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Street Photos with Eyes Open
- Savoring the Everyday’s Tapestry -

Cover Photos:
Empty soda bottles in racks and motorcycle by shop near Blue House, Seoul, 1985-86, by DvJM, Knight of the Printed Page, Columbia, MO.
Summer 1981, by DvJM, Filipina farm woman with bread-brimmed hat, the road south of Manila, Summer 1986, by DvJM, Man distributing Street Sense newspapers, DC, April 2010, by DvJM, March of the Segways, Riverside Park, LaX, 5-22-16, by DvJM.

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With Thanks to Inspirations from the Past, and to Inspirations from the Present and Future, Too.

“David J. Marcou has woven a tapestry of the human spirit… [inviting] us to take time to savor the everyday.”
– Emeritus UW-L Art Photo Prof. Roger A. Grant.

“So, keep your eyes open…”
– USCHS President Tom Coleman when David McCullough was given USCHS 2016 Freedom Award.

Preface by David Joseph Marcou

For 37 years so far, I’ve been taking street photos and other types too – ever since buying my first good camera, a Rolleiflex 35-er with Planar lens in November 1979 at age 29. I still love to go out on the sidewalks and streets to take candids and sometimes quickly posed photos as well. My posed photo-portraits are generally “instantaneously” taken – i.e., I generally ask permission to take a photo-portrait, have my subject/s sit and/or stand where I find them, and snap two or three quick photos that often have natural-enough, positive meanings.

Henri Cartier-Bresson inspired me first to do street photography and soon after, my photographer-hero was Bert Hardy. Those two great photo-journalists’ stories and images still inspire me, as do the works of other great photo-documentarians like Dorothea Lange, Gordon Parks, Lewis Hine, Jane Bown, Edward Steichen, and WE Smith.

Since my years as a newspaper carrier, ages 10-14, I’d loved riding my bike and walking around on the streets of La Crosse’s north side (our home was on Prospect St.). After 1979, I’ve loved photographing in many parts of the United States. Also, I lived and worked as a journalist in London and Seoul in the 1980s, and reported on the Philippines for five days for Korean Air’s Morning Calm magazine in 1986, too.

After receiving a BA in History in Madison and MA in American Studies in Iowa City, I studied written and photographic journalism at the University of Missouri (1980-84). My son, Matthew, was born in 1987; I’d married his South Korean mom in 1986. She and I divorced in 1992. Matt went on to become an Army Special Ops Combat Medic and is now a successful university engineering student living with his talented artist/university teacher wife, Jessica. I spent the first 17 years of my life in La Crosse and have lived here again since 1987. Matt was born and raised here too. We did live in Adams-Friendship, WI, in 1990 briefly, when I was interim newspaper editor there.

If readers/viewers enjoy this book, it will likely be because its design and images suggest how I take good photos without generally pre-viewing them through a viewfinder or screen, which I improved on greatly after seeing superb “no-look” photos a fellow-photographer in Adams-Friendship took in 1990.

Though I’ve photographed many celebrities since 1979, it’s my photos of everyday people and events that inspire me most – a photo of a dad texting as his small son walks close by his side, of a little girl with a small American flag along a parade route, of my generous brother Tom and his wife, Joy, on our photographically eventful daytrip to New York City on April 9, 2011. By “everyday”, I don’t mean average; I mean, rather, people putting in an honest day’s work and play every day, who continue to allow me, in one form or another, to photograph them decently.

There are many sponsors, designers, printers/binders, editors, archivists, counselors, medics, officials, students, teachers, mentors, and readers/viewers I’m grateful to, plus family and friends; God and our guardian angels as well. As time goes by, I prepare for when my own grandchildren-to-be, hopefully, will savor the everyday’s tapestry in all our photos, writings, books, plays, etc., by keeping our eyes, hearts, and minds, open – for the longest time.-DvJM.
Captions and Credits

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Interior BW Pics’ Captions-Credits (PP. 6-22):
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A favor or 4 for Ed Marcou, a good cousin, on his personally-crafted picture postcard, ca. 2010, courtesy of Ed Marcou.
Ed Marcou’s wife, Esther, married 68 years before she passed, courtesy of Ed Marcou.
(L-R) Mary J. Eisenhowar, Msgr. Bernard McGarty, Roberta Stevens, KC, PTPI Award Event for SA1, photo by SA1’s director/editor-in-chief David Joseph Marcou.
My photo is objective document, not PR for “Art Is War” graffiti, LaX, ca. 2013, photo by DvJM.
Man distributing Street Sense newspapers, DC, April 2010, by DvJM.
Marilyn and her dog, Sophie, LaX, 5-25-16, by DvJM.

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Guitar busker near Covent Garden, London, Autumn 1981, by DvJM.
Man walking with briefcase, near then-named Sears Tower, Chicago, ca. 1991, by DvJM.
Hailing a cab, DC, ca. 2011, by DvJM.
A New Zealander and American friend*, Oktoberfest Parade, ca. 2014, by DvJM.
Victory cycle, LaX, ca. 2014, by DvJM.
Hoping for work, DC, April 2010, by DvJM.
Amtrak/Bus depot/station, LaX, ca. 2010, by DvJM.

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Ariel wearing Muhammad Ali t-shirt, LaX, ca. 2014, by DvJM.
Kwik Trip construction, Madison, ca. 2015, by DvJM. (Transportation provided by Charles and Christine Freiberg and Roger Chase.)
Lady on phone on porch, LaX, ca. 2010, by DvJM.
Two ladies race-walking to work, DC, ca. 2011, by DvJM.
Two security policemen, DC, ca. 2011, by DvJM.
Little George’s friend’s house on snowy day, LaX, ca. 2014, by DvJM.
Young lady with perspective, 7th Street, LaX, ca. 2015, by DvJM.

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Two young ladies chat along Cameron Street, LaX, ca. 2015, by DvJM.
Filing along King Street, LaX, ca. 2015, by DvJM.
Newspaper HQ along river in Cook County, Chicago, 2010-12, by DvJM.
Bird-in-flight’s shadow, Milwaukee Amtrak Station, 2010-12, by DvJM.
‘Dreams’ or young boys by window, St. Louis’s Lambert Airport, ca. 1981, by DvJM.
Lone Racer, Cycling Critercum of May 6th and 7th, 2016, LaX, by DvJM.

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Kim Ambrose photographing Cycling Critercum of May 6th and 7th, 2016, LaX, by DvJM.
Lady coming from car with treats, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
“Seven” culture magazine ads on bus, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
American Legion Post #52’s announcements board, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Kemps dairy truck by Goodyear store, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Two young ladies jogging by an alley, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Church and business motifs, Cass St., LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.

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Elderly lady who walks a lot, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Stefana with Meals-on-Wheels, Becker Plaza, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
New Pioneers Lunch Club: (L-R) Mark Felker, former Mayor John Medinger, Roger Grant, new member Bill Harnden, and Kerry Hruska, 5-20-16, by DvJM, also a member. (Members Joe Kotnour and David W. Johns were not present that day. The waitress was Samantha.)
Matt, a resident in a building I used to live in, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Maya, a WTC student sitting on grassy rise, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Tina Fey lookalike, 5th and King Sts., LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Three tykes on bikes, 4th and Jay Sts., LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
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Dick Mial, Tribune's former opinion page editor (I worked for him), now a Pearl St. Books clerk, May 2016, by DvJM.
(L-R) Lauren, Lovell, and Zion, 3rd and Pearl Sts., LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
(L-R) Keni, Derek, and Eridus, Pearl St., LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Candid bench scene: 2 ladies and a dog. Burns Park, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Nude sculpture, 'Reflections' by Paul Granlund, in front of LaX Public Library, May 2016, by DvJM. (Tulips are nice touch.)
Cindy on 8th Street, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Cameron Park Farmer's Market A, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.

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Cameron Park Farmer's Market B, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Four likenesses from two, Jules Coffeeshop, May 2016, by DvJM.
Greg Brown and his bike, Riverside Park, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Frank of Enterprise Car Rental and his crew of kids, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Good Eats in background along Pearl Street as young woman reads, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Young lady and dog by Live Well store sign, Pearl St., LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Little girl runs from her parents to greet someone off left, Pearl St., LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.

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(L-R) Morgan, Taurus, and Julia, Subway Store, Pearl St., LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Young woman with skateboard and young man with bike, 3rd and Pearl Sts., LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Young lady walking across from Fazye's Restaurant, 4th and Pearl Sts., LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Couple interested in Arizona and Colorado (see t-shirts), Jay St., LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Young woman digs in her purse as she walks, 7th & Cameron Sts., LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Chris Kahlow and her dog Noel, walking at 5th and King Sts., LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Root Note’s American Eagle symbol, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.

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Three boys and mom by cannon, Riverside Park, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Beautiful young couple walking in Riverside Park, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Friend of Charmant Hotel doorman/valet Bobby, a good canine resting in Parlour, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Two ladies (faces show) I also photographed at Merle Haggard concert in 2013, Charmant, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Bobby, Charmant Hotel doorman/valet, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Susan Dentzer lookalike, SD is PBS reporter, Grounded Coffeeshop, Main St., LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Gal biking by Doerflinger's store, 4th and Main Sts., LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.

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Man riding well-put-together cycle, 7th and Cass Sts., LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Bad Ass Girls Drive Bad Ass Toys car decal, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Cat at Callans' house, 7th St., LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Nikki, a good worker on-break, LaX, 5-26-16, by DvJM.
African-America man texting as small boy walks neatly alongside him, 7th St., LaX, 5-26-16, by DvJM.
Crafter at Riverside Park, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Traveling couple, Gigi and John, LaX, Spring 2016, by DvJM.

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Delivery man, Becker Plaza, LaX, Spring 2016, by DvJM.
Roofers at work on house, LaX, Spring 2016, by DvJM.
Family crossing 7th St. as postman watches, LaX, ca. 2015, by DvJM.
Beautiful young woman at lunch in park, LaX, ca. 2015, by DvJM.
Elmer Petersen's Lacrosse Players' Statue, 2nd and Main Sts., LaX, ca. 2000, by DvJM.
Factory smokestacks, Milwaukee, ca. 1991, by DvJM.
Hardy street musicians, East Market District, DC, April 2010, by DvJM.

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Harley Rider: Harley rider gassing up at Mileage Station, Cass St., LaX, ca. 2008, by DvJM.
Two motorcycles parked by coin store, 4th St., LaX, ca. 2010, by DvJM.
Stephen and his son, Sebastian, on visit to LaX with Seb's mom, Jody, who was off-camera, Prospect St., LaX, ca. 2008, by DvJM.
Gal jogging by Goodyear store, Cass St., LaX, ca. 2010, by DvJM.
Perspective on people seen from Crystal City, VA, bus, 2010-12, by DvJM.
Stars, planets aligned in wall with lights, UM-Minneapolis, ca. 7-1-06, by DvJM.
Ranger, Truman home, Independence, MO, 2001, by DvJM. (Transportation provided by David W. Johns.)
Filipina farm woman wearing broad-brimmed hat, road south of Manila, the Philippines, Summer 1986, by DvJM.
Lady walking small dog in front of Newseum, DC, 2010-12, by DvJM.
Central HS pom-pon girls, Memorial Day Parade, ca. 2008, by DvJM.
WETA Building, HQ for PBS News Hour-related programs, Arlington, VA, 4-7-11, by DvJM.
Street security for VP Joe Biden event, UW-L, Oct. 2012, by DvJM.
Mac's Department Store, NYC, 4-9-11, by DvJM.
Homeless woman, NYC, 4-9-11, by DvJM.
Front, National Gallery of Art East Building, DC, 2010-12, by DvJM.
Two students walking by Old Capitol Building, University of Iowa Campus, 1993, by DvJM.

Lexi the dog and girlfriends, 7th and Cameron Sts., LaX, ca. 2009, by DvJM.
Vagabond sitting by billboard, LaX, ca. 1980, by DvJM for WHS.
Hannibal Man, Hannibal, MO, Summer 1981, by DvJM for WHS.
Madison alley buildings and light from sky, WI, 1979-80, by DvJM for WHS.
Dad and Son Petras were murdered in this, their own camera store, May's Camera, Main St., LaX, 2012, by DvJM.
Oktoberfest parade crowd, 2nd St., LaX, ca. 2012, by DvJM.
Augie, a floral salesman, The Strip, Pittsburgh, PA, March 1991, by DvJM (Transportation provided by David W. Johns).
Beatles' retro show theatre front for Rain and passersby, NYC, 4-9-11, by DvJM.

Shopfront with empty soda bottles in racks and motorcycle, near Blue House, Seoul, S. Korea, 1985-86, by DvJM.
Knight of the Printed Page (two suits of armor in front of pawnshop), Columbia, MO, Summer 1981, by DvJM.
Man's expression looking into my camera, Seoul alleyway, 1984-86, by DvJM for WHS.
African-American migrant man sitting in front of VIP Seniors Headquarters, St. Louis, MO, ca. 1981, by DvJM.
Person on the Street interviewee, Adams-Friendship, WI, 1990, by DvJM for Adams County Times-Friendship Reporter.
Smoking guard and pigeon, British Museum, London, Autumn 1981, by DvJM for WHS.
Storybook House, Madison, WI, 1979-80, by DvJM.

Experimental car, Madison, WI, ca. 2015, DvJM. (My transportation provided by Charlie and Christine Freiberg and Roger Chase.)
Joy and Tom Marcou, two generous relatives of mine, Times Square, NYC, 4-9-11, DvJM. (Transportation by Joy and Tom.)
Boy seen from behind skateboarding, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Zeke, a man who's seen a lot of the world, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Mike Eide, a neighbor, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Kathy and her daughter Margaret, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
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Little girl sitting with flag viewing Memorial Day Parade, ca. 2007, by DvJM for WHS.
Dawn, a new neighbor with patriotic package, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Dawn at US Capitol Building, DC, April 2011, by DvJM.
Stylish gal crosses Cass St. on bike, LaX, ca. 2015, by DvJM.
Think Green Think Clean, Waste Management truck, Kwik Trip, LaX, ca. 2015, by DvJM.
"Bad Brad" in Packers and UW gear, Cameron Park, LaX, Spring 2016, by DvJM.
Cycle with yellow and black face, LaX, Spring 2016, by DvJM.
LaXFDD's Joe Jablonski sitting in fire-truck, 7th and Cameron Sts., LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
Family walking to Children's Museum, 5th Ave., LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
(L-R) Prentice Vaughn, Justin, Bonnie, Prentice's daughter, and Carrie, Prentice's wife, 3 of 4 orig. TNaNs, LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.

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Antique book on Paris, Reliant Real Estate front doorway, Cass St., LaX, May 2016, by DvJM.
March of the Segways, Riverside Park, 5-22-16, by DvJM.
Red-haired lady walking by truck, 5th and Cass Sts., LaX, 5-26-16, by DvJM.
Motorcyclist riding on 4th St., LaX, Spring 2016, by DvJM.
Gil "Gravedigger" Brown and fans, Green Bay, WI, Summer 1998, by DvJM for WHS.
Arab-American mom and son on park bench by Mississippi River, LaX, ca. 2010, by DvJM.
Little Dames, Oktoberfest, ca. 2012, LaX, by DvJM.
Badgers' mopeds parked outside Camp Randall Memorial Stadium, Madison, ca. 2012, by DvJM.
DC street trumpeter earning his living and wearing metal leg-prosthetics, April 2011, by DvJM.
Young lady jogs by Bethany on Cass Nursing Home, LaX, May 2016, DvJM. (My mom, Rose, kept the medical records up-to-date and accurate there before moving to Bethany Riverside Nursing Home, where she held the same records administrator job, 30 years total. Rose C. Muskat Marcou personally raised her and Dad's seven children too. I am the oldest of the seven.—DvJM.)
Roger Chase, army veteran and Becker Plaza president, reads La Crosse Tribune in laundry room, LaX, 5-29-16, by DvJM.
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Union Station, arched row, (DC), 2010;
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