Not two weeks before Fertility 2012, Pershing County officials grabbed Burning Man by the balls when it imposed a new festival ordinance that nearly tripled the previous year’s fees for law enforcement and event-related costs. To keep the peace and ensure the Burn, Black Rock City, LLC (BRC) ponied up.

That new county festival ordinance parallels permit fees that BRC already pays the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Not exactly double dipping, just submitting the same bill twice.

According to a Burning Man press release, a representative from the Sheriff’s office estimated last year’s cost at around $180,000, but the bill came in at $400,000. This year, the bill came in at $600,000, under the aegis of the new ordinance. County commissioners reportedly said upcoming years’ fees could be a million and more. BRC filed suit. Pershing County attempted to block the lawsuit, but a federal district court dismissed that attempt.

Larry Harvey, founder of Burning Man, said in the press release, “We are being treated like a rogue county and a rogue jurisdiction. A vegan cheese option toothy delight adored by Canadia cheeses, curds, and vegan gravy. This greasy-spooned, Quebec delicacy has become cold to slurp up some savory broth.

Camp Miso Horny (9:00 & D)
Baby Grandpa and his opera morsels of HELL YES!

Tuesday is the New Friday

With a potential unprecedented total population of 68,000 this week, Black Rock City is filling up faster than ever: this year’s Tuesday population already exceeds the 2010 peak. While watching the nonstop line of vehicles pouring through the city Monday afternoon, over a cold beverage with friends a campmate leaned over to me and declared, “Tuesday is the new Friday!”

He might be right. Tales from around Black Rock City seem to indicate that the city and playa are filling up faster than ever.

The kind humans at Camp Mystopia have scheduled a finally entering the city early Monday morning. The recent trend of mid-week plays arts business continues this year, with a record number of core pieces to be ignited Thursday evening.

Attention burners: if you really want to ride on that special art car this year, find that unscathed hidden gem of playa art at the edge of the city, it do NOW.

Satisfy that hankering for a sugar fix with a proper visit to the wonderful at the West End. The Kreme Burners are serving up Creme Brulee that will leave your tongue to sorround you. Gluten with excitement while breaking through the delicate surface of caramelized sugar, knowing well you’ll be rewarded with an unexpected, amaretto and milky cream dream at the end of your ramen — the perfect after-dinner winner.

The kind humans at Camp Mystopia have scheduled a French Toast brunch: a veritable carbohydrate feast served up with breakfast juice and a sweet, thickened syrup that’s certain to go well on breakfast, brunch, and boyfriends.

As always, please bring your own eating utensils, unless of course, you’ll be joining your mother who has them nicely stashed for you.

A MOMENT WITH LARRY

The Beacon caught up with Larry Harvey yesterday. According to Larry, if at the end of the event the majority of the BLM board say “Wow!” there will be a Burning Man scheduled for 2014. However, if most of the board say “Meh” there may not be another one. So if you want to see Black Rock City return next year, don’t be a “Meh,” call it a “Wow!”
ON BICYCLE THIEVES AT BURNING MAN

TAYMAR

I hope there’s a special bell for bicycle thieves. I’ve had these bikes stolen over my ten years of coming to Burning Man. And last night I caught red-handed a half-wasted punk trying to steal the fourth.

A cable lock wrapped around the front wheel made it unrideable. I was watching the traffic light as the Icthyosaur with it after I was shooting some photos of the art piece late last night. When I con-fronted the kid, he said, “Stealing it? I just found it for you.” I said, “No, you were trying to steal it. Fuck off,” and I grabbed the bike from him and walked away.

What I felt like doing was popping him in the head but Burning Man is about peace so I decided to write about it instead. My bike was clearly marked with a light on the crossbar, which is how I initially spotted it. It could not be mistaken for a Yellow Bike.

What I think should happen is: anyone who is caught stealing a bike at Burning Man is to be ejected from the event. You are fucked out here without a bike. It is so hard to get around without one and so much harder to enjoy the event when you have to schlep around in the hot sun on foot, besides the fact I paid $600 for it at the Reno Bike Project.

Burning Man is not supposed to be like this. It’s supposed to be a better place. But I have to recommend to everyone out here with a bike, lock it, every time you’re out on the playa. Lock it to itself, front and back wheels, or lock it to something. But please be mindful, don’t lock it to something that might block access to something, like a door, or an art project.

Bicycle thieves at Burning Man: you are scum. Take the communal Yellow bikes—that’s what they’re there for—but don’t think just any bike lying around is free for you to pick up and ride away with. ☹️

Tribe Asks Burners to Slow Down and Shop

OMA & RHINO

Sunday’s hit-and-run acci dent that destroyed Oasis 29, an Indian taco stand located between Nixon and Empire, highlights the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe’s two biggest requests of burners.

Terence James, the tribe’s Vice Chairman, says that traffic is always the biggest concern during the week of Burning Man. Tribal police will be enforcing all traffic laws.

James also asked burners to patronize the food vendors in Nixon and Wadsworth. They are all run by tribe members, and inspected and certified by the Indian Health Service.

Oasis 29 (which is 29 miles south of Gerlach) earned its name from a group of Burners who suggested it after the event in 2009. The popular Indian taco stand provides the yearly income of an entire Paiute family beloved in Nixon. Oasis 29 is not only known for its delicious tacos, but also for helping burners in many big and small ways without ac cepting any payment or reward.

School is in session this week in Nixon and Wadsworth. Children will be going to and from school as burners are driving past. These schools have no crossing guards, and speeding burners often miss the intersection in Nixon. Drivers should use extra caution in these communities.

Exiting burners are welcome to come visit nearby Pyramid Lake. Day use permits are available for $7 at the local store or Ranger station in Sutcliffe, 18 miles west of Nixon. According to James, “We don’t build on the lake because the lake has a spirit, and we don’t want to kill the spirit of the lake. Respect the lake when you’re out there. The spirit of the lake has healing powers, so as we tell our own children, have respect for her.” The Paiutes have recently revitalized the lake’s population of Lahontan cutthroat trout from their hatchery and the lake is producing impressive trophy trout.

What burners can’t visit are the petroglyphs that have been in the news the last few days. A recent academic study found that these drawings are the oldest dated artwork in the Americas. According to Tribal Vice President James, the Tribal Council gave permission for the study, but were not notified of the findings before publication. The Tribe has not yet been able to develop policies to protect these ancient artifacts while sharing them with a wider audience. So far, the area is restricted.

Arrests Low, Injuries High

REDNIKKI

Pershing Count Police and the Bureau of Land Management report that there were no arrests on Monday during the day.

Pershing County Police did register several sex offenders as they entered Black Rock City. Sex offenders are required to register with the county police upon entry into the county.

Rampart reports a very busy burn so far. “Monday night was like Thursday night,” said a High Elevation representative, who credited it to the unusually high population on Monday.

There have been several injuries from Burners falling off the Coyote, but so far it has only been bumps and bruises. Rampart has also treated several broken bones, which have largely come from falls off either trampolines or art cars.

An official Bureau of Land Management representative confirmed that two tiffs and a 50 caliber pistol were confiscated from a DPW worker on Sunday night. The DPW worker was stopped by law enforcement because there were no plates on his vehicle, said the representative.

The BLM rep said the DPW worker reportedly had been in BRC for several weeks and had brought the firearms with him when he arrived. BLM informed him that firearms are not allowed once Burning Man begins, said the BLM representative. He will be allowed to pick up the weapons after Burning Man ends, said the BLM representative.

This is the first time that weapons have been confiscated at Burning Man. The BLM representative said that every year there are weapons confiscated at Gate, but generally those weapons are swords or other items used as part of a costume.

Police & Medical Blotter

LEAVE NO TRACE TIP

Durgy, LNT lead from Disori ent, suggests that each participant pick up MOOP (mutter out of place) while going to and from their playa living space and the port-a-potties each day. If you kick the pile of gunk that is about to happen, there may appear. For additional cover age vary your path a little to the right or left.

LEGAL MUMBO JUMBO:

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Wednesday – August 28

Sunrise • 3:00 A.M.
Sunset • 3:00 P.M.

Thursday – August 29

Sunrise • 3:00 A.M.
Sunset • 3:00 P.M.

Friday – August 30

Sunrise • 3:00 A.M.
Sunset • 3:00 P.M.

Saturday – August 31

Sunrise • 3:00 A.M.
Sunset • 3:00 P.M.

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BRAINTEASERS BY DURGY

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LEAVES IN THE DIRT

Bay-Leaf-Tree

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TODAY’S WEATHER:

HOT AND DUSTY

THE BLACK ROCK BEACON

Black Rock City, Nevada

“Progress has not followed a straight ascend ing line, but a spiral with rhythms of progress and regression, of evolution and dissolution.” —Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe