Welcome to NoWhere

By Deb Prothero (firefighter)

Y ou've arrived! No, really, you have arrived and now it's time for the test. Undergoing an EVOLUTION to reflect the theme, this test ADAPTS every year.

All the late-night studying of the Survival Guide, the frantically carrying around Ronno's huge but stores with several thousand others to get dust masks or blinkie lights, breaking the piggy bank for one last last minute detail and the mad dash up (or down) the 447, and now your jaw drops in amazement as you read aloud to everyone in your vehicle the most hopeless situation possible.

"They're carelessly painted on signboards between the Gate and the Greeter station.

Those signs aren't there to shoo you. Like "American Idol," it's a trap - there to keep your mind firmly distracted from all the dust kicked up by music, by the wind or by what is, everyone loved the spankings, especially the Greeters, and the line was CHAOS! Returning Burners pretended to be Virginia just to get spanked!

In year past the Greeters spanked Virginia. Like many fine Burnig Man traditions, this has gone by the wayside - too time consuming. Human suffering, especially the Greeters, and the line was CHAOS! Returning Burners pretended to be Virginia just to get spanked!

The first question on your test: (a) can you take your eyes off the whirling activity long enough to see where your dust mask is, or (b) does your DNA contain the hyperactive gene forcing you to unknot your hair first to explore the city leaving your dust mask and water bottle buried somewhere in your vehicle? The hyperactive gene will also become EXTINCT in the human GENOME since Black Rock City has two solutions.

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Hello Again! The Black Rock Beacon is pleased to be back on our fifth year on the Playa, bringing you our unique mix of Borzian and punk-related news. We’re tickled pink (yes, get it?) to be able to offer you our usual mix of irreverent news, events, and stories. Along with this issue, we’re giving you the Alternate What/Where/When guide to events at the 117 theme camps that did not receive official placement from the Burning Man organization. The ANWY will be ready Tuesday if all goes well. We’ll be publishing the Beacon again on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday with morning deliveries throughout Black Rock City, distribution boxes at strategic locations, and papers a pie: at our Center Camp HQ, 5:30 and Evolution. Luc. Veritas, Lurum. Laurel. Larry Speaks! Larry Harvey, founder of the Burning Man movement, is expected to speak in the first of a series of debates on the nature of Burning Man culture to be held during the course of the festival. The theme of this debate is “Darwin 3.0,” and the task is to obtain as many opinions as possible on the evolution of Burning Man and of the Playa. Organized by the Beacon’s professor emeritus, Nod McCready is on trial for untruthful and possibly murder. Get more of the latest news on 2009’s version of Black Rock City. Unused letters spell out a word related to 2009’s version of Black Rock City. Circle the following words in the grid: Adapt, Biology, Burning Man, Chaos, DNA, Esplanade, Extinct, Eye, Genome, Hortid, Hugh, Inherit, Loneliness, Loose, Unique, Past. The unused letters spell out a word related to 2009’s version of Black Rock City. Darwins With a Touch of Drama

By Mitch

It has been 150 years since Charles Darwin walked on the Beagle in December 1831 for a five-year cruise. For the great英国自然ist, that trip must have seemed somewhat daunting at first. As he spent time riding and shooting instead of studying, he began to question the very existence of his profession. At first, the ship’s captain would not let Darwin study, thinking that his intellectual interests would distract him from his work. But after some time, the Captain realized that Darwin’s curiosity was a valuable resource and allowed him to study on his own. Darwin eventually published his most famous work, *On the Origin of Species*, which revolutionized the way we think about life on Earth.

Almanac by Igneous

Black Rock City will be blessed with lots of moonlight this year. The full harvest Moon will light our lunar landscape on Friday, and a bright moon will be up pretty much all night, every night this year. While the moonlight should make the Playa easy to navigate, we recommend bringing a flashlight just in case. The Sun will rise around 6:30 a.m. each day, setting at about 7:30. Moonrise will start the week on Monday and set the weekend on Friday. This year, the Sun will set after the Sun rises. The Moon will set after the full moon, so there will be an hour of darkness before the Moon rises. You have a good eye and know where to look.

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