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EXTRA PORK EDITION

The for-profit Burning Man organization will convert to a nonprofit en- nity next year, said Larry Harvey, co-founder of the event. The six current mem- bers of the limited li- abilities will become members of the not-for-profit organiza- Harvey said, and will be joined by seven other directors. Harvey indi- cated that a legal structure for the nonprofit allowing for the compensation of directors has been found, in contrast to the official word from the Black Rock City LLC one year ago. The charm of not-for-profit status is that the organization could ac- cept donations that would be deductible from U.S. taxes.

Black Rock City LLC, the corporate entity that produces the annual event here, will give Burn- ing Man to the new not for profit organization. Harvey said. The LLC’s operations would be trans- ferred to the new organi- zation “when we think that it is working right,” Harvey said, adding that he would be chairman of the new entity.

Harvey spoke to the Beacon on Thursday af- ter another annual new conference on Wednes- day that the not-for-profit organization was close to creation.

Green Cop Blues Hit BRC

By Rockstar & Brandon Hartley

Reports from all points of the BRC compass are rolling into the Beacon’s news desk complaining of outlandish police behavior this year. The usual loony scuttle- butt that lawmen have sat- elites capable of spotting any random hippie from outer space, sparking up a bowl, may be taken with an unusually large grain of salt, but other reports seem more plausible and disturb- ing. Reports of green cops swimming random vehicles at the Gate are nothing if not ominous, but you’d never know this from B/Morg’s Tuesday press conference.

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Burning Man To Become Nonprofit Org

By Mitch, Durgy and Brandon Hartley

Master of Lightning Returns

By Kitt & Red Floyd

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ter of Lightning, is of fer- ing a high-powered alter- native to the traditional Burn- ing Man fare for the eighth year. He is putting together a program that sparks like a birdcage. The Tesla Coil uses electricity to ionize air into a plasma, and discharging more than 200,000 volts of electricity. Richards admits to enduring a few small shocks with Dr. MegaVolt. There’s always danger with such high electric levels. The show’s transformers are “really nasty ... big enough to take your arm off,” he said. Richards is also careful to stay out of the suit during lighting storms. Richards identifies himself as a crusader for sci- ence. “We need people who can get their hands dirty. Science education in the U.S. has been poorly managed for years. Now, everyone wants to be a Web designer,” he said.

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Text Messages On the Playa

By FastLoose

Papa Legba, located at 4:30 and Guangzhou, is try- ing to bring text messaging to the Playa this year.

The Jack Rabbit Speaks reported that upon arrival, Burners would receive a message, inviting them to register for service, which would enable them to text others in Black Rock City. 

She’s a big girl, 7,000 pounds and 40 feet tall. Balanced on one foot, head thrown back, eyes closed in joy, Bliss Dance is this year’s Playa darling. She stands east of the Temple, at 2,300 & 1:00. Artist Marca Cochrane says last year’s spot was empty, and there was, “too much big mas- culine hormone hanging heavy.”

The pose was chosen by Marca Cochrane. (She’s not single.) “If the gesture rings true, that’s why,” says Marca. Stainless steel mesh en- shrouds the geodesic struc- tures. Double triangulated layers support the figure. Without a skeletal substra- ture and fit from within, she seems to be floating.

A labor-intensive undertaking, for a year, the sculptors worked full-time in a studio at the former Treasure Island. With 230 lbs, approximately 1,400. Without text mes- saging, the people of Niue, a tiny South Pacific island nation of 1,400. Without text mes- saging, the residents of sun- ny Niue rely on the “smacker net” for finding people. That sounds a lot like finding peo- ple in Black Rock City.

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The Tesla Coil transformer and a huge diesel genera- tor, said Dr. MegaVolt, whose real name is Austin Richards.

Russian physicist Nikola Tesla invented the Tesla Coil about 100 years ago. It never had the same im- pact as competing develop- ments by Westinghouse and Edison, Tesla’s American counterpart.

Richards has found a way to put the Tesla Coil to good use in his shows. He wears a special metal suit that sparks spectacularly without injur- ing Richards. The suit’s helm is made from a birdcage. The Tesla Coil uses electricity to ionize air into a plasma, and discharging more than 200,000 volts of electricity. Richards admits to enduring a few small shocks with Dr. MegaVolt. There’s always danger with such high electric levels. The show’s transformers are “really nasty ... big enough to take your arm off,” he said. Richards is also careful to stay out of the suit during lighting storms. Richards identifies himself as a crusader for sci- ence. “We need people who can get their hands dirty. Science education in the U.S. has been poorly managed for years. Now, everyone wants to be a Web designer,” he said.

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SYZYGY: SOUND, LIGHT, AND FIRE ON THE PLAYA

By redbirdki

Explaining Syzygy's use of words is almost impossible; every time Interpretive Ar- son defines a term, realises there's another part she's forgotten.

There are signs, reaching out to establish a 60-foot perimeter, twist together at the letters into cubes. John said. "The cubes have over a kilogram of LEDs in them," he said, making Syzygy, located along the 7:30 axis on the Inner Playa, visible as far away as the Temple. All the lights are interactive.

There's a participatory audio portion using touch screens, and, "oh, there's fire on it," the software ensures that everything will play.

Interpreter Arson is, after all, the Oakland-based art collective that brought Dance Dance Immolation to the Playa in 2005.

Visitors can create visual patterns on their screens that trigger musical samples, "sort of like playing music out of a computer," John said. Morley added, "it's an open-source music, which could sound like anything from jazz to Dubstep to bar chyphony; the software ensures that everything will play.

The music sets off light and more than 24 flame ef- fects, including a fire vortex that will come out of the central cubes. "The music and the lights will function 24 hours a day," John said, while the fire will be on only at night.

The thing that stands out is the level to which the sculpture is so multi- disciplinary," John said. It involves everything from fabrication to fire. "We have over 20 people just work- ing on the software." Some people developed new skill sets. "There are people who are computer programmers..." but thanks to

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The high cost of materials, people, and transportation means that the sculpture may be cutting edge, it is built on a pre- World War II technology. "We have over 5,000 rivets on the sculpture and the heart is being pounded by hand," John said.

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