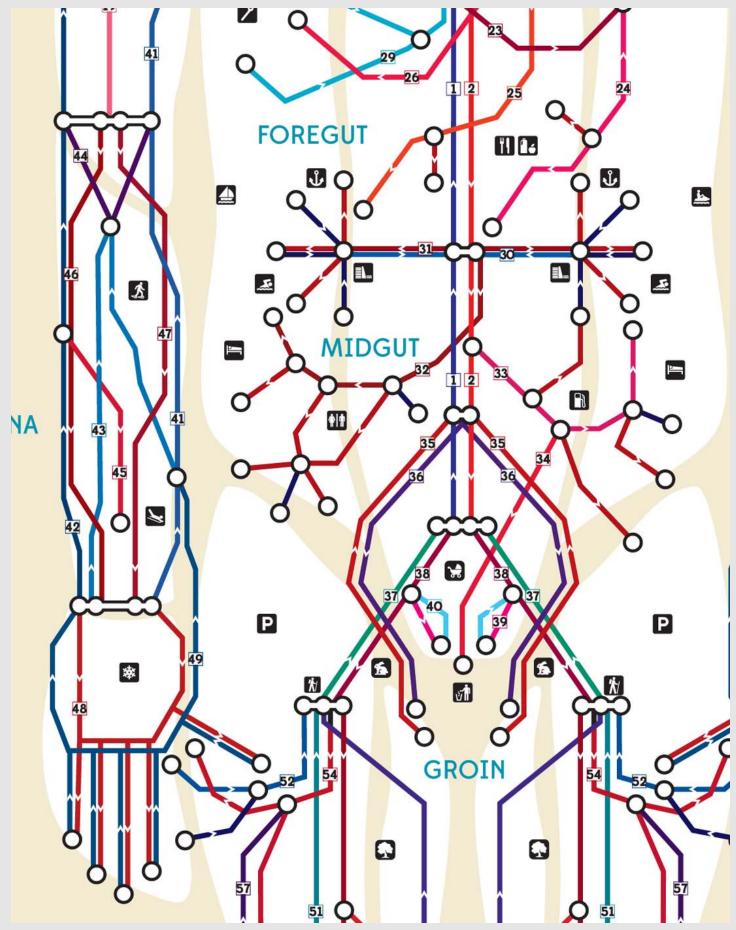


Figure 2: Cardiac Final Detail 3.

#### Cardiovascular Research at CSU:

## Molecules Models & Mankind

CSU Research Colloquium

April 4-5, 2013

Hilton Fort Collins 425 W Prospect Rd

Co-Chairs: Dr. Scott Earley Dpt. of Biomedical Sciences

Dr. Frank Dinenno Human Cardiovascular Physiology Lab

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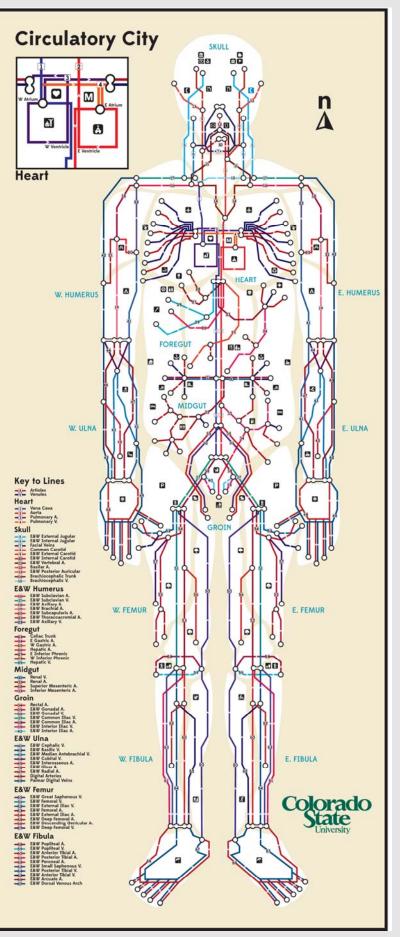


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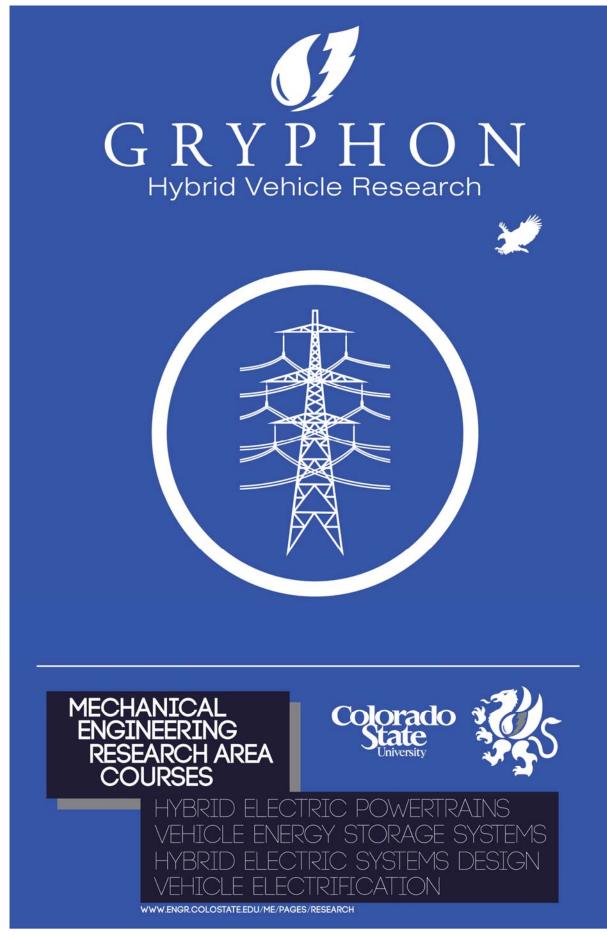


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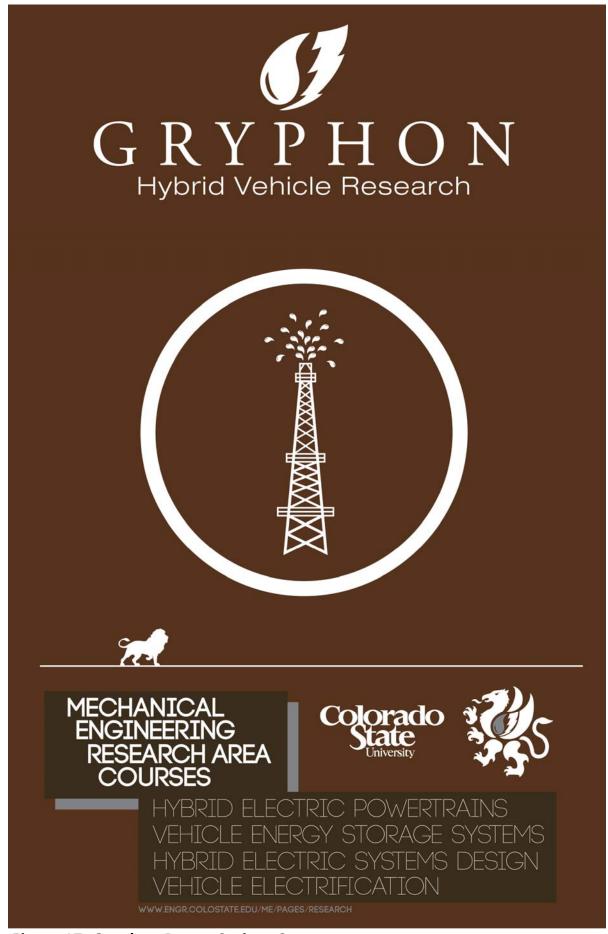


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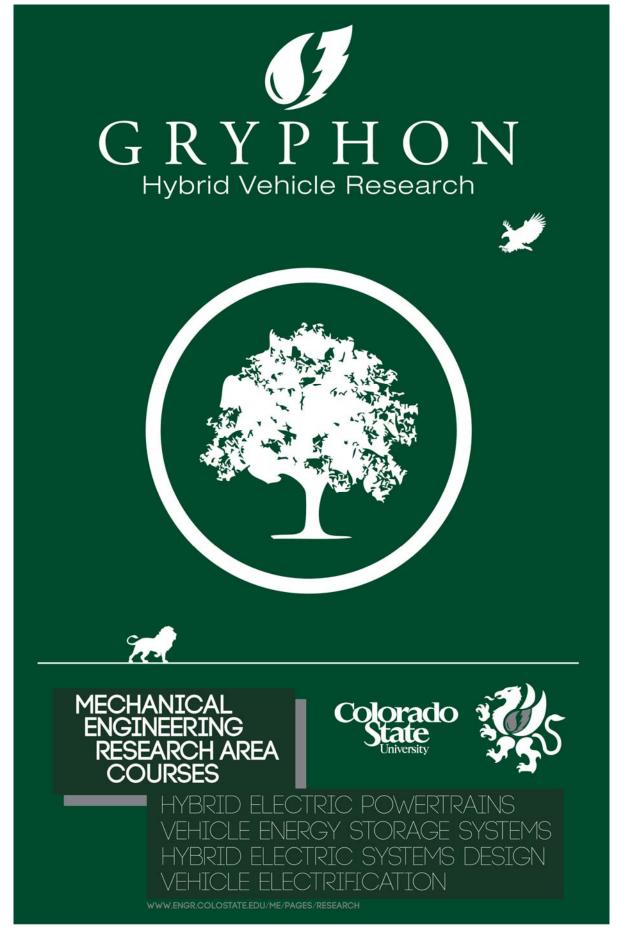


Figure 18: Gryphon Poster Series - 3.





Figure 19: Gryphon T-Shirts.

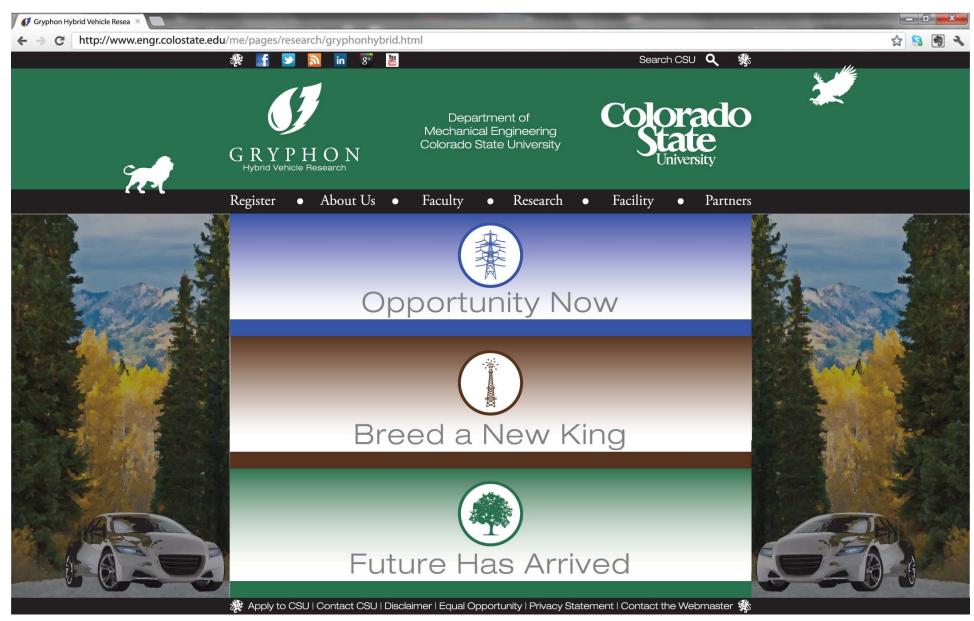
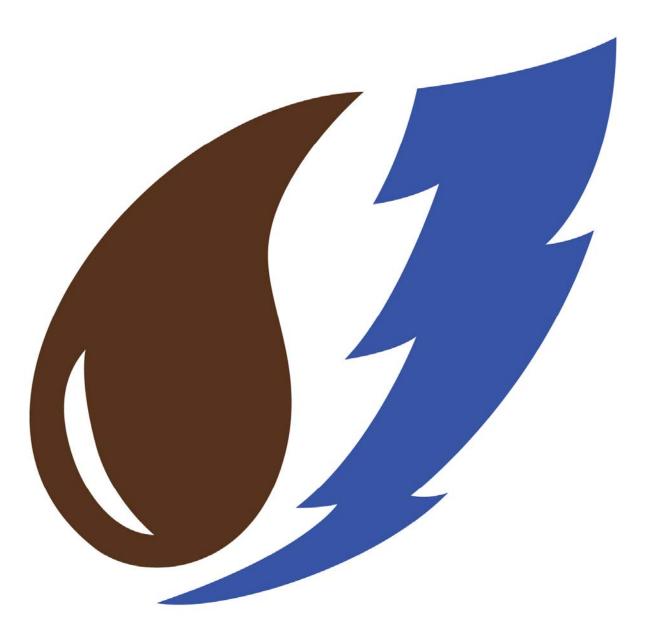


Figure 20: Gryphon Website - 1.







### GRYPHON Hybrid Vehicle Research

Figure 23: Gryphon - 6.

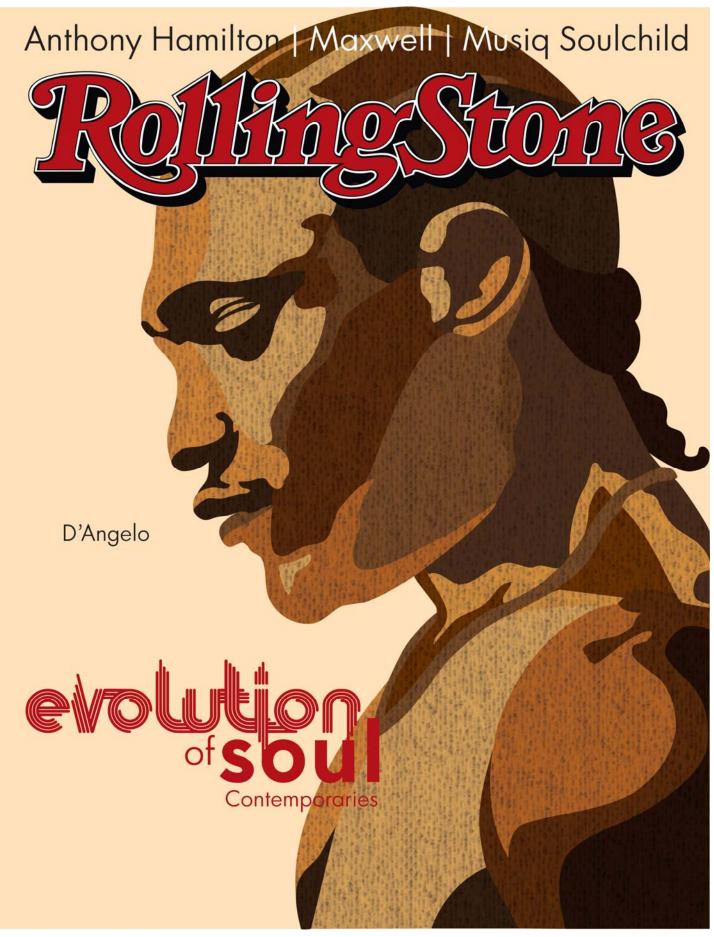


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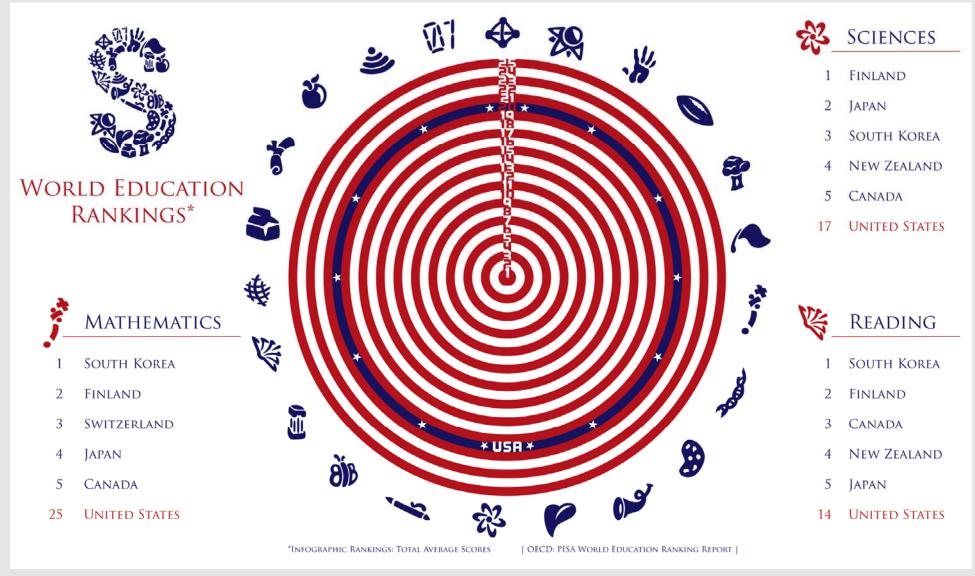


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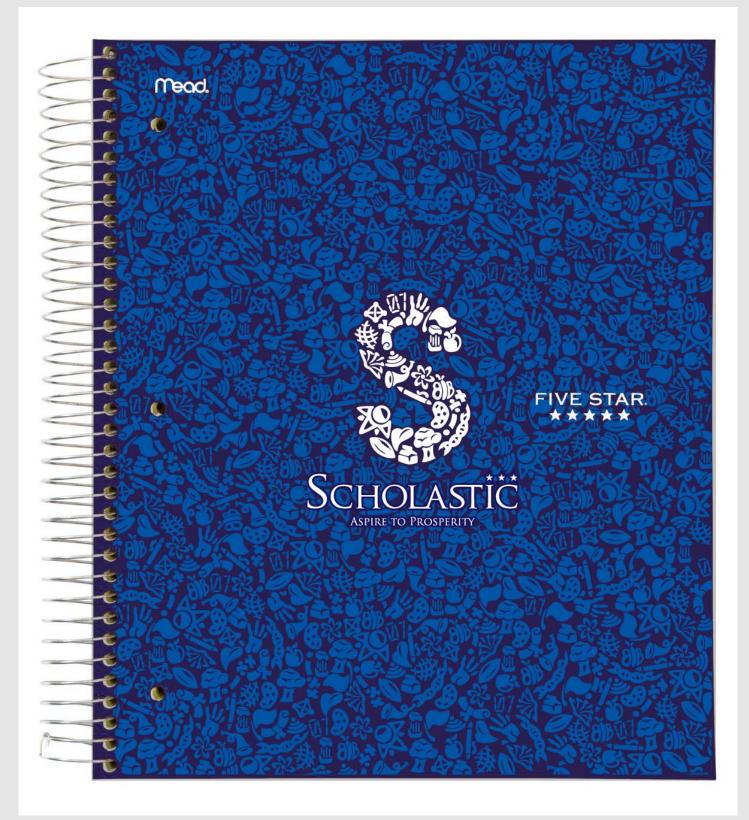


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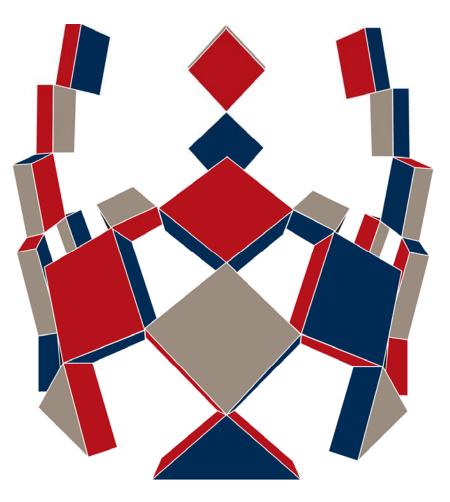


## Scholastic Aspire to Prosperity

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Figure 31: Sexy Goodies Alt.



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Figure 32: Sexy Goodies.



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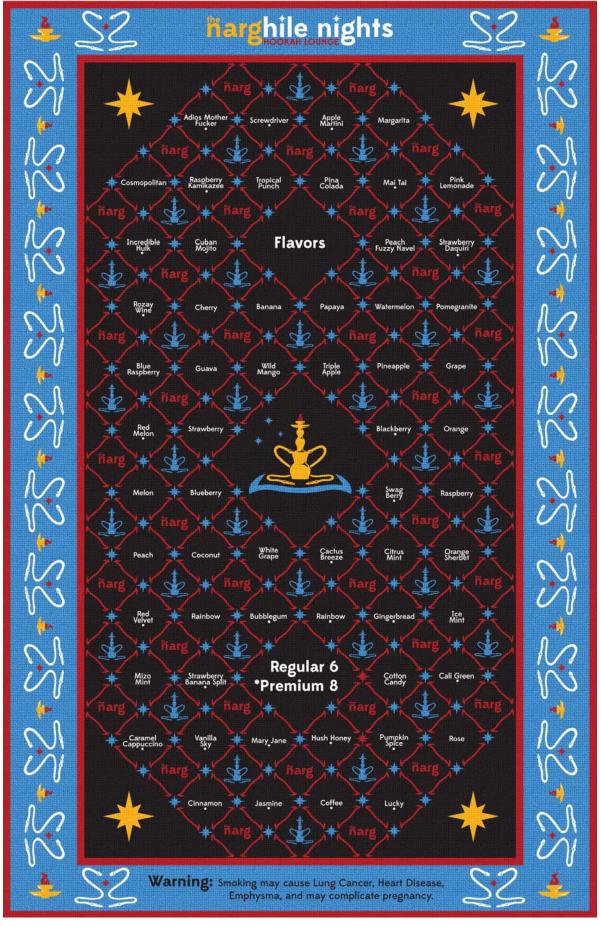


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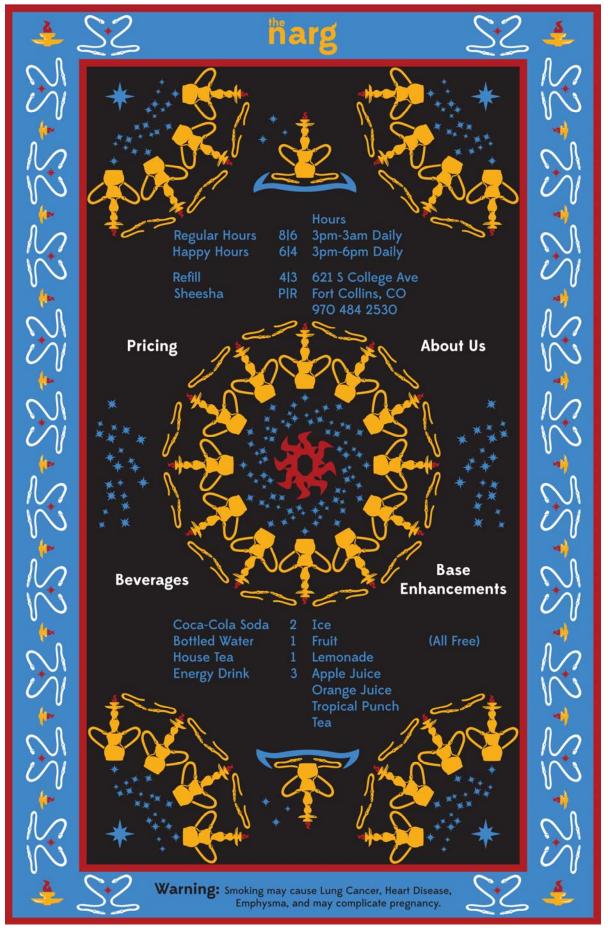


Figure 38: The Narg Menu - 2.

If there is any place on earth you might expect to find them - the true believers in the imminent coming of manned undersea outposts or spectacular domed colonies on the ocean floor - it would be here, in Key Largo. This first major stop along the 100-mile Overseas Highway to Key West is home to the world's only called astronauts. underwater hotel, the only continuously operating underwater lab and classroom, and the only underwater research base. And it is in Key Largo that you find divers like IAN KOBLICK, whose even tan hints at his lifetime of outdoor ventures. His hair and trademark goatee are araving, although for a septuagenarian he looks as if he takes regular many others along this steamy island chain, he's wearing shorts and a billowing Hawaiian shirt. No matter that he is seated behind a large desk in the kind of highbacked executive chair more often associated with Brooks Brothers.

roam the reefs and a cadre of true believers design new outposts for life in the deep.

The wood-paneled walls around Koblick's office are filled with memorabilia that attest to his years as an undersea pioneer and a genuine player in a decades-long quest to turn ordinary divers into 'aquanauts,' the name applied to those equipped to live on the seabed, much as crews launched into space get to be

Koblick was among the early converts to the concept of undersea living when it came of age in the 1960s, in the shadow of the momentous achievements of the race to the moon. But the nascent quest to equip aquanauts to live in 'inner space.' as some called the vast undersea realm, never got anything close to billions of dollars pumped into launching Apollo dips in the Fountain of Youth. Like so astronauts into outer space, birthing an industry and defining a global zeitgeist.

Koblick's early brush with official indifference convinced him that the government would never support an undersea corollary to the space program. So he went looking for entrepreneurial solutions to creating underwater habitats: school bus-size seafloor shelters that gave aquanauts a pressurized, climate-In Key Largo, aquanauts controlled base, just as the International Space Station gives astronauts a hospitable home in orbit.

> A prominent example of such a habitat, called Jules' Undersea Lodge, lies a stone's throw from his office, submerged

#### By: Ben Hallwarth

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Figure 39: Under The Sea Final.