they noticed lights. The lights got brighter. The pair then watched as a Union
staff who, once he explained his presence, called for help.
Hammond tried to just drive across, but got his car stuck on the tracks. Ticket in
wrong side of the Union Pacific railroad tracks. Anxious to get to Burning Man,
to Mark Vorderbruggen, operations manager for the Pershing County Sheriff.

Trains, Pains, and Automobiles
The long drive to Black Rock City sometimes gets the best of better judgment.
John Hammond of Monterey, Calif., missed the turn in Wadsworth from I-80
to Nevada Highway 417 on Tuesday night. Rather than turn back, he continued to
Lovelock, where he got a map showing the back roads to Black Rock City, according to
Mark Vorderbruggen, operations manager for the Pershing County Sheriff.

These kids are all happy to be here. But Emperor Awesome’s mom didn’t think it was such a good idea.
“She’s all uptight,” he explained. “She thinks it’s all partying like in New
Orleans where they have a whole city that’s just partying all the time, you know!”
But Emperor Awesome’s dad took matters into his own hands. “My dad
just threw us in the car and said ‘We’re going to Burning Man!’
Parent Zaphod pointed out that the experience is completely different with children.
“We should ban the kids,” he joked. “They’re so noisy!”
Turning serious, Zaphod said he believes that most people in Black Rock City are genuinely good.
“I just feel so comfortable here with Saffron. It’s like my home town. I don’t think there’s another city in the world
where I’d feel as comfortable if Saffron wandered off and got lost.”
Marsalla, another burner parent, feels the same way. “It’s very safe,” she said.
“You get to know the other parents around Kids World (5:30-Good Reef),
work out a system, and just check in with each other!”

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can’t talk down to this community. The anti-authoritarian nature of
Burners would revolt from a deliberate
education process. We moderate our
expectations but try to improve every year. Burning Man leads by
energy and example.”
This year, however, some unwanted thermal energy made an example of the
Man, who is undergoing reconstructive surgery. Harvey, nonetheless, found the
pony. “The premature Burn is making the rest of the Burn experience more
significant. Burners are realizing there’s
no Nijus in the Man. This experience will cure the bipolar split between the
old Burners, who felt that the Burn had changed, and the new Burners.”
In the early days of Burning Man, participants raised the wooden figure as a group effort. Nowadays, the
raising of the Man occurs well before
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Kidding Around in BRC

By Ben
Ten-year-old Thomais doesn’t even try to explain it to his friends back home in Reno. He just said that “you
can only know it by coming here.”

Terry, 13, and from Canada, said
people who haven’t been to Burning
Man. It’s just awesome,” he said.

Rock City: “Duh. I mean, it’s Burning
Man,” she added.

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By Debi Prothero (firefighter)
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Night of the Comet
By Douglas H.
An interesting meteor shower will occur on Saturday evening, Sept. 1, at 4:30 a.m. The meteors will seem to
come from the bright yellowish star Capella in the constellation Auriga (the Charioteer). Auriga is located in
the northeastern sky, about two-thirds up at this time of
year. The peak of the shower will occur at 4:37 a.m. There
should be as many as 100 of these colorful blue-green streaks of
light per minute.

The comet Ikes comes by every 200 years, with its last
visit to the inner solar system in 1911. We will see the debris
tail left over from that pass, and the Earth does not hit it. In fact, the only other times that astronomers observed
the debris tail was in 1935, 1986 and 1994. 
Burning Man

Bunners fold small origami cranes, in a quiet tent edged with wooden confis. This is Rue Morgue, a small and quiet piece on the 9 o'clock Plaza.

“Never had a chance to say goodbye to my sister,” recalls Sir Gothalar, the brains behind the camp. “She was 2 and loved the water. I was 5 when she drowned. I went to the funeral but all I remember is a long black car. My parents never let me see her body.”

During the fall, the Big Round Cubatron was moved to create a different mood this year. An old hearse came up for sale. Kindred parents never let me see her body.”

I remember is a long black car. My brains behind the camp. “She was 2 to my sister,” recalls Sir Gothalot, the contemplative Burner.

“Generals do not go out to play at night, the Big Lottor. Gathering energy from the sun and quiet place on the 9 o'clock Plaza.

PlayaTech, the theme camp that designs do-it-yourself furniture,
donated simple plywood confis put together without nails and ornamented with dead heads and angels’ wings.

The coffins, filled with the Rue Morgue paper cranes, will be loaded into the Blood Vessel Sunday. It will circle the Temple of Forgiveness.

The coffins will be placed inside the structure before it is burned.

Paper cranes have become the international symbol of peace, in memory of the nuclear devastation of the people of Nagasaki and Hiroshima in Japan at the close of World War II.

Rue Morgue counterbalances the Green Man, the personification of living abundance.

On Friday, Sir Gothalar marries the Lady Butterfly on the Playa. In life, death, in death, life.

Perpetrators of The Black Rock Beacon...


Heartless Haicube

Take ticker from breath, without heat or moisture, rather drink it cold.

I would like someone to figure this out. I promise to pay for the Ravers. I ask you this. What would Burning Man be today without the absurd overabundance of tin guitar sound systems, or without the legions of Fun-Fad club, glossick-style tech heads?

Imagine how your experience would be diminished if we actually attended Burning Man, including friends &family, the Flaming Lotus Girh, the Space Cowboys, Green Goojira, the Opaline Temple, False Prophet, Disorient, and many others.

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