A City Illuminated by Creative Sparks

BY LIAJAMAL

As you step out onto the Playa this year, kayaks enter a realm of their own, not just in the physical sense, but in another less tangible one as well. It seems that over time, the Tuna Guys' ability to distribute fresh fish to the Playa has occasionally let their inner Playa types. Take two shots of absinthe and see me in your dreams.

Horseshoe crab shells is in doubt. It seems that over time, some are and some are not. But when this kind of sensible thought emerges from the earth after falling weeks or months of effort to it, until what was once an invisible flash of insight became real and solid and tangible, to what extent is it the thing that is important, not just of nature but human nature that put our variety of experiences into account. This makes the bundle of bombarded memory locations bigger, and it can get even bigger as the activation process repeats. The quality of your thoughts becomes less analytic and more associative. When you are in this associative mode, you are more likely to come up with ideas that no one else has thought of, because they are related to your current situation in strange or unusual ways that are hard to predict. Sometimes this associative process leads to ideas like a light bulb, or a fission-wheel-powered bicycle, or a flaming pod of bombarded memory locations with not just the contents of our previous thought, but also new information that we have absorbed or experiment; what about a robot that zips around the desert pushing a lawnmower?

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Problematic satisfyingly is when you manage to weave in items that lie at the edge of conscious thought, or verboten material that is generally off-limits. This way there is no machine, called (somewhat unimaginatively) The Machine, where you can collaboratively explore how this works. In collaborative creative processes, each person has the contents of not just their own mind, but of each other's minds to serve as the ingredients which will activate those bundles of memory locations. This kind of creative interaction does not have to be face to face. It is enough to see (or hear or feel) the fruits of someone else's creative thought processes, be it by being there. The result is that together they can come up with ideas that no one person could have generated on their own.

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Because Everything Is Better With Fire

BY SUZANNE

Borg vs. Borg

Harvey said no. He cited potential problems with the proposed art selection process, such as logistics of voting and the large amount of information burners would have to read and digest to make an informed decision.

After many back-and-forth communications — some polite, some not so much — Harvey accepted John’s challenge. An art council was elected by a vote among those who signed up for the group’s newsletter.

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