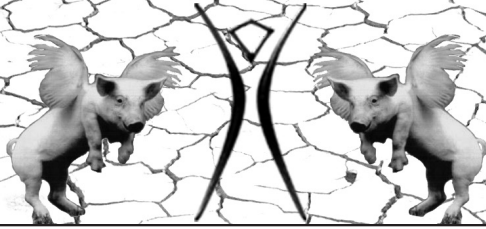


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Metropolis? We're On Top of It

By Deb Prothero (firefighter)

Black Rock City 2010 is the Metropolis of the future. Our future, for sure, the rest of the world's maybe.

Larry Harvey, the Burning Man founder, cited the urban thinkers Jane Jacobs and James Kunstler, both of whom were down on American cities, in a written description of the event

for 2010. Next year's Metropolis theme seems meant to inspire innovations for cities in an increasingly urbanized world.

Jacobs warned of the disintegration of America's greatest cities unless they could create sustainable neighborhoods with a mix of socioeconomic classes. Kunstler wrote about the "cartoon

character of American cities" focusing on things like signs, lights and strip malls. He compared the modern streetscape to its 1800s counterpart, where wide, practical boulevards and large building overhangs protected citizens from the elements as they frequented shops and shared gossip. Kunstler suggests that modern cities are designed to serve the car rather than the citizen.

With its car-unfriendly policies and diverse citizenry, Black Rock City seems well-placed to offer antidotes to those kinds of problems.

Harvey didn't mention him, but he seems to be taking a page from Richard Florida, a professor of urban design at the University of Toronto. Florida has forecast that cities will contain nodes of creativity from which prosperity will be determined. Socioeconomic diversity, according to Florida, is needed for creative solutions to problems.

Florida considered every major metropolis in the world for his next teaching assignment before selecting Toronto. Too bad he couldn't have found work in Black Rock City. 🐷

Ouchie!

Turns out there were three parachutists who hit the Playa hard on Friday. Saturday's Black Rock Beacon reported that a sky diver's main chute did not open and the person came down fast using a reserve. In fact, three parachutists came down that way.

The toll was higher on the Slide, a fun interactive piece of Playa art that caused some serious rug burns according to Rachel in the medical tent. On Friday alone, 50 injuries were reported.

—Deb Prothero

Black Rock City Population, as of 12:00 pm Saturday: 41,059

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Collective Nouns



Even though it seems like we just got here, it's time to leave. We hope you've enjoyed the fifth year of the Black Rock Beacon, the Playa's own source of news, views, and information about pork products. Please visit us during the Default Year on the Internet at www.blackrockbeacon.org and follow us at <http://twitter.com/BlackRockBeacon>.

Playa Lingo: The lexicon of Black Rock City

By Adrian Roberts, former editor of *Piss Clear*

With contributions from John!John!, Mysterious D, and Ya-Ya from Bootie BRC

Blue Rooms: Black Rock City slang term for the porta-potties.

I drank so much beer this afternoon! I've gotta go visit the blue rooms!

Burning Fan: A person who looks like a typical Burner and goes to various Burning Man events, parties, and regionals, but never actually makes it to Black Rock City.

She knows so many Burners and knows so much about BRC, I had no idea that Katrina was just a Burning Fan!

Darktards: Stupid, intoxicated people who don't illuminate themselves with lights at. Slightly more derogatory than the alternate term darkwad.

Damn, there are so many darktards this year! I swear, I'm just going to run them down on my bike to teach them a lesson to wear lights at night!

Douchebag Camp: Derogatory term for any camp that seems to have way more money (and the self-entitled attitude that goes with it) than you. This camp usually has built something really awesome that you're secretly envious of.

Yeah, we're camped right next to Douchebag Camp. Sure, they're kinda assholes ... but they have such a nice air-conditioned chill dome and they're serving fancy cocktails!

Faffing: Fucking around for fucking forever. What your campmates do any time a group of you try to leave camp.

Sorry we missed your performance! Everyone in our camp was faffing!

Gatestapo: Derogatory (or is it?) term for the Gate staff.

It took us forever to get into Black Rock City this year, because the Gatestapo turned over everything in our RV!

Gift Recession: Term used to describe the lack of cool Playa schweg, gifts, and open bars this year, due to the worldwide economic downturn.

I used to get so many free drinks and cool shit out here, but due to the gift recession, people aren't "gifting" like they used to.

Golfer: Derogatory term for a Burning Man staff member who rides around the Playa on an unadorned, unmutated golf cart.

Those golfers are such hypocrites! They run this event and expect everyone else to "mutate" their vehicles, but they can't even bother to hot glue some fake fur to their fucking golf cart? Lame.

Hot Topic Dome: Slang term for the Death Guild Thunderdome, derived from the DPW's prank on Tuesday night, when they covered the Thunderdome sign with a banner that says "Hot Topic," the mall store infamous for popularizing gothic/punk fashion.

Have you heard? Death Guild had to get corporate sponsorship this year in order to afford to bring the Thunderdome out to Burning Man. So now it's the

Hot Topic Dome.

Mutilizing: A more exciting way to mutate something, whether it be an art car or your brain on drugs.

I took some acid, then took some E, and now I'm feeling totally mutilized!

Playa Points: Term for doing good deeds in Black Rock City. The Burning Man equivalent to karma.

Derek totally got extra Playa points today for fixing Ya-Ya's bike!

Shirt-cunting: The female version of shirt-cocking, the Black Rock City fashion phenomenon of a man wearing a shirt but with no pants.

I think shirt-cunting only exists in theory, because no woman in her right mind would ever wear a shirt with no bottoms. It's kind of a weird "guy thing."

Smurfing: Masturbating in a porta-potty, a.k.a., "rubbing one out in a blue room."

There are so many hotties in our camp, Sailor couldn't take the sexual tension anymore, so he decided to go smurfing.

Sobriotel: Fake drug to describe being sober at Burning Man, as in, everyone is so fucked up out here, that sobriety ends up feeling like its own drug.

I've been on so many drugs this week, so tonight I'm taking sobriotel ... and now everything seems so crazy and crystal clear! It's awesome!

Turf Burn: A typical injury sustained by going down the Astroturf slide out in deep playa between 10:00 and the Temple.

We were having so much fun at the Slide ... until Tovah got a turf burn on her ass! 🐷

Horoscope

by Citizen X



Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18)

You will discover that pointless arguments are good after all, in that they diverted your attention from that weird rash on your leg.

Pisces (Feb 19 – March 20)

Pisces, you really need to calm down. Give the gentleman back his earlobe.

Sunday Events

Digital Dump..... 11 am – 1 pm
And There's Only Love Camp... 6:40 and Adapt
Dump your photos onto CD or DVD. All memory cards acceptable. Ask for Calico.

A Taste of Erotic Spirituality with The Erotic Rockstar

..... 1 – 3 pm
Sacred Spaces..... 5:00 and Esplanade
As human beings we are granted two amazing gifts: The gift of our spirituality, and the gift of our sexuality. Can you be with your primal sexual feelings while maintaining your connection to Source? Can you be in your place of deep spiritual connectiveness, while maintaining your awareness of yourself as a sexual being? Join Destin Gerek "The Erotic Rockstar" as we explore these and other potent questions of our

Brainteasers

by Durgy



Answers to Wednesday's Crossword Puzzle

Across: 4. Salary; 7. Vanquish; 8. Adored; 10. Surly; 13. Brat; 14. Tree; 15. Peer; 16. Tip; 17. Adam; 19. Wren; 21. Evolution; 23. Even; 24. Sang; 26. One; 27. Eden; 29. Excer; 32. Kurd; 33. Grade; 34. Canopy; 35. Ecstatic; 36. Merger

Down: 1. Avast; 2. Snore; 3. Ruly; 4. Share; 5. Loot; 6. Reel In; 9. Darwin; 11. Urn; 12. Leave; 13. Bemused; 15. Pal; 16. Ten; 18. Done Up; 20. Roger; 21. Eve; 22. Tan; 23. Engage; 25. Red; 28. Dryer; 30. Waste; 31. Reach; 32. Kong; 33. Gate

You Made It This Far, Don't Stop Now

By Mark Omyg the Stone Carver

You are Needed!

Look around, do you see self-destructive behavior? Obvious ones: tattoos, and piercings. Branding, suspension, now we are getting deeper. What about alcohol, drug addiction, cigarettes? Still lightweight stuff.

Dive into the pits of Hell: sexual mutilation, abuse, and suicide. Chances are you too have seen this place. A handful of pills, a fifth of booze, a razor to the wrists, even the wrong end of a gun. You and I have seen this dark hole. I know the Grim Reaper. We had a smoke together a time or two. The dude will tell you, "I can take you with me now, if you want. It does not make any difference to me when I come to get you. It is up to you."

Look around, there are thousands who have had this same conversation with Grim. You can spend time with the psychologists and they will drug you up, twist your brain, see how you tick. Or you can realize the reason you harm yourself in the gravest way or even in all those minor ways is your reaction to letting others define your world and your life.

The excuse we use: "others did this to me and I have no hope of anything different."

Harming ourselves or others is not going to make the pain go away. Dwelling on it and brooding over it, only makes it worse. Avoiding it only makes it worse.

It's time to stop the hurting cycle. When we harm ourselves we harm those around us. When we harm others, we harm all those close to that person and

let me tell you, what goes around comes around.

Gift goodness out in all directions. Let the goodness be known inside you when it comes trickling back. A simple hug, a kind word, lets those who are hurting inside know that someone cares.

You made it this far, you made it to Burning Man. Time to heal, time to let go of the past because you can not change that.

You can change inside by first realizing you are important. You are needed by those around you. We need you. We need your hug, your love. We depend on you coming back. And most important the default world needs you, they just don't know why yet! 🐷

Rev. Billy Sets Sights on Gracie Mansion

By Mary Jane

Politicians are duplicitous; the Rev. Billy Talen is no exception. Rev. Billy wants to be mayor of New York but he's hiding a Hersey Bar dependency from voters. "I have my own retail bad habits," confesses the apostle of anti-consumerism.

Famous for performing mock exorcisms of Starbucks' cash registers, Rev. Billy sees his campaign as much more than a stunt.

We're sitting at a picnic table at Ape or Angel camp and talking about his entry to the world of electoral politics.

Talen credits the Burning Man-style volunteerism for his successful campaign to earn a spot on

the Nov. 3 ballot. "112 people gathered 18,350 signatures," according to Talen. That put them well over the 7500 signatures necessary to be listed as a candidate. "You need to have enough names to be un-challengeable." Talen is taking on Mayor Michael Bloomberg, a billionaire running for his third term.

"With Bloomberg's money," said Talen, "He'd challenge if he thought he could." In search of the requisite signers, volunteers worked the subway platforms and brought clipboards to work. Talen called this "consensual chaos" and said he saw it as the next evolution of democracy.

Talen has his work cut out for him. Bloomberg,

he claimed, is "spending big money, \$300,000 a day. But I have big money too" he exclaimed, disappearing into his trailer. He reemerged with what looked like a beach towel and called Larry Harvey over to help unroll it. It went on and on, unwinding like a roll of toilet paper. The cloth is printed to look like a giant bill of Chinese currency. Talen and Harvey joke about the real big money coming from China, referring to the flood of consumer goods made there and Beijing's recycling of the revenues into dollar-based assets.

With Talen in the race for New York mayor, it's bound to be an interesting election season. 🐷

Almanac

By Igneous



Sunday 9/6

Sunrise: 6:32 am • **Sunset:** 7:22 pm
Moonrise: 8:03 pm • **Moonset:** 9:42 am (Mon)

Monday 9/7

Sunrise: 6:33 am • **Sunset:** 7:20 pm
Moonrise: 8:30 pm • **Moonset:** 10:48 am (Mon)

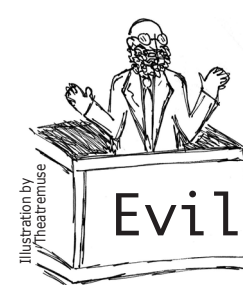


Illustration by
Theatrehouse

By Rick-Boy

We hope you enjoyed our little tale of Jules McCready, on trial for enslaving people and harvesting their organs, but evidently guilty of something else entirely — or perhaps not guilty at all. The McCready in the courtroom may not have been the genuine article, but it's hard to say what is real once man starts messing with evolution. What happened to McCready and what price did he pay for taking evolution into his own hands? Visit www.blackrockbeacon.com to find out. 🐷

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