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ART

Karine Lavel: The Pool

Crane Kalman Gallery • Until Sat 6th May

Brighton's doing rather well for photography these days, but the collection of Karine Lavel's swimming-pool pictures is a particular treat. Thanks to sun-bleached saturated colours, unusual angles and the harsh reality of genuine flesh, you'll never look at a lido the same again. Lavel is a New Yorker who has never exhibited in the UK, so pop in to see why *Dazed & Confused* love her.

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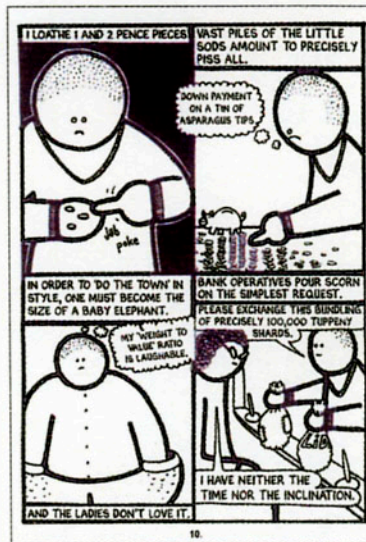
Childish Gardner Arts Centre • From Thurs 27th April

If you know Billy Childish as the prolific musician behind Thee Headcoats and Buff Medways, you'll be aware that he doesn't play by the rules. An unruly young Billy made it to St Martin's on the "genius clause" but got kicked out, only to spend 12 years painting on the dole. Which means there's plenty of his gothic woodcuts and naïve oils to explore. The *East Anglian Times* critic described the man's work as "some of the worst painting I have ever seen on public show," which is good enough for us.

Paper Tiger Comix

This third edition is a real big cat, with two-dozen doodlers commenting on Brighton life, monster tea-party etiquette and being half shark, half octopus. Included is a bonus minicomic inside with the first ever great gag about sugar. There's a been a surge of comic activity in town lately, not least the excellent set of playing cards from Sp!ne, who include Dan White and Danny Noble, also featured here.

Available in Dave's Comics, Resident and Permanent Gallery



Paul Stapleton:
All Coppers Are Bastards