Ordinarily, the Blog Wyrm staff takes a couple months off during the summer to reconnect and recharge. This year, we’ve decided to do things a bit different by offering beach installments of the regular columns. Still as insightful as ever, each post is a bit shorter and less in depth. Afterall, one can’t work too hard when one is getting to sunrises such as these each day.

Now onto the columns.

This month’s [Aristotle2Digital](http://aristotle2digital.blogwyrm.com/?p=1497) returns to a favorite topic of humor and language and the hard time machines, regardless of how ‘intelligent’, will have in dealing with the ambiguity.

Much has been made of the Joshua Bell Experiment and the ‘problems’ of a society grown too cold or too jaded to appreciate real value. But, as [CommonCents](http://commoncents.blogwyrm.com/?p=988) argues, value is never object and is strongly contextual, which is just as it should be.

Ocean. It is a simple word for a vast object filled with a mind-numbing number of moving parts. [UndertheHood](http://underthehood.blogwyrm.com/?p=1809) explores the concept of state in thermodynamics and discusses why simple words can often describe complex things and some of the problems that arise.

Enjoy!