OUT / IN

academic papers about Burning Man	children's books about Burning Man
art cars	art planes
baby wipes	shower wipes
being a darkwad	getting a blinky from the Get Lit
	gumball machine
Bliss Dance	Space Whale
Bruno's	Indian tacos
Burner Express Bus	Burner Express Air
Burning Man 2016 Camp Question Mark	Burning Man 2017 Kazbah
campmate	not caring
bonding time	
cell phones in BRC	pagers in BRC
Center Camp Coffee	Camp Brewhaha Coffee
cleaning your gear	letting it all burn
cuddle puddles	knife parties
Daft Punk at the trash fence	fake Daft Punk almost at the
	trash fence
Dance Music Zone	Drama Free Zone
digital cameras	Poloroid cameras
Diplo at Robot Heart	Diplo at Fandango
DJs who want to play your stage	bartenders who want to tend
	your bar
dolmas in a can DPW Parade	cod liver in a can
drug-sniffing dogs	Gayte Pride police roadblocks
between Gate and	between Gerlach
Greeters Dust City Dinar	and Wadsworth
Dust City Diner	Soup Flavored Blankets
ePlaya	Burning Man
early arrival	Reddit laaaaate arrival
EL wire toys	EL wire sex toys
Esplanade Esplanade	Deep Playa
famous DJs	no-name DJs
feathered leathered	t-shirted hot pants
trust fund goddesses Fireball shots	normcore girls Fireball Shooting
	Gallery
first year virgins	third year know-it-alls
"fuck your burn!"	"burn your fucks!"
General Sale	letting it all ride
gotting on Frank	on the OMG Sale
getting on Facebook during a whiteout	getting in a car and making out
	during a whiteout
giving a fuck	Zero Fucks
going to Burning Man	reading posts about Burning Man
greeted by	greeted by law
the Greeters	enforcement at
	Greeters
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pee funnel	Shewee
playa weddings	one-night stands
posting to Twitter while in line at the Center Camp Cafe	talking to people while in line at the Center Camp Cafe
riding your bike to pizza camp	flying to Winnemucca airport to pick up a pizza (true story)
Robot Heart	Dancetronauts
running around the playa on mushrooms chasing monsters	running around the playa on your phone chasing Pokémon
snark	shenanigans
sparkle ponies	tribal skanks
spending money on food, booze & gear	all your money goes to drugs
spending your golden years in Florida	semi-retirement at Fly Hot Springs
strip searching	spanking

sunset

Taco Tuesday

TedX talks

The Man

Orgy Dome

turnkey camps

threesomes in the

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working as a Greeter working at the

The Book of Mormon Burning Man:

sunrise

The ATM: Auto-

matic Taco Machin

Spanky's Wine Bar University

The Musical

twosomes in

fancy camps

Catacomb of Veils

All over the city, people are seeing and experiencing things as never before. Their minds so full of beauty and possibility and strange new ideas, they can't help but expand.

And there you sit in your airconditioned RV, emailing recruiters about which startup you want to work for when you get back. Just leave now, and take your fucking wifi with you.

#StillLifeWithBRC

Fuck you and the fundraiser you rode in on

All that hype, and only part of the 747 is here. It won't actually be an art car until next year ... and only if more by SHUTTERSLUT

very first theme "Helco," where the conceit was that an evil corporation run by the devil was trying to buy Burning Man. It was a guerrilla theatre dialog on commerce, and fore shadowed the debate of whether the event should remain cacophonous or transition into one driven by rules and **principles.** In hindsight, that theme ultimately became a tipping point.

The first deaths associated with Burning Man happened in 1996. The original creators split apart, and the decision to create a company to

wenty years

ago, Burning

Man had its

own and run the event - as opposed to it being sort of free-wheeling anarchy - happened. This caused a corporate culture and bureaucracy to form granted, a very non-traditional one, but one none the less. Since then, a lot more order has been imposed, mostly good, some bad. (Seriously, we're the most peaceful city of 70,000 people in the entire fucking country - why do we need a law enforcement officer for, what, every 100 of us?) However, with the taming of the

Burn, we've started to see it become more of a bucket-list tourist destination, and less about radical self expression other than mass-produced costumes. Ticket sell-outs have injected uncertainty into camps and art projects since 2011, the year tickets first sold out, and the lack of guaranteed bodies has caused the rise of a **fundraiser culture** that is now ground as deep into the pores of the event as playa dust.

The return of Helco: the devil gets his due

When the Helco theme was created, it was a theatrical joke - the idea that the devil would be interested in a bunch of dusty tents filled with incredibly creative drunks with little money (and no way to know that it would grow into a multi-million dollar event) was ludicrous.

Now it's obvious from the start that there's no way our current city of almost 70,000 people could be anything like the barely organized event of 8,000 people that existed back in '96. Black Rock City itself barely existed back then, with no city streets laid out, since the desert was plenty big enough to allow that number of people to sprawl. The art was smaller, more of the "entertainment" was created by people doing dangerous shit, and what are now called "sound camps" were also a much smaller part of the event.

That said, we can also look back

by KATY "BOOK FAIRY" TAHJA

very year at Burning Man, while

I'm enthralled by the music and

the art, I'm utterly fascinated by

keep a city of 70,000 functioning. Take

The Burning Man organizers only

coffee consumption, for example...

sell two items here: ice and coffee.

costs. So last year, I set off to find the

time on an extremely busy, dusty

day to share his expertise. A 16-year

veteran of Burning Man, he started

Café, which uses 2,000 volunteers on

making drinks, and working as shift

supervisors. (How would you like to

coordinate THAT schedule?) He tries

to make working in the café fun, and

are available to work out the kinks

in workers' necks after a shift. Every

hour, a mandatory three-minute break

occurs, where volunteers and people in

There are ten coffee stations at the

line dance energetically to relieve ten-

Center Camp Café and one wrangler

sees that volunteer massage therapists

out as a volunteer at the Center Camp

four-hour shifts, running cash registers,

Kai Ocean gave me an hour of his

Neither are sold at prices

to make a profit. Rather,

they are priced to cover

man in charge of coffee here.

Coffee for 70,000?

what we've lost. Long gone are the days when a theme camp could be a simple shade structure and some chairs or a cuddle dome,

and the sound camps have gone from being a minor part of the event to seemingly the only reason certain EDM-loving sparkle ponies even attend. Endless smaller camps and art cars with sound systems are now more than happy to make sure

there isn't a quiet corner in the city. We've also reached the point where it seems like every artist thinks they need to build massive SHUTTERSLUT structures, forgetting

that smaller pieces can be just as moving. Theme camps and art pieces raising money through dues and local fundraisers are becoming a dying breed, with the easy access to PleaseGoFundMyShit accounts online being the tail that wags the dog, as artists design without worrying about cost. Huge pieces like Big Rig Jig and the "Belgian Waffle" used to stand out due to their rarity. Now it's just become a race to see how many insanely large art projects can appear. They're still amazing to see out in the middle of nowhere, but do we really want large art to become the next blinky light tour? Things so common that you cruise up to them, take a look and maybe climb it, then head off to the next piece? We're also seeing the dilution of the original idea that this was a city created by us, for us, which is being buried under this endless deluge of fundraising as well. The Helco vision of a money culture is being spawned by

just being creative with what you have? Yes, some of the cool stuff is expensive - but when a grant from the BMorg and \$10-20,000 from "us" isn't enough, don't you think it might be the idea that's a problem? I mean, you think bringing a 747 to the playa is cool? So do I – that's a fucking genius idea! Oh, you want us to pay you basically a million bucks for it to happen? Bite me, bring

people thinking that the only way to be

noticed is to make something bigger and

more expensive than what's been out

here before, instead of, I don't know,

As irritating as it is to be lectured by goody-two-shoes Rangers who just HAD to warn you about the danger of your exposed rebar tent stakes (on a tent that has clearly been here more times than they have) you can console yourself with this: The other Rangers make fun of them too. **#StillLifeWithBRC**

at the head of a long line, directing

people to available workers. Next to

the registers, there are tip iars awash

in donations. This provides Kai with

money is divided

So what does one do

with the unclaimed tip

money to foster a sense

some interesting challenges. After

among the workers. While some

volunteers take their share and apply

it towards their expenses, other vol-

unteers don't want their tip money.

of community? Kai helped develop

three funds to distribute the newly-

found cash. Burners Without Borders

gets some, a portion is redistributed

night when tip money is scarce, and

some goes toward "schwag," such as

Let's start with 2,000 volunteers serv-

ing 50,000 drinks in a café open 24/7.

How about some coffee statistics?

There's coffee, tea, hot cocoa, chai, and

lemonade with cream, milk, soy milk,

almond milk, and a variety of sweeten-

ers. 3.000 pounds of coffee are brewed

and the grounds are taken away to

be composted. 7,500 gallons of water

are used and the café water supply is

Camp in a holding tank if needed.

the ice trucks that arrive daily are

available for emergency use in Center

Over **750 gallons of milk** are used, and

embroidered patches and stickers.

to folks who work in the middle of the

every shift, the tip

a smaller plane that you can afford to buy. And while the 747 is the easiest target this year, it's far from the only

...............

next year ... and only if more

funds are raised

The next tipping point

The ticket sell-out of 2011 has become a tipping point as major as 1996, and maybe we can use the **ghost of Helco** to own up to those changes and think about what the Burn means to us - the participants. Think about it - we bring every bar you drink at, every camp you dance at, every art car you follow, and every cool activity you do during the day. In theory. But sadly, theory and reality are no longer

The old idea of "no spectators" means

offender in this unworthy category

just that – everyone here has brought something to share with others. But since the sell-out, we've had more of an influx of people who come here to experience and consume the party, but forget that they're supposed to bring something other than their tan gymtoned bodies and fake-fur boots. The people who make us a tourist destination seemed to have missed the memo that without them creating something, eventually Burning Man will become Stagnant Man with a bonfire at the end of the week, or, worse, just another

stop on the EDM party circuit. I don't know if the BMorg needs to do more publicity about how we're different from all those other festivals, or if us old-timers just need to flood the fuck out of YouTube with videos filled with our non-model bodies, gloriously having the times of our lives – because nothing will scare off the unworthy hipsters like the idea that not only did their parents' generation get to the party first, but that we're still here.

Maybe the ones who aren't both ered by that will actually step up to become old-timers.We also need to remember that for something to become a classic, it doesn't need to be HUGE or gold-plated. Slapping 'Trump" on a building doesn't make it a better building; spending \$75,000 on an art piece doesn't automatically make it a better piece. Sometimes less is more, and the difference between those choices can be huge. Let's use the memory of Helco to decide where to go from here: to a sterile circuit party future of flash and no substance, or to reinvigorate the smaller connections that make Burning Man unique and amazing, Pick your door, BRC

An excited **Center Camp** Cafe customer

42-feet long.

Coffee is provided free to three groups at Burning Man: the Black Rock Rangers (volunteers who provide Black Rock City's form of law enforcement), medical staff, and the Bureau of Land Management folks (basically the real cops out here). Kai says many good, meaningful conversations have started between burners and these folks over a cup of coffee.

While an operation like the Center Camp Café tries to do good financial accounting, Kai says the new concept of "Play it Forward" is challenging their register sale routines. If a person pays for their drink, leaves the change, and tells them to "Play it Forward," the next person in line does not have to pay as much...but they already have their money out, so they too say "Play it Forward." This can go on for several sales transactions at a register and complicate bookkeeping. But everything just keeps on going... BRC

Make Burning Man Great Again!

by L^CUBE

sion and have fun.

first thought we had a problem in our fair city when, while setting up our camp back in 2009, we saw a group of Japanese kids settling in across the street - and building a massive art car with CDs dangling from wires and spinning in the wind. Not only were these foreigners invading and threatening to turn the 'hood into a waste zone of oontz, oontz, the food they were eating looked pretty weird. I thought, "There goes the neighborhood! Next they'll be letting in the **Mexicans**." So imagine my shock when, after a six-year hiatus, I returned to Burning Man last year ... and ran into foreigner after foreigner!

Last year, a group set up a ramen noodle camp on one corner of Black Rock City, showing that the Japanese had completed their insidious takeover as they competed with the good ol' American food across the street – **bacon**. The breadth of internationalism shocked me, as I talked with people from the Netherlands and Britain. I heard people speaking **German** and **Spanish**. Why are so many foreigners invading our city? Don't they have festivals where they

come from? Don't they have jobs they



need to work? Since I have recently discovered the wisdom of a certain orange-faced politician's words, I realize that foreigners are streaming into our country to take our jobs SATIRE and now they are trying to take our fun too!

In the most recent Burning Man calendar, the Borg (that's short for the **Burning Man organization**, for all you virgins) highlighted foreign regional burns, as if it was okay that these foreigners are stealing our culture. From New Zealand to Argentina, Australia to South Africa, Israel to Canada, and China to **Spain**, they are sending all our fun back to their homes! I have heard of immigrants sending remittances home, are just flooding across our borders, taking our fun, and then going home - migrants that just take, take, take. It's difficult to understand how these undocumented migrants are even contributing to our community in the desert. Are they contributing? What did they bring with them? Are they even sharing? I'm sure those Brits will only let other limeys on their art cars and in their theme camps. You can't even understand what they're saying with their funny accents. Are they even speaking English? In the spirit of the do-ocracy of

Burning Man - or rolling up our shirtsleeves and getting the job done – I would like to propose a solution to stop this tide of culture-stealing migrants. With the regular inspections that occur at the Gate, it would not be too hard to train the Greeters to also quickly inspect **passports**. Turn them around and send them home if they don't have the proper visa! The infrastructure to keep these migrants out exists, we just need to build it up - the trash fence should be built higher and stronger to keep this particular "trash" out. The first step to fixing a problem is awareness - now we need to do something to **make** Burning Man great again! BRC

23 When pricked at the clinic,

24 "Birds ____ feather flock 24 "Birds ____ feather flock together" (2,1) 25 Wily 26 Bugle dirge 27 Janice's signature line in

ACROSS

With 16 Across, era known

for exceptional art and

scientific progress Fruit hybrid whose "par-

ents" are also colours 10 Divine being

13 Place to reg. an art car

18 4-stringed strummer,

19 Naughts and crosses win 20 All the great taste of

"___ become death, the destroyer of worlds."

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22 The moment before the

- Friends (2, 2, 4) 30 Slash 31 Italian statesman de
- 108 One of this crossword Medici whose death marks the beginning of the era
 36 Lode loads
- "Walking _ _ shells" (2, 3) 109 Italian river that led to the
- 40 Collective noun for a group of deities 42 Four-fingered Flanders DOWN
- 43 Leaning-over letter 44 Foo Fighter David 45 BFFs, QTπs, and others
- Chopped onion result 49 Airport near JFK 50 British child's number ones
- Massive figures, like the 54 East in Austria 55 Object of first surgery
- 58 Source of umami
- 60 Naughty word 63 Most orderly 66 With 28 Down, a hip toy
- particles

continued from cover

Relationships at BM

Feel that jealousy starting to bubble

the next time she has an otherwise

a total asshole, #thanksburningman

- if Sensitive Yoga Guy either men-

or has those words printed on a sign

somewhere in his camp, it's okay to

hit him. He's likely a sexual predator

It's not just that - it's literally

EVERYTHING. Sleep deprivation,

malnutrition, around the clock sub-

fat chicks")

Also: "goddess worship" is code for "no

tions the words "goddess worship,"

up? See? It's happening already. Now,

completely harmless conversation with

Sensitive Yoga Guy – you get to turn into

(EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE

- 70 Picture-perfect type of 71 Curry, Cook or 'the
- 14 Pick it up to LNT on the playa 15 Wedding words 16 Color model used in LEDs

73 Descartes and Magritte

Tiniest vegetable

Gold coin of the time

82 Galaxy hitch-hiking neces-

83 Most common surname in

84 Her attributes are a blind-fold, balance & sword

very top shelf (2, 6)

Ending for enzymes

Heading, for short

100 Vital energy in Chinese

103 Sudden course correction

104 First part of a tuba tune

105 Works produced by artist

Sandro from the era

106 Computer program file

type 107 Instructions for a potluck

that "he's good _

Make well

Memo starter

Skedaddled

BRC Time Zone

prosperity of the era

Mancala or Angry Birds

If there were an "S" in

mean "to carve an S'

10 Exclusive economic insti-

tutions from the era

13 Well-known sculptor from

Give the go-ahead

Bring together Eight-sided figure

Ball holder

RFP's rival

front of it, the word would

creator's many qualities is

Furthermore

101 Workshop

Dennis the Menace (3, 3)

Tennis do-over Posture for reaching the

Taiwan

gerigar or fig parrot Word ending for a toe-51 Be a member of a board or

17 Nap25 Rutabagas or Västeråsites

Way to say you "have reached the end of the

Trump's stumps

Guidance givers

62 It's power, proverbially64 Greek nymph who turned

into a laurel tree

N00b-pwning speal

Idiosyncrasy

Scot's garb Libido, slangily

And so on (abbr.)

"Never argue with

Naysayer

Glimpse

38.3 %

36.1 %

On one's own

60 Wisp

Maki meat

28 See 66 Across

30 Barracks beds

34 Prefix for real

Coxswain concer

35 Hab, Cap, or Penguir

39 DNA strand nucleotide

41 Quest-giver in an RPG

46 Aussie cousin of the bud-

texting-only zone" (1, 3)

10.7 % It's complicated

stance abuse, poor hygiene. A near endless parade of things slowly turning you into the most difficult-to-be-around version of yourself if you let them go unchecked - and vour baby boo is at

COVER STORY

ground zero of the blast zone. And that's assuming your shit hasn't gone pear-shaped already. I've seen couples break up on the drive TO the burn. That's right - Burning Man can fuck you up PROACTIVELY. For someplace that's supposed to be (and is) a lot of fun, everything about famous around these parts, and those this place is HARD. Getting here is hard, eating here is hard, sleeping here is hard. Even busting a grumpy is a fucking endurance test in this bitch.

potentially volatile as your relationship e any different? Does this mean you and your relationship are doomed out here? Probably But if you're completely honest with yourself, you already were anyways.

Why would something as delicate and

Burning Man just sped that shit up. You see, Burning Man doesn't just BUILD socially-crippling character flaws - it REVEALS them. Whatever shit was bubbling just below the surface back in the real world will come to a boil out here. One week at Burning Man is like a YEAR in the "Default

World." Ergo, if you are in a relationship that you figure at best could probably go on for about 12 months or so before you both move on, then you guys can just go ahead and plan on booking separate hotel rooms in Reno for the trip back.

So how do you do it? How do you

Overheard at Burning Man

"And THAT'S why I stole this person's monkey suit!"

"Because those are not eye drops and I don't want to babysit you again!" "Does 'No Commerce' include accepting seed money from angel investors?" "Do you know where I can find 'the playa?' I can't find it in the guide, but everyone keeps talking about it." "How did shit get on the ceiling of the

porta-potty?' "I have a VIP wristband, where's the VIP area?"

"I haven't taken any drugs today. Just "I'll gift you a blow job if you gift me \$50."

"I'm, like, on ... EVERY drug right now." "If I wake up tomorrow with any serotonin left, I will have failed." "If there is one thing I have learned this evening, it's don't fart in a onesie." "Is it still cool to be a sparkle pony or

not? I'm confused!" "Ketamine cures heartburn! Who knew? "Seriously, I just want to scream at her: 'Singing your stupid song is a shitty gift!" "She's as old as my drinking problem." "Taylor Swift is my spirit animal."

"That guy's a cop. Look at how he dances! Definitely a cop." "This food is not very bottom-friendly." "This is good practice for purgatory." "What do you mean, 'Let's go slide down that sheep's anus?"

"When we get home, I am going straight to the STD clinic." "You're a DJ? Omigod, I'm a DJ too!"

PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE IN AN OPEN RELATIONSHIP IN BLACK ROCK CITY

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Somewhat open 9.2 %

Not in a relationship

make it out of here still a couple? To be honest, it's not really all that fucking different than it is in the Default World. I have personally torched a few relationships out here – but I've also

made this shit work too. The first step is you actually need is to be in a relationship with somebody that

fucking understands you. I can't stress that enough. If you are in the right relationship, even the dumbest thing you do shouldn't be much of a surprise to your partner. Now, my wife is pretty

of you that know her, know what an incredibly talented, powerful lady person per percentage of PEOPLE you have a predictable routine. Think of it she is. But to me, one IN A RELATIONSHIP IN of the most incred-**BLACK ROCK CITY** ible things she does everyday is NOT FIRE ME.

A surprising amount of the annoying things about me are at least sort of funny to her. Most of the time if I do something stupid, at worst she's just going to make fun of me and we're going to move on sooner than later. If you can't say that about your relationship, then

vou're fucked. Burning Man or not. In preparation for writing this article, I quickly grazed over a bunch of stuff other people had written about making your relationship "Burning **Man-proof.**" Apparently, this is a big enough deal that there is actually a Relationship Survival Guide on the Burning Man website. Here is the combined wisdom of my personal experience, along with some shit I ripped off from other, much more

Cut each other some slack

deeply earnest people.

This place is a never-ending series of distractions, and the distance between what you THINK you are going to do at any point in the day vs. what you ACTUALLY end up doing can be measured in light years. Your partner can tell you that they are just headed out to get some ice, and end up coming back three hours later because they ended up getting involved in trying to set the world's record for the world's longest conga line or some shit. Ain't nobody got a working cell phone out here, and at any given minute of the day you are probably only a few feet away from someone that could use some help doing something that you'll probably end up laughing about on your death bed. Maybe try letting some shit slide a couple times a day when it comes to scheduling. You'll be glad you did - particularly when it's your turn to get distracted.

Drink some more goddamn water!

I know everybody thinks that water is the solution to every fucking problem here. The thing is – it kinda is. If you can feel yourself starting to say dickish, hair-trigger things, try pounding a liter of water and see if you are still an asshole.

Be honest about your boundaries This is a place where people do things they probably would never do back home. Particularly when it comes to trying out some poly shit. Trust me – polyamory is A LOT harder than it looks on paper. If you think just being with one person requires a lot of emotional processing and debate, just

_____. They will only bring you down to thei Come to Camp Anita Cocktail at 3:30 and Arno to check your answers! level and heat you with experience." (2, 5) Canadian province whose name means "where the river narrows" in **Edited by TOUCH** wait till you see what happens when that turns into 3 or 4 people. Group sex - while totally fucking awesome

at the time, can turn into a lot of long,

day where everyone needs to "process."

like this. Make goddamn sure you are

really boring conversations the next

You need to have a ROCK SOLID

relationship to negotiate some shit

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both down for it LONG BEFORE it happens rather than after. You probably aren't as morally flexible as you think you are, and oftentimes, a snap decision vou made at the moment so you wouldn't end up looking like a

prude, can often

turn you into a total dick later. Don't do everything together

Spend some time apart. Allow each other to wander off with other friends every now and then. It's a great way to build trust, and more importantly. everyone needs a break from feeling responsible for someone else's secondto-second experience a couple times a day. Crowdsource that shit.

Check in with each other

Conversely, have some set point in the day when you know you'll both hang out together, preferably just the two of you. Without watches or cell phones, it's gonna work a lot better if

like having a planned family meeting spot in case of a natural disaster – but for vour

> relationship. Now that's all well and good, but let's suppose shit does go rubber side up on you. Now what? Here are some guidelines for when it all goes to hell:

Go to separate

corners for a night or two It's a big fucking desert. Maybe you should just get out of each other's grill for a minute.

Don't fight in camp

22.7 % Married

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Holy fucking shit, this is a big one. In fact, you can ignore every other word in this entire fucking article if you promise you can just remember this one goddamn thing. Tents aren't walls - and a lot of people went through a lot of fucking trouble to get here, and it ain't their fault that you two are being dicks to one another. So stop turning your camp into the set of the Jerry Springer Show. Wanna scream and go nuts on each other? TAKE THAT SHIT OUT TO THE DEEP PLAYA. Good drugs are expensive, and none of us are trying to fuck up our trip listening to you guys act out an episode of Cops.

Agree to circle back to this in the Default World

Not every problem has a solution out here. Not even MATH works half the time in this shithole. Agree to let it go, have your own separate experience, and then see if you can work this out on the outside of the devil's pinball machine that is Black Rock City. This is no place for delicate work.

Sober up, eat some real food, and get some sleep Afterwards, if you're still a dick, at

least you'll have the benefit of knowing that the problem is YOU.

So there you have it. You probably won't get better advice than this and I don't mean that in a good way. More than anything else out here, you just gotta learn to let shit slide. Your second biggest enemy out here - after the "Old Testament wrath of an angry god" stuff that is this desert itself - are your own stupid expectations. At Burning Man, you aren't always

gonna get what you want - but you are always gonna get something good if you can get the fuck out of your own way. Ironically, if you can learn to stop giving a fuck, you get a lot better fucks in return. Just trust me on that one...

Infographics by Sparkle Pinguin, based on information provided by the 2015 Black Rock City Census Report

The man in the hat is frustrated. "I don't need a ticket," he says, "I'm

Larry Harvey." The Gayte staff, every single one within earshot, rounds on him in unison shouting "No, *I'm* Larry Harvey!" before going back to denying him entry for not having a

The man in the hat is, in fact, Larry Harvey, and Gayte knows it. The convertible turns around, and heads back into Gerlach to find a ticket...

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bike curious consensually trying out multiple friends' playa bikes or coveting the bike of another

bros, aka "broners" brochella transplant a bro who normally attends the Coachella festival, but came to Burning Man instead

bro-mobile an art car filled with

broner entitled douchebag in BRC

bronersexual a normally heterosexual bro who will experiment with homosexuality while in Black Rock City

hurn victim someone who had or is having a really bad or emotionally damaging year at Burning Man

Burning Man was better next vear retort for anyone who says the event isn't as good as it used to be

burnthday celebrating your birthday at Burning Man California Regional another way to call Burning Man, since appar-

ently California doesn't actually have a Regional Burn (no, Symbiosis and Lighting In A Bottle don't count) costrap the tangled web of decora-

tive playa schwag, necklaces, holster belts, and other fashion accessories that end up imprisoning you in your costume

Dancifest Mestiny the belief you must dance your way across the desert... but you are really just a hot mess darkle pony someone who wears a

goth version of the traditional sparkle

pony fashion look, such as black furry

boots and Mad Max-inspired style darkwad derogatory term for anyone not wearing lights at night in Black Rock City. Term originated in 2003 by the staff

of the *Piss Clear* newspaper drug cheating doing drugs with someone else, after already making plans to do said drugs with another person

duraburner a hardy burner who can handle any and all of the elements - this person also out-parties everyone

Electric Dusty Carnival derogatory term for the rave camps on 10:00 & 2:00, as well as large-scale sound cars in Deep Playa, filled with people who think that Burning Man is just like the Electric

Daisy Carnival in Las Vegas, only dustier evil day star slang term for the sun

fancy camp high-end turnkey camp **Gate poo** when you get into the Gate by the urge to race to the first porta-

potties you see to revel in their freshness **hyper hand** the way one waves at people while on an art car

leftovers night when everyone in a camp combines all of their leftover food for a Sunday night potluck

liability friend that campmate or playa friend who just can't seem to keep their shit together, and you end up babysitting them all night, because you're too good of a person to just ditch them somewhere out in Deep Playa

Manifest Dustiny the belief that the expansion of burner culture throughout the world is both justified and inevitable

molesterbation what you do in your tent when you get too fucked up to be with anyone, but you're still horny

playa snow day when it's a day full of dust storms, and most events and activity in Black Rock City gets cancelled pocket score finding "stuff" while

cleaning out your clothes after the Burn **powder nap** doing a bump of cocaine or speed instead of taking a nap

Rodsplanade the 10:00-2:00 section of the Outer Ring Road of Center Camp (Rod's Road) that connects the two halves of the Esplanade together

Screaming Man when your camp has its midweek meltdowr

Season of the Bins the weeks leading up to leaving for the playa **snarklepony** a sparkle pony who is

also a cynical asshole; see darkle pony

turners people associated with the turnkey camp environment of air-conditioned RVs, private jets, feather head-

dresses, designer drugs, Segways, etc. turnkey saboteur someone who gets hired to work at a plug 'n' play camp, only to sabotage it from the inside

WhatWhereWhen Guide a handy list of all the other shit you missed out on, because you don't actually read it until the drive home

wookwacking allowing reckless hippies on drugs to injure themselves "you're too clean!" yelled at burners who arrive on Thursday or Friday

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