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220 BOTTLE SERVICE ECLIPSE • BY ELIE GARDNER & JOHN L. WHITE

Eclipse's drinks are out of this world

The Delmar Loop has long enjoyed a reputation as being one of the best places in town for eclectic dining, catching a concert or independent film, and people-watching.

The Loop's landscape received another boost with last year's opening of Eclipse inside the Moonrise Hotel, the latest gem from Joe Edwards. The Moonrise is pretty easy to spot: Just look for the large, rotating moon eight stories above the street.

The bar is über modern with frosted glass windows framed by wood panels and touches of chrome.

The space-age theme carries over to drinks such as the Judy Jetson (Stoli Razberi vodka, Framboise, lemon juice, Aperol liqueur). You don't need to like the cartoon to relish the drink's fun and sweet flavors.

Imagine a Long Island iced tea on steroids and you've got the Trolley Car (bourbon, Cherry Heering, Velvet Falernum, citrus, assorted biters). If you like your cocktails strong and a bit overwhelming, go for it.

The French 75 is like a nighttime mimosa. You feel sophisticated holding the champagne flute (pinkies up!) while the blend of gin, lemon juice and champagne is just perfect.

The San Francisco Summer (209 gin, blackberry liqueur, ginger, lemon) is an ideal drink for the summer. The menu says it's better than Grandma's lemonade. Of course it is — it's got alcohol. The best part, aside from its crisp, thirst-quenching flavor, is the ice cube inside the glass. A raspberry and a lemon slice are frozen inside it. Let the ice cube melt, then en-



joy the fruit inside.

The beer lineup will not disappoint, with nearly 40 bottled choices. If you favor draft over bottle, give the smooth Boulevard Tank 7 a try. And Eclipse's extensive wine-by-the-glass list rounds out a robust libations menu.

Now that warm weather has arrived, there is no better place to be, or be seen, than the hotel's rooftop terrace. Views extend from Delmar Boulevard to the downtown skyline. The only drawback to this unique vantage point is that the rooftop terrace bar's drink offerings aren't as extensive as those of the main bar on the ground floor.

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